

**Spring Garden Road Business Improvement
District Commission**

Marla Dorward
Donald Webster

(Terms to expire 31 January 1994)

Halifax Taxi Commission

Donita Boyd
Robert Kelley
Ron Doucet

(Terms to expire 31 January 1994)

Tourism Halifax Committee

J. Albert Walker
Peter Green
Fannie Nathanson
Sheldon Suga

(Terms to expire 31 January 1994)

Transit Advisory Committee

John Gratwick
David Boston
Avila Coutinho
Carl Goodwin

(Terms to expire 31 January 1994)

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Fitzgerald voting in opposition.

NOTE: A Notice of Motion of Reconsideration was presented with respect to the above-mentioned appointments to the Halifax Industrial Commission by Alderman Walter Fitzgerald at a later point in the meeting's agenda.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:
Building at Main and Maple Streets

Responding to a question from Alderman Jeffrey regarding the status of a property at the corner of Main Avenue and Maple Street, the City Manager advised that a report on this matter would be available in time for the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council **scheduled for Wednesday, 5 February 1992.**

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:
Former Bowling Alley - 35 Coronation Avenue

Alderman Jeffrey made reference to the bowling alley, formerly located at 35 Coronation Avenue, which is now closed, as well as to the Princess Restaurant which has recently been sold. The Alderman went on to note that he has heard a rumor of plans to connect the restaurant with a nearby bar and to install a games room in that facility.

In this context, Alderman Jeffrey asked for information from staff as to the number of permits which have been issued regarding these properties in recent months, adding that he would hope the circumstances have been carefully considered before any occupancy permits were issued. The Alderman particularly requested information as to whether a permit has been requested regarding a games room in the restaurant facility.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:
Complaint - Resident of 101 Coronation Avenue

Alderman Jeffrey referred to a letter recently received from a resident of 101 Coronation Avenue regarding an incident which occurred on 18 December 1991. According to the complainant, a City snow plow, in the course of its duties, had accidentally and unknowingly removed a manhole cover, the opening being subsequently covered by snow. The lady in question had backed out of her driveway and into the manhole, causing damage of approximately \$194.00 to her vehicle.

Alderman Jeffrey noted that when the vehicle owner approached the City regarding compensation for her damages, she was advised that, in staff's opinion, the City could not assume responsibility for the incident.

The Alderman requested that a report on this matter be made available for the next regular meeting of Committee

of the Whole Council (scheduled for Wednesday, 5 February 1992), adding that he intended at that time to place a motion on the floor recommending that the City make full reparation to this individual.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:
Higher Fines - Illegal Truck Traffic

Alderman Jeffrey advised that several months ago it was his understanding that Council had approved a motion proposing increased fines with regard to trucks using unauthorized routes.

The Alderman asked for a report with regard to the status of this proposed legislation, adding that he would appreciate receiving this information in time for the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council **scheduled for Wednesday, 5 February 1992.**

Question Alderman Hanson Re:
Flooding of City Lakes for Recreational Purposes

On behalf of various community groups, Alderman Hanson asked that consideration be given to identifying some method of allowing the Halifax Fire Department, in cooperation with the Halifax Water Commission, to use their vehicles to flood some of the City lakes so that they can then be used for recreational purposes. The Alderman emphasized that, in his view, this would be an extremely worthwhile project, adding that if this option could not be used, that other alternatives be suggested.

Question Alderman Hanson Re:
Speed Limit - Purcell's Cove Road

Alderman Hanson noted that several months ago he had asked to have the speed limit on the Purcell's Cove Road between the City Limits and the Armdale Rotary made consistent at 58 kph. The Alderman emphasized that he has not yet received a response to this suggestion, and would appreciate one at staff's earliest opportunity.

Question Alderman Hanson Re:
Overhead Light - Armdale Rotary

Alderman Hanson asked for information from staff regarding the status of the proposed overhead light at the Armdale Rotary.

Question Alderman Adams Re:
Flooding of City Lakes for Recreational Purposes

Alderman Adams concurred with the suggestion made earlier by Alderman Hanson (namely, that Halifax Fire Department vehicles be used to flood certain lakes for recreational purposes), and suggested, as well, that consideration be given to flooding the Egg Pond on the Central Commons.

The Alderman went on to recommend that staff might consider ways in which lighting could be provided to extend the use of these lakes and providing an option to those residents who cannot avail themselves of ice time at the City's indoor arenas.

Question Alderman Adams Re:
Contracting Out of Snow Removal Services

Alderman Adams asked for information as to the scope and cost of those snow removal services that are currently contracted out by the City of Halifax. In his remarks, the Alderman emphasized that, in his opinion, every effort should be made to allocate this work to City employees, rather than to the private sector.

Question Alderman Adams Re:
Proposed Playground Site - Williams Lake Road

Alderman Adams drew Council's attention to a letter written to Mr. Nick Murray of the City's Recreation Department by two nine year old Haligonians, who propose that a site off the Williams Lake Road be converted into a park and playground area for use by area residents.

The Alderman commended the two young ladies on their initiative in this matter, emphasizing that, in his view, their efforts were worthy of Council's attention. He therefore asked that staff contact the Provincial Department of Transportation, owners of the site in question, to ascertain the plans for this property and whether there is any way the City might obtain a portion of the site (free of charge, if possible) for use as a small park.

Question Alderman Downey Re:
Proposed Racetrack Facility

Responding to a question put forward by Alderman Downey, Her Worship Mayor Ducharme advised that at a meeting held earlier in the day with the Provincial Minister of

Industry, it had been announced that agreement on the racetrack proposal had not yet been reached.

Alderman Downey expressed his concern in this regard and asked that Her Worship make another request to the Province that this matter be addressed as quickly as possible.

Question Alderman Downey Re:
Review of Building Code Provisions

Alderman Downey noted that, as a result of an incident brought on by a severe wind storm several days ago, the City of Dartmouth has ordered a review of the Building Code standards.

The Alderman asked for information as to when the City of Halifax had last undertaken such a review, suggesting that, in light of the Dartmouth incident, staff might consider a similar evaluation.

Question Alderman Downey Re:
Emergency Staff - Street Light Outages

Alderman Downey brought to Council's attention that on several different occasions over the last several weeks a considerable number of street lights in his neighborhood had been out of order. The Alderman went on to note that it had proven extremely difficult to rectify the situation, given the fact that, to his understanding, there are no night-time/emergency staff available to address problems such as these.

Alderman Downey expressed concern in this regard particularly on behalf of the many seniors living in this vicinity, and asked for staff comment on the matter.

Question Deputy Mayor Stone Re:
Flooding of City Lakes for Recreational Purposes

Deputy Mayor Stone made reference to the requests put forward earlier in the meeting by Aldermen Hanson and Adams regarding the possible use of Halifax Fire Department vehicles to flood some of the City's lakes for recreational purposes. The Deputy Mayor advised that he too had received requests of this nature from various community groups, and indicated that he would welcome a report on the matter.

**Question Deputy Mayor Stone Re:
Posting of Civic Numbers**

Deputy Mayor Stone expressed concern on behalf of various ambulance and medical workers regarding the growing number of residential units which do not display their appropriate civic numbers.

The Deputy Mayor, noting that this practice leads to complications particularly in emergency situations, asked for information from staff as to whether there is any legislation in effect which would require property owners to post civic numbers in a prominent position on the exterior of their buildings.

**Question Deputy Mayor Stone Re:
Hiring Policy - City of Halifax**

Responding to a question put forward by the Deputy Mayor, the City Manager advised that the temporary freeze on hiring for staff positions with the City of Halifax had only recently been implemented (i.e., within the last 6-8 weeks). Mr. Murphy added that this approach will be in effect at least until the effects of the 1992-93 budget are known.

**Question Alderman O'Malley Re:
Review of Access-A-Bus Service**

Alderman O'Malley advised that she continues to receive numerous complaints regarding the quality of current Access-A-Bus service, and asked for an update on the action being taken to address this problem.

**Question Alderman Holland Re:
Control of Raccoons**

Alderman Holland noted that, at a previous meeting of Halifax City Council, he had brought to Council's attention the difficulties currently being experienced by many Haligonians as a result of an influx of raccoons. To that end, the Alderman asked for a report on the measures taken by staff since that time (i.e., the number of traps that have been set, the number of raccoons that have been trapped and returned to the wild, and the measures that have been adopted to address this overall problem).

Alderman Crowley concurred with the concerns put forward by Alderman Holland in this regard, but indicated that she had understood the responsibility for this problem rests with the Provincial Department of Lands and Forests.

Concurring with Alderman Crowley's statements, the City Manager advised that no City staff member had been assigned to this matter.

With reference to the City Manager's comments, Alderman Holland indicated that he had understood that a motion had been approved by Council some months ago to the effect that, if the City could not acquire the necessary traps from the Province, steps would be taken to purchase one. In this context, the Alderman indicated that he would appreciate being advised whether or not the City had been successful in obtaining traps from Lands and Forest, or whether, in fact, these units had to be purchased.

Question Alderman Holland Re:
Possible Amendments to Land Use Bylaw

Alderman Holland noted that he had received a number of complaints regarding a property located in a residential district of Ward One. In his remarks, the Alderman advised that these concerns are related to the fact that a number of cars are consistently parked in front of a small single-family residence; the front yard is full of crushed stone, and there is a cab from a 3/4 ton pick-up truck lying on the grass.

Given the circumstances, Alderman Holland asked for a report on whether staff had given any consideration to changing the Land Use Bylaw so that not more than possibly two cars could be parked in front of a house in a residential neighbourhood.

Question Alderman Crowley Re:
Deficit - Halifax District School Board

Responding to a question from Alderman Crowley, Mr. B. G. Smith, Director of Finance, advised that the \$581,000 "deficit" recently reported for the Halifax District School Board is a result of adjustments effected by the City to the 1991/92 budget pursuant to (1) the freeze on teachers' salaries; (2) Provincial payments for County students attending the J. L. Illsley facility; and (3) the consolidation of various junior high schools.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Litter Control - "Adopt a Basket Campaign"

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the ongoing problem of litter control as well as to information received from staff regarding the growing cost of appropriate receptacles. The Alderman went on to emphasize that, when

this matter had last been discussed, he had raised the matter of "corporate sponsorship" of litter baskets and whether procedures could be put in place to encourage local businesses to purchase these receptacles which could then be used not only to collect litter, but also to display that company's advertisements.

Alderman Fitzgerald indicated that he would appreciate receiving a staff report as quickly as possible as to the legal ramifications of such an "Adopt A Basket" program.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Litter Control - Supplementary Staff

Alderman Fitzgerald advised that a suggestion had been brought forward that individuals be hired to supplement City staff during the summer months for the purposes of "cleaning up" Ward Two, and asked for a status report on this matter.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Service Stations

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for information from staff as to the status of their report regarding 24-hour service stations.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Bill No. 93

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to correspondence, dated 28 January 1992, forwarded to Mr. Richard J. Matthews, Director of Development and Planning, from Mr. Ron Simpson, Director of Planning, Department of Municipal Affairs, with regard to land use planning in the vicinity of the Public Gardens.

The Alderman noted that Council has consistently taken the view that this area of planning is the sole responsibility of the City of Halifax, and suggested that staff might be directed to cooperate with the Department of Municipal Affairs in this regard.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Cruise Ships

Alderman Fitzgerald asked to be advised as to when the report on "cruise ships" would be available.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
1992/93 Budget Review Meetings

Alderman Fitzgerald asked that Council be advised as to when the review process for the City of Halifax 1992/93 budget would commence.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
1991 Crime Statistics

Responding to a question from Alderman Fitzgerald, Her Worship Mayor Ducharme advised that the Chief of Police would be available at some future meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to respond to questions regarding the recently-released crime statistics for 1991.

Question Alderman Downey Re:
Request from the Downtown Halifax BIDC

With reference to a question from Alderman Downey, Her Worship Mayor Ducharme advised that she will be meeting to discuss this matter with Messrs. Medjuck and McLeod on Monday, 3 February 1992.

Question Alderman Meagher Re:
Protection of the Halifax Commons

Alderman Meagher noted that, during last year's deliberations regarding the Grand Prix, Council had moved to establish a committee responsible for developing legislation designed to protect the Halifax Commons, and, in this context, asked for a progress report on the matter.

The City Solicitor advised, in an Information Report to Council following those deliberations, staff had indicated that, until various guidelines were established, appropriate legislation could not be drafted. He went on to note that, to his knowledge, these guidelines had not yet been developed, adding that he would assume that this is a matter to be addressed by Development and Planning staff.

Alderman Meagher emphasized that this was a matter of some importance and asked for information as to when a report on this matter could be brought forward.

ADDED ITEMS

**Advisory Committee on Concerns of Aging
Provincial Seniors' Special Assistance (Alderman O'Malley)**

Alderman O'Malley submitted a report, dated 15 January 1992, from the City's Committee on the Concerns of Aging. In her remarks, the Alderman emphasized that the Committee is extremely concerned about the lack of information being provided by the Province pertaining to the recent changes in the Seniors' Special Assistance Program.

Alderman O'Malley advised that the following resolution had been approved at the Concerns of Aging's 14 January meeting:

THAT we forward our concerns regarding the changes being made by the Community Services Department to the Seniors Special Assistance Program to City Council, and that we request City Council to pass on our concerns and seek clarification from the Minister of Community Services with regard to these changes.

Under the circumstances, Alderman O'Malley asked that Her Worship Mayor Ducharme convey these concerns to the Minister of Community Services, and that the Province's response be conveyed to the Committee on the Concerns of Aging.

NOTICES OF MOTION

**Notice of Motion Alderman Adams Re:
Proposed Amendment - Ordinance 116,
the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance**

Notice of Motion was given by Alderman Stephen Adams that at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council **scheduled for Thursday, 13 February 1992**, he intends to introduce for First Reading an amendment to Ordinance 116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance.

The purpose of this amendment is to render it an offence to operate a vehicle as a taxi when the vehicle license has been suspended.

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**Notice of Motion Alderman Fitzgerald Re:
Terms of Membership - Halifax Boards and Commissions**

Notice of Motion was given by Alderman Walter Fitzgerald that at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council **scheduled for Thursday, 13 February 1992**, he intends to introduce an amendment to the existing policy which would see the terms for citizen appointments to Council's boards and commissions amended from two years to three.

**Notice of Motion Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Motion of
Reconsideration - Agenda Item 17.1, "Appointments -
Halifax Industrial Commission" (30 January 1992)**

Alderman Fitzgerald gave Notice of Motion of Reconsideration that, at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council **scheduled for Thursday, 13 February 1992**, he will introduce a Motion of Reconsideration with regard to the citizen appointments to the Halifax Industrial Commission; namely, that the current membership of the Industrial Commission be maintained until such time as the legislation is changed.

On the advice of the City Solicitor, it was moved by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that a stay of proceedings be effected with regard to the citizen appointments to the Halifax Industrial Commission as approved earlier in the meeting's agenda.

The motion was put and passed.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 a.m.

HER WORSHIP MAYOR MOIRA DUCHARME
AND
DEPUTY MAYOR BILL STONE
CHAIRMEN

E. A. KERR, CMC
CITY CLERK

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**SPECIAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS
MINUTES**

Council Chamber
City Hall
5 February 1992
7:30 P. M.

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

The meeting was called to order with members of Council joining in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: Her Worship Mayor Moira Ducharme, Chairman; and Aldermen Holland, Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Adams, Hanson, Jeffrey, Macdonald, and Crowley.

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

ADDED ITEMS

**Case 6424 - Lot Modification - 90 Main Avenue
(Public Hearing Date)**

This item was referred to this meeting from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a public hearing date be scheduled to consider the application to construct two semi-detached buildings on 90 Main Avenue.

Motion carried.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing date would be set for Wednesday, 4 March 1992, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**Case No. 6431: Plan Amendment Request -
3763-71 Dutch Village Road**

This item was referred to this meeting from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier on this date.

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MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the plan amendment request for 3763-71 Dutch Village Road be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for public meeting.

Motion carried.

Case No. 6432: Plan Amendment Request - 9 Rosedale Avenue

This item was referred to this meeting from the Planning Committee meeting held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the plan amendment request for 9 Rosedale Avenue be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for public meeting.

Motion carried.

**1673-85 Argyle St. Application to Deregister
the Carleton Hotel**

This item was referred to this meeting from the Finance and Executive Committee meeting held earlier on this date.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Holland that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council set a date for a public hearing to consider the application to deregister civic number 1673-85 Argyle Street, commonly known as the Carleton Hotel.

Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing date would be set for Monday, 23 March 1992, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**Halifax Business Park Acquisition,
Disposition and Servicing of Land**

This item was added to the agenda at this time.

A staff report dated 4 February 1992 was submitted. A confidential report from the Halifax Industrial Commission dated 4 February 1992 was also submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that Council authorize expenditures and supporting

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borrowing resolutions of \$5,500,000 with recoveries forecast at \$1,650,000 this year and subsequent recoveries as laid out in the private and confidential report from the Halifax Industrial Commission, and that in due course the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign borrowing resolutions to this effect.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing: Case No. 6261: Schedule "C" Development Agreement, 5780-88 West Street, 2400 Agricola Street, 5781 & 5785-87 Sarah Street

A public hearing with respect to the above item was held at this time.

Mr. Paul Dunphy, Planner, addressed the Committee and outlined the application (as described in the staff report of 25 October 1991) for a Schedule "C" development agreement to permit changes to the King Edward Inn which are not permitted as-of-right by the residential zoning of the West and Sarah Streets property. With the use of diagrams, Mr. Dunphy explained the proposed alterations to the King Edward Inn and briefly responded to questions from members of Council.

In conclusion, Mr. Dunphy advised that staff are recommending approval of the proposed development agreement.

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

Motion passed.

Public Hearing: Case No. 6394: 1326 Barrington Street Development Agreement

A public hearing with respect to the above matter was held at this time.

Mr. Dan Norris, Heritage Planner, addressed Council and outlined the application for a development agreement to allow the U-2V use of the property at Civic No. 1326 Barrington Street, the internal conversion pursuant to Section 43AE of the land use bylaw, or a limited variety of minor commercial uses as detailed in the agreement attached to the staff report of 26 November 1991. Using a diagram, Mr. Norris described the property and advised that staff are recommending approval of the development agreement.

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

Motion passed.

8:00 P.M. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

HER WORSHIP MAYOR DUCHARME
CHAIRMAN

EDWARD A. KERR
CITY CLERK

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**HALIFAX CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Council Chamber
City Hall
13 February 1992
8:00 P. M.

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

PRESENT: Her Worship Mayor Moira Ducharme; Deputy Mayor Bill Stone; and Aldermen Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, O'Malley, Pottie, Adams, Hanson, Jeffrey, Macdonald and Crowley.

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

The meeting was called to order, with Her Worship Mayor Ducharme leading those present in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

**Presentation of Retirement Scroll:
Mr. Darryle Pinaud (Halifax Forum)**

On behalf of the members of Halifax City Council, Her Worship Mayor Ducharme presented Mr. Darryle Pinaud with the City's Retirement Scroll in recognition of his outstanding service (42 years) with the Halifax Forum Commission.

Deputy Mayor Stone presented Mrs. Pinaud with a floral corsage.

MINUTES

Minutes of a special meeting of Halifax City Council held on Wednesday, 22 January and of a regular meeting held on Thursday, 30 January 1992 were approved as circulated on a motion by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Meagher.

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

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

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- 20.1 Snow Clearing Regulations (Alderman Fitzgerald)
- 20.2 Food and Shelter Allowance
- 20.3 Public Workshop - Province of Nova Scotia
- 20.4 Bayers Road/Pennington Street - Traffic Improvements (Alderman Crowley)
- 20.5 Rules of Order of Council (Alderman Macdonald)
- 20.6 Drug Awareness - Public Meeting (Alderman O'Malley)
- 20.7 Halifax Taxi Hosts (Alderman Adams)
- 20.8 Waste Management Task Force - Progress Report #2

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

- 20.9 Sewer and Water Cost-Sharing: Ragged Lake

At the request of Deputy Mayor Stone, Council agreed to add:

- 20.10 Sears Canada - Catalogue Warehouse

The agenda, as amended, was approved on a motion by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Crowley.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Case No. 6261: Schedule "C" Development Agreement,
5780-88 West Street, 2400 Agricola Street and
5781 and 5785-87 Sarah Street

A public hearing into this matter had been held on Wednesday, 5 February 1992.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that:

- 1) City Council enter into a development agreement with Security Home Mortgage to permit use of the King Edward Inn as a hotel in conformance with

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the submitted plans, but with the following additional conditions:

- (a) that a two-storey addition, measuring ten feet by three feet, be constructed between 2400 Agricola Street and 5780-88 West Street to allow internal circulation within the building;
 - (b) that the existing parking lot located on Sarah Street be legalized;
 - (c) that the fencing proposed for installation around the parameters of the Sarah Street parking lot be of a type similar to the ornamental fencing recently installed at the Oxford Street School; and that a row of trees or shrubs also be provided to further buffer the lot from adjacent properties on John and Moran Streets;
 - (d) that the request for demolition vis a vis the structure located at 5781 Sarah Street be denied, and that the developer instead be required to make appropriate renovations to that property;
 - (e) that one accommodation room and a portion of a renovated stairway in the West Street section of the building be converted into two (2) meeting rooms, one in the basement area, the other on the Third Floor;
 - (f) that a dining room (currently unfinished) be converted into a restaurant; and that two accommodation rooms at 2400 Agricola Street (one in the basement area, the other on the First Floor) be converted into small meeting rooms;
 - (g) that, in recognition of its superior quality, the existing entrance on West Street be retained and used as a second emergency exit; and
 - (h) that a new entrance way be constructed leading from the parking lot.
- (2) Council require that the 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 and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including applicable appeal

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periods; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

Responding to a question from Alderman Hanson regarding (d) above, Alderman Meagher emphasized that, in his opinion, the structure at 5781 Sarah Street is in reasonable condition, and, given the number of housing units which have already been demolished in this area, should be retained.

The City Clerk advised that Deputy Mayor Stone and Alderman Pottie were absent from the 5 February public hearing.

The motion was put and passed with Deputy Mayor Stone and Alderman Pottie abstaining from the vote.

**Case No. 6394: Development Agreement -
1326 Barrington Street**

A public hearing into this matter had been held on Wednesday, 5 February 1992.

Alderman Downey noted that, in addition to the fact the City's Heritage Advisory Committee had recommended in favor of the proposed development agreement, no submissions in opposition to the application had been received.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that:

- a) the proposed development agreement to allow the U-2V use of the property, the internal conversion pursuant to Section 43AE of the Land Use Bylaw, or a limited variety of minor commercial uses as detailed in the agreement attached to the staff report dated 26 November 1991 be approved by Council; and
- b) the 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 and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including applicable appeal periods; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

The City Clerk advised that neither Deputy Mayor Stone nor Alderman Pottie had been present during the 5 February public hearing.

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The motion was put and passed with Deputy Mayor Stone and Alderman Pottie abstaining.

**Case No. 6416: Appeal of Minor Variance
Refusal - 1615 Preston Street**

This matter had been deferred from a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on 30 January 1992, a public hearing having previously been held on Wednesday, 22 January.

Noting that he would appreciate having additional time in order to work out a compromise with those concerned, it was moved by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council scheduled for Thursday, 27 February 1992.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

**Motion Alderman Fitzgerald: Reconsideration of
Council Resolution of 30 January 1992 Re:
Appointments - Halifax Industrial Commission**

Alderman Fitzgerald had given Notice of Motion of Reconsideration concerning this matter at a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, 30 January 1992.

Alderman Fitzgerald made reference to the Act establishing the Halifax Industrial Commission, noting, in particular, the sections which stipulate (1) that members shall hold office for three years; and (2) that, when replacement members are required, the new appointee shall hold office until the remainder of the first individual's term has been completed. The Alderman went on to refer to various pieces of correspondence forwarded to the individual in question by the City pertaining to his appointment(s) to the Halifax Industrial Commission, and suggested that, in terms of the sections previously mentioned, Council has not abided by the Act.

Alderman Fitzgerald advised that the Commission is currently in the process of finalizing its Marketing Plan, emphasizing that the individual in question has already devoted many hours of work to this project and is willing to see it through to its completion. He further noted that, in the opinion of the Industrial Commission, the continued appointment to the HIC of the individual in question would be in the best interests both of the Commission and of the City itself. The Alderman concluded his remarks by indicating that, if his

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Motion of Reconsideration is accepted, he will recommend that the individual be reappointed for a further three-year term and that appropriate changes are made to the Act.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that Council's motion of 30 January 1992 regarding appointments to the Halifax Industrial Commission be reconsidered.

The City Solicitor clarified the rationale underlying the letters of appointment referred to by Alderman Fitzgerald, acknowledging in the process that, owing to an oversight, the Act to establish the Halifax Industrial Commission had not yet been amended to more properly reflect Council's policy with regard to citizen appointments. In this context, however, Mr. Anstey emphasized that the appointments of all former members of the Industrial Commission had been addressed in precisely the same fashion as that of the individual in question.

Mr. Anstey subsequently responded to questions from various members of Council.

With reference to a question from Alderman Jeffrey, Her Worship Mayor Ducharme advised that, with regard to Council's motion made on 30 January (vis a vis new appointments to the Halifax Industrial Commission), none of the individuals in question had been officially contacted.

The motion to reconsider was put and passed.

Her Worship advised that the appointments to the Halifax Industrial Commission would be reconsidered and a recommendation submitted to Council at a later date.

NOTE: At a subsequent point in the meeting, Alderman Fitzgerald noted the Chairman had ruled that this matter would be referred once again to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for reconsideration. In this context, the Alderman pointed out that if a vote on the appointments to the Industrial Commission had been taken during tonight's meeting, he would have been successful in gaining the appointment of a particular individual to the Commission.

Acknowledging Alderman Fitzgerald's concerns in this matter, the Chairman advised that the nominees put forward for future consideration would not be the same as had been submitted to Council on 30 January.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 5 February 1992, as follows:

Enhancement Enforcement - Parking
Violations - Commissionaires

This matter had been forwarded to Council without recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that, under Section 201(1) of the City Charter, Council approve a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$15,360 to facilitate the hiring of commissionaires for the issuance of parking tickets; and that provision be made in the comparative figures for the 1992 budget in the amount of \$61,439 to cover the continued employment of these personnel.

Responding to a question from Alderman Jeffrey, the City Manager advised that, because of Union obligations and the requirement that fringe benefits be paid, the salaries of commissionaires (if placed on City staff) would be considerably higher than the amount now paid by the City of Halifax to the Corps of Commissionaires for their services.

Alderman Downey made reference to the meter burglaries recently experienced in the Dresden Row/Clyde/Birmingham Street area, emphasizing that, in his view, the meters should be removed in favor of hourly parking. In reference to the motion currently on the floor, the Alderman indicated that he could not support the approval of funds for additional commissionaires when, in his opinion, the money should more appropriately be spent on additional police officers.

Responding to a question from Alderman Downey, the City Manager advised that, while an estimate of the amount of money stolen from the meters in question was not available, it is thought to be considerably less than would have been the case before the City's new collection procedures were initiated.

Alderman Hanson indicated that while he intended to support the motion, he is extremely concerned about the public's disregard for the law in the matter of parking violations. In this context, the Alderman asked that staff provide him with an estimate of the amount of money currently owed to the City of Halifax in the form of outstanding parking tickets.

Responding to questions raised by Alderman Adams with regard to the accuracy of the figures contained in the staff recommendation of 15 January, the City Manager advised that clarification would be provided in a supplementary report to be made available, if at all possible, **by Wednesday, 19 February.**

In light of the City Manager's suggestion, it was moved by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Adams that the

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matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council, pending receipt of further information from staff.

The motion to defer was put and lost.

Alderman Pottie expressed concern that the motion, as it presently stands, requires Council to approve funding for the 1992/93 year in advance of the budget review process.

In deference to Alderman Pottie's concerns, an amendment to the motion was proposed by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that the words "and that provision be made in the comparative figures for the 1992 budget in the amount of \$61,439 to cover the continued employment of these personnel" be replaced with "and that a continuation of their services be deliberated as part of the 1992/93 budget review process."

The amendment to the motion was put and passed.

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

Maintenance Agreement No. 42

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Supplementary to Maintenance Agreement No. 42 as attached to the staff report of 21 January 1992, with the inclusion of the amendments as noted in the supplementary staff report of 3 February 1992, on behalf of the City.

The motion was put and passed.

Tender No. 91-142: Library
Renovations (Third Floor - Main Library)

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stone, seconded by Alderman Pottie that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council authorize an additional capital expenditure in the amount of \$2,811.03 to enable the Library to make final payments on the Reference Services renovations.

The motion was put and passed.

Report on Municipal Election Campaign Expenses

MOVED by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Report on Municipal Election Campaign Expenses, prepared by the Department of Municipal Affairs, be tabled until the completion of the 1992/93 budget deliberations.

In putting forward this motion, Alderman Macdonald urged interested members of the public to forward their comments on the matter of election campaign expenses to the Mayor's Office or to the Aldermen's Office, emphasizing that any suggestions or recommendations of this nature would be greatly appreciated.

The motion was put and passed.

Application for Heritage Fund Grant - St. Matthews Church, 1479 Barrington Street

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

- 1) City Council approve the continuation of the Heritage Fund Grant program for registered heritage churches in 1992 and 1993, with the existing grant eligibility guidelines; and
- 2) City Council approve a Heritage Fund Grant of \$8,000 to St. Matthew's Church to assist with the church exterior restoration work recommended by the Heritage Advisory Committee and approved by Council in 1991.

The motion was put and passed.

Acquisition of Civic No. 218-220 Herring Cove Road

This matter had been forwarded to Council without recommendation, pending receipt of additional information.

A supplementary staff report, dated 6 February 1992, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate release of liability which will allow the property

transfer (i.e., the acquisition of Civic Number 218-220 Herring Cove Road) to be completed.

The motion was put and passed.

Cost-Sharing: Open Space Abutting Streets

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Stone, seconded by Alderman Adams that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council direct staff to consider, with all other considerations of parkland and the open space strategy study, the issue of cost-sharing on local street construction where it abuts public open space.

The motion was put and passed.

Fairview Community Centre -
Main Avenue and Maple Street

Following is the recommendation approved by the Finance and Executive Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, 5 February 1992:

That:

- (1) Fairview Community Centre be declared surplus to City requirements and that tenders be called for its demolition;
- (2) staff be instructed to initiate procedures for a rezoning of the site from P to R-1; and
- (3) on completion of rezoning, staff be instructed to offer Lots 6 and 8 for sale by public tender as single-family (R-1) lots, subject to retention of a 50 square foot cut-off on Lot 8, with minimum bids to be established by a confirmatory appraisal.

Alderman Jeffrey advised that he had recently had an opportunity to discuss this matter in a preliminary fashion with Ms. Nancy Wooden of the City's Non-Profit Housing Division, who had suggested that the site might prove ideal for some badly-needed housing units.

It was therefore moved by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that:

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- (1) the Fairview Community Centre be declared surplus to City requirements and that tenders be called for its demolition; and that
- (2) a decision regarding the future use of the site in question be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council **scheduled for Wednesday, 19 February 1992.**

The motion was put and passed.

Presentation - YMCA

Following is the recommendation approved by the Finance and Executive Committee during its meeting on Wednesday, 5 February 1992: "That the report from the Halifax YMCA, entitled 'A Case for Support for Consideration by the City of Halifax,' be submitted to staff for comment and report to Council."

At the City Manager's request, it was moved by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, **scheduled for Wednesday, 19 February 1992.**

The motion to defer was put and passed.

9:15 p.m. - Her Worship Mayor Ducharme retires from the meeting, with Deputy Mayor Stone assuming the Chair.

West End Mall Office Space:
Social Planning Department

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City authorize a five-year lease at the West End Mall for 5,500 square feet under the terms as quoted in the staff report dated 29 January 1992, with provision for a five-year renewal option at the City's discretion.

In putting forward this motion, Alderman Downey reported that Mr. H. D. Crowell, Director of Social Planning, had assured him that, despite the office's relocation to the West End Mall, a site would be maintained in the Gottingen Street area at which forms would be available, and further, that the overall situation would be reassessed at a later date.

The motion was put and passed.

Food and Shelter Allowances

It was agreed that this matter (Agenda Item 20.2) would be dealt with at this time.

A supplementary staff report, dated 13 February 1992, was submitted.

Responding to a question from Alderman Downey, Mr. H. D. Crowell, Director of Social Planning, advised that, in the past, he has received assurances from the Province of Nova Scotia that they will provide cost-sharing at the rate of 75 percent **if** municipalities increased their food allowances to a level more on a par with current family benefit allowances. He went on to clarify, however, that the 75 percent cost-sharing is applicable only to the amount by which the food allowance is increased.

Mr. Crowell also advised that, if the current food allowances for those 18 and younger were increased, it would cost the City of Halifax approximately \$11,000 per month (gross), and \$3,800 per month (net).

Alderman Downey indicated that he wished to propose a motion pertaining to increases in these food allowances, contingent upon receipt of a report **at the 19 February meeting of Committee of the Whole Council** from the Director of Social Planning confirming Provincial cost-sharing in this regard.

With reference to comments from Alderman Downey that he would prefer to see the food allowances for those 18 and younger immediately increased, the City Manager cautioned Council that this decision should not, in his opinion, be made in isolation from the 1992/93 budgetary discussions scheduled for March-April.

9:25 p.m. - Her Worship Mayor Ducharme returns to the meeting, with Deputy Mayor Stone returning to his usual seat on Council.

After some further discussion, it was moved by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council, scheduled for Wednesday, 19 February 1992, pending a further report from the Director of Social Planning, commenting on the proposed increase in food allowances for children 18 years and younger and confirming Provincial cost-sharing arrangements.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

Nova Scotia Festival of Light (Alderman Downey)

During the 5 February meeting of Committee of the Whole Council, Alderman Downey requested that correspondence received from the Nova Scotia Festival of Light be referred to staff for a report.

An Information Report, dated 6 February 1992, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that the matter be deferred, pending receipt of a further staff report.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on Wednesday, 5 February 1992, as follows:

Contract #91-31, Oxford Street School Improvements

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council authorize an increase of the total project cost for Contract #91-31, Oxford Street School Improvements, from \$70,400 to \$74,000; funding to be approved from account no. 97021.

Motion passed.

Winter Parking Ban

Alderman Fitzgerald addressed the matter noting that there was a considerable discussion at the last Committee of the Whole Council with respect to this item. He went on to MOVE, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, the City's Snow Committee or staff provide Council with a complete report with respect to the City's policy regarding the Overnight Winter Parking Ban and that, after the report has been provided to Council, a public meeting be considered to hear the citizens concerns on this subject.

Motion passed.

Alderman Fitzgerald went on to raise the item with respect to the City's snow clearing policy. He advised that he is beginning to receive a number of calls with regard to street corners not being cleared, side-street snow removal, lack of

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knowledge about the City's snow removal policy, over-hanging ice from buildings, bus stop clearing, sidewalk clearing, etc.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Crowley that Council receive a detailed report from the Engineering and Works Department outlining the City's snow clearing policy so that the public can become better informed of what can or cannot be done.

Alderman Macdonald advised that he would like to be apprised of the Snow Committee's membership and where they can be reached.

The Chairman advised that the Snow Committee's membership would be circulated.

A lengthy discussion ensued with a number of Aldermen expressing concerns with respect to snow clearing and Mr. Peter S. Connell, Director of Engineering and Works, responding to questions.

Alderman Hanson noted that he had suggested at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting that a video tape be produced and shown at the beginning of a City Council meeting with regard to the whole snow clearing situation and operation. He advised that it was unfortunate that that presentation was not made at tonight's Council meeting. The Alderman asked that staff consider this request in the near future and provide a report as to why the video was not presented at this Council meeting.

Alderman Jeffrey made reference to the bus stop at Rosedale and Alex Avenues. He explained that snow had been cleared from this bus stop and dumped on the abutting property owner's front lawn. Alderman Jeffrey asked that the Director of Engineering and Works investigate this matter and assess the damages.

Alderman O'Malley noted that she had raised a number of concerns on behalf of seniors at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting with respect to snow removal. She advised that she had requested a report with respect to the steps the City could take to show some concern and compassion to seniors. Alderman O'Malley indicated that she had requested information regarding the services offered by Spencer House in relation to snow removal for seniors. The Alderman advised that she had subsequently contacted various schools and acquired names of students who would be willing to shovel for seniors.

The discussion continued and Alderman Downey asked for a report with respect to the potential costs with respect to sidewalk snow removal by the City.

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Alderman Pottie expressed the concern that many fire hydrants are buried in snow. He noted that in the past, at the start of every winter, a post would be placed in the ground identifying the location of the fire hydrants.

In response, Mr. Connell advised that this would be the responsibility of the Halifax Water Commission and that he would bring it to their attention.

In closing the debate, Alderman Fitzgerald reiterated that he would like to receive a report on the whole matter of the City's snow clearing policy.

The motion was put and passed.

Complaint - Resident of 101 Coronation Avenue

This matter was forwarded to City Council without recommendation pending a report from the City Solicitor.

A report from the City Solicitor dated 13 February 1992 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Meagher that this matter be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 19 February 1992** pending receipt of a further report.

Motion passed.

File #911707: 8" Safety Boots

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, authority be granted to place the order for 8" safety boots with Safety Supply Ltd., the lowest bidder meeting specifications, at a tendered price of \$36,076.22, with funds to be made available in various account numbers.

Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 13 February 1992, as follows:

Moosehead Grand Prix

This matter was forwarded to City Council without recommendation pending a report from the City Manager.

The following information was submitted:

- An information report dated 10 February 1992;
- A newspaper article entitled "Twice is enough" by D.H.Waller;
- A letter dated 12 February 1992 from J.C.Young, President of the Halifax County Condominium Corporation Number 31.

Alderman Meagher addressed the matter and proposed a motion that Council hold a public meeting on the Grand Prix. He added that the City should continue its work on the program for the protection of the Commons. With respect to a public meeting, Alderman Meagher suggested that this meeting should be advertised and should not take place during the school or university breaks.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that a public meeting be scheduled with respect to the Moosehead Grand Prix with the date to be established at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Alderman Downey addressed the matter pointing out that at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting Moosehead requested a three year commitment from Council. He expressed the view that Council should give approval to this commitment as soon as possible. Alderman Downey advised that he was also in support of holding a public meeting concerning the race course and concerns respecting the race.

The City Manager explained that unless there is a three year commitment from the City, there is not much point in holding a public meeting. He noted that Mr. MacKay, Moosehead Grand Prix Inc., explained at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting that, because of the financial considerations involved, they could not continue with this race on a year to year basis. Mr. Murphy added that one of the things requested by the Grand Prix organizers was a three year commitment by Council to the race.

Following a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that City Council support a three year commitment to allow the Moosehead Grand Prix to be held over the next three years.

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A discussion ensued, and the City Manager suggested that a decision with respect to the options for the race course be made on the basis of the discussion at the public meeting.

The discussion continued with Alderman Crowley requesting an outline of the benefits resulting from the Grand Prix race. The City Manager advised that he would provide a report in this regard.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed.

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

**Amendment to Ordinance 180, the Streets Ordinance
(SECOND READING)**

Consideration and Report with respect to this item was given at the last Committee of the Whole Council meeting held on 5 February 1992.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that City Council give **SECOND READING** to the amendment proposed for City Ordinance 180, the Streets Ordinance, attached as Appendix "A" to the City Solicitor's report of 13 December 1991.

Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 5 February 1992, as follows:

**Case No. 6313: Request for Plan Amendment -
Regatta Point Area**

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

A staff report dated 7 February 1992 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Adams that City Council set a date for a public hearing with respect to its intention to adopt amendments to the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw as set out in Appendix I of the staff report dated 7 February 1992.

Motion passed.

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The City Clerk advised that the public hearing date would be set for Monday, 23 March 1992, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Heritage Designation - Point Pleasant Park

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the heritage registration of Point Pleasant Park be deferred until the Park's Management Plan is in place.

Motion passed.

Case No. 6408: Development Agreement (Lot Modification)
9 Tremont Drive

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, a public hearing date be scheduled to consider the application for modification of the lot frontage requirement to enable subdivision of 9 Tremont Drive (Lot E) into three lots.

Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing date would be set for Monday, 23 March 1992, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

100 Leiblin Drive

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Alderman Adams addressed the matter and explained the issues involved with respect to 100 Leiblin Drive as outlined in the staff report of 27 January 1992. In his comments, Alderman Adams expressed the view that the City, the residents of the area, and also the owners of the building could all benefit from the acquisition of 100 Leiblin Drive for the purpose of the development of the Graves Oakley Park.

Referring to the report of January 27, Alderman Adams explained that the preliminary concept has possibilities of having four or five residential lots developed fronting on Leiblin Drive, sold without lateral connection services, for about \$100,000. As well, he noted that there was an adjustment for the existing sidewalk built on the owner's property and that the cost of expropriation could run from \$16,000 to \$40,000. The Alderman advised that the fence in question would cost about \$7000.

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Alderman Adams suggested, therefore, that there was a difference of \$100,000 in the asking price of \$240,000 being requested by the owner. The Alderman proposed that this was equivalent to the value of unoccupied land in the Bayers Lake Industrial Park which is presently not gaining any tax revenue. In his remarks, Alderman Adams suggested that the acquisition would not involve any movement of cash but was basically a land swap.

Alderman Adams went on to request that staff go back to the bargaining table with the owner of 100 Leiblin Drive in an attempt to negotiate a price with a view of acquiring 100 Leiblin Drive. The Alderman asked that staff report back to City Council at the Committee of the Whole Council meeting on 23 March 1992.

MOTIONS

Motion Alderman Adams Re: Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance

A staff report dated 7 February 1992 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hanson that City Council give FIRST READING to an amendment to Ordinance 116, The Taxi and Limousine Ordinance, to add section 21(4) as set out in the appendix attached to the report from the City Solicitor dated 7 February 1992; and, further, that this matter be forwarded to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on 19 February 1992 for CONSIDERATION AND REPORT.

Motion passed.

Motion Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Terms for Citizen Appointments - Halifax Bds, Committees & Commissions

This item was discussed at the City Council meeting of 30 January 1992.

The Chairman suggested that this item be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting so that information could be provided to the newly appointed Aldermen.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that this item be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on 19 February 1992.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Appointments

A report from Her Worship Mayor Ducharme dated 13 February 1992 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Adams
that the following appointments be approved:

TAXI COMMISSION

Shirley Comeau
(Term to expire 31 January 1994)

POINT PLEASANT PARK COMMISSION

Sheila Haliburton
(Term to expire 31 January 1994)

Deputy Mayor Stone pointed out that there was still a vacancy on the Point Pleasant Park Commission.

Motion passed.

11:15 p.m. Her Worship Mayor Ducharme retired from the meeting with Deputy Mayor Stone assuming the seat of the Chair.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re:
Major Stephen's Junior High School

Alderman Jeffrey advised that he was still awaiting a report with respect to the status of the Major Stephen's Junior High School.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Flooding -
Hillcrest and Rufus Streets

Alderman Jeffrey asked that staff investigate the flooding situation at the intersection at Hillcrest and Rufus Streets. He advised that the catch basins in this area should be cleaned.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Flooding - Rockwood Avenue

Alderman Jeffrey advised that Mr. Bill Sullivan, Chief Engineer, has been investigating a problem on Rockwood Avenue with respect to flooding. He asked that Mr. Sullivan continue to monitor this situation.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Dog License

Alderman Jeffrey advised that he had received a telephone call from a gentleman residing at 4 Sunnybrae Avenue. The Alderman explained that this gentleman had applied for a dog license and paid for the license on January 30th. Alderman Jeffrey informed Council that a receipt was issued for the license on February 10th and that on the same date the gentleman had to dispose of his dog because of an illness.

Alderman Jeffrey went on to explain that the gentleman contacted the City of Halifax to find out whether or not he could be reimbursed for his license and was apparently ridiculed by a member of staff. Alderman Jeffrey asked that the City Manager look into this matter, determine the member of staff who had dealt with this matter and why this gentleman could not obtain a refund.

Question Alderman Macdonald Re: Traffic -
Lower Water Street

Alderman Macdonald referred to a concern he had received with respect to a dangerous location for traffic on Lower Water Street. He explained that a dangerous situation exists for the traffic coming south on Barrington Street crossing the roadway going into Purdy's Wharf and the Sheraton Hotel. Alderman Macdonald indicated that he would appreciate it if the Traffic Authority would investigate the situation and ensure that the regulations pertaining to safety are enforced in this area and whether anything could be done to lessen the danger.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Incinerator Location

Alderman Fitzgerald requested that the City Manager, through the Office of the Mayor, ask Mr. Mort Jackson of the Metropolitan Authority for a detailed report on the City of Dartmouth's second proposal for the incinerator. The Alderman indicated that he would like to receive a list of the second set of demands, and how they were dealt with.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Go-Time

Alderman Fitzgerald noted that he had read an article in the newspaper recently indicating that the Go-Time computer was not in good shape and asked for a report on whether or not this was accurate.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Halifax Civic Arena

Alderman Fitzgerald requested a report with respect to the condition of the Halifax Civic Arena.

Question Fitzgerald Re: Fire Hydrants

Noting that there were approximately 2100 fire hydrants in the City of Halifax, Alderman Fitzgerald questioned whether there was a problem of locating these fire hydrants in the snow and if it was creating a safety problem.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: National Film Board -
City Club and Khyber Building

Alderman Fitzgerald requested a report updating Council on the status of the site of the former National Film Board and the City Club and Khyber Building.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Walkway -
Scotia Square and the Metro Centre

Alderman Fitzgerald asked for a report with respect to the suggestion of a walkway between Scotia Square and the Metro Centre which has been discussed at various times in the past.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Assessment

Referring to an information report dated 3 February 1992, Alderman Fitzgerald expressed concern with respect to the in assessment for various properties in the City of Halifax. The Alderman expressed particular concern with respect to the assessment of the Halifax Port Corporation, the Canadian National Railway, and T.U.N.S. Alderman Fitzgerald went on to request that staff investigate those properties and determine why their assessments have been decreased so drastically.

