

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 1997

PRESENT:

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

STAFF MEMBERS:

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 Walter Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. with the Invocation.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS**

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2.2 **African Heritage Month - February, 1997**  
**International Development Week - February 2 - 8, 1997**

Mayor Fitzgerald proclaimed February, 1997 as African Heritage Month and the week of February 2 - 8, 1997 as International Development Week.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 21, 1997**

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal and Deputy Mayor Greenough to approve the minutes of January 21, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councillor Mitchell requested Council observe a Moment of Silence in memory of Mr. Leo Peddle who passed away today.

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

**ADDED ITEMS**

The Municipal Clerk requested two items be added to the agenda:

13.1 Legal Matter Compensation Highway 101 Landfill (In Camera Item)

13.2 Infrastructure Works Extension

**MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Cooper to approve the Order of Business, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

6. **MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

7. **MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

8.1 **Motion - Dog Licensing - Councillor Hendsbee (reference 12.1)**

- Councillor Hendsbee served Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter during the January 21, 1997 Council Session. This matter was subsequently deferred one week during the January 28, 1997 Council Session.

Councillor Hendsbee referenced the report prepared by the Cat By-Law Committee, and the issue of micro chipping animals. He had received information from PetNet and the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) on the use of micro chips. Information received from the aforementioned groups was passed to the Municipal Clerk.

**MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Snow to refer this matter to staff and to the Cat By-Law Committee; further that presentations to Council be permitted by representatives from PetNet and the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

9.1 **Second Reading N-100 - Amendments to the former City of Halifax Ordinance 113 and City of Dartmouth Noise By-Law N-200**

- First Reading of this By-Law was given January 21, 1997.

**MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Hetherington to give Second Reading to amendments to the former City of Halifax Ordinance 113 and City of Dartmouth Noise By-Law N-200.**

Mr. Jim Donovan, Policy and Planning, addressed Council noting that construction will take place between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. during the spring and summer months between 1997 and 1999. Also, the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission is working diligently on noise suppression.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Cunningham as to whether construction on the Dartmouth side could be expedited to be completed in one construction season, Mr. Dan O'Halloran, Consulting Engineer for the project, advised this would be difficult due to the process involved. He did state that the bridge would not be closed every night for the entire three years. Reference was made to specifications for the successful

contractor and it was hoped the period of disruption will be minimized.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Sarto asking if this Noise By-Law amendment would be permanent, Mr. Jim Donovan advised it will only remain in effect during completion of the bridge construction project.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Schofield, Mr. Dan O'Halloran stated there is too much volume of traffic between the two bridges to close the Macdonald Bridge.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hetherington, Mr. Larry Doane, Chairman of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, advised there will be a system put in place to handle complaints (24 hour operation). The public will be advised of the procedure involved through newsletters, flyers, and neighbourhood meetings. The Commission is taking the concept of complaints seriously.

Councillor Hetherington suggested that information distributed to the immediate surrounding area should be shared with areas around the Basin as noise travels along the waterfront. Mr. Doane agreed.

Mayor Fitzgerald called for speakers, either in favour of, or opposed to, the proposal. No one came forward.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington and Deputy Mayor Greenough to close the public hearing portion of the meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Cunningham requested he either sit as a member of the Bridge Commission or at least sit in on meetings, representing the residents, so he can act immediately on issues that may arise during the construction period. Mayor Fitzgerald suggested he be invited to a special meeting or be brought up to date, by the Chairman of the Bridge Commission, from time to time. Mr. Doane agreed to include Councillor Cunningham in any such meetings.

