

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES May 20, 1997 (Reconvened May 21/97)

PRESENT:
(May 20/97)

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

REGRETS:

Councillors David Hendsbee
Larry Uteck

STAFF MEMBERS:

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

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1. INVOCATION

Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with an Invocation.

2. 1997 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Mayor Fitzgerald presented 1997 Citizenship Awards to the following:

Marcel Parsons, A. J. Smeltzer Junior High School
Lacey Brackett, Admiral Westphal Junior High School
Melissa Cottreau, B. C. Silver Junior High School
Melanie Wilson, Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea School
Jennifer Louise MacLean, Bicentennial School
Rebecca Martin, Brookside Junior High School
Wendy Birt, Caledonia Junior High School
Ian Joyce, Cavalier Drive School
Gina Marie Duggan, Cunard Junior High School
Steven Gallant, Eastern Passage Junior High School
Stephanie Spearns, Elizabeth Sutherland School
Mehul Gandhi, Ellenvale Junior High School
Bonita Parsons, Fairview Junior High School
Edward (Ted) Aubut, Gorsebrook Junior High School
Gregory Charlton, Highland Park Junior High School
Jillian Thibeau, Leslie Thomas Junior High School
Anthony Vincer, Oxford School
Sherri Garnett, Sackville Heights Junior High School
Nadalie Crawley, Sir Robert Borden Junior High School
Richard Woodbury, St. Agnes Junior High School
Shaun Wright, St. Patrick's-Alexandra School
Sara O'Neil, Clayton Park Junior High
Stephanie Matthews, Clayton Park Junior High (representing Rockingham)
Christine Brophy, Cornwallis Junior High School

3. PROCLAMATIONS

3.1 National Safe Kids Week - May 23-30, 1997

Mayor Fitzgerald proclaimed May 23-30, 1997, National Safe Kids