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Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, Nova Scotia 17 July 1991 7:30 P.H.

A special meeting of Halifax City Council was held on this date.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley called the meeting to order with members of Council joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor O'Malley, Chairman; and Aldermen Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, Pottie, Grant, Hanson, Jeffrey, and Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Ellen Donovan, representing the City Solicitor; City Clerk; and other members of City staff.

Council agreed to deal with items which were forwarded to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier on this date at this time.

At the request of the City Clerk, Council also agreed to add "Appointments".

At the request of Alderman Jeffrey, Council agreed to add "Fire Works - Ashburn Golf Course".

At the request of Alderman Grant, Council agreed to add "100 Leiblin Drive".

## Captain William Spry Community Centre - Building Deficiencies

This item was forwarded to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier on this date.

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

 staff be authorized to request tenders on restorative work to the pool structure immediately;

- 2. staff report to Council upon completion of the restorative work to the pool structure and on the other buildings within the complex;
- 3. J. W. Cowie Engineering Limited be retained on an hourly basis, plus costs, to perform the services of prime engineering consultant;
- Council empower the Mayor to write Premier Donald Cameron requesting sharing in the final costs of restorative work;
- 5. the capital budget account #90003 be increased from \$250,000 to \$800,000 for 1991;
- 6. authorization under section 201-1 of the Halifax City Charter be granted to increase contributions from the current fund to the capital funds in the amount of \$550,000 and that staff be instructed to commence legal proceedings against the architect and contractor who were responsible for the design and construction of the building.

### Motion passed.

## Appeal of Refusal to Grant a License - Ordinance #149 Petty Trades Ordinance - Vending of Recordings of Local Musicians

This matter was forwarded to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Pottie. seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council give approval in principle to amendment to Ordinance 149 attached as Schedule "A" to the report of 16 July 1991 and direct staff to arrange for the formal adoption of the said amendment.

Motion carried.

# Notice of Notion Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Ordinance 149, the Petty Trades Ordinance

Alderman Fitzgerald gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of Halifax City Council to be held on Thursday, the 25th day of July, 1991, he proposes to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 149, the Petty Trades Ordinance. He advised that the purpose of the amendment is to permit the sale by sidewalk vendors resident in the Province of

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Nova Scotia of records, tapes or compact disks containing music performed by the sidewalk vendor.

# Special Street Upgrading Program

This item was forwarded to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- Council authorize a Special Streets Improvement Program in 1991 by allocating \$960,000 to that program within the Capital Fund, and
- Council request changes to the Halifax City Charter which would require that, in 1992 and subsequent years, 6 1/2% of Revenues be placed into the Capital fund for Capital Purposes.

Motion passed.

## Lacewood Drive Improvements

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This item was forwarded to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Council approve the provision of a right-turn slip lane on that portion of Lacewood Drive near its intersection with Dunbrack Street (as illustrated by the sketch submitted by Clayton Developments Limited) at a cost to the City of Halifax of \$8,875.00.

Motion passed with Alderman Fitzgerald voting in opposition.

Alderman Stone asked that this item be forwarded to staff with the request that the improvements be carried out as soon as possible.

## Tender No. 91-106: Computer Hardware and Software - Engineering and Works

This item was forwarded to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier on this date.

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MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Tender No. 91-106, relating to computer hardware and software for the Engineering and Works Department, be awarded to the following lowest bidders meeting specifications:

1) Qty 4 - Sun Sparcstation IPC 4/4 -FC-8-P40, 16 MBytes

Vertex Systems Limited \$ 59,085.40

2) Qty 4 - Copies of Autocad Sparc Release XI Computer Software "Unix"

Microtek Systems \$ 14,552.00

3) Qty 3 - Copies Software Upgrade for Sun 386i (Unix) Autocad Release 10.0 with ADE to Release 11.0 with AME

Microtek Systems Ltd. \$ 3,450.75

4) Qty 4 - Copies Software Upgrade for Sun IPC (Unix) Autocad Release 10.0 to Release 11.0

Microtek Systems Ltd. \$ 2,461.00

(funds to be made available from Account Numbers 26110.1500.45572 and 22603.300, titled "Engineering and Works -Data Processing and Special Equipment").

#### Motion passed.

## Drainage Problem - Guildwood Crescent Area

This item was forwarded to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

- a) Council authorize staff to proceed with a tender call for the installation of a drainage pipe in the area of Guildwood Crescent; and
- b) funds for this installation be made available from unused funds in Capital Account #94011, Rosemeade Avenue Sewer Renewal (a project which has already been completed).

Motion passed.

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## Recommendations - Tax Concessions and Grants Committee

This item was forwarded to this meeting from the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following grants, as proposed in the 16 July report from the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee, be approved by Halifax City Council:

Amethyst Society	\$ 500.00
Centre for Art Tapes	300.00
Scotia Festival of Music	8,000.00
Bide-A-While Shelter Society	200.00
Metropolitan Highland Games	1,000.00
George Dixon Horseshoe Club	<b>00.00</b>
Halifax Capital Under 15	
Boys Soccer Team	0.00
Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers	6,000.00
Nova Scotia Wheelchair Sports	1,200.00
Cdn. Association for	
Community Living	1,000.00
Children's Aid Society	3,000.00

\$500 - Lighting
\$300 - Operations

Motion passed.

## Appointments

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A report from His Worship Mayor Wallace dated 17 July 1991 was submitted.

This item was added to the agenda at this time.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Pottie that the following appointments be made:

Art Allocation Committee

Darlene Theriault Michael J. Willett Elizabeth Jollimore

Terms to expire 31 January 1993

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# Halifax Recreation Committee

Mark L. Wannamaker

Term to expire 31 January 1993

# Metropolitan Authority

That the nominee recommended by His Worship the Mayor be forwarded to the Metropolitan Authority as the City's submission for Chairman.

## Motion passed.

# Fire Works Display - Ashburn Golf Course (Alderman Jeffrey)

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Jeffrey.

Alderman Jeffrey requested a report from the Halifax Fire Department and the City's Building Inspection Division with respect to the fireworks display which had been held at the Ashburn Golf Course this past week. He asked that the report provide information pertaining to costs associated with having a fire truck present and address why the permit was allowed to be continued. The Alderman indicated that he would like to receive this report by Thursday, 25 July 1991.

Alderman Pottie indicated that he too would like to know how much it cost to have the fire truck apparatus present for the fire works display, and whether the Ashburn Golf Club was invoiced by the City of Halifax in this regard.

#### 100 Leiblin Drive (Alderman Grant)

The above item was added at this time.

Alderman Grant addressed the matter and advised that it was his understanding that the City should have received a report from the Department of Health in response to the difficulties relating to 100 Leiblin Drive and washroom facilities at Graves-Oakley memorial park and surrounding area.

Alderman Grant indicated that it was his intention to add "100 Leiblin Drive" to the next Committee of the Whole Council agenda in August.

Council proceeded to deal with the following public hearing matters at this time:

# Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal - 2081 Oxford Street

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

Mr. J. Michael Hanusiak, Planner II, addressed City Council and outlined the appeal of refusal by the Development Officer for a minor variance of the lot frontage, lot area and side yard requirements to permit the interior conversion of 2081 Oxford Street to a duplex, as described in the staff report of 25 June 1991.

Mr. Ronald Bulmer, applicant, addressed Council and, with the use of a diagram, made a presentation based on the line of houses along Oxford Street between Allan Street and Quinpool Road. Having managed the property for the past year, Mr. Bulmer suggested that it was pertinent to look at the number of buildings along this strip which are not owneroccupied. He noted that the majority of houses along this strip of land were non-owner occupied. Mr. Bulmer went on to point out that there are apartment buildings and rooming houses in the area. He commented that it was his belief that, from a common sense point of view, the variance was very minor. Mr. Bulmer advised that the neighbours in the area have indicated to him that they favour what he is trying to do. Mr. Bulmer indicated that the house has been for sale for the past two and one half months and that there is not a single buyer who would like to purchase the house as a single family dwelling.

In conclusion, Hr. Bulmer asked Council to look at the intent of what they are trying to do. He advised that they are trying to improve the house to reduce traffic flow from the tenants and suggested that two flats would be an improvement for this particular dwelling.

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

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

Motion passed.

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Case No. 6277: Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal -5778 South Street

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

Mr. J. Michael Hanusiak, Planner II, addressed City Council and outlined the appeal against his decision as Acting Development Officer which approved a minor variance of the lot frontage requirement for the property at 5778 South Street, as described in the staff report of 18 June 1991.

Mr. Frank Powell, Patterson Kitz Barristers and Solicitors, addressed Council on behalf of the applicant, Anwar Construction Limited. Mr. Powell pointed out that his client has reviewed the staff report and is in agreement with the arguments and recommendations set forth therein. In his presentation, Mr. Powell advised that his client's development proposal meets the intent of the Municipal Development Plan and the South End Detailed Area Plan and that, except for the road frontage requirements, the proposal meets all the criteria for the R-3 zone. Further, Mr. Powell commented that, in their view, the proposal would complement the other buildings in the area which at present contain several apartment buildings.

Mr. Powell indicated that, as noted in the staff report, this request for a minor variance does not offend the criteria as set forth in Section 86(3) of the Planning Act. He added that the variance does not violate the intent of the Land Use Bylaw for the reasons stated in the staff report. Thirdly, Mr. Powell advised that there is no intentional disregard for the bylaw and that the property is presently used and will continue to be used as a parking lot.

Mr. Powell went on to refer to the letters attached to the staff report of June 18th. He noted that it appears that there are four residents of the area who have made objection to the granting of the minor variance. Referring to the letter from Armour Developments Limited, Mr. Power noted that Armour Developments Limited is the owner of an apartment building to the east of the subject property which contains approximately 100 units. He noted that Armour Developments Limited is also the owner of the property to the west of the subject property which in 1981 was granted approval for an 8 storey apartment building. Mr. Powell pointed out that the apartment building approval was granted notwithstanding that many of the R-3 zone requirements could not be met.

Mr. Powell advised that the Armour Group's letter states that the proposed building violates the National Building Code. In response, Mr. Powell pointed out that he found it hard to understand why the Armour Group would make that accusation because the building and final plans have not been submitted and that they would have to build it according to the National Building Code. Mr. Powell added that the Armour Group's letter states that the proposed building precludes the development on the adjacent property. In response, Mr. Powell advised that staff have required that the building in question be set back considerably from South

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Street. Therefore, Mr. Powell suggested that this should benefit the Armour Group's property.

Referring to the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Barresi, Mr. Powell noted that it seems that they are objecting to apartment buildings per se. In response, Mr. Powell pointed out that the property is zoned R-3 which allows apartment buildings.

Mr. Powell advised that the third letter from Ms. Rosemary Finn is in objection because her property will back onto this proposed development. Mr. Powell pointed out that it appears that there was only about 12 feet between the building and the rear line of Ms. Finn's property in the original proposal. He noted that it seems now that there is an excess of 14 feet in the area that backs onto Ms. Finn's property. Mr. Powell added that Ms. Finn also objects to the fact that there will increased noise and traffic because of this development. He suggested that the comings and goings from the parking lot servicing the Victoria General Hospital would be greater than the traffic which would be created by the apartment building. Mr. Powell indicated that Ms. Finn expressed concern about blasting. In response, Mr. Powell advised that if the blasting is done properly it should not cause any damage.

Mr. Powell referred to the last letter which was attached to the staff report from Dr. Gordie Rudolph which he noted again appears to be objecting to an apartment building. Mr. Powell reiterated that the property is zoned R-3 which allows apartment buildings. With respect to Dr. Rudolph's concern about an entrance off Tower Terrace, Mr. Powell advised that the proposal does not have an entrance off Tower Terrace.

In conclusion, Mr. Powell asked that Council vote to disallow this appeal and to allow the proposal to proceed.

A short questioning of Mr. Hanusiak ensued.

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Mr. A.M. McCrea, P.Eng., President of Armour Developments Limited, addressed Council and submitted material relating to the property in question (a copy of which can be found in the official file of this meeting). Mr. McCrea advised that their first objection relates to two buildings of fairly significant size, one being a substantial noncombustible building which they have a contract to build, and the other being the proposed 59-unit building. He noted that both buildings appear to be separated by what appears to be 20 feet in one dimension and 27 feet in the other dimension. Mr. McCrea advised that in both instances there appears to be large areas of glass and balcony. Mr. McCrea went on to advise that their concern with respect to this development falls out of section 3.2.3 of the National Building Code which relates to

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special separations and exposure and protection of buildings. He noted that there are requirements under section 323 of the National Building Code which they believe to be detrimental to the development which has already been approved by Council.

During his presentation, Mr. McCrea advised that he had no objections to the site in question being zoned R-J. However, Mr. McCrea expressed concern about the significant affect of the proposed development on his development, i.e. balconies facing balconies 20 feet away. Mr. McCrea expressed concern with respect to the moving of the boundary line and change of controls with respect to the subject development.

In conclusion, Mr. McCrea advised that they are objecting strongly to the development permitted by the variance.

Mr. John Barresi, 1159 Wellington Street, addressed Council in opposition to the granting of the minor variance. Mr. Barresi indicated that his concern was not with respect to the lot frontage, but with respect to the fact that the balconies will be aimed down in the back of his property which will only be about 14 feet away. During his comments, Mr. Barresi expressed the opinion that the variance was not a minor one but rather a major one. Mr. Barresi noted that it was the intent of the law not to have the piece of land in the rear of the property zoned R-3. He indicated that he was concerned about converting the back part of the property into overhanging apartment buildings with porches and balconies and people looking down into R-2 areas.

Responding to questions from Mr. Barresi, Mr. Hanusiak advised that the whole of the property is zone R-3 and has been treated that way for a number of years. Secondly, Mr. Hanusiak advised that the Tower Terrace area is not zoned R-2 and is in fact zoned R-2A. He advised that the maximum development permitted in the area of Tower Terrace and Wellington Street is not four units but is 14 units.

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

After a short questioning of staff, it was MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Downey that this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Alderman Grant indicated that he felt it was imperative that the City Solicitor's Department provide a report clarifying, before any building permits are issued, whether the building referred to is in any violation of the National Building Code standards as suggested with respect to proximity of buildings and type of materials used.

Motion passed,

## Case No. 6309: Amendment to Development Agreement, Schedule "K", 30 Farnham Gate Road

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

Mr. J. Michael Hanusiak, Planner II, addressed City Council and outlined the application for an amending agreement involving the Rockingham Ridge Shopping Plaza located at 30 Farnham Gate Road as outlined in the staff report of 5 June 1991. Mr. Hanusiak noted that the purpose of the amendment is to permit the construction of a freestanding donut shop which would be located on the northeast area of the site.

In conclusion, Mr. Hanusiak advised that staff are submitting that approval of the amendment to the development agreement would be appropriate.

Responding to a question from Alderman Stone, Hr. Hanusiak advised that it was his understanding that additional trees and shrubbery will be planted.

A letter dated 12 July 1991 from David Hill, 86 Donaldson Avenue, in opposition to the proposed amendment was submitted.

The applicant, Mr. Hugh K. Smith, addressed Council and advised that they had nothing further to add to staff's presentation and had worked with staff to make sure all requirements were met.

Responding to a question from Alderman Stone, Mr. Smith advised that it was a requirement of the national chain that the donut shop be free-standing.

Mr. Mike Sitland, Donaldson Avenue, addressed Council and advised that he had numerous concerns regarding the proposed development. He explained that the back of his property borders on Farnham Gate Road and that, because of the liquor store and bus stop which is located in the area, there has been an increase in the amount of garbage on his property. Mr. Sitland expressed concern that a donut shop will only had to the garbage problem. He went on to express the concern that a donut shop, which he assumes would be open 24 hours a day, would also add to the existing problem of youths hanging out in the neighbourhood. Mr. Sitland further suggested that there were a sufficient number of similar outlets in the area.

Mr. Sitland also submitted a note from Reverend Greg Nicholson, 92 Donaldson Avenue, in opposition to the application for a donut shop.

Hr. Bill Gibson, 83 Donaldson Avenue, an 8 year resident of the area, addressed Council in opposition to the amendment to the development agreement. Mr. Gibson expressed concern about the noise and the amount of traffic in the area and advised that he was against any more development when almost half of the existing shopping centre is vacant. Mr. Gibson also referred to what he assumed would be a 24 hour operation and advised that he was not in favour of accepting a donut shop in addition to the existing liquor store and video store.

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

<u>MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey</u> that this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

# Case No. 6264: Development Agreement - 2024, 2028-32, 2040 and 2046 Robie Street

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

Mr. J. Michael Hanusiak, Planner II, addressed City Council and outlined the application for a development agreement to permit expansion of the parking facilities for Cruikshank's Funeral Home, located on the west side of Robie Street between Quinpool Road and Welsford Street, as described in the staff report of 22 May 1991.

During his presentation, Mr. Hanusiak identified the arguments which would favour refusal of the proposed development and also the arguments which would favour approval of the proposed development agreement as presented in the staff report.

Mr. D.J. Flynn (applicant), Cruikshanks Funeral Home, addressed Council and submitted a petition containing names of persons in support of the proposed development agreement, and also a list of persons who had visited the funeral home and were not able to find parking (a copy of both documents can be found in the official file of this meeting).

Hr. Flynn advised that the parking lot would be closed at 10:00 p.m. and would consequently reduce some of the present problems with respect to people hanging around the area at night. He went on to advise that the parking lot is very rarely used between the hours of 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and that it will not disturb the neighbours at night.

Mr. Flynn expressed the view that the proposed expansion to the parking lot would benefit the street and the surrounding area by reducing the traffic safety problem which presently exists during certain times of the day. He explained that, at present, there is only one driveway and that, as a result, people have to back out into the traffic. With the new parking facilities that are being proposed, he advised that they will have the luxury of having an entrance and an exit. In concluding, Mr. Flynn emphasized the need for additional parking at the funeral home and indicated that he would be willing to listen to any suggestions from staff or surrounding property owners with respect to changing the proposed design of the parking lot. He noted that the business has been in operation for 89 years and at the present location for 58 years.

Ms. Ann G. Wilkie, 2050 Robie Street, addressed City Council and read and submitted her presentation in opposition to the proposed development agreement dated 17 July 1991 (a copy of which can be found in the official file for this meeting). In summary, Ms. Wilkie advised that the residential character of the block in question has been affirmed by the actions and investments of private property owners; that the proposed application is contrary to the intent of the Municipal Development Strategy; and that the City of Halifax does not have the legislative authority to approve the proposed application for a development agreement for the expansion of a non-conforming use (each of these points are elaborated in Ms. Wilkie's submission).

Mr. Frank Fawson, 6053 Williams Street, addressed City Council and firstly expressed the concern that, after taking the initiative to find out about the proposed development and contacting the City on various occasions with respect to it, he learned of the public hearing only by telephoning City staff. Mr. Fawson suggested that there should be a better mechanism or process in place which would allow citizens to be better informed especially when they show an interest in a particular matter even though they are not within the area of notification.