A vote on the Main Motion took place.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Hetherington to give Third Reading to amendments to the former City of Halifax Ordinance 113 and City of Dartmouth**

**Noise By-Law N-200. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS - NONE**

11. **REPORTS**

11.1 **HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

11.1.1 **Request for Independent Appraisal of the Facade at 1572 Barrington St.**

- A report from Mr. Turney Manzer, Chair, Regional Heritage Advisory Committee, pertaining to the above, was before Council.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Downey that Council provide the Heritage Advisory Committee with an independent appraisal of the status of the facade at 1572 Barrington Street to allow the Committee to make an informed decision on the demolition application. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Staff is preparing a report for Council detailing costs of an independent appraisal, appropriate consultant, and the time frame required. This report will be brought before Council for a decision on the financial expenditure.

It was agreed when the above-noted report is placed before Council, that Ms. Kate Carmichael, Downtown Halifax Business Commission, will be permitted to address Council.

11.2 **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

11.2.1 **Municipal Election Campaign Contributions**

- A report prepared for Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, pertaining to the above, was before Council for discussion.

Staff was advising that Council recommend to the Municipal Legislation Review Committee that:

1. The maximum limits on election expenditures be the same as apply to provincial elections rather than as recommended by the Committee;

2. The recommendation of the Committee that campaign expenses be disclosed be supported;
3. The recommendation of the Committee that campaign contribution be disclosed only be supported if there is a corresponding tax credit;
4. Tax credits in respect of campaign contributions is not supported at this time;
5. In all other respects, the recommendations of the Committee are supported.

All of Council agreed with clauses 1 and 2 , however, concern was raised with the remainder of the clauses. Councillor Walker expressed concern noting that expenses should be disclosed.

**MOVED by Councillors Walker and Kelly to amend clause 3 of the staff report by deleting “only be supported if there is a corresponding tax credit.”**

Councillor Rankin suggested this was an unfriendly amendment.

Councillor Adams suggested if the latter portion of clause 3 is going to be deleted, something has to replace the tax credit.

Deputy Mayor Greenough suggested there were two issues at hand:

- campaign expenses to be disclosed (clause 2)
- campaign contributions to be disclosed only if possible to obtain a tax credit (clause 3).

Speaking in favour of the amendment, Deputy Mayor Greenough stated it was important that disclosure becomes vital in times of speculation.

Councillor Kelly suggested there is no consistency and that whatever the provincial standards are, should be the same at the municipal level suggesting that Council recommend to the Province that changes be made to the Municipal Elections Act to make standards consistent across the board.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Sarto asking if this tax credit was applicable to a municipal tax credit, Mr. Wayne Anstey stated that the federal contributions to campaigns are deductible against the federal income tax; provincial contributions are deductible against provincial income tax. The Committee felt that the Province would not support the deduction of campaign contributions at the municipal level against



provincial or federal income tax. The alternative, although not a recommendation of the Committee, would be if there was a provision given to municipalities for a tax credit against municipal taxes.

Councillor Sarto stated in that case, he could not support using the public purse be used as a rebate. Clause #3 reference to tax credit should only apply at the provincial and federal level.

No vote was taken on Councillor Walker's Motion to amend the staff report.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillor Sarto that an other amendment to the staff report be considered, incorporating the the fact that a tax credit should apply only at the provincial and federal level.**

As there was already an amendment on the floor, there was no seconder and the Motion was lost.

Mayor Fitzgerald suggested a Committee be formed, Chaired by the Deputy Mayor and comprised of four or five other Members of Council, to discuss this further and report back to Council in six months. In response, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor, advised that Council needs to make a decision now as there is a submission deadline (within three days).

Mayor Fitzgerald stated that time should be taken (even three months) to review this matter so that any changes can be implemented for the municipal election in the year 2000.

**MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Snow to wait three months.**

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

Councillor Hendsbee stated the Province has provided an opportunity now for comment, as all municipalities, other than Halifax Regional Municipality, will be holding a municipal election this fall, with the exception of Halifax Regional Municipality. Council should force the issue, now, with the Province. He suggested that whatever is warranted for provincial elections, should be the same for municipal elections.

Mayor Fitzgerald cautioned against rushing into any decision on this matter.

Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal agreed with Mayor Fitzgerald, and Councillor Hetherington suggested Council approach the Province for a six month extension for submissions in this regard due to the fact that Halifax Regional Municipality will not hold an election until the year 2000.

Councillor Schofield, a member of the Provincial Review Committee, suggested Council could wait until the end of March to provide submissions on the Municipal Elections Act with a recommendation by early summer.

Deputy Mayor Greenough stated that Council could still form a committee and bring forward a subsequent report. As well, he suggested that Council support staff's recommendation with a proviso that Council form its own Committee to detail, more specifically, changes required. This staff recommendation would act as an interim recommendation to the Municipal Legislation Review Committee.

Councillor Hendsbee stated this is an opportunity for Council to provide a submission to the Municipal Legislation Review Committee, now, for legislative changes.

**Another Motion was placed on the floor.**

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Hetherington to adopt staff's recommendation with a proviso that Council form its own Committee, comprised of the Deputy Mayor and four or five other Members of Council, to detail, more specifically, suggested changes to the Municipal Elections Act; with a report to be presented at a later date to the Municipal Legislation Review Committee.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### 11.2.2 Community Transit Guidelines - Supplementary Report

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Mitchell that Council require any proposal for public transit service beyond the Core Transit Service Area, funded through area rates or general funds, to be evaluated in terms of:**

- a) Metro Transit Community Transit operation; or**
- b) any other option that would complement the Metro Transit system and not be redundant or inconsistent with it.**

- c) and further, no proposal that seeks to operate into any area already serviced by regularly scheduled Metro Transit operations will be eligible for funding.” (This latter clause was added during the In Camera Session held previous to this meeting.)**

Councillor Cooper requested clarification on clause “c” and enquired if this could be interpreted as not preventing communities outside the core area, through an area rate, to provide transit service from their areas into the city, to a location that could be considered a terminal. In response, Mayor Fitzgerald advised, with the concurrence of Council, that this was a fair interpretation.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Adams, Mr. Brian Smith, Director, Transportation Services, advised that a private company cannot come into an area serviced by Metro Transit. The core transit service will be protected.

Councillor Adams went on record as supporting White’s Transit. Mr. White was offering a service to those who lived in an unserved area and to those who would not use the public transit system. Councillor Adams stated it was not his intent to have White’s Transit compete with Metro Transit in this regard.

Councillor Blumenthal stated he voted against giving White’s Transit funds because the former Halifax County had previously provided funds to Mr. White.

Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, addressed Council to clarify one aspect. The municipality has the ability to constrain public funds - either through general or area rates - in terms of setting up a system that is either redundant or parallel to the Metro Transit service. If an area rate were to be put in place, requiring the use of public funds, *that would subsidize a service that would run parallel, or be redundant, to the basic level of public service provided by Metro Transit.* This is a key phrase. The municipality is providing, basic, fairly efficient and effective transit service with the use of public funds. To provide another level of service that would take ridership from Metro Transit, by way of a subsidy, increases the general public subsidy and yet is a burden to the area rate. Basically, HRM is providing a core service that is available to everyone.

Councillor Adams clarified that it was not his intent to directly compete with Metro Transit and suggested that both Metro Transit and White’s Transit can work together.

Councillor Hendsbee previously supported a three month demonstration run of White’s Transit. He felt that community transit should complement Metro Transit in the urban core. In the rural areas, however, public transportation is required. He suggested a

transfer possibility between community and public transit and suggested a policy be put in place whereby community transit will be established as a feeder system into the urban core.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Barnet, Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, responded that staff's position was a fair one. Further, staff do not want to see redundancy through the use of public dollars as it pertains to public transit.

Councillor Barnet stated he would like Beaver Bank Transit to be a model for community transit within Halifax Regional Municipality.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11.2.3 Land Requirements - Titus Street Upgrading**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Hanson and Stone that:**

- 1. Parcel X-6, 2-2A Titus Street as shown on Plan No. TT-52-32824 and comprising 21.8 square meters, be acquired for street purposes from Mrs. Jean Manuel for \$11,195 as settlement in full plus any additional taxes or closing adjustments that may be applicable. Funds are available from the account for the project, Titus Street Upgrading Account No. 02-97921.**
- 2. Eight parcels of land as listed in the following table be expropriated by HRM for street purposes, that the offers of compensation based on appraisals be made to the owners as shown on the table, and the Mayor be authorized to seek Orders of Immediate Possession from the Attorney General for each of the eight required parcels.**

<b>OWNER</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>OFFER</b>
<b>Domenco &amp; Ines Sablone</b>	<b>X-1</b>	<b>15.4 sq. m.</b>	<b>\$ 2,650</b>
<b>Alyafai Trading Co.</b>	<b>X-2</b>	<b>3.5 sq. m</b>	<b>\$ 570</b>
<b>George F. Lemoine</b>	<b>X-3</b>	<b>40.9 sq. m.</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>

Jack P. Rafuse	X-4	16.8 sq. m.	\$ 2,530
Inglewood Realities Ltd.	X-5	99.1 sq. m.	\$14,930
Roy Deal	X-7	36.2 sq. m.	\$ 5,550
150864 Canada Inc.	X-10	11.4 sq. m.	\$ 1,600
Wayne & Thelma Wood	X-11	11.6 sq. m.	\$ 2,000

Councillor Walker expressed concern with recommendation #2 and expressed the hope that further negotiations would occur before expropriation took place.

Another Motion was placed on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Hanson and Uteck to defer further discussions on recommendation #2 pending renegotiations by staff, with the owners.**

Mr. Austin French, Superintendent, Real Estate, stated that negotiations have been ongoing for several months now. In response to an enquiry from Council, he advised that expropriation costs were higher than costs involved to purchase the land as there were legal and consultant fees, on both sides, involved.

Councillor Stone suggested that if the expropriation process does not commence now, the municipality will not be able to alleviate traffic problems, therefore, he suggested Council defeat the second Motion on the floor and support staff's recommendation.

To clarify, Deputy Mayor Greenough stated that expropriation will only occur if negotiations are at an impasse and there is no alternative.

A vote on the Motion to defer was taken.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

A vote on the main Motion was taken.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

11.2.4 **Fall River Bridge Replacement - Award of Tender No. 96-313**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Award Tender No. 96-313 to Amber Construction Ltd., at a tender price of \$234,437 and a total project cost of \$270,000**
2. **Approve the transfer of \$200,000 from Account No. 83049 "Sewer Rehabilitation All Areas."**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Barnet expressed concern in that this was another case of the Province down loading on the municipality.

Mayor Fitzgerald suggested the Motion be amended to include the fact that correspondence be forwarded to the Province requesting payment of \$200,000 towards this project.

Councillor Snow agreed to the amendment.

The amended Motion now reads:

**MOVED by Councillors Snow and Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Award Tender No. 96-313 to Amber Construction Ltd., at a tender price of \$234,437 and a total project cost of \$270,000**
2. **Approve the transfer of \$200,000 from Account No. 83049 "Sewer Rehabilitation All Areas."**
3. **Further, that correspondence be forwarded to the Province requesting \$200,000 in payment towards this project. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.2.5 **Design of Fish Hatchery Sewage Pumping Station - Bedford Consultant Award**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Mitchell:**

1. That design services for the Fish Hatchery sewage pumping station project be awarded to Fenco Shawinigan Engineering Limited in the amount of \$115,000 plus 10% contingencies and that it be funded from the Sewers Capital Account, Project #83038, which is identified as Fish Hatchery Park Sanitary Pumping Station.
2. Approve the transfer of \$27,000 from Account No. 83049, identified as "Sewer Rehabilitation All Areas" to the Fish Hatchery Park sanitary pumping station, Account No. 83038. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.2.6 **Flooding - Civic # 70 - 72 Thornhill Drive**

- A staff report prepared jointly for Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor and Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above-noted, was before Council for discussion.