Question Alderman Fitzgerald Re: Municipal Grants

Alderman Fitzgerald referred to a letter from Municipal Affairs Department dated 3 February 1992 regarding the change in municipal grants. The Alderman questioned whether the change affected the City favourably or unfavourably.

Question Alderman Downey Re: B.I.D.C.

Alderman Downey referred to the letter he had received from Mr. Medjuck, Centennial Properties, concerning the B.I.D.C. and the tax that was assessed to them. The Alderman noted that Mr. Medjuck is requesting reconsideration of the motion with respect to the B.I.D. tax.

Alderman Downey requested a staff report respecting the tax increase which would affect the major hotels throughout the City. He also asked that staff comment on the request to reconsider the motion of the B.I.D.C.

Alderman Downey submitted a letter concerning the matter dated 10 February 1992 at this time from Mr. Medjuck.

Question Alderman Adams Re: Taxi Stands

Alderman Adams requested that Engineering and Works staff, in consultation with the taxi drivers, endeavour to have some of the larger cab stands placed on a priority list for snow removal.

Question Alderman Adams Re: Feldspar Crescent

Alderman Adams advised that some of the concrete sidewalks on Feldspar Crescent had been damaged and replaced with asphalt. He expressed the concern that the asphalt is not very aesthetically pleasing and questioned why the sidewalks were replaced with asphalt and whether there were any plans to convert the entire sidewalk to concrete again.

Question Alderman Adams Re: Spryfield Legion Branch 152

Alderman Adams advised that the Spryfield Legion Branch 152 is erecting a cenotaph in late Spring. He noted that it was his understanding that a staff report in respect of the matter had been provided to the Legion by the previous Alderman for the area. Alderman Adams indicated that he would like to be provided with a copy of that report.

Question Alderman Crowley Re: CN Crossing -
Morningside Drive

Alderman Crowley asked for an update with respect to the letter she had requested at a previous Council meeting to be sent to CN regarding the crossing in the Morningside Drive area behind the Sears Shopping Centre.

Question Alderman Crowley Re: West End Mall

Alderman Crowley noted that she had requested at a previous City Council meeting that the owners of the West End Mall be contacted with regard to cracks and gulleys in the walkways to their property. She questioned the status of this request.

Question Alderman Crowley Re: Olivett Street

Alderman Crowley referred to the flooding situation caused by the brook on Olivett Street. She requested a report in respect of the matter and steps that are being taken to monitor the problem on an on-going basis. The Alderman noted that a serious flooding situation could occur once the snow melts.

Question Alderman Crowley Re: Snow Removal

Alderman Crowley noted that she had travelled in the City's snow plows on two occasions. The Alderman asked for a detailed report from the Engineering and Works Department with respect to the following areas in which she had particular concern: Joseph Howe Drive (the amount of snow going over to the residential side of the street rather than to the commercial side where there are no homes); Chebucto Road (the snow is piling up on the residential side of the street); Quinpool Road (the plows travel with their blades up).

Question Alderman O'Malley Re: Sale of Beer and Wine
in Convenience and Grocery Stores

Alderman O'Malley advised that Council had passed a motion two weeks ago indicating Council's opposition to the sale of beer and wine in convenience stores and grocery stores. She added that part of motion requested that a letter be sent to the Premier conveying Council's opposition. The Alderman questioned whether this letter had been sent and, if so, that Council members be provided with a copy.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re: Halifax Civic Hospital

Alderman O'Malley questioned whether any rent had been collected from the Province with respect to the Halifax Civic Hospital.

In response, the City Manager explained that the City has the money but that there is some question with respect to how the surplus of the Civic Hospital is to be spent. He

advised that a report respecting the issue of the surplus and rent would be provided.

Alderman O'Malley went on to question whether the papers have been drawn up to wind up the Board and to suitably discharge the Board of the Civic Hospital.

The City Manager advised that it was his understanding that the Board would be discharged after the City received the final Auditors' Report.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re: Camp Hill Hospital

Alderman O'Malley noted that Camp Hill Hospital has just announced a lay-off of approximately 35 employees. Alderman O'Malley questioned whether any of those employees had come from the Civic Hospital.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Almon and Robie Streets Crossing

Alderman Meagher requested that tomorrow staff investigate the corner of Almon and Robie Streets, at the Mr. Transmission location. Noting that a great number of blind people travel this route, Alderman Meagher expressed the concern that it is a very dangerous crossing.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Moran Street

Alderman Meagher noted that snow removal was needed on one side of Moran Street.

Question Alderman O'Malley Re: Refundable Bottles

Alderman O'Malley noted that the Province recently initiated a program with respect to refunding money on their liquor cans. The Alderman expressed the view that it was time that a program was established for returnable pop bottles in place of plastic bottles. He went on to request that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment requesting that they encourage pop companies to begin a program with respect to refundable and reusable bottles.

Alderman O'Malley also suggested that something should be done in relation to chipping tires before they are sent to the landfill site or for alternate uses such as pavement.

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Question Alderman Hanson Re: Activity in the Cowie Hill
Road and Old Sambro Road Area

Alderman Hanson asked that staff inform him of the activity taking place between the Cowie Hill Road and the Old Sambro Road on the east side south of the City Field Department.

Question Alderman Jeffrey Re: Retreat Avenue

Alderman Jeffrey advised that he had received numerous calls from residents on Retreat Avenue concerning snow removal. He explained that Retreat Avenue is a very narrow dead-end street and that the residents are concerned that the cul-de-sac at the bottom of the street is not being plowed. Alderman Jeffrey asked that staff investigate and monitor this situation to ensure that the street is wide enough for people to get in and out of their driveways.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Crowley Re: Ordinance Number 156,
the Pollution Control Charge Ordinance

Alderman Crowley gave Notice of Motion that at the next meeting of Halifax City Council to be held on Thursday, the 27th day of February 1992, she proposes to introduce for first reading an amendment to Ordinance Number 156, the Pollution Control Charge Ordinance. She advised that the purpose of the amendment is to bring the date for setting the pollution control charge in line with the City's new fiscal year.

Notice of Motion Alderman Adams Re: Ordinance 116,
the City's Taxi and Limousine Ordinance

Alderman Adams gave Notice of Motion that at the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council, to be held on Thursday, 27 February 1992, he proposes to introduce a motion to amend Ordinance 116, the City's Taxi and Limousine Ordinance. He advised that the purpose of this amendment is to expand the membership of the Commission to include increased representation from the Halifax taxi industry.

ADDED ITEMS

Snow Clearing Regulations (Alderman Fitzgerald)

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

The Alderman advised that this item was covered earlier in the meeting under the item "Winter Parking Ban".

Food and Shelter Allowances

This item was dealt earlier in the meeting following item 10.10.

Public Workshop - Province of Nova Scotia

This item was added during the setting of the agenda at the request of the City Clerk.

The City Manager provided a verbal report at this time with respect to the above item. He informed Council that a workshop was being conducted by the Province of Nova Scotia on the subject of "Nova Scotia's Priorities, Living within our Means". He advised that this workshop has travelled throughout the Province and will be sitting at the Community College on Bell Road. The City Manager advised that Mr. Crowell, Director of Social Planning, has expressed to him on a number of occasions ideas about getting better value for the dollar and programs attempting to divert unemployment insurance to re-training. The City Manager requested Council's approval for Mr. Crowell and himself to appear at this workshop and express views on behalf of the City of Halifax.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Downey that Mr. Donald F. Murphy, City Manager, and Mr. Harold D. Crowell, Director of Social Planning, be authorized to make a presentation to the workshop sponsored by the Province of Nova Scotia.

Motion passed.

Bayers Road/Pennington Street - Traffic Improvements
(Alderman Crowley)

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

Alderman Crowley addressed the matter and advised that she had sent a memorandum dated 7 February 1992 to the Director of the Engineering and Works Department, with copies

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to members of Council, concerning the Bayers Road/Pennington Street traffic improvements.

As noted in her memorandum, Alderman Crowley advised that City Council approved a motion at the February 6th Council meeting that no further action be taken on this project by City staff until the following matters were resolved at least on an interim basis: the alignment problem due to the recently installed median; a modification to address the left-turn problem for users exiting Pennington Avenue onto Bayers Road; a report to be submitted to the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council scheduled for Wednesday, 22 January 1992, respecting the outcome of the monitoring and the type of monitoring undertaken on this portion of Bayers Road. Subsequent to this motion, the Alderman noted that Council received an information report dated 22 January 1992.

Alderman Crowley went on to express her surprise when the traffic improvements at this site were recently re-activated. She explained that she thought her motion of December 12th put a hold on this project until Council had an opportunity to address the matter. Alderman Crowley requested that no further action be taken on this project other than the direction in the approved motion of City Council of December 12th.

Following a short discussion, Mr. Peter S. Connell, Director of Engineering and Works, advised that work could cease until the next meeting of Committee of the Whole Council/Special Council to be held on **Wednesday, 4 March 1992**.

Referring to the January 20th information report, Alderman Crowley noted that the report states that "staff has monitored a.m. peak, p.m. peak, and off-peak traffic flow in the Bayers Road/Pennington Street area and that there were no safety problems observed..." Regarding the forth coming report to be sent to Council from the Traffic Authority on the signals, Alderman Crowley indicated that it was her hope that this would be a staff report with a recommendation for Council's discussion. Further, Alderman Crowley requested that she be informed of the procedure with respect to the monitoring, the actual time of the monitoring, and how it is being done.

Rules of Order of Council (Alderman Macdonald)

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

Alderman Macdonald addressed the matter and noting that Council meetings frequently run late, suggested that consideration be given to a change in the order of Question Period on Council's agenda. He suggested that Question Period

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be dealt with nearer to the middle of Council's agenda rather than at the end as it was often very late in the evening when the Question section of the agenda was considered. For example, Alderman Macdonald suggested Questions be dealt with following Petitions and Delegations. Alderman Macdonald explained that some Aldermen may have questions but may not have an interest in items that follow due to the lateness of the hour.

Alderman Macdonald also requested that consideration be given to beginning City Council meetings earlier in the evening.

Alderman Macdonald requested a report from the City Manager indicating how changes such as these may be considered and whether the Rules of Order of Council could easily be amended.

It was agreed that this item would be considered at a Committee of the Whole Council meeting pending receipt of a report from the City Manager.

Drug Awareness - Public Meeting (Alderman O'Malley)

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

Alderman O'Malley addressed the matter and advised Council that each member of Council will be receiving an invitation to a meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, being sponsored by the Ward 5 Drug Prevention Committee. She advised that this meeting will be held in the Ward 5 Community Centre beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman O'Malley advised that she would also be inviting the Mayor's Task Force on Drugs to this meeting.

Halifax Taxi Hosts (Alderman Adams)

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

A report from Alderman Adams, Chairman of the Halifax Taxi Commission, dated 13 February 1992, was submitted.

Alderman Adams addressed the matter and explained, as indicated in his report of February 13th, that the Halifax Taxi Commission is requesting permission to release a total of \$340.00 to four (4) members of the Halifax Taxi Hosts Advisory Committee as enrolment fees vis a vis the seminar entitled "Developing a Business and Marketing Plan for the

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Tourism/Hospitality/Service Industry." Alderman Adams added that funds for this purpose were available in the Commission's budget.

The City Solicitor explained that, it was his understanding, the recommendation of the Solicitor to the Taxi Commission was that she did not believe this was an item for which there was any provision for in the budget of the Commission. Therefore, he noted that it was her opinion that the Commission did not have the authority to spend the money on its own. The City Solicitor advised that there was also concern as to whether the Commission or the City had the authority to approve money for items of this nature.

A short discussion followed with Alderman Fitzgerald speaking in favour of the program. However, Alderman Fitzgerald expressed the opinion that Council should receive a report from the City Manager with respect to the funding of this program prior to Council's approval, to which Council agreed. It was further agreed that a report would be provided at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 19 February 1992.**

Waste Management Task Force - Progress Report #2

This item was added during the setting of the agenda.

An information report dated 11 February 1992 respecting the above item was submitted.

Sewer & Water Cost Sharing - Ragged Lake (Alderman Jeffrey)

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

Alderman Jeffrey addressed the matter and advised that a few months ago Council went on record as supporting approximately 1.2 million dollars with respect to an industry which was to locate in the Ragged Lake Industrial Park. The Alderman added that Council had requested Provincial cost sharing in relation to this project. He pointed out that the Province had reported that, if Council approved a motion in respect of the project, that they would give favourable consideration to its cost sharing.

Alderman Jeffrey went on to advise that it has been two months since Council went on record supporting this project and that confirmation from the Province with respect to the cost sharing has not yet been received. He pointed out that the Company locating in the Park is willing to invest approximately 5 to 6 million dollars of private funds which will create many badly needed jobs in the City. The Alderman

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expressed the concern that these funds will not be available much longer if the Province does not approve cost sharing for sewer and water services.

Alderman Jeffrey requested that the City Manager or Her Worship the Mayor contact the Province and make a plea for a commitment for cost sharing. He asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 19 February 1992**, and that hopefully the Province's commitment with respect to funding will be received by that time.

Sears Canada Warehouse Catalogue (Deputy Mayor Stone)

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor Stone.

Deputy Mayor Stone addressed the matter and expressed concern that the Sears Canada Catalogue Warehouse for eastern Canada, which is located in Halifax, is closing. He noted that this was very serious for the people of Halifax because approximately 154 full time and 656 part time employees are affected. The Deputy Mayor expressed the view that Council should express its concern in this regard.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that a letter be sent from the Office of the Mayor to Sears expressing Council's grave concern with respect to the closure and, further, that a letter of concern also be sent to the Provincial Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, Mr. Tom McInnis.

Motion passed.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 a.m.

HER WORSHIP MAYOR MOIRA DUCHARME
AND
DEPUTY MAYOR BILL STONE
CHAIRMEN

E. A. KERR, CMC
CITY CLERK

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**SPECIAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS
MINUTES**

Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
19 February 1992
7:30 P. M.

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

The meeting was called to order with members of Council joining with those present in the public gallery in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Bill Stone, Chairman; and Aldermen Holland, Fitzgerald, Downey, O'Malley, Pottie, Adams, Hanson, Jeffrey and Macdonald.

ALSO: City Clerk; Mr. Barry Allen, representing the City Solicitor; and other members of City staff.

ADDED ITEMS

**City of Halifax Waste Management Task
Force - Recommendation: Appointment of Consultant**

This matter had been forwarded from a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held earlier in the day at which time the following motion had been approved:

That, as recommended by the City of Halifax Waste Management Task Force, Sound Resource Management Group Inc. of Seattle, Washington and their associate consultant, Angus Environmental Limited of Don Mills, Ontario, a member of their project team, be requested to conduct the evaluation of waste management options as set out in their submission to the Task Force dated 14 February 1992.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Pottie that Halifax City Council approve an amount up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) under Section 201(1) of the Halifax City Charter to hire Sound Resource Management Group Inc. of Seattle, Washington, and their associate consultant, Angus Environment Limited of Don Mills, Ontario, a member of their project team, to undertake the Waste Management Study as set out in the staff report dated 18 February 1992.

The motion was put and passed.

Halifax Taxi Hosts

This matter had been forwarded from a regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held earlier in the day.

MOVED by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Halifax City Council give permission to the Halifax Taxi Commission to expend a total of Three Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$340.00) to four (4) members of the Halifax Taxi Hosts Advisory Committee as enrolment fees vis a vis the seminar entitled "Developing a Business and Marketing Plan for the Tourism/Hospitality/Service Industry."

The motion was put and passed.

Access-A-Bus Service

This matter had been forwarded from a regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held earlier in the day.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- 1) Halifax City Council go on record as supporting the Access-A-Bus service as an **integrated** part of the overall transit service;
- 2) the Metropolitan Authority be requested to hire an independent, qualified consultant to review the existing Access-A-Bus operation and make recommendation as to how the service might be improved; and
- 3) the Metropolitan Authority be asked to approach the appropriate Provincial Department with a view to acquiring cost-sharing for this essential and vital service.

The motion was put and passed.

Lacewood Connector

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that this matter be forwarded without recommendation to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council **scheduled for Thursday, 27 February 1992.**

The motion was put and passed.

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Complaint - Resident of 101 Coronation Avenue

This matter had been forwarded from a meeting of the Committee on Works held earlier in the day.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Adams that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the City of Halifax pay to Ms. Shirley Rumsey the amount of \$194.57 being the damages caused to her motor vehicle when it struck the manhole cover.

The motion was put and passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Re: Case No. 6398 -
Development Agreement: 124 Kearney Lake Road

A public hearing concerning the above-noted matter was held at this time, with an Information Report, dated 15 January 1992 being submitted.

Providing Council with a brief overview of the 25 November staff report, Mr. Gary Porter of the City's Development and Planning Department noted that the application pertains to various improvements (including the construction of two additional service bays and a separate car wash facility) to the Petro-Canada Limited service station located at 124 Kearney Lake Road. He pointed out that, because the property in question is zoned as Schedule "K," further development is permissible only with Council's approval.

In his remarks, Mr. Porter noted that there had previously been some concern with regard to the effluent which will be discharged from the car wash into the sanitary sewer. He went on to advise, however, that in a letter dated 13 January 1992 (and attached to the 15 January Information Report), the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment has indicated that, in their opinion, these discharges should not have a detrimental effect on Kearney Lake. Mr. Porter concluded his remarks by indicating that, in staff's view, the proposed expansion of the Petrocan facility is compatible with all applicable Plan policies and should therefore be approved.

Mr. Bradley Beaman, Petro-Canada's Engineering Coordinator for the Atlantic Region, indicated that he was available to answer any questions with regard to the application.

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There were no persons wishing to address Council either in support of or in opposition to this proposal.

It was subsequently moved by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Pottie that:

- (1) the application for a development agreement to permit expansion of the Petro-Canada service station at 124 Kearney Lake Road to permit construction of additional service bays and car wash as shown on Plans P200/18523-18541, inclusive of Case No. 6398 be approved by City Council;
- (2) the 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 and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including applicable appeal periods; otherwise, this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end;
- (3) Council direct staff, once this particular application is disposed of, to review the zoning of the land with a view to recommending the appropriate zone for commercial uses to be permitted in.

The motion was put and passed.

**Public Hearing Re: Case No. 6316 - Rezoning
From RC-2 to RC-3 and Lot Modification:
1336-44 Hollis Street**

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

Mr. Paul Dunphy, a Planner with the City's Development and Planning Department, provided members of Council with a brief overview of the proposed rezoning and lot modification with respect to the property located at 1336-44 Hollis Street. In his remarks, Mr. Dunphy noted that these changes are being requested in order that plans for a 55-unit apartment building (with commercial space on the ground floor and underground parking) on this site might proceed.

Mr. Dunphy went on to advise that the neighborhood in which the property in question is located has been designated by the Municipal Planning Strategy as "Residential-Commercial Mix" with both medium- and high-density uses scattered

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throughout the area. In this context, Mr. Dunphy emphasized that many of the existing high-density uses (such as Renaissance South and Waterfront Place) are, in fact, larger in scale and contain more units than the apartment building proposed for the site under consideration.

The "heritage" character of this neighborhood was also cited as an important element for consideration in this portion of Hollis Street. Mr. Dunphy pointed out that the MPS attempts to retain the heritage character of areas such as this by encouraging that the design of any new buildings be "architecturally complementary and sensitive to the principal features" of the existing heritage buildings. In this context, it was noted that while the proposed apartment building will be larger than the surrounding heritage structures, its scale will be complementary since only the front portion of the building along Hollis Street will be visible in relation to those buildings. Making reference to the staff report of 13 January 1992, Mr. Dunphy went on to point out various other design measures proposed by the developer to render his building more compatible with the heritage character of the surrounding neighborhood. He added that the City's Heritage Advisory Committee had reviewed this application during the course of several meetings and, as a result, had made a number of recommendations, to which the developer had agreed.

In terms of the proposed lot modification, Mr. Dunphy indicated that, in staff's view, the changes will not create any adverse side effects but will, in fact, "serve to maintain and enhance the streetscape as well as the context of Pryor Terrace, a registered heritage property."

In conclusion, Mr. Dunphy advised that staff have reviewed this application in some detail and are consequently recommending Council's approval of the proposed rezoning and development agreement.

The Chairman then called for comments from those present in the public gallery.

Mr. Allan Ruffman, owner of a business located at 5512 Prince Street, addressed Council with regard to the proposed zoning change. In his remarks, Mr. Ruffman pointed out that in these times of economic hardship, it is reasonable to expect that some development projects will fail. He therefore strongly recommended that, should the proposed rezoning proceed, the City should move to protect itself at this point in time from any as-of-right development in the new RC-3 Zone which may not be as compatible as the application under consideration with the heritage character of the neighborhood. In this context (and making specific reference to the draft agreement attached to the 13 January staff report), Mr. Ruffman proposed that Clauses 2(a) and (b)

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renumbered to 2(b) and (c), and that a new Clause 2(a) be inserted to read:

If the development is not begun within six months of final approval of Halifax City Council, or any other bodies as necessary whichever approval is later including applicable periods, then this agreement will terminate, and the zoning will revert from RC-3 back to RC-2 (Residential Minor Commercial Zone).

Mr. Ruffman also made reference to the staff report which indicates ". . . window sills and corners are simply highlighted with precast concrete blocks," and suggested that, instead, the lintels/highlighting stones facing Hollis Street should be of some natural Nova Scotia stone such as granite. It was Mr. Ruffman's opinion that an amendment of this nature would result in a greater continuity of design.

Mr. Andrew Metledge, President of Templeton Place Limited, addressed Council, noting that he has been working with staff for the past three months in an attempt to design a mutually acceptable structure for the property at 1336-44 Hollis Street. Mr. Metledge emphasized that, in the process of this design review, he has made every attempt to be sensitive to the unique character of the surrounding area and to take the concerns raised by abutting property owners into consideration.

In response to Mr. Ruffman's previously expressed concerns regarding the construction schedule for this project, Mr. Metledge advised that, should this application be approved by Council within the next two weeks, it is anticipated that work would begin in the Spring with occupancy slated for late Fall, creating employment for approximately 25 individuals.

With reference to Mr. Ruffman's suggestion regarding materials for the window sills and corners, Mr. Metledge advised that he proposes to use a type of concrete that, in appearance, is very similar to that of natural stone. In this context, he indicated that the price and availability of natural stone, as recommended by Mr. Ruffman, rendered it inappropriate for this project.

Mr. Gary Foshay, owner of the property located at 1346 Hollis Street, addressed Council, expressing concern regarding what he termed a "significant problem" with surface water which originates in the Barrington Street area, runs through the site currently under consideration, and into the general Hollis Street area. Mr. Foshay pointed out that, at the present time, some of this water collects against a wall of a building which is now proposed for demolition in the terms of the draft development agreement. He therefore suggested that the developer in question might be asked to make suitable

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provision, not only for the water which originates on his property, but also in terms of that which flows through it.

On another but related matter, Mr. Foshay asked that particular consideration be given to the quality of the materials proposed for use in the Hollis Street facade of the new building. In this context, he urged that these materials be chosen to be consistent with the Pryor Terrace group of buildings and particularly with his residence at 1346 Hollis.

Mr. Foshay went on to note that there is also some concern regarding the facade on the north side of the proposed building; i.e., parallel to the Bishop Street side. Indicating that plans call for what he termed a "modern veneer," he suggested that instead greater consideration were given to the heritage nature of the surrounding buildings in terms of perhaps extending the lintels and cornerstones along this side of the structure.

Mr. Foshay concluded his remarks by emphasizing that, owing to the unique character of many of the residences in this section of Hollis Street, a very distinct feeling of "community" has developed among area residents. In this context, he pointed out that because apartment buildings by their nature do not often generate that kind of atmosphere, residents hope that the developer will do all that he can in terms of design detail to enable his building to integrate as much as possible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. John Murray, owner of property at 1332 Hollis Street, expressed concern regarding the stability of his foundation on the north side, adding that this side of his building presently has a frost cover of earth approximately 4 feet 6 inches deep. Mr. Murray emphasized that this frost cover is scheduled to be removed in conjunction with the proposed development, and despite the developer's assurances that a retaining wall be erected at this location, expressed the view that his foundation will be negatively affected.

Mr. Murray went on to advise that he had been one of the original "pioneers" who had undertaken to purchase and restore residences in this portion of Hollis Street in the early 1980's. He expressed considerable concern that, with the growing increase of apartment buildings in the area, the population density of the neighborhood is increasing and the unique heritage "atmosphere" is being lost, to the detriment of property values. He therefore urged Council to be particularly sensitive to the impacts of "mass" and "density" on this particular portion of Hollis Street.

Mr. Graham Duffus, a resident of 1110 Barrington Street, concurred with the concerns raised by the previous speaker, Mr. Murray, pointing out that the proposed apartment

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building is slated for construction in the middle of a City block that has long been recognized for its heritage buildings. Like Mr. Murray, Mr. Duffus expressed the view that the proposed rezoning was unfair to existing residents who had expended considerable effort and money in the restoration of their buildings, and urged that the RC-2 designation be retained. Should Council grant approval to this application, however, Mr. Duffus strongly recommended that every effort be made to ensure that the developer adheres to the terms of the development agreement, particularly in terms of design detail.

In conclusion, Mr. Duffus suggested that the dark brown brick proposed for use in the new structure would be incompatible with the mostly red brick or light brown sandstone which is generally used throughout the surrounding neighborhood. He therefore recommended that if a brown brick is used, consideration be given to some of the lighter tones.

Mr. Blair Beed, a resident of 5510 Spring Garden Road, made reference to the proposed underground garage and its effect on the general drainage capabilities of the surrounding properties. Again with reference to the garage, Mr. Beed wondered if the proposed gateposts should not be set further back in order to afford motorists and pedestrians greater visibility.

Mr. Beed further noted that a commercial element is also proposed for the building, and strongly urged that controls be placed on the signage associated with those commercial uses to ensure that they are in keeping with the heritage nature of the surrounding neighborhood.

A discussion ensued with regard to the concerns raised by various of the speakers on the matter of surface water flowing down from the Barrington Street area. Members of Council strongly recommended that this problem should be resolved, and suggested that residents and the developer in question meet with staff in order to discuss the problem in greater detail.

In this context, Alderman Fitzgerald indicated that, in his view, the owners of Templeton Place Limited should not be held totally responsible for this drainage problem, pointing out that it is the negligence of certain property owners on Barrington Street which is also at fault.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the matter be forwarded without recommendation to the next regular meeting of Halifax City Council **scheduled for Thursday, 27 February 1992.**

The motion was put and passed.

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The following information with regard to this matter was received:-

- Correspondence, dated 6 February 1992, from Dr. R. Collins, 5170 Bishop Street, Halifax, B3J 1C9; and
- Correspondence, dated 11 February 1992, from George Rogers and Vernon MacFawn, Wallace Street Equities, 5182 Bishop Street, Halifax, B3J 1C9.

9:10 p.m. - Alderman Jeffrey retired from the meeting.

**Public Hearing Re: Case No. 6404 -
2278-80 Quinn Street (Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal)**

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

There was some question as to whether Council should proceed with this matter, given the fact that Alderman Crowley had been unable to attend.

After some discussion, it was moved by Alderman Pottie, seconded by Alderman Adams that the public hearing proceed.

The motion was put and passed.

Mr. Gary Porter, a Planner with the City's Development and Planning Department, briefly overviewed the Development Officer's decision to refuse an application for a minor variance at 2278-80 Quinn Street, particularly with regard to lot frontage, lot area and side yard requirements.

In his remarks, Mr. Porter advised that the two and a half storey building presently contains two dwelling units and a home occupation to which the owner wishes to add (by raising the structure's roof) a two-bedroom dwelling unit. He went on to point out that, in the opinion of the Developer Officer, the variances requested would have too great an impact on the amount of amenity space relative to this site and were also major in nature. Consequently, the request had been refused.

Mr. Porter concluded his remarks by advising that staff had received a call earlier in the day from one of the abutters, Mrs. June Timmins, who indicated that she was strongly opposed to the proposed modifications.

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Mr. Maurice Van Driessche, owner of the property in question, addressed Council briefly with reference to his letter to the City's Development Officer, dated 16 December 1991. In his remarks, Mr. Van Driessche emphasized that his decision to add a further apartment unit to his residence was merely a matter of cost-effectiveness since he had already been advised his entire roof will have to be replaced owing to a leakage problem. Mr. Van Driessche further indicated that, in his opinion, his proposal would have no impact on the character of the existing Quinn Street neighborhood, particularly given the number of duplexes and triplexes in the immediate vicinity. He concluded his remarks by emphasizing to Council that the property at 2278-80 Quinn Street is considerably larger than any of the others on the street, suggesting that the addition of another dwelling unit will make no discernible difference to the overall character of the street or neighborhood.

Mr. Kenneth Lance, a resident of 6969 Chebucto Road, addressed Council in support of the Developer Officer's decision to refuse this request. In his remarks, Mr. Lance suggested that to overturn that decision would be comparable to "opening a Pandora's Box" with regard to future development on Quinn Street and its impact on the character of the neighborhood. Mr. Lance went on to point out that another apartment incorporated into the residence in question will undoubtedly create problems in terms of vehicular traffic and parking. Furthermore, he noted that because the structure is located at the top of a hill, the raising of the roof still further will be obtrusive and detract from the general character of the Quinn Street neighborhood. In this context, Mr. Lance emphasized that Council should be sensitive to the impact on their action on the resale value (i.e., the loss of desirability) with respect to abutting properties.

Mr. Lance also submitted a letter from Mrs. Gwen Carmichael of 2199 Blink Bonnie Terrace in opposition to the proposed renovations.

In conclusion, Mr. Lance suggested that the City may wish to reconsider its notification requirements in instances such as these, suggested that the 100 foot radius guideline should be expanded, especially when changes in residential neighborhoods are under consideration.

Mr. Van Driessche briefly returned to the podium to indicate that the proposed apartment is intended for the use of his daughter who already lives in at that address; consequently, it was his view that there would be no additional problems in terms of vehicular traffic or parking.

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Mr. Lloyd Pettigrew, a resident of 2331 Quinn Street, spoke briefly in opposition to the proposed renovations. With particular reference to Mr. Van Driessche's earlier comments with regard to the individual who was intended to occupy the new unit, Mr. Pettigrew pointed out that the property could at some point change hands, creating a whole new set of problems for abutting property owners.

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

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Pottie that the matter be forwarded without recommendation to the next regular meeting of City Council scheduled for Thursday, 27 February 1992. The motion was put and passed.

The following information with regard to this matter was received:-

- Correspondence, dated 18 February 1992, from Mr. Donald M. Grant, 2300 Quinn Street, Halifax, B3L 3E6; and
- Correspondence, dated 19 February 1992, from Mr. Stephen L. Craig, 6848 Quinn Street, Halifax, B3L 1J1

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR BILL STONE
CHAIRMAN

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HALIFAX CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chamber
Halifax City Hall
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8:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order, with Her Worship Mayor Ducharme leading those present in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT: Her Worship Mayor Ducharme, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Stone; and Aldermen Holland, Fitzgerald, Downey, Meagher, Pottie, Adams, Hanson, Jeffrey, Macdonald, and Crowley.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Bernard G. Smith; Acting City Manager; Mr. Wayne A. Anstey, City Solicitor; and Mr. Edward A. Kerr, City Clerk.

St. Pat's High School Jazz Band - Trip to Ireland

Her Worship noted that, sitting in the public gallery were a group of students from the Jazz Band of St. Pat's High School who were invited to Ireland to partake in the St. Patrick's Day Ball for the Lord Mayor of Dublin.

On behalf of City Council, Her Worship offered congratulations to the students on the invitation and she presented a book and a letter which will be given to the Lord Mayor on behalf of Council.

A representative of the group addressed Council and expressed her appreciation for Council's good wishes for their trip.

Safe Driving Week

Her Worship advised that the City of Halifax received a plaque acknowledging that the City did not have

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any fatal accidents during safe driving week in Halifax and she offered her congratulations to the City's citizens.

MINUTES

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Halifax City Council held on Wednesday, 5 February 1992 and of a regular meeting held on Thursday, 13 February 1992 were approved as circulated on a motion by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS,
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

- 20.1 Fairview Trailer Park - Taxes and Assessments (Alderman Macdonald)
- 20.2 Mainland North Traffic - Bayview Road (Alderman Macdonald)
- 20.3 City Club Khyber Building
- 20.4 Mainland North Traffic Solutions (Alderman Macdonald)

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

- 20.5 Bus Stop - Alex & Rosedale Avenue

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

- 20.6 2347 Moran Street (Referral to Staff)
- 20.7 2134 Robie Street (Referral to Staff)

The agenda, as amended, was approved on a motion by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Holland.

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DEFERRED ITEMS

Noting that item 20.4 Mainland North Traffic Solutions was related to the "Lacewood Connector" item, Alderman Macdonald requested that it be moved up on the agenda to immediately follow this item, to which Council agreed.

Lacewood Connector

This matter was last discussed at a meeting of Halifax City Council, Public Hearings, held on 19 February 1992 when, at that time, it was forwarded to this meeting without recommendation.

A staff report dated 27 February 1992 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald that City Council approve the construction of an extension to Lacewood Drive (to be named "Park Drive"), construction to be completed prior to 31 December 1993.

Alderman Macdonald addressed the matter and advised that after reading minutes back to 1986 on the subject of the Mainland North Traffic he felt that City Council had a moral obligation to the citizens of Mainland North to correct the long-standing traffic problems, and he suggested that Council should deal with both the present and future traffic issues simultaneously.

In speaking in support of the motion, Deputy Mayor Stone advised that it was an important recommendation for the City of Halifax and, noting that the extension will provide the main access to the future Commons, he indicated that the name, "Park Drive" was appropriate because of the its location.

Motion carried.

Mainland North Traffic Solutions (Alderman Macdonald)

At the request of Alderman Macdonald, Council agreed to deal with the item at this time.

Alderman Macdonald addressed the matter advising that Mainland North has experienced traffic problems for

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many years and that the three Aldermen representing the area have collaborated and come up with what they feel is a workable solution to correct the current and any future traffic difficulties. The Alderman indicated that there were three main elements in the proposal: 1. Bedford Highway Improvements; 2. Vimy Avenue Bypass and Connector with the Bedford Highway; and 3. The Widening of Titus Street through to the Halifax West High School.

Alderman Macdonald pointed out that this proposal was supported by the Provincial Department of Transportation and it has the support of the MLA of the area, the Honourable Joel R. Matheson. He advised that the two main elements of the proposal which are the most costly, that being Bedford Highway Improvements and the Vimy Avenue Connector, will be cost shared by the Province.

Alderman Macdonald advised that Deputy Mayor Stone and Alderman Jeffrey would also speak on the proposal and, after any further comments by Council, he would move a motion on the matter.

Deputy Mayor Stone addressed Council on the matter and, using conceptual diagrams, outlined the proposal. In doing so, he indicated that the proposal would have a minimal affect on the abutters including Mount Saint Vincent University and the businesses along the Bedford Highway.

In his presentation, Deputy Mayor Stone advised that the strategy of the proposal was to improve and widen the Bedford Highway to three lanes from Sherbrooke Drive to Kearney Lake Road, including two through lanes with one turning lane, and four lanes from the Fairview overpass to Sherbrooke Drive which would include cutting off the slip lane at Bayview Road. The Deputy Mayor advised that the strategy was also to improve the Kearney Lake Road between Dunbrack Street and the Bedford Highway by adding one lane to the Southbound approach without any land expropriations for a total of three lanes. He added that the proposal includes undertaking the design and land acquisition for Vimy Avenue Bypass and to widen Vimy Avenue to accommodate the Lacewood Extension and the Vimy Avenue Bypass.

Deputy Mayor Stone noted that, in addition to the proposal outlined this evening, he was also submitting plans which contained alternate proposals for consideration.

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At this time, the Chairman pointed out for the public's information, that the plans as presented by the Deputy Mayor were not plans drawn up by City staff.

In concluding his remarks, Deputy Mayor Stone advised that the major consideration in any traffic improvement proposal for Mainland North has been the securing of provincial cost sharing. He added that he believed this objective has been attained and he hoped Council was ready to proceed.

Alderman Jeffrey congratulated Deputy Mayor Stone and Alderman Macdonald for their work on this proposal and as well, the MLA of the area for his quick response pertaining to cost sharing. The Alderman added he hoped that with staff's input, Council will have a solution to alleviate the traffic difficulties in the area.

Alderman Jeffrey indicated he felt that the businesses in the area in question should not suffer in any way should the proposal proceed and he requested that staff keep this in mind when studying the proposal. He also suggested that, when looking at the widening of Titus Street, between Main Avenue and Halifax West, consideration be given to widening one side of the street. Alderman Jeffrey added that he would be meeting with the residents of the area with respect to their views on the best way of widening the road. On another point, Alderman Jeffrey requested that consideration be given to relocating the traffic signals at Main Avenue and Titus Street to the intersection by the Halifax West High School.

The Chairman noted that this has been an unusual process, advising that it was more of a Committee of the Whole presentation.

Alderman Macdonald concurred with the Chairman and expressed his appreciation to Council for its indulgence on this matter.

MOVED by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Stone that the proposal for Mainland North Traffic solutions be referred to staff for a report, including cost estimates, to be brought back to a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council as soon as possible.

In moving the motion, Alderman Macdonald advised that the City Clerk would circulate a letter to Council

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from the Honourable Joel Matheson, MLA Halifax Bedford Basin, giving his endorsement of the proposal.

The City Clerk circulated the letter to Council dated 26 February 1992 from Joel R. Matheson, MLA, Halifax Bedford Basin.

A discussion ensued with Alderman Meagher advising that if the proposal required any property acquisition, then the provincial government should cost share not only the road construction but the property acquisition as well.

After further discussion the motion was carried.

**Case No. 6316 - Rezoning from RC-2 to RC-3 and
Lot Modification: 1336-44 Hollis Street**

A public hearing into the above matter was held on Wednesday, 19 February 1992.

A staff report dated 26 February 1992 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that:

1. The application to rezone 1336-44 Hollis Street from RC-2 (Residential/Minor Commercial Zone) to RC-3 (High Density-Residential/Minor Commercial Zone) be approved by Council.
2. City Council enter into a development agreement with Templeton Place Limited to permit modification of the RC-3 side yard requirements at 1336-44 Hollis Street.
3. the 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 and any other bodies as necessary, whichever approval is later, including applicable appeal periods; otherwise, the approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

The motion was carried with Aldermen Meagher and Crowley abstaining due to non attendance at the Public Hearing.

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Case No. 6406 - 2278-80 Quinn Street
(Appeal of Minor Variance Refusal)

A public hearing into the above matter was held on Wednesday, 19 February 1992.

Alderman Hanson advised that at the public hearing, most of those addressing Council were in support of staff's recommendation to refuse the request for a minor variance. He added that, in light of this, and in viewing the site personally, he supported staff's recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Stone that the decision of the development officer be upheld and the request for a minor variance of the lot frontage, lot area, and side yard requirements of the land use bylaw to permit an addition to and conversion of the existing duplex dwelling to three units at 2278-80 Quinn Street be refused.

Motion carried with Aldermen Meagher, Jeffrey, and Crowley abstaining due to non attendance at the Public Hearing.

Case No. 6416: Appeal of Minor Variance
Refusal - 1615 Preston Street

This matter was last dealt with at a City Council meeting of 13 February 1992, when at that time it was deferred to this meeting.

In addressing the matter, Alderman Fitzgerald advised that he has been working on this issue for approximately one month and, unfortunately, it appears that the matter cannot be resolved. He added that, therefore, he would support the recommendation of City staff to refuse the minor variance request.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the decision of the development officer be upheld and the request for a variance of the side yard requirements of the land use bylaw for the property at 1615 Preston Street to allow a deck to remain 0 ft. from the side lot line be refused.

Motion carried with Alderman Meagher and Alderman Pottie abstaining due to non attendance at the Public Hearing.

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 19 February 1992, as follows:

Resolution from Municipality of Argyle Re:
Waste Disposal Facilities

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

1. Council instruct their appointees to the Metropolitan Authority that Metropolitan Authority and Council call upon the Provincial Government to enact legislation that would control, at source, unacceptable components presently entering the waste stream and apply appropriate penalties for those who do not avail themselves of the responsible disposal path set out by government for these items.
2. Council endorse the Resolution of the Municipality of Argyle with respect to Capital cost contribution by senior levels of government for waste disposal facilities.

Motion carried.

YMCA - Capital Campaign

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation, pending receipt of a further report from staff.

Noting that Council had not received a report, Alderman Downey indicated that he was prepared to move it to the next regular Committee of the Whole.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Hanson that this matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, scheduled for Wednesday, 4 March 1992.

A brief discussion ensued and the Chairman noted that the report would be provided for the next Committee of the Whole and the matter will be dealt with so it can be

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forwarded to the Special Council meeting held in the evening on March 4.

Motion carried.

**Approval of Amortization Schedules -
Halifax Housing Authority**

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council authorize official acceptance of the amortization schedules as outlined in the staff report of 6 February 1992.

Motion carried.

Halifax 1999 Conference - Recommendations

An information report dated 27 February 1992 was submitted.

Alderman Fitzgerald addressed the matter and, referring to the submitted information report, noted that, when the original "items" were released, the recommendation of the cultural section of the Education and Cultural panel were left out of the report. He added they have been included in the report and, as well, the education recommendations have been forwarded to the Halifax District School Board.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council approve the ordering of the action items, as outlined in the staff report dated 13 February 1992, and direct the matter to the 1999 Conference Implementation Committee on how best to implement the report.

Motion carried.

Fairview Community Centre - Main Avenue & Maple Street

A portion of the above item was dealt with at the 13 February 1992 City Council meeting (see page 102 of City Council minutes).

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

- (2) staff be instructed to initiate procedures for a rezoning of the site from P to R-1; and
- (3) on completion of rezoning, staff be instructed to offer Lots 6 and 8 for sale by public tender as single-family (R-1) lots, subject to retention of a 50 square foot cut-off on Lot 8, with minimum bids to be established by a confirmatory appraisal.

Motion carried.

Food and Shelter Allowances

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

- a) City Council approve of an increase in the food allowance of \$10 per month for social assistance recipients under 18 years of age with an expenditure of \$12,000 (\$3,000 net) being approved under Section 201(1) of the City Charter for the month of March 1992;
- b) and, staff be instructed to include the appropriate amount, estimated at \$100,000, in the 1992/93 budget respecting the increased food allowance contingent upon 75 percent cost sharing.

Motion carried.

The Chairman noted that she and the Director of Social Planning would be meeting with the new Minister of Social Services tomorrow.

Terms for Citizen Appointments - Halifax Boards, Committees, and Commissions

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

A staff report dated 25 February 1992 was submitted.

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MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Meagher that a committee be established to review terms for citizen appointments to Halifax Boards, Committees, and Commissions and report back to Council as quickly as possible.

Motion carried.

Sewer and Water Cost-Sharing: Ragged Lake

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Jeffrey, seconded by Adams that this matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, scheduled for **Wednesday, 4 March 1992.**

Motion carried.

Surplus City-Owned Land

MOVED by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Pottie that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council:

- (1) declare surplus and offer for sale by public tender the following properties: Civic Numbers 218-220 and 457 Herring Cove Road; 2508 Barrington Street (**subject to review by Harbor City Homes**); and the remainder of the Duke of Kent ROW with set minimum bids based on the Valuation Reports of accredited appraisers;
- (2) instruct staff to take the necessary steps to have the remaining properties listed in Appendix "A" of the staff report dated 14 February 1992 prepared for sale, and report back to Council with recommendations.

On a point of information, Alderman Adams noted that Civic Numbers 436, 438, and 440 Herring Cove Road are excluded from Section (1) of the motion pending discussion at a later Committee of the Whole meeting, and Alderman Downey also noted that 2508 Barrington Street was subject to review by the Harbour City Homes.

Motion carried.

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Award of Tender #91-121 - Hazardous Material/Rescue Vehicle

This matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation, pending receipt of further information from staff.

An information report dated 20 February 1992 was submitted.

Referring to the submitted report, Alderman Fitzgerald advised that at the last Finance and Executive Committee he requested further information on this vehicle, and he was now satisfied that the expenditure was absolutely necessary.

MOVED by Alderman Fitzgerald, seconded by Alderman Jeffrey that Council recommend Tender #91-121 - Hazardous Material/Rescue Vehicle be awarded to Bridgewater Metal Industries at a cost of \$204,397.00, the lowest tender meeting specifications with delivery of the finished unit being made in 110-120 Days and funds being available in the Equipment Replacement Reserve - Fire.

Motion carried.

Alderman Jeffrey requested a report on whether this vehicle is loaned at various times to adjoining municipalities and, if so, were the municipalities charged for this.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on Wednesday, 19 February 1992 as follows:

Moosehead Grand Prix - Public Meeting

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Adams that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, a Public Meeting in conjunction with the Moosehead Grand Prix be scheduled for MONDAY, 2 March 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Halifax City Hall.

In response to concerns raised by Alderman Pottie, the Acting City Manager advised that an advertisement to this effect had already appeared in the Halifax Mail Star on Tuesday, 24 February together with another notice urging members of the public to attend.

Alderman Pottie strongly recommended (and it was so agreed) that staff would make every effort to have the advertisement run once more during the forthcoming weekend