Mr. Frank Fawson noted that the May 22nd staff report indicates that the developer plans to plant decorative trees along Robie Street if the development proceeds. Mr. Fawson questioned why this had not been previously done for the existing parking lot. Referring to page 2 of the staff report

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with respect to the policies of the Municipal Development Flan, Mr. Fawson suggested that the proposed development will not aid any of the priorities of the Plan whatsoever. Noting that the staff report also mentions the policy with respect to encouraging an economic climate to create employment opportunities, Mr. Fawson questioned the amount of view that could be created by the parking lot and suggested it would not

Mr. Fawson went on to refer to the item in the staff report with respect to the provision of commercial facilities being appropriately located in relation to the City. Mr. Fawson expressed the view that a large funeral home should not and will not be located in the core of the City in the future because of traffic problems. Mr. Fawson went on to express the concern that the expansion will have adverse affects on the surrounding area.

There was a short questioning of staff at this time.

Mr. P. Pacey, 6269 Yukon Street, addressed Council and with the aid of the overhead camera, showed various excerpts from the Planning Act and diagrams with respect to the proposed development agreement (copies of which can be found in the official file for this meeting). During his presentation, Mr. Pacey indicated his opposition to the application and encouraged members of Council to reject it.

Mr. Pacey pointed out that the Planning Act has a specific prohibition that there shall be no extension of a nonconforming use not contained within a structure, that is a parking lot, shall be made beyond the limits that the use occupies at a particular time. He went on to point out that section 94 (1) says that the planning strategy may provide for an exemption or a variation. However, Mr. Pacey advised that the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy does not provide for such a variation.

Reviewing various sections of the Municipal Development Plan, Mr. Pacey pointed out that, if there is an inconsistency with the Planning Strategy, Council cannot approve this application. Referring to the Municipal Development Plan, Mr. Pacey expressed the view that it was the intent of the Plan that the subject property be residential. In conclusion, Mr. Pacey also expressed concern about approval of the application setting a precedent.

Mr. Ron Burton, 2050 Robie Street, addressed Council in opposition to the proposed development agreement. Mr. Burton expressed the concern that the proposal will have an adverse affect on his property. Noting that the staff report implies that the block in question is an area in transition from residential to commercial, Mr. Burton advised that he

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believed this statement not to be correct. Mr. Burton went on to note that the hairdressing establishment in the area has a sign saying that it is an illegal use and that the owners are requesting that it be approved as a non-conforming use. Mr. Burton indicated that he was opposed to any granting of this property being used as a non-conforming or illegal use.

Mr. Burton expressed the view that there has not been an increase in commercial property in the area, but that there has been an increase in residential area. Mr. Burton referred to the comment contained in his wife's submission, Ann Wilkie, that the part of the property in question, which is already being used as a parking lot, may be being used illegally. Mr. Burton asked that City staff investigate this concern to determine whether or not it is correct.

In closing, Mr. Burton advised that he had recently walked around the block in question and commented that it is all housing except for the commercial property along Quinpool Road, the non-conforming use of the Funeral Home, and the nonconforming illegal use of the hairdressing establishment. Mr. Burton suggested that the rest of the block is residential and that to change it into any commercial use, would be contrary to what the residents are doing.

Mr. Walter Mitchell addressed City Council and, in referring to the number of businesses that have moved to Dartmouth, indicated that he was in favour of the application.

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

A letter dated 16 July 1991 from John and Judy Dudar, 2057 Parker Street, was submitted in opposition to the proposed development agreement.

A letter dated 17 July 1991 from Blair S. Beed, 5510 Spring Garden Road, in opposition to the proposed development agreement was also submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation and that staff provide a report at that time addressing the question from Mr. Burton with respect to part of the present parking lot being used illegally and whether or not an illegal non-conforming use can be expanded into a residential area.

Motion passed.

At approximately 10:30 p.m. there was a brief recess.

The meeting resumed at approximately 10:40 p.m. with the same members present except for Alderman Jeffrey.

Alderman Jeffrey retired from the meeting at this time.

## Case No. 6346: Proposed Development Agreement - 1261 Barrington Street

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

Mr. J. Michael Hanusiak, Planner II, addressed City Council and outlined the application for a development agreement to permit the building at 1261 Barrington Street to be used as an entertainment centre for teenagers as described in the staff report of 13 June 1991.

Mr. Condon G. MacLeod, applicant, addressed Council and briefly outlined his intentions with respect to the property in question as outlined by Mr. Hanusiak. Mr. MacLeod indicated that he was proposing to establish a teenage dance club, non-licensed, for basically high school students. He added that he proposes to, not only use the building for a dance club in the evenings, but also as a youth centre for instructional recreation.

Mr. MacLeod commented on the need for such a facility and expressed the view that it will be a definite asset to the community. Further, Mr. MacLeod advised that it was his intention to have uniform policemen on the premises and had received a recommendation from the Police Department that 2 policemen be engaged.

Mr. Robert Grant, representing the Sterling Hotel Company Limited, the owners of the Waverley Inn which is located across the street from the subject property.

Mr. Grant firstly commented on the marvellous renovation job that has been done to the Waverley Inn. He went on to advise that the Waverley Inn is opposed to this proposed development agreement for a number of reasons. Making reference to the Municipal Development Plan, Mr. Grant advised that Council, in determining whether it wishes to consider this development agreement, has to look at adjacent uses and whether there would be any disruption as a result of traffic generation, noise, hours of operation, and parking requirements. Mr. Grant noted that his client has found already that there is too much traffic and that there is a real problem with traffic in the area. He added that this difficult

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Mr. Grant further added that there is already a good deal of noise in the area which is generated from the beverage room across the street. Mr. Grant noted that there is no provision in the development agreement which restricts in any way the noise coming from the proposed facility. Mr. Grant reiterated the concern of his client that the teen centre will serve to increase the street noise and that there is nothing in the agreement about the requirement for policemen.

In conclusion, Mr. Grant indicated that the most compelling reason they would put forward for Council to oppose the development agreement for a teen centre was due to its location immediately adjacent to a beverage room. Mr. Grant urged that Council consider very carefully this development proposal and follow their submission that the development agreement not be approved.

Ms. Callie Iatrou, owner of Bearly's Beverage Room, addressed Council in opposition to the proposed development agreement. Ms. Iatrou suggested that the youth centre would create more problems with respect to loitering and vandalism. She went on to express concern about minors entering the beverage room which would result in her business having to be more careful in that regard.

Mr. Todd Leader addressed Council and advised that he was representing himself in the position of Drug Awareness Coordinator for the City and also the Mayor's Task Force on Drug Abuse. Referring to some of the comments made by the previous speakers, Mr. Leader noted that the issue of parking can be looked at by trying very desperately to encourage the use of buses. He also noted that the issue of noise can be addressed by the Liquor Licensing Board. In this particular case, Mr. Leader advised that there will be police officers on the premises at all times. With respect to the concern about the number of teens being in the facility at any one time, Mr. Leader advised that the Fire Marshall will regulate that quite sufficiently.

During his presentation, Mr. Leader advised that there was no reason to assume that more vandalism and loitering will take place because of the teen centre. Addressing the concern about minors entering the liquor establishment next door, Mr. Leader advised that it was the responsibility of the beverage room to make sure minors don't enter their bar.

In general, Mr. Leader advised that he was in full support of the endeavour to establish the teen centre.

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Mr. Todd Leader addressed Council and advised that he was representing himself in the position of Drug Awareness Coordinator for the City and also the Mayor's Task Force on Drug Abuse. Referring to some of the comments made by the previous speakers, Mr. Leader noted that the issue of parking can be looked at by trying very desperately to encourage the use of buses. He also noted that the issue of noise can be addressed by the Liquor Licensing Board. In this particular case, Mr. Leader advised that there will be police officers on the premises at all times. With respect to the concern about the number of teens being in the facility at any one time, Mr. Leader advised that the Fire Marshall will regulate that quite sufficiently.

During his presentation, Mr. Leader advised that there was no reason to assume that more vandalism and loitering will take place because of the teen centre. Addressing the concern about minors entering the liquor establishment next door, Mr. Leader advised that it was the responsibility of the beverage room to make sure minors don't enter their bar.

In general, Mr. Leader advised that he was in full support of the endeavour to establish the teen centre.

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Noting that Mr. Leader was an employee of the City of Halifax, Alderman Grant suggested that Mr. Leader's comments on this development agreement should be more appropriately provided in a staff report and should be restricted to concerns with respect to teen facilities and not on this particular development agreement.

There were no further persons wishing to address Council.

Following a short discussion, it was MOYED by <u>Alderman Fitzgerald</u>, seconded by <u>Alderman Downey that</u> this matter be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

## Motion passed.

A letter dated 5 July 1991 from A.J. Leventhal, Sterling Hotel Company Limited, was submitted in opposition to the proposed development agreement.

A letter dated 16 July 1991 from Pauline Mattinson-White, Mattinson-White Interior Designs Ltd., was also submitted in opposition to the application.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR O'MALLEY CHAIRMAN

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HALIFAX CITY COUNCIL

Council Chamber Halifax City Hall 25 July 1991 8:00 P.M.

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

The meeting opened with His Worship Mayor Wallace and members of Council joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

Before beginning the regular agenda items, His Worship noted that there were 23 students from Halifax's twin city, Hakodate, visiting Halifax and present in the public gallery. His Worship went on to note that the students were here for three weeks and would be visiting other parts of the Maritime Provinces.

## Statement - Incident in Downtown Area Re Race Relations

His Worship advised that he had a statement to read regarding the difficulties the City has experienced over the past week.

Prior to reading the statement, His Worship thanked members of Council for the support and time they have taken to respond and meet on numerous occasions regarding this matter.

His Worship referred to recent problems in the City including a major disturbance last week, and made a statement concerning actions taken by Council since last Thursday's incident involving racial difficulties in the downtown area. In his statement, His Worship advised that Council's actions

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included a number of meetings and conversations which have been held by Council, City staff, and others including a meeting at noon today of the Metropolitan Chief Magistrates to develop a metro response, and this, he added, has been delivered to the media and the levels of government involved.

His Worship read from that release and advised of a second meeting planned within two weeks to include representatives of the education and social planning system as well as representatives from the Province and Federal Government.

His Worship then outlined the various programs already in place such as the Cultural Affairs and Race Relations Committee and the conferences which have been held in Halifax such as the three-day conference held at the Hilton Hotel on race relations, the second such conference in Canada.

The Mayor advised that meetings are ongoing and indicated that he would arrange to have his statements circulated to members of City Council, press and the public.

Upon reviewing the programs and efforts of various members of the community with respect to race relations, His Worship indicated that, to better inform the public, the City should have made stronger efforts to communicate the work that was being done.

In closing, His Worship indicated that on 26 July a significant announcement would be made with respect to this matter by the Honourable Gerry Weiner, Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship and the announcement would involve three levels of Government.

# Presentation - Retirement Scroll - Mr. Gordon Wright

His Worship Mayor Wallace left the Chair and approached the podium for a presentation of a Long Service Award to Mr. Gordon Wright, Engineering and Works (City Field).

In presenting the Retirement Scroll, His Worship expressed his appreciation on behalf of Council to Mr. Wright for 31 years of faithful service to the City of Halifax, and wished he and his wife a happy retirement.

His Worship then introduced family members of Mr. Wright, and Deputy Mayor O'Malley presented a corsage to Mrs. Wright.

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In accepting the Scroll, Mr. Wright thanked His Worship, members of Council, and Mr. Peter Connell, Director of Engineering and Works.

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- 20.9 Incineration Decision Netropolitan Authority (Alderman Fitzgerald)
- 20.10 Report of the Halifax 1999 Conference Committee - TO BE TABLED
- 20.11 Request for Bill Poster License Ordinance #19 - Noosehead Breveries Limited

The City Clerk noted that 5.2 should read as Case No. 6277: Appeal of Minor Variance Approval - 5778 South Street.

At the request of Deputy Mayor O'Malley, Council agreed to add:

20.12 Farmers Market

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

20.13 6297 Lawrence Street - Driveway

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

Motion carried.

#### DEFERRED ITEMS

## Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal - 2081 Oxford Street

A public hearing to consider this matter had been held on Wednesday, 17 July 1991.

Alderman Meagher addressed the matter and outlined reasons why he could not support the appeal. He advised that as the Development Officer has said, the applicant was proposing a major change in the property. The Alderman noted that the property has 34 ft. frontage; it has 3196 sq. ft; and the north side yard was only three feet. He added that the law requires the frontage be 50 ft., the lot size be 5000 sq. ft and the side yard be 5 ft., and this results in a deficiency of 16 ft. 1800 sq. ft and 2 ft. respectively.

Alderman Meagher advised that in his view these are major deficiencies and in speaking with the immediate neighbours in area, they also felt the deficiencies were major and that Council should not support the appeal.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Malley that the appeal of a minor variance refusal of the lot frontage, lot area and side yard requirements to permit the interior conversion of 2081 Oxford Street to a duplex be refused and the Development Officer's decision be upheld.

The City Clerk advised that the following members of Council were ineligible to vote on this item due to nonattendance at the public hearing: His Worship Mayor Wallace, Alderman Holland, Alderman Ducharme, and Alderman Flynn.

<u>Hotion carried</u> with Aldermen Holland, Ducharme, and Flynn abstaining.

## Case No. 6277: Appeal of Minor Variance Approval - 5778 Bouth Street

A public hearing to consider this matter had been hold on Wednesday, 17 July 1991.

An information report dated 22 July 1991 was submitted.

Alderman Jeffrey addressed the matter and advised that this matter is an appeal of a minor variance that was approved by staff and which was appealed by another developer in the area. He added that one of the questions brought before Council had to do with the building codes of the building, and referring to the information report by the Acting City Solicitor, advised that this question was answered, and that is, that staff cannot issue a building permit unless it meets the building codes.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the appeal of a minor variance approval of the lot frontage requirement for the property at 5778 South Street be refused and the Development Officer's decision to grant the minor variance be upheld.

The City Clerk advised that the following members of Council were ineligible to vote on this item due to nonattendance at the public hearing: His Worship Mayor Wallace, Alderman Holland, Alderman Ducharme, and Alderman Flynn.

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Motion carried with Aldermen Holland, Ducharme, and Flynn abstaining.

## Case No. 6309: Amendment to Development Agreement, Schedule "K", 30 Farnham Gate Road

A public hearing to consider this matter was held on Wednesday, 17 July 1991.

Alderman Stone addressed the matter and advised that the residents of the area in question were strongly opposed to the idea of a donut shop being located so close to the residential area.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that the application for an amending agreement involving the Rockingham Ridge Shopping Plaza located at 30 Farnham Gate Road for the purpose of permitting the construction of a freestanding donut shop to be located on the northeast area of the site be refused.

The City Clerk advised that the following members of Council were ineligible to vote on this item due to nonattendance at the public hearing: His Worship Mayor Wallace, Alderman Holland, Alderman Ducharme, and Alderman Flynn.

Following a discussion and questioning of staff, the motion was defeated.

Alderman Stone addressed the matter once again and requested that Council keep in mind the close proximity of the proposed donut shop to the residents on Farnham Gate Road and he advised that some sort of a buffer would be required in the event the application was approved.

After a brief discussion, it was <u>MOVED by Alderman</u> <u>Fitzgerald. seconded by Alderman Downey that</u> City Council approve an amending agreement to amend the provisions of a previously approved and executed development agreement made pursuant to Section 68 of the Mainland portion of the Land Use Bylaw; said amending agreement to permit the location of a free-standing donut shop at 30 Farnham Gate Road as shown on plans numbered P200/18308-12; and further. that a buffer of reasonable height and quality be established to provide protection to the residents on Farnham Gate Road.

Motion carried with Aldermen Holland, Ducharme, and Flynn abstaining.

At 9:05 p.m. His Worship Nayor Wallace retired from the meeting with Deputy Mayor O'Nalley assuming the seat of the Chair.

Case No. 6264: Development Agreement - 2024, 2028-32, 2040 and 2046 Robie Street

A public hearing to consider this matter had been held on Wednesday, 17 July 1991.

An information report dated July 23, 1991 was submitted.

Alderman Meagher addressed the matter and, referring to the submitted report, advised that it states that at the present time, the parking lot in question is an illegal use and is residential in character (R-3) and he advised that what the City is attempting to do is to extend an illegal nonconforming use of the property in question into 2046 Robie Street. He added that he did not believe that an illegal nonconforming use could be permitted to be extended into another property. Alderman Meagher added that under the Municipal Development Plan, this property has been designated as residential except that portion which faces onto Quinpool Road, which is part of the Quinpool Road Area Plan.

Alderman Meagher also noted the Schedule "C" problem in this area, and he added that the neighbourhood was very concerned with the idea of more parking lots, and in his view he was also concerned with residential properties disappearing to make way for a parking lot because this is a residential neighbourhood.

Alderman Meagher then referred to Sections 2.2, 2.4, and 2.4.1, Section II of the MDP. He noted that the first section regarded maintaining the integrity of the existing residential neighbourhoods by requiring that new developments which would differ in use or intensity be related to the needs or characteristics of the neighbourhood, and he pointed out that the area in question was predominately a residential area.

With respect to the second section--retaining the existing residential character of predominantly stable neighbourhoods by ensuring that any changes will be of a compatible nature, Alderman Meagher suggested that the proposal is taking a residential area and fastening it to a non conforming use parking lot, and in his opinion it doesn't fit with the general statement of the MDP. Alderman Meagher advised that the third section dealt with preserving the

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stability and scale of the neighbourhood by restricting the expansion of commercial uses that would otherwise conflict with the character of the neighbourhood.

Alderman Meagher advised that other policies to be considered with this application are the city wide economic and commercial objectives. In summary, Alderman Meagher advised that he believed that the owners of Cruikshank's Funeral Home were a very conscientious group of people but, in his opinion, it was not in the general interest of the City to permit the expansion of the parking lot.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Downey that the application for the entering into of a development agreement to permit the property at 2046 Robie Street to be used for parking in association with Cruikshank's Funeral Home be refused.

Alderman Jeffrey referred to the City Solicitors report and the suggestion that should Council wish to consider approval of the development, the appropriate route would be to repeat the public hearing process in respect of the entire property, and he advised that if the motion on the floor was defeated, the he was prepared to move a motion in this regard.

The City Clerk advised that the following members were ineligible to vote on this item: His Worship Mayor Wallace, Alderman Holland, Alderman Ducharme, and Alderman Flynn.

Following a discussion, the motion was defeated with Aldermen Holland, Ducharme, and Flynn abstaining.

A discussion followed and the Acting City Solicitor, in response to a question, suggested that if the motion was to fail, a positive motion would be in order which could deal with the development as a whole. He made the suggestion that the item could be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

<u>MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman</u> <u>Pottie that</u> this matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, to be held on Wednesday, 21 August 1991.

9:25 p.m. His Worship Mayor Wallace returned to the Chair with the Deputy Mayor taking her usual seat in Council.

Motion carried.

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# Case No. 6346: Proposed Development Agreement

A public hearing to consider this matter was held on Wednesday, 17 July 1991.

A staff report dated 22 July 1991 was submitted.

A letter dated 23 July 1991 from Mr. Condon MacLeod (applicant) was submitted.

A memorandum dated 23 July 1991 from Vincent J. MacDonald, Chief of Police, was submitted.

The City Clerk advised that the following members were ineligible to vote on this matter due to non-attendance at the public hearing: His Worship Mayor Wallace, Alderman Holland, Alderman Jeffrey, Alderman Ducharme, and Alderman Flynn.

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Downey that the application for a development agreement to permit the building at 1261 Barrington Street to be used as an entertainment centre for teenagers be refused.

In making the motion, Alderman Grant advised that the concept of a teen club was a very good concept, but he had concerns about the location which was beside a beverage room and across from a hotel. Alderman Grant noted that Council had representation from both the beverage room and hotel to refuse this application.

Alderman Pottie also expressed concern about the location and noted that the Chief of Police also had reservations about the project. He added that in his opinion the idea would be workable in a more appropriate area of the City.

Alderman Stone advised that he supported the applicant's efforts but he, too, had difficulty with the location. Alderman Stone noted that one person at the public hearing had put forth an interesting comment and it was, "if there was already a youth centre on this location, would Council approve a beverage room beside it" and he suggested that the real issue here was not the concept but the location.

Alderman Stone indicated that if Council does not agree with this location that it recommend that City staff be

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committed to do whatever possible to assist Mr. MacLeod in finding a new location.

In light of Alderman Stone's comments, Alderman Downey suggested that Bloomfield Centre would be a good location and advised that he hoped staff would look at this suggestion.

In closing the discussion,  $\lambda$  derman Grant suggested that the applicant's idea should be encouraged and that all those involved should meet to find a more suitable location.

Alderman Grant requested that the City Manager contact the principals involved and perhaps follow Alderman Downey's suggestion to review City facilities in an attempt to locate an alternate site, and that the applicant be invited to attend.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Holland, Jeffrey, Ducharme, and Flynn abstaining.

### REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee, from its meeting held on Wednesday, 17 July 1991, as follows:

## Boundaries Report - Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

The following is the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee:

> "THAT the report to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities by the Joint UNSM/AMA Resource Committee in consultation with the Department of Municipal Affairs, dated May 1991, be tabled."

Alderman Ducharme referred to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities meeting to be held in September, noting that, in her opinion, it would be greatly beneficial to those Alderman in attendance to have an official position on the matter.

At Alderman Ducharme's request, therefore, <u>it was</u> <u>MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Hanson that</u> this matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of the

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Committee of the Whole Council, acheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 1991, pending a report and recommendation from staff.

Motion carried.

## Acquisition - 232 Bedford Highway

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Civic No. 232 Bedford Highway be acquired from WYN Investments Ltd. for \$212,000 as settlement in full; with funds being available in Account Number CK019, Sundry Land Acquisition.

Motion carried.

## Ordinance 165, the Blasting Ordinance

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

- a) City Council approve Ordinance 165 respecting blasting and drilling in principle;
- b) staff arrange for the introduction of Ordinance 165 for final adoption.

Motion carried.

## Tender #91-112: Construction of New Ball Field - Rockingstone Heights

MOVED by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to award Tender #91-112 (for the construction of a new ball field - Rockingstone Heights) to Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd., the lowest bidder meeting specifications (funds to be made available in Account Number 25206.9160.97038, titled "Sodding and Topsoil, Rockingstone Heights Ball Field").

Motion carried.

## Landlocked Parcel of City-Owned Land Between Acadia and Glebe Streets

The following is the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee:

"THAT no action with regard to the landlocked parcel of City-owned land between Acadia and Glebe Streets be taken at this time, but that the City undertake the maintenance of this site on a regular basis."

Deputy Mayor O'Malley addressed the matter and briefly reviewed the history of this request. She advised that the residents of the area in question are disappointed that the City requires the land be sold at market value because, in this case, they are unable to afford it.

In this context, Deputy Mayor O'Malley <u>MOVED</u>. <u>Beconded by Alderman Jeffrey that</u> no action with regard to the landlocked parcel of City-owned land between Acadia and Glebe Streets be taken at this time, but that the City undertake the maintenance of this site on a regular basis with access being granted through 3681 Albert Street.

Motion carried.

## Acquisition of Civic No. 6273-75 Young Street

A supplementary report dated 23 July 1991 was submitted.

Alderman Pottie addressed the matter and, referring to the supplementary report, elaborated on how the bids for the property in question transpired. The Alderman advised that his understanding of the matter was that the property was up for bids for five or six months and the highest bid accepted was for \$380,000. He added that the Irving Oil Company told the person who made this bid that it had been accepted, but, two weeks later, Irving Oil received another bid from Mr. Sam Metlej for \$460,000. Alderman Pottie advised that Irving Oil then called the other gentleman back and advised him that if he wanted to raise his bid to \$460,000, he could have the property. The Alderman indicated that the bidder refused, believing that the property was not worth this amount.

Alderman Pottie went on to add that, in his opinion, if the City were to purchase the property at \$460,000 and pay Mr. Metlej for his time and effort in architectural fees (which would bring the cost up to \$550,000 plus GST), this was more money than what the land was worth. Alderman Pottie also added that, as indicated in the staff report, there are no official street lines in the area of the property in question and that

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Following a brief discussion, it was <u>MOVED by</u> <u>Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman Flynn that</u> this matter be deferred, pending further information from staff.

Motion carried.

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Following a brief discussion, Deputy Mayor O'Malley advised that she would be bringing this matter forward at a future date.

## Financial Status of the City

This matter had been forwarded to Council from the 17 July 1991 meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee without recommendation.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley advised that this item related to another meeting of Council at which Council was asked to provide authority to establish a line of credit for borrowing. She went on to note that at that same meeting the Director of Finance had reported that the City of Halifax had 93 million dollars invested in both short and long term investments.

In this regard, Deputy Mayor O'Malley requested a staff report prior to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 1991), giving a detailed breakdown on how much of that money is expected to be spent in this year, and what the residue would be.

Further to this, Deputy Mayor O'Halley noted that, prior to the passing of the Wage Restraint Bill, Council had approved a budget which had included a five percent increase in salaries. Noting that that five percent will not now be paid out, the Deputy Mayor asked for information from staff as to whether this amount could now be considered "surplus" and, if so, whether Council could make a decision whereby this would be reflected in the next tax bills.

The Chairman indicated that this information would be forthcoming.

## REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on Wednesday, 17 July 1991, as follows:
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<u>HOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Flynn</u> that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, in accordance with Section 352 of the City Charter, City Council authorize the naming of a new street off the Prospect Road (in the Heavy Industrial Storage Park) as **Evergreen Place**.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Herring Cove Road Culvert Rehabilitation

<u>MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman</u> <u>Ducharme that</u>, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Council approve the appointment of **Fence Shawinigan Engineering** Ltd. to carry out the investigation and design works for the rehabilitation of Herring Cove Road culvert structures, at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00 (funds are available in Account Number A0820-27902).

The motion was put and passed.

#### Buskers Festival - Closure of Spring Garden Road

A staff report, dated 23 July 1991, was submitted, together with correspondence, dated 25 July 1991, from Mr. Dale Thompson, Producer of the Halifax International BuskerFest.

Alderman Downey opened the discussion by observing that the City of Halifax has consistently been opposed to closing major arteries for events sponsored by private organizations. In his remarks, the Alderman went on to emphasize that, while he personally supported the Buskers as one of the City's most important festivals, he did not feel it appropriate to set a precedent for other privately-sponsored events by asking Council to agree to the requested closure of Spring Garden Road.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Holland that the request from Buskers International to close Spring Garden Road between South Park Street and Queen Street on the evenings of 9, 15, and 16 August 1991 be refused.

Alderman Grant spoke in opposition to the motion, describing the Buskers Festival as one of the City's primary tourist attractions and an extremely family-oriented event. The Alderman went on to make reference to the many letters of support received from Spring Garden area merchants, all of whom appear to welcome the increased number of pedestrians who will be attracted to the street by the busker performances.

Aldermin Grant cont on to suggest that, in terms of the difficulties posed to Herro Transit, City buses normally run on reduced schedules during the evening hours and therefore would be only minimally inconvenienced by the proposed street closure. He further noted that, in his opinion, emergency vehicles rarely use Spring Garden Road as an access route to the area's hospitals.

Alderman Grant brought to Council's attention that the Busker Festival is used internationally to promote the City of Halifax, adding that, in his opinion, an increase in this kind of privately sponsored event could only bode well for the City and its residents.

Alderman Flynn, concurring with the points raised by Alderman Grant, suggested that Council could proceed with the requested closures for August 1991 and undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the results prior to next year's festival.

After some further discussion, the motion was put and defeated.

10:45 p.m. - His Worship Mayor Wallace retires from the meeting, with Deputy Mayor O'Malley assuming the Chair.

It was subsequently moved by Alderman Grant, seconded by Alderman Flynn that the request from Buskers International to close Spring Garden Road between South Park Street and Queen Street on the evenings of 9, 15, and 16 August 1991 between the hours of 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. be approved.

In putting this motion forward, Alderman Grant recommended that the City Manager meet with Mr. Thompson, Producer of the Buskers Festival, to discuss the costs relevant to these street closures. In this context, the Alderman indicated that he personally did not want to jeopardize the success of the festival by demanding that these funds be paid in advance.

With reference to objections put forward by the City Manager, <u>an amendment to the motion was moved by Alderman</u> <u>Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald</u> to add, "contingent upon the conclusion of a satisfactory arrangement between the City Manager and Mr. Thompson pertaining to the payment of relevant costs (estimated at approximately \$5,000)." <u>The amendment to the motion was put and passed</u>.

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

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#### Halifax Festival - Closury of surade

<u>MOVED by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman</u> <u>Fitzgerald that</u>, as recommended by the Committee on Works, Council authorize the closure of the Grand Parade on THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for the opening ceremonies relevant to the Halifax Festival.

The motion was put and passed.

#### REPORT - SAFETY CONNITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 17 July 1991, as follows:

#### Bhearwater International Airshow -Permission to Overfly the City

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, permission be granted for various flying performers to overfly the City of Halifax during the period 19 - 23 September 1991, and that all military and Ministry of Transport safety regulations be strictly adhered to.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Porest Firefighting

MOVED by Alderman Grant. seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the City Manager conduct a formal investigation into the feasibility of the City entering into a test project in conjunction with interested companies for the purpose of testing the effectiveness of using a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle and a boat, for the purposes of firefighting, rescue and any other related emergencies, and report back to Council.

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, 17 July 1991, as follows:

## Case No. 5505 - Outdoor Siciagy

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee:

- policy be included in the Municipal Development Plan which clearly states that a junk yard is an industrial use that should be permitted only in selected industrial zones;
- 2) the terms "junk yard" and "recycling depot" be defined in the Land Use Bylaw as described in the staff report, dated 9 July 1991;
- 3) junk yards be restricted to the C-5 Zone of the Peninsula (if marine-related), and to the I-3 Zone of the Mainland;
- recycling facilities continue to be permitted in a broader range of commercial and industrial zones; and that
- Council refer the 9 July staff report to the Planning Advisory Committee for public input and advice.

In putting forward this motion, Alderman Fitzgerald brought to Council's attention the concerns expressed by Deputy Mayor O'Malley during the 17 July meeting of the City Planning Committee (relating, in particular to Items 3 and 4 of the above), and asked that these concerns be conveyed to the Planning Advisory Committee for their consideration.

The City Clerk advised that Aldermen Holland, Grant and Stone had been absent from the public hearing held on 17 October 1990, and were therefore ineligible to vote.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Holland, Grant, and Stone abstaining.

## Case No. 6350 - Discharge of Lot Modification, 124 Rosedale Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, Council rescind its motion of 18 June 1969 approving a lot modification at 124 Rosedale Avenue.

The motion was put and passed.

## Policy - North West Arm Property Subdivisions

This matter had been referred to Council without recommendation from the 17 July meeting of the City Planning Committee.

Acknowledging receipt of an Information Report from staff on this matter dated 9 July 1991, Alderman Holland indicated that he was not "completely satisfied" with its contents. The Alderman went on to suggest that over the next several years there will be parcels of land of some considerable size on the North West Arm which will become available for development purposes, adding that, at the same time, population densities in this portion of the City will continue to increase.

Alderman Holland made particular reference to the property at the foot of South Street (i.e., the site of the former Police Club), emphasizing that this area is extensively used by young and old alike for active and passive recreational purposes. In this context, he strongly urged that the City should do everything possible to acquire waterfront property in this area for the enjoyment not only of the present generation, but also of its children and grandchildren.

It was subsequently moved by Alderman Holland. seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that, in the interests of the public, staff be instructed to develop a policy that will encourage, wherever possible, the acquisition of additional waterfront properties along the North West Arm.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Block "C" - Clayton Park West

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee:

- City Council grant approval to the request by Clayton Developments Limited for an amendment to the Stage II Schedule "K" agreement for Clayton Park West to allow two four-storey apartment buildings on Parcel C, subject to the condition that servicing be provided by a means which does not require a public easement over private lands;
- 2) Council require that the amending agreement shall be signed within 120 days, or any extension thereof, granted by Council on request of the applicant, from the date of final approval by Halifax City Council or any other bodies as required; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

The motion was but and passed.

#### BROITONS

## Notion Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Ordinance 149, the Petty Trades Ordinance (FIRST READING)

Notice of Motion with regard to the proposed amendment of this Ordinance (to permit the sale by sidewalk vendors of records, tapes or compact discs containing music performed by the sidewalk vendor) had been given by Alderman Fitzgerald during a special meeting of Halifax City Council, held on Wednesday, 17 July 1991.

A report, dated 16 July 1991, was submitted from Mr. Wayne Anstey, Q.C., City Solicitor.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Holland that Halifax City Council give FIRST READING of the amendment to Ordinance Number 149, the Petty Trades Ordinance, attached as Schedule "A" to the report from the City Solicitor, dated 16 July 1991; and further, that the matter be referred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 1991) for consideration and report.

The motion was put and passed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

#### Parcel V-1, Clayton Park West

A staff report, dated 19 July 1991, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey

#### that:

- City Council grant approval to the request by Clayton Developments Limited for an amendment to the Stage II Schedule "K" agreement for Clayton Park West to allow the number of dwelling units and total theoretical population on Parcel V to increase to 156 units and 350 persons respectively;
- Council require that the amending agreement be signed within 120 days or any extension thereof

granted by Council on request of the applicant from the date of final approval by Halifax City Council, or any other bodies as required; otherwise, this approval shall be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Request for Parachute Jump - Halifax Natal Day

Correspondence, received on 24 July 1991 from Hr. David Williamson, 1448 Brenton Street, Halifax, was submitted.

It was moved by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Grant that Mr. David Williamson be granted permission to perform parachute demonstration jumps on 4-5 August 1991 (in connection with the 1991 Halifax Natal Day festivities), subject to compliance with Transport Canada Regulations; and further, that the City of Halifax be absolved of any and all responsibility in connection with these jumps.

The motion was put and passed.

#### OUESTIONS

#### Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Licenses - Bicycle Ice Cream Wagons

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Alderman Jeffrey made reference to a question raised by him during the 27 June regular meeting of Halifax City Council concerning the \$5.00 fee required from the operators of bicycle ice cream wagons. The Alderman advised that he has not, to date, received that information, and asked that it be provided to him as quickly as possible.

## Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Natal Day 1991 - Armdale/Fairview/Rockingham Lions Club

Alderman Jeffrey made reference to concerns previously expressed during the 27 June regular meeting of Halifax City Council relating to the sale of hamburgers and hot dogs on the Garrison Grounds by members of the Armdale/Fairview/Rockingham Lions Club. The Alderman noted that, while he understood that the matter had been addressed, he would appreciate receiving an update on the situation.

#### Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Fence - Burton Ettinger Field

Alderman Jeffrey asked for information as to when the recently-approved fence for the Burton Ettinger playing field will be erected.

#### Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Relocation - Bus Shelter

Alderman Jeffrey made reference to the fact that over a year ago City Council had approved the relocation of a bus shelter on Willett Street just north of Rosedale Avenue. Emphasizing that this relocation has not yet taken place, the Alderman asked that this matter be addressed as quickly as possible.

#### Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: W. D. Piercey Field

Alderman Jeffrey expressed his sincere appreciation to staff of the City's Parks and Grounds Division for the work recently undertaken to correct various problems at the W. D. Piercey Field. Noting that the field is now much approved in appearance, the Alderman commended those staff members on a job well done.

#### Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: <u>Fireworks - Ashburn Golf Course</u>

Alderman Jeffrey made reference to an item raised during the last regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council; namely, "Fireworks - Ashburn Golf Course." The Alderman indicated that it had been his understanding the matter was to have been forwarded to this evening's Council meeting for further discussion, and asked for information from the City Clerk as to why this had not been done.

In the interim, Alderman Jeffrey suggested that this matter be added to the agenda of the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 1991.

#### Question Alderman Stone Re: Litter Abatement

Alderman Stone made reference to information recently received from staff relating to the recently-enacted Litter Abatement Act. He noted, however, that the problems in his area pertain to litter which, while originating with various

fast-food establishments, is carried some distance away by its purchaser and then discarded on the street or sidewalk. The Alderman emphasized that this is particularly the case on Willett Street between Chadwick Place and Lacewood, as well as along Dunbrack Street.

Alderman Stone therefore asked that staff review the situation from the perspective of having litter baskets placed at all bus stops along Willett and Dunbrack Streets for the convenience of pedestrians. He further suggested that the fast-food establishments could be persuaded to mount some sort of public awareness campaign aimed at encouraging their customers to place their litter in the appropriate receptacles.

#### Question Alderman Stone Re: Regulation of Snakes

With reference to a staff report recently received on this matter, Alderman Stone emphasized that his intention in asking for this information had been to initiate the Charter amendment process so that, in future, City Council will be able to control the presence of snakes in public places. The Alderman therefore requested that the appropriate amendment be prepared for Council's consideration.

#### Question Alderman Stone Re: Regulation of <u>Tractor Trailers in Residential Neighborhoods</u>

Alderman Stone made reference to the fact that, at a previous meeting of Halifax City Council, he had requested advice from the City Solicitor's Department as to what action could be taken to regulate the operation of tractor trailers in residential neighborhoods where they pose considerable problems in the form of noise and environmental hazard.

Noting that he has not yet received this information, the Alderman asked that the matter be reviewed by the Legal Department and by the Chief of Police as quickly as possible.

# Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Gravel Trucks

Alderman Fitzgerald advised that on a number of occasions he has observed large trucks carrying gravel or crushed stone operating on the City streets without the benefit of a tarpaulin or other protective material. The Alderman went on to note that, without such restraints, motorists travelling in close proximity to these vehicles are jeopardized by the danger of flying rocks, etc.

Alderman Fitzgerald therefore asked for information as to whether this practice is indeed legal, or whether trucks

of this nature are required to provide adequate covers for their cargoes.

#### Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: <u>St. Nary's Boat Club</u>

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the fact that some months ago the City of Halifax had made application to the Province of Nova Scotia for financial assistance relevant to the improvements recently completed at the St. Mary's Boat Club. The Alderman asked for information as to the status of this request; i.e., has the City already received this grant, or has correspondence been received from the Province or the local MLA's in this regard.

#### Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: - Halifax Harbour Clean-Up Corporation

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the fact that members of Council have recently received copies of the Halifax Harbour Clean-Up Corporation's Financial Statements. In this context, the Alderman requested that the Corporation be asked to provide information as to the projects proposed to be undertaken (or already underway) in the critical path in the next 6-12 months.

#### Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Halifax District School Board

Alderman Fitzgerald observed that the Halifax District School Board had recently won its court case with regard to the proposed amalgamation of various local junior high schools, and went on to note that, during the court proceedings, it had been clearly stated that this amalgamation would result in a \$800,000 saving.

The Alderman asked for information as to whether this \$800,000 saving had been included as part of projected revenue in the School Board's annual budget.

## Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Amendments to the Provincial Building Code

With reference to the amendments recently approved to the Provincial Building Code, Alderman Fitzgerald asked for information as to whether the City of Halifax has officially adopted this code and whether, in fact, it is fully promoting the barrier-free design provisions as they relate to disabled persons.

## Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Deregulation - Gasoline Licensing Act

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the recent decision by the Province to deregulate, among other things, the hours of operation relevant to retail gas stations, and asked for information as to whether City Ordinance 121 pertaining to store closing hours would be amended in this regard.

#### Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: New Greenhouse Facility

Alderman Fitzgerald asked that consideration be given to naming the new greenhouse facility in honor of one of the City's former superintendents of Parks and Grounds.

#### Question Alderman Downey Re: <u>Proposed Increase in Water Rates</u>

Alderman Downey made reference to a recently-released report which commends the City of Halifax on the purity of its water, and suggested that a letter of commendation should be sent to the General Manager of the Halifax Water Commission, Mr. William Gates, on behalf of City Council.

On another but related matter, the Alderman also referred to reports that application will shortly be made to increase the City's water rates. Alderman Downey expressed his concern in this regard and asked for information as to why such an increase was deemed necessary at this time.

#### Question Alderman Downey Re: Handicapped Facilities - Halifax Metro Centre

Alderman Downey submitted a letter, dated 15 July 1991, from Ms. Jane Danielson of 10 Eagle Lane, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, expressing her concern regarding (1) the lack of handicapped parking spaces in the immediate vicinity of the Metro Centre's box office; and (2) the regulations pertaining to the seating of handicapped individuals on the "floor" level of the Centre during performances.

The Alderman asked that Ms. Danielson's submission be forwarded to Mr. Kenneth Mounce of the World Trade and Convention Centre, as well as to Mr. B. N. Kennedy, the City's Traffic Authority, for review and comment.

#### Question Alderman Flynn Re: Cross-Border Purchasing

Alderman Flynn made reference to a report recently received from the Chairman of the Tendering Practices Committee concerning cross-border purchasing. The Alderman went on to emphasize that he personally opposes this practice as being detrimental to the Canadian economy, and suggested that the Tendering Committee and/or the City's Purchasing Department investigate with the Province of New Brunswick and some of the other border provinces to ascertain their policies in this regard.

11:15 p.m. - Mayor Wallace returns to the meeting with Deputy Mayor O'Malley resuming her usual seat on Council.

#### Question Alderman Flynn Re: <u>CN Roundhouse - Chisholm Avenue</u>

Alderman Flynn brought to Council's attention that, during the weekend of 19 July, residents of the Chisholm Avenue area were considerably distressed by the noise and pollution generated by a number of diesel engines operating in the vicinity of the CN roundhouse. He went on to note that the twelve diesels in question ran continuously throughout the weekend, creating large amounts of smoke and sediment.

Alderman Flynn advised that while he had contacted both the Police Department and Inspection Services in an attempt to rectify the situation, it would appear that this type of problem is not within their jurisdiction to regulate. He went on to point out that while CN has tested their diesels in this manner for several years, the situation has been exacerbated by the fact that the structure in which the operation had previously taken place has recently been torn down so that the machines are now being operated in the open air.

Emphasizing that the matter raises some serious environmental concerns, Alderman Flynn strongly urged that staff review the matter from the perspective of establishing an ordinance which would provide the City's Police Department with the authority to take action in this regard.

#### Question Alderman Flynn Re: Crosswalks - Chebucto Road

Alderman Flynn made reference to that portion of Chebucto Road between MacDonald Street, Mumford Road and the Armdale Rotary, and asked that the City's Traffic Authority review the situation to ascertain whether there might be more appropriate locations for the crosswalks in this area.

In this context the Alderman noted that he had received a number of calls from senior citizens who experience a great deal of difficulty attempting to cross Chebucto Road, particularly at Roosevelt Drive. Alderman Flynn pointed out that the present crosswalk at Philip Street does not provide easy access to the Sears area (the destination point for the majority of pedestrians in this area), and strongly recommended that the matter be reviewed.

#### Question Alderman Grant Re: Psychological Testing - City Staff

Referring to a report recently received from staff pertaining to the psychological testing of senior City staff members, Alderman Grant requested supplemental information concerning the following: who administers these tests; the training and qualifications of those individuals; the type of psychological tests that are utilized, and the authors of those tests. He went on to indicate that, if possible, he would like to receive sample copies of the tests now being used by the City of Halifax in this regard.

#### Question Alderman Grant Re: <u>Gate Closures - Grand Parade</u>

Making reference to a report recently received from His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Grant reiterated his concerns that, on 18 June and on at least two other occasions, the gate to the Grand Parade was closed at 5:00 p.m.

The Alderman asked that a policy on these closures be made available to all members of Council.

#### Question Alderman Grant Re: <u>Policy - City of Halifax</u>

Alderman Grant asked for information as to those responsible for setting policy in the City of Halifax and further, whether it is required that all policy that affects members of Council be approved by City Council.

#### Question Alderman Grant Re: <u>Ad Hoc Committee - Criteria for Local Events</u>

Alderman Grant asked that consideration be given to the establishment of an ad hoc committee (consisting of staff, members of the community, and, possibly, members of Council) for the purposes of developing a set of criteria relevant to the hosting of future events in the City of Halifax. The Alderman went on to suggest that such criteria could pertain to the requirements for fire and police protection, the closure constraints, parades, etc.

#### Question Alderman Hanson Re: Overhead Light - Armdale Rotary

Alderman Hanson made reference to the overhead traffic light at the Armdale Rotary, emphasizing that it has now been out of operation for a considerable period of time. The Alderman emphasized that, in his opinion, the light is unsightly in its present condition, and asked for information from staff as to their plans either for removal or replacement.

#### Question Alderman Hanson Re: Tennis Courts - Chocolate Lake

Alderman Hanson made reference to a letter recently received by him concerning the condition of the tennis courts at Chocolate Lake. Noting that he himself had noticed the presence of glass, the Alderman asked that Parks and Grounds be requested to investigate the situation.

#### Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Removal of Parking - Barrington Street North

Deputy Mayor O'Malley made reference to the recent decision by the City to remove day-time parking from that portion of Barrington Street in the vicinity of the dockyard, adding that it had been her impression that many of these vehicles are now parking on other streets in the immediate vicinity, such as Devonshire Avenue and Albert Street.

The Deputy Mayor brought to Council's attention that only recently a small child had been killed by a car driving up Devonshire Avenue, the child having darted out between two parked cars. She therefore asked that the City's Traffic Authority review the parking that now appears to have increased on the north side of Devonshire Avenue/Albert Street area, and submit a report as to whether, in his opinion, there is a visibility problem caused by vehicles being parked overly close to driveways, as well as the difficulties posed by the Devonshire Avenue incline.

## Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: Intersection at Leeds and Robie Streets

Deputy Mayor O'Malley noted that, several years ago, the signage at the intersection of Leeds and Robie Streets was reversed, adding that, since that time, what she termed a "dangerous" situation has evolved. The Deputy Mayor advised

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that motorists now leave Lady Hammond Road, drive along Memorial Drive, and turn up Leeds where they have a "thoroughfare" from Memorial to Novalea Drive.

Deputy Mayor O'Malley emphasized that, in her opinion, the present situation has created a number of safety concerns, particularly given the heavy volume of traffic, the presence of small children, and the fact that there are no stop signs at any point along this route. She therefore asked that the Traffic Authority be requested to review this situation once again, hopefully from the perspective of submitting a positive recommendation on the matter.

#### Question Deputy Mayor O'Malley Re: <u>Harbour Clean-Up Account</u>

Deputy Mayor O'Malley made reference to the fact that some months ago she had requested information concerning the Halifax Harbour Clean-Up account and the costs involved. Noting that a report had only recently been received from the Harbour Clean-Up Corporation, the Deputy Mayor indicated that, should that information not be contained in that submission, she hoped that staff would provide her with a response as quickly as possible.

#### Question Alderman Neagher Re: Returnable Bottles

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Alderman Meagher asked to be provided with information as to when the Province of Nova Scotia intends to enact its legislation pertaining to returnable bottles.

#### Question Alderman Neagher Re: Proposed Increase in Water Rates

Referring to recent reports in the local media that an increase in water rates will be sought, Alderman Meagher asked for a report from the Halifax Water Commission on this matter.

## Question Alderman Neagher Re: Improvements - Egg Pond/Commons Wading Pool

Alderman Meagher asked for information from staff as to the improvements being proposed for the Egg Pond.

On another but related matter, the Alderman emphasized that the wading pool on the Commons is in need of repainting, and suggested that staff investigate the situation as quickly as possible.

## Question Alderman Pottie Rei Traffic Access/Egress - John Parr Drive

Alderman Pottie expressed concern on behalf of the residents of Duffus, Prescott and Lady Hammond Road pertaining to the excessive number of vehicles which are using John Parr Drive to exit one of the newer housing developments in Ward 6. In his remarks, the Alderman noted that he has received numerous complaints in this regard, adding that many residents had been under the impression that the provisions of the development agreement permitted certain exits to be used only by emergency vehicles.

Alderman Pottie indicated that he would greatly appreciate having staff review the situation and discussing it with him as quickly as possible.

The Alderman went on to ask that, should it be found that these access/egress points are to be used on a daily basis, consideration be given to the installation of stop signs, yield signs, or, preferably, speed bumps so as slow down traffic on this private property.

#### ADDED ITEMB

#### Encroachment License - Civic No. 5475 Spring Garden Road (Queen's Court)

A staff report, dated 22 July 1991, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that an encroachment license be approved for the construction of six (6) encroaching canopies on the building known as Queen's Court, Civic No. 5475 Spring Garden Road.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Award of Tenders

A staff report, dated 17 July 1991, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher. seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that City Council authorize the award of tenders/procurements by the City Manager for the period of 27 July 1991 to 22 August 1991 under the following conditions:

 that the tender/procurement be for works, services or materials approved by City Council

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that the tender/procurement be for works, services or materials approved by City Council 1)

for 1991 projects in the Capital and/or Operating Budgets of the City;

- 2) that the tender/procurement bid, plus contingencies required, be within the approved budgetary funds as shown in the budget(s); and
- 3) that the City Manager advise Council of all tenders/procurements awarded under this authority for ratification by Council at its meeting of 21 August 1991.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Award of Tender #91-102: One 1991 Ice Resurfacer (Halifax Forum)

A staff report, dated 23 July 1991, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Pottie that, as recommended by the Halifax Forum Commission at a meeting held on 16 July 1991, authority be granted to purchase this machine from LeClair Equipment Ltd., the lowest bidder meeting specifications, at a price of \$55,105.00 (funds to be made available in Account No. 48104, titled "Forum Commission Replacement Reserve").

The motion was put and passed.

#### Award of Tender #91-52: Street Improvement Program

A staff report, dated 17 July 1991, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that Tender #91-52, relating to the Street Improvement Program, be awarded to Dexter Construction Co. Ltd., at a tender price of \$659,261.00 and a total project cost of \$725,000.00 (funds to be made available from Account No. 91406; funding transfers in the amount of \$48,000, if applicable, to be approved from Account No. 91403, "Rockwood Subdivision").

The motion was put and passed.

#### Case No. 5275: Encroachment License - Spring Garden Place, Phase II

A staff report, dated 24 July 1991, was submitted.

<u>MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman</u> <u>Fitzgerald that</u> an encroachment license be approved for the construction of awnings and sign post footings at Spring Garden



Place, Phase II, the amount of the encroachment fee to be determined upon final calculations of the encroachment area.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Disposition of Riverview School (Alderman Grant)

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Grant, who observed that the City of Halifax had taken control of the Riverview School facility on 31 July 1990.

The Alderman requested that, if at all possible, all pertinent information with respect to the disposition of this school come before the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 1991, so that Council might consider the matter in detail.

## Acorn Road Area - Dog Kennel Permit (Alderman Grant)

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Grant who expressed concern that, at the present time, there are no specific criteria in place with reference to the construction of animal kennels/shelters in residential areas.

The Alderman noted that such shelters have become a recurring problem throughout the City, and requested that staff consider the formulation of such a policy so that the City's approach to these requests will be consistent.

## Civic No. 6455-57 Chebucto Road -Development Permit (Alderman Meagher)

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Meagher who described a situation on Chebucto Road in which a house is being constructed in what appears to be extremely close proximity (approximately four feet) to an existing structure and only 32 feet from the back of the abutting lot on Seaforth Street.

It was noted that, in order to erect this second house, the owner of the Chebucto Road property had combined two lots, with the result that apparently he is now permitted to have a total of eight units on the one R-2 property (i.e., four in the existing structure, and four in the building presently under construction).

Alderman Meagher advised that this situation is of grave concern to neighborhood residents, emphasizing the loss of privacy which will undoubtedly result because of the close

proximity of these structures. He also noted that, owing to the amount of asphalt paving which will be used, abutters are concerned that drainage problems will develop, particularly impacting on those residents of Seaforth Street immediately adjacent to the Chebucto Road property.

Noting that residents of Duncan Street had recently experienced difficulties of a similar nature, Alderman Meagher strongly recommended that staff reexamine this entire situation, (particularly from the perspective of the preservation of privacy), and submit a report for Council's consideration.

On another but related matter, Alderman Meagher asked for information from staff concerning the status of the property immediately to the east of 6457 Chebucto Road, adding that it was his understanding this site had been purchased by the City of Halifax from Irving Oil.

## Incineration Decision - Metropolitan Authority (Alderman Fitzgerald)

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Fitzgerald who made reference to the Metropolitan Authority's recent decision on incineration. Expressing his personal opposition to this particular method of waste disposal, the Alderman strongly recommended that the Environmental Committee of the Nova Scotia Medical Society be requested to investigate the matter of incineration and report their findings to Halifax City Council so that citizens might be reassured that this type of disposal will not be hazardous to their health.

His Worship indicated that the Alderman's suggestion in this regard would be followed up, adding that the Metropolitan Authority is also asking for the establishment of a Public Protection Committee.

Alderman Fitzgerald went on to suggest that the Provincial Minister of the Environment should be asked to withhold his official approval for the licensing of this incinerator until he is certain that the facilities proposed for construction will not be detrimental to the community's health and until he is assured that there is no safer method of handling the metropolitan area's garbage.

Report of the Halifax 1999 Conference Committee - TO BE TABLED

This matter had last been discussed during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, 27 June 1991.

An Information Report, dated 24 July 1991, was submitted.

<u>MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman</u> <u>Hanson that</u> the Information Report, dated 24 July 1991, pertaining to the report previously received from the Halifax 1999 Conference Committee be tabled by Halifax City Council.

The motion to table was put and passed.

#### Request for Bill Posters License (Ordinance No. 19) - Moosehead Breweries

Correspondence, dated 25 July 1991, was received from Mr. David Maguire, Brand Manager, Moosehead Breweries Limited.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that permission be granted, under the provisions of City Ordinance 19, for a Bill Posters License to be issued to Moosehead Breweries for the purposes of mounting a poster on the north wall of 1575 Argyle Street during the period 1 September - 31 December 1991.

Speaking on the motion, Alderman Pottie pointed out that the requested "poster" will not only be of some considerable size, but will also be erected in a very prominent location in downtown Halifax. Under the circumstances, therefore, the Alderman suggested that the matter should be referred to the City's Art Allocation Committee for recommendation before Council proceeds in this regard.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Malley that the matter be forwarded to the Art Allocation Committee as quickly as possible for review and comment.

#### The motion was put and passed.

On the suggestion of Alderman Downey, <u>it was further</u> <u>agreed that</u>, should the Art Allocation Committee have no objection to the mounting of this poster, the requested Bill Posters License be issued immediately.



## Farmers Market (Deputy Mayor O'Malley)

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor O'Malley.

A submission, dated 24 July 1991, was received from Mr. Glenn Jodrey, President of the Halifax City Farmers Market.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Pottie that the submission, dated 24 July 1991, received from the President of the Halifax City Farmers Market be referred to staff for review and comment; and further, that this matter be added to the agenda of the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 1991.

In putting forward this motion, the Deputy Mayor suggested that Mr. M. Woods of the City's Real Estate Division would be the most appropriate staff member to address this matter.

The motion was put and passed.

#### Driveway - 6297 Lawrence Street (Alderman Meagher)

This matter had been added to the agenda at the request of Alderman Meagher who reported that, several years ago, the City renewed the sidewalk, curb and gutter on that portion of Lawrence Street abutting 6297 Lawrence Street, property belonging to a Mr. Brown. The Alderman went on to note that, in the process, the City's contractors found it necessary to merge new asphalt with that which had been applied to the driveway on this property some years previously by Standard Paving.

Alderman Meagher emphasized that, after only two winters, that portion of the driveway in which the old and new asphalt have been merged is in a considerable state of disrepair. Pointing out that the property owner in question is not in a financial position to make these repairs, the Alderman emphasized that, in his opinion, the City (having undertaken the original work) should be responsible for any subsequent repairs that may be necessary.

The Alderman therefore asked that the City Manager's Executive Assistant be requested to inspect the property (preferably in the company of Alderman Meagher) with a view to ascertaining what role the City might play in effecting repairs to the driveway.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 a.m.

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