This matter had been previously discussed by Council during the January 21, 1997 Council Session. Staff recommendation this evening was to accept no responsibility for the flooding situation at Civic #s 70 - 72 Thornhill Drive.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor McInroy declared a Conflict of Interest due to the fact that his brother is legal counsel for the two owners.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Cunningham that Halifax Regional Council accept no responsibility on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality for the flooding situation at Civic #s 70 - 72 Thornhill Drive.**

No vote was taken on this Motion.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Adams and Kelly to purchase the homes at fair market value and either correct the problems and resell the properties or demolish them and sell the land.**

Councillors Cunningham and Blumenthal suggested Council was setting a dangerous precedent by approving this new Motion and stated they would be voting against the Motion.

Deputy Mayor Greenough suggested other alternatives should be determined.

Councillor Kelly stated that the municipality should be accountable and judge future cases on their own merits.

Councillor Epstein suggested staff's recommendation did not appear to be acceptable. Further, he suggested staff explore the concept of additional work on the sewer lines.

Deputy Mayor Greenough referenced the installation of a storm sewer in 1994 and the fact that the previous owners did not hook into same. He suggested this may be an option and should be explored further.

Mr. Kulvinder Dhillon, Director of Engineering Services, in addressing Council stated that the consultants retained by the owners advised that hooking into the system could alleviate the problem at hand.

Mr. Wayne Anstey provided background information on the history of the flooding problems. Staff at the time determined that the houses should never have been built in this location in the first place; further, it was doubted whether the problem could ever be solved due to the high water table.

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that Council's legal advice is that it has no legal obligation in this regard and he suggested that perhaps the courts should settle the issue.

No vote was taken on the Motion on the floor.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Epstein that this matter be referred back to staff to examine the hooking up of the properties ( 70 - 72 Thornhill Drive) to the storm drainage system.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Adams suggested that the owners review the engineering reports to determine what hooking into the storm drainage system would do for them. Further, the costs involved should be determined.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**



Councillor McInroy resumed his place at the meeting.

11.2.7 **Local Improvement Project - McMullen Road**

- A report prepared for Mr. George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, on the above, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Hetherington that Halifax Regional Council delete Capital Project No. 95462, the installation of new paving, concrete curb and gutter (both sides) and concrete sidewalk (one side) on McMullen Road from Herring Cove Road to Circle Drive due to the abutters' petition against the project. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11.2.8 **Application of Payments to Outstanding Tax Accounts**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, on the above, was before Council for discussion.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Schofield that payments on unpaid tax accounts be applied firstly to all interest outstanding then to the principal amount(s) outstanding, in order of oldest billing to the most current billing.**

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Hendsbee expressed concern noting that outstanding taxes should be paid first. Further, discussions on this matter should be deferred pending deliberations at the Committee of the Whole level next Tuesday.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Cooper to defer this matter for one week. MOTION DEFEATED.**

A vote on the main Motion was taken.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**NOTICE OF MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION**

Notice of Motion of Reconsideration was given by Councillors Hendsbee and Cooper on the following Motion:

**“MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Schofield that payments on unpaid tax accounts be applied firstly to all interest outstanding then to the principal amount(s) outstanding, in order of oldest billing to the most current billing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.”**

11.2.9        **Collection, Credit Reporting, Provincial Constable Services**

- A staff report prepared for Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, on the above, was before Council for discussion.

Staff was recommending that staff enter into agreements with:

1. The firm of Equifax/Creditel for a term of five years, subject to a ninety day cancellation clause, for the provision of credit reporting services and collection services; and
2. The firm of C B Cameron and Associates for a term of five years, subject to a ninety day cancellation clause, for the collection of accounts which require personal contact and where staff have exhausted all means available to them to collect the account; and
3. Charlene Atwell for a period of five years, subject to a ninety day cancellation clause, to perform provincial constable services in the issuance of warrants respecting business occupancy taxes; and
4. The firm of Atlantic Auction Services for a term of five years, subject to a ninety day cancellation clause, for the provision of appraisal, storage and auctioneering services respecting goods seized for the non payment of business occupancy taxes.

Councillor Barnet suggested that recommendation #3 be carried out in-house.

In response, Mr. Reg Ridgley, Manager of Treasury, advised it would prove more costly to carry this service in-house.

**MOVED by Councillor Walker and Deputy Mayor Greenough to amend the staff recommendation such that any reference to “five years” be changed to “four years.” MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Another Motion was put on the floor.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Schofield that staff enter into agreements with:**

- 1. The firm of Equifax/Creditel for a term of four years, subject to a ninety day cancellation clause, for the provision of credit reporting services and collection services; and**
- 2. The firm of C B Cameron and Associates for a term of four years, subject to a ninety day cancellation clause, for the collection of accounts which require personal contact and where staff have exhausted all means available to them to collect the account; and**
- 3. Charlene Atwell for a period of four years, subject to a ninety day cancellation clause, to perform provincial constable services in the issuance of warrants respecting business occupancy taxes; and**
- 4. The firm of Atlantic Auction Services for a term of four years, subject to a ninety day cancellation clause, for the provision of appraisal, storage and auctioneering services respecting goods seized for the non payment of business occupancy taxes. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2.10 Tax Sale Policy - Supplementary Report**

- A supplementary report prepared for Mr. Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, on the above, was before Council for discussion.

Staff was recommending that Halifax Regional Municipality implement a tax sale policy whereby staff may institute tax sale proceeds for property taxes outstanding as at the end of any fiscal year, March 31.

**MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Cooper to defer discussions on this matter pending deliberations during the Committee of the Whole next Tuesday. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. MOTIONS**

**12.1 Councillor Hendsbee**

This matter was discussed under agenda item 8.1

12.2 **Councillor Cunningham**

WHEREAS through their part-time military experiences, reservists acquire many job skills and work values - including planning, leadership, personnel management, self-discipline and loyalty - that are directly transferrable to their civilian careers;

AND WHEREAS the restructuring of the Canadian Forces has led to an increasing reliance on the Reserve Force to meet Canada's defence and peacekeeping commitments;

AND WHEREAS to respond to the increasing demands placed on the Reserve Force, its members must be equipped and trained to a level that will permit them to become fully operational as quickly as possible, in the event of a national emergency;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be asked to develop and recommend to Council a military leave policy supporting employees of Halifax Regional Municipality who are members of the Reserve Component of the Canadian Forces.

**MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Hetherington that the concept of a military leave policy supporting employees of Halifax Regional Municipality who are members of the Reserve Component of the Canadian Forces, be referred to staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. **ADDED ITEMS**

13.1 **Legal Matter - Compensation Highway 101 Landfill (In Camera Item)**

- This matter was discussed during an In Camera Session held prior to the public session.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington and Deputy Mayor Greenough that the recommendation adopted In Camera, be ratified by Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

13.2 **Infrastructure Works Extension**

- Information pertaining to an announcement by Premier Savage on a \$42.6 Million Infrastructure Works Extension was distributed to Council.

**MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Schofield to refer this matter to staff to identify necessary infrastructure projects.**

In speaking to the Motion, Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, suggested that the Province be contacted to determine initial criteria.

Councillor Barnet enquired if it could also be determined, from the Province, if the School Board's request for an additional area rate for the former County area, is subject to cost sharing (as part of the infrastructure program).

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. **NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjourning, Mayor Fitzgerald advised that as of Tuesday, February 11, 1997, all Council Meetings would be held in City Hall.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Schofield to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk