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SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald  
Deputy Mayor Jack Greenough  
Councillors Bill Dooks  
Gordon Snow  
David Hendsbee  
Ron Cooper  
Harry McInroy  
Bruce Hetherington  
Clint Schofield  
John Cunningham  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Graham Downey  
Larry Uteck  
Howard Epstein  
Russell Walker  
Bill Stone  
Ron Hanson  
Stephen Adams  
Barry Barnet  
Bob Harvey  
Peter Kelly  
Reg Rankin  
Jack Mitchell

ABSENT:

Councillor Condo Sarto

STAFF:

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Jane Nauss, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with an Invocation.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - August 19, 27, September 3 (Regular and Special) & 10, 1996

Councillor Cunningham stated he would like to amend the minutes of September 3, 1996 (Special Session) to reflect he was in attendance.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Hetherington to approve the minutes of August 19, 27, September 3 (Regular and Special, as amended) & 10, 1996. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

The Municipal Clerk requested the following four items be added to the agenda:

1. Proclamation - Terry Fox Day - Sunday, September 22, 1996
2. Appointments - Halifax-Dartmouth Port Development Commission
3. Nominees - Cat By-Law Committee
4. Draft letter to Hon. Jay Abbass, Minister of Justice re: Provincial Policing Plan.

At the request of Councillor Walker item 3 of the Added Items - "Nominees - Cat By-Law Committee" - would be discussed under 10.1.3 of the Regular Agenda.

**MOVED by Councillors Downey and Harvey to Approve the Order of Business, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES** - NONE

5. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION** - NONE

6. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION** - NONE

7. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

### 7.1 Resolution of Operating Budget

A Resolution entitled "Resolution for Approval of Operating Budget and Rates for Fiscal 1996/97" was distributed to Council.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Kelly that for the fiscal year April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997:**

- a) **the Operating Budget in the amount of \$411,620,953 be approved, which reflects all adjustments approved by Council to the Budget tabled on August 21, 1996, and further;**
- b) **the rates of taxation on residential, resource, commercial, business occupancy, and machinery and equipment property taxation in each area of the Municipality and for each classification of assessment for the 1996/97 fiscal year shall be set at a rate equivalent to the sum of all general rates and area rates as were charged in that area and for that classification for the fiscal year April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996; and**
- c) **the provisions of Section 49(1) to (8) of the Assessment Act shall not apply to the Halifax Regional Municipality with the result that there shall be no residential occupancy tax in the Halifax Regional Municipality for the 1996/97 taxation year.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Blumenthal advised, for the record, he did not vote in favour of the Motion.

### 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 8.1 Amendment to Ordinance 116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance Section 10(b) 4 - Second Reading.

This amendment was given First Reading on September 3, 1996 and was before Council this evening for Second Reading. This amendment repeals subsection (4) of Section 10(b) of City of Halifax Ordinance, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance.

An explanatory note from the Municipal Solicitor on this matter was distributed to Council. The Halifax City Ordinance 116, the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance was amended effective April 12, 1995, to place a moratorium on the issuance of new taxi vehicle owner's

licenses until the number of licenses outstanding was reduced to 382. A moratorium on the issuance of new licenses was subject to the exception that anyone licensed as a taxi driver under the Ordinance on April 12, 1995 who did not also hold a taxi owner's license, could apply for a taxi owner's license in respect of a single vehicle license until April 12, 1998. The effect of this amendment would be to eliminate the exception so that on the effective date of the amendment, no new taxi owner licenses could be issued unless or until the number of licenses dropped below 382.

Councillor Adams advised this was a two-part issue (agenda items 8.1 and 11.1).

Mayor Fitzgerald called for comments from the public.

**MR. ED BENOIT, VICE-PRESIDENT, UNITED CAB DRIVERS ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Benoit addressed Council and following a question and answer session with Councillor Adams, he stated there was a hidden agenda. Further, he felt this Motion did not make sense and was neither fair nor feasible.

**REV. WAYNE CAMPAGNA, SCHOONER LIMOUSINE & TAXI**

Rev. Campagna felt those drivers presently renting vehicles should be given the opportunity to purchase their own and that the grandfather clause should be extended to the year 2000. He suggested Council think carefully before voting on this Motion.

**MR. DARSHAN VIRK, UNITED CAB DRIVERS ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Virk expressed concern on the fact he felt the subsection of Ordinance 116 was not the original subsection. Further, he suggested Councillor Adams has two agendaes.

Councillor Adams suggested there was confusion as to what issue was to be discussed at this point in time of the meeting. He offered clarification by stating the matter of repealing Section 10 (b) 4 was before Council at the moment and not the amendment to the Section as it pertains to wording. This particular aspect was to be discussed under 11.1.

Mr. Virk suggested the old by-law be left as is and recommended this amendment not be approved. Further, Mr. Virk felt there were more taxis than were required.

**MR. GORDON SPRAGUE**

Mr. Sprague advised he could lease up to at least five roof lights - put five additional cars in the business and still keep his own roof lights. He suggested this was a loop hole in the

current system which required closing.

Councillor Adams advised Council must try to prevent this from happening.

**MR. BRUCE CHISHOLM - DRIVER**

Mr. Chisholm addressed Council noting that the aim of the taxi business is to be owner operated. He further noted that renters should be entitled to own their own vehicle.

Councillor Hetherington expressed concern in that discussions were not on the topic at hand but rather address item 11.1.

**MR. BOB RICHARDS**

Mr. Richards suggested that licenses should be sold back to the municipality and that the number of licenses should be frozen. Further, he did not agree with the wording of the Motion.

**MS. BARB VERGE, DRIVER AND RENTER**

Ms. Verge addressed Council stressing the fact she needs to earn \$200 per day before she is able to earn money. She further noted that the grandfather clause should stay until April 12, 1998.

**REPRESENTATIVE**

The individual suggested nothing be changed but left as is.

In an effort to clarify the situation, Councillor Adams advised that the United Cab Drivers Association (UCDA) want to ensure there are no additional cabs put into the industry. Accordingly, the Motion to repeal subsection 4 of Section 10(b) of Ordinance 116 will be discussed in two weeks.

**MOVED by Councillors Adams and Hetherington to repeal subsection 4 of Section 10(b) of Ordinance 116, the Taxi & Limousine Ordinance.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Hetherington stated this is exactly what the Taxi Committee voted on and passed. Halifax appears to want limitations, however, they want too many strings attached. There were approximately 90 individuals who wish to buy a taxi license. Council should approve this amendment and let the matter die. Numbers would then gradually decrease. If not, the number of 382 vehicles will not be reached.

Councillor Cooper suggested if this section is repealed, the grandfather clause is removed. He expressed concern with the fact that Council was going through two parallel processes and that there was no logic.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, addressed Council noting that Council could defer Third reading on the repeal until it is ready to adopt the new revised wording of Section 10(b) of Ordinance 116.

Councillor Epstein enquired if the problem is so urgent that Council has to remove the clause entirely or defer until the Second and Third reading of the Motion referred to under 11.1.

Councillor Hetherington suggested that item 11.1 be referred to the Taxi Committee for a recommendation to Council.

**MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Walker to defer Second Reading to amend Ordinance 116 pending a report from the Taxi Committee on item 11.1 of this Council agenda. MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

9.1 **PRESENTATIONS**

9.1.1 **Wheelchair Accessible Cab Transport - Mr. John A. Reid**

Mr. Reid addressed Council noting his concerns regarding local transportation for those using wheelchairs, particularly after the normal work day hours. This was not fair as an able bodied individual could have a cab at their disposal at any hour but people who use wheelchairs are denied the service. He enquired if Council could do anything to assist in this regard.

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hendsbee to refer this matter to the Status of Persons with Disabilities Committee, and to Transportation Services of Halifax Regional Municipality.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Dooks requested that staff report on both the urban and core areas of the region.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Adams on a service provided by Vital Transit, Mr. Reid advised this had been operated by Mr. Danny McLellan. However, as he was restricted to transporting only the disabled, due to the fact they don't utilize cabs all the time, Mr. McLellan went bankrupt. The two vans involved were then purchased by Ace Y Taxi Company.



Councillor Adams also requested this matter be referred to the Accessible Taxi Advisory Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.1.2 Ribbon of Dreams AIDS Benefit - Mr. Darrell S. Simms**

Mr. Simms addressed Council appealing a decision of the Grants Committee who did not support this benefit.

Councillor Hendsbee, Chairman of the Grants Committee, advised that the Committee expressed a concern with the municipality getting involved in events of this type. However, the meeting was advised of other AIDS disease related causes that were supported by Halifax Regional Municipality.

**MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Bill Dooks to endorse the original position of the Grants Committee to not provide funding to the Ribbon of Dreams Aids Benefit. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Hendsbee suggested that future appeals of this nature be distributed to Council as an Information Item to be then forwarded to the Grants Committee.

**9.1.3 Non Profit Housing - Department of Municipal Affairs - Mr. Jim Graham**

Mr. Jim Graham addressed Council noting his Department had been requested by HRM to identify various options to re-organize Harbour City Homes and the Dartmouth Non Profit Housing Society, while attempting to ensure that the municipality would not be required to provide subsidies in order to maintain the housing stock and to keep these groups operating.

Two main issues of importance include:

- (a) it was determined that Harbour City Homes has no Replacement Reserve Fund (which deals with future capital requirements) available and the Dartmouth Non Profit Housing Society has no Fund for projects I and II although a Fund has been established for the Demonstration units. Further, no analysis of long term cash requirements had been carried out by either non profit group.
- (b) both bodies were top heavy and administration costs are 50% higher than those of public housing.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Schofield as to whether the Housing Authority would be able to maintain both bodies, Mr. Graham advised in the affirmative.

At the request of Councillor Epstein, Mr. Graham provided a brief history of the Housing Authority.

**MOVED by Councillor Schofield that Council request the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to consider taking over management of Harbour City Homes effective April 1, 1997 and look at Dartmouth Non Profit at a later date.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Stone suggested a staff report be prepared first.

**There was no seconder to the Motion.**

The following Motion was then put on the floor:

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Downey to defer this matter for two weeks pending a report from staff.**

In speaking to the Motion, Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the Motion supported staff's recommendation.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Hetherington stated that staff should look at the difference between Halifax and Dartmouth.

## 9.2. CORRESPONDENCE

### 9.2.1 Nova Scotia Lights Program

Correspondence from the Coastwatch Foundation of Canada requested Council's support in the preservation and reutilization of Federally owned lighthouses.

**MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Adams that Council support the concept of preserving federally owned lighthouses in the Province of Nova Scotia, and the development of a process to give the Province's coastal communities a voice in the disposition and reutilization of these lighthouses and properties. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 9.3 PETITIONS

A petition regarding unsightly premises on Mayor Avenue was presented by Councillor Adams to the Municipal Clerk. Councillor Adams requested this matter be dealt with within one week if at all possible.

## 10. REPORTS

10.1 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

10.1.1

**School Bus Service - Severance & Retirement Proposal**

Copies of correspondence from Mr. Ron Stockton, Business Agent, NSUPE, dated September 17, 1996, was distributed to Council.

Councillor Epstein advised this matter had been deferred from the August 27, 1996 Council Session pending a report from staff. He also reminded Council it should be focusing on the question of responsibility in this matter. Although the Union was not entirely wrong in this matter, it is not completely the fault of HRM either as the former Dartmouth District School Board took the actions that prompted this entire issue.

Councillor Epstein suggested an alternative to the problem at hand, being that a joint arrangement be made with the Regional School Board to share a portion of responsibility for a severance claim.

Councillor Epstein reviewed the process involved in HRM submitting a bid to the former Dartmouth District School Board for school bus service. The bid was submitted May 15 after the School Board had made an earlier decision to commence negotiations with Stock Transportation. Whether it was a deliberate move that the bid was delayed was beside the point. Councillor Epstein stated that this Council has to accept some responsibility due to the fact that HRM did not win the contract.

**MOVED by Councillor Epstein that a joint arrangement be made with the Regional School Board to share a portion of responsibility for a severance claim.**

Councillor Rankin expressed concern in that discussions on this issue by Council should not have been made In Camera. Further, he would not support the concept of meeting with the School Board regarding shared responsibility.

In response to enquiries from Councillor Kelly, Mr. Roddy MacDonald, Manager, Staff Relations, advised that all of the permanent drivers and monitors received positions with Stock Transportation with the exception of one individual in maintenance. Further, the current severance program totals \$56,000, with the enhanced program totalling \$450,000 plus costs for counselling (legal and financial), retirement costs, etc.

Councillor Blumenthal suggested that Council cannot go to the Regional School Board seeking assistance as Council has recently cut funding to the Board. However, he felt that HRM does owe the individuals involved some form of benefit if not the full enhanced program.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested this particular issue should not be dealt with in isolation but combined with other parties i.e. electricians, and former municipal social workers. He

expressed concern in that HRM could experience problems in the future and that Council should not set a precedent with the bus drivers. Councillor Hendsbee agreed that some form of compensation should be paid out but not in its entirety.

Councillor Snow advised the bus drivers deserve some form of severance as they were former employees of the City of Dartmouth.

Councillor Dooks suggested Council has three options: a) to accept the staff report b) to accept the Union's proposal or, c) to support Councillor Epstein's Motion to renegotiate. As he was concerned for the welfare of these individuals, Councillor Dooks advised he would be supporting Councillor Epstein's Motion.

Councillor Harvey suggested this matter be dealt with this evening and that discussions with the School Board would be fruitless.

Councillor Hetherington made reference to benefits paid out to former School Board employees who were then hired on by the Regional School Board.

Councillor Stone suggested the School Board should have had some involvement in this regard however, they have stated there is nothing they can do.

Councillor Rankin reminded Council there was currently a Motion on the floor from the August 27, 1996 Meeting regarding this matter being "*tabled for a two week period in order to give NSUPE an opportunity to respond*".

**There was no seconder to the Motion placed on the floor this date. The Motion was lost.**

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillor Epstein to defer the August 27 Motion pending negotiations on the possibility of a different settlement between the Union, Halifax Regional Municipality, Regional School Board and the Province of Nova Scotia.**

**Mayor Fitzgerald called this Motion out of order.**

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Hanson that Council not approve the request by NSUPE for a supplementary severance and retirement package for employees of the school bus service.**

At the request of Councillor Epstein, a recorded vote was taken.

The following members of Council voted in favour of the Motion: Mayor Fitzgerald and

Councillors Cooper, McInroy, Downey, Uteck, Stone, Hanson, Barnet, Harvey, Kelly, Rankin and Mitchell.

The following members of Council voted against the Motion: Councillors Dooks, Snow, Hendsbee, Hetherington, Schofield, Cunningham, Blumenthal, Epstein, Walker and Adams.

Those absent during the vote were Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Sarto.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Epstein and Hetherington to enter into negotiations with the Province, Union, HRM and Stock Transportation regarding a form of compensation.**

Councillor Rankin suggested this Motion was against the Motion just passed.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, stated the Motion just passed could be interpreted as that there would be no supplementary severance of any kind. The mover and seconder of the Motion have stated this was their intent. Others interpret it as a severance package as recommended by NSUPE.

**No vote was taken on the Motion.**

**A MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION** was given by Councillors Epstein and Hendsbee on the following Motion:

***“MOVED by Councillor Rankin and Hanson that Council not approve the request by NSUPE for a supplementary severance and retirement package for employees of the school bus service.”*** MOTION PUT AND PASSED

Council took a five minute recess at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

**10.1.2 Tourism Model - Delivery of Marketing and Visitor Services in HRM**

A staff report prepared for Ms. Valerie Spencer, Commissioner of Policy and Planning, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Stone that Council endorse the work of the area tourism associations and HRM staff and proceed with the model recommended, including an advisory group and consideration of fee for service proposals. Additional reporting to Council will ensue as may be required to implement the model.**

A brief question and answer period took place between Council, Ms. Spencer and Mr. Lew Rogers, Director of Tourism. One particular matter which Ms. Spencer stated for Council's information was that at the administration level, transitional matters will be discussed by the professionals in the tourism field. At the Advisory Committee level, Council participation will be required.

On another issue, Councillor Kelly requested Ms. Spencer meet with members of MATA (Metropolitan Area Tourism Association) who had various concerns.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Rankin as to whether integration of the Halifax Partnership, Regional Development Agency and tourism had been discussed, Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, advised this will be reviewed in the future as at the current time, tourism is not one of the Partnership's priorities.

Councillor Dooks enquired should AESTA (Antigonish/Eastern Shore Tourist Association) go in partnership with HRM, would it legally be able to take part on the advisory committee. In response, Mr. Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, advised there would be no conflict at this point in time, however, he would like to review the contractual situation and exact role of the committee.

Councillor Dooks suggested representatives from the rural area be included on the committee.

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### **10.1.3 Cat By-Law Committee and Membership**

A staff report prepared for Mr. Dan English, Commissioner, Community Services, on the Cat By-Law Committee, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Walker and Hendsbee that the Cat By-Law Committee's mandate be expanded to permit it to make recommendations on whether or not to adopt a cat by-law as well as alternative means of addressing the issue of roaming cats; and**

**that the Committee include a representative from the Nova Scotia Wildlife Federation, the Nuisance Wildlife Operators Association of Nova Scotia and the SPCA as well as a veterinarian and four citizens at large.**

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Fitzgerald nominated the following individuals to the Cat By-Law Committee: Tony Rogers, Peter Woodyear, Mike Larade, Betsy O'Neil, Alexander Frank, Renate Usmiani, Eleanor Symonds and Paula Mimekan.

**MOVED by Councillors Walker and Hendsbee to appoint Tony Rogers (N.S. Wildlife Assoc), Peter Woodyear (Veterinarian), Mike Larade (Nuisance Wildlife Operators Assoc. Of N.S.), Betsy O'Neil (SPCA), Alexander Frank, Renate Usmiani, Eleanor Symonds and Paula Mimekan (citizens at large) to the Cat By-Law Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hendsbee as to which HRM department citizens could contact regarding suggestions on the issues of cats, Mr. Anstey suggested the Clerk's Office.

**10.1.4 Request for Funding - White's Transit - Bus Service from Sambro Head**

A supplementary report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above-noted matter was before Council for discussion. The report recommended that the proposal to extend a commuter bus service to Sambro Head and Ketch Harbour be referred to staff for further review in Metro Transit plans for fiscal year 1997/98. On the assumption that operational deficit funding for that year, or operations underwritten for this current year, be met through an area rate arrangement.

Councillor Stephen Adams addressed Council noting he would like to provide bus service to previously known District #5 and borrow against next year's budget through an area rate for the last five months of this year if at all possible.

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Mr. Ken Meech suggested that next year, the area could be area rated and indicated in the books as a receivable for next year, however, he further suggested that this issue should not be looked at in isolation.

Councillor Epstein expressed concern with this process and suggested the Transit Division of HRM should look at this proposal as they may wish to consider the operation themselves.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Cooper as to whether the residents in the area would agree to an area rate, Councillor Adams advised he has had meetings with some of the citizens and they have no problem with being area rated for the continuance of the bus service.

Councillor Adams suggested staff prepare a report on the cost per household for an area rate, based on \$100,000 assessment.

Councillor Hendsbee suggested further consultation with the residents. Further, he would like to see HRM deal with an area rate policy. He suggested a two month operational loan be provided to White's Transit in the interim, to be recovered at a later date.

**MOVED by Councillors Adams and Walker to defer this matter for two weeks pending a staff report on the cost per household for an area rate, based on**

**\$100,000 assessment; further, that a community meeting be held on the matter of area rates. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. **MOTIONS**

11.1 **Amendment to Ordinance 116 - Councillor Adams**

On September 3, 1996, Councillor Adams served a Notice of Motion to introduce the following Motion:

“To allow those drivers who now hold drivers licenses, but not taxi owner licenses, to purchase a vehicle license up until and including April 12, 1998 - for their own use only. This allows for the original intent of this section to be followed and allows for those who rent, to own a car and helps to further stabilize the industry.”

**MOVED by Councillors Adams and Stone to pass First Reading on an amendment to Ordinance 116 - the Taxi and Limousine Ordinance - to allow those drivers who now hold drivers licenses, but not taxi owner licenses, to purchase a vehicle license up until and including April 12, 1998 - for their own use only. This allows for the original intent of this section to be followed and allows for those who rent, to own a car and helps to further stabilize the industry.**

Various members of Council expressed concern with the process and suggested the Taxi Committee make a recommendation to Council in this regard. Councillor Adams advised that the next meeting of the Taxi Committee is scheduled for October 21, 1996.

Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, advised that Second Reading could take place subsequent to the October 21, 1996 Taxi Committee meeting and that a two week waiting period between First and Second Reading was simply a minimum time frame.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Walker to discuss Second Reading on the amendment to Ordinance 116, subsequent to the Taxi Committee meeting scheduled for October 21, 1996. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Proclamation - Terry Fox Day - September 22, 1996**

Mayor Fitzgerald proclaimed September 22, 1996 Terry Fox Day.

12.2 **Appointments - Halifax-Dartmouth Port Development Commission**



Mayor Fitzgerald nominated Bernard F. Miller and Michael J. MacDonald to the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Development Commission.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Downey to nominate Bernard F. Miller and Michael J. MacDonald to the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Development Commission. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12.3 Draft Correspondence to Hon. Jay Abbass, Minister of Justice re Provincial Policing Plan

A draft letter to the Hon. Jay Abbass, Minister of Justice, pertaining to a Provincial Policing Plan, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Mitchell to endorse the draft letter to the Hon. Jay Abbass, Minister of Justice, pertaining to a Provincial Policing Plan. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12.4 Burnside Composting Station

Councillor Schofield advised there was a strong ammonia odour emanating from the Burnside Composting Station. Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste, advised that staff has responded to this problem.

13. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

13.1 Councillor Rankin served a Notice of Motion THAT at the regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council on Tuesday, **October 1, 1996**, he proposes to introduce for First Reading, an amendment to former Metropolitan Authority By-Law #7 to adopt a Commercial Tipping Fee of \$100.00 for Halifax Regional Municipality.

13.2 Councillor Stone served a Notice of Motion THAT at the regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council on Tuesday, **September 24, 1996**, he intends to move the adoption of an Administrative Order to form a Community Council to include Districts 15, 16, 17 and 18, to be known as Chebucto Community Council.

13.3 Councillor Walker served a Notice of Motion THAT at the regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council on Tuesday, **September 24, 1996**, he intends to move a Motion that Halifax Regional Council consider an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy for the community of Halifax, to add policy which requires that the establishment of Day Care Centres within residential areas, proceed only by Development Agreement. Further, that this issue be sent to the Halifax Planning Advisory Committee for advice and public consultation and to staff for a report.

13.4 Councillor Snow served a Notice of Motion THAT at the regular meeting of the

Halifax Regional Council on Tuesday, **September 24, 1996**, he intends to introduce the following Motion:

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia, through the Department of the Environment, has sole responsibility and jurisdiction relating to the environment and health of its citizens;

AND WHEREAS the residents of District 2 of the Halifax Regional Municipality do not appear to have the stringent regulations and ability to correct health problems, many of which are very serious, that seem to have surfaced since Municipal Health Boards have been abolished;

AND WHEREAS prior to amalgamation each of the four municipal units, through local Boards of Health, was able to address and effectively correct the complaints of residents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Council strongly urge the Province of Nova Scotia to immediately take whatever measures are deemed necessary to effect a timely response to the ongoing concerns and complaints received by Councillors of the Halifax Regional Municipality, from the residents they represent. Included in the complaints received are the following:

Septic tanks overflowing, foul smelling barns, manure not being removed resulting in flies, rats, etc., car washing in local lakes, drowning of domestic animals in lakes, lack of store inspection, lack of restaurant and canteen inspections and bad water sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Halifax Regional Municipality study the feasibility of regaining some control over the health of our residents.

- 13.5 Councillor Adams served a Notice of Motion THAT at the regular meeting of the Halifax Regional Council on Tuesday, **October 1, 1996**, he intends to move a motion to amend the former Halifax County By-Law requiring the Municipal Clerk to license taxis and taxi drivers and transfer this responsibility to the license inspector in the former City of Halifax (i.e. Ordinance 116).

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Dooks to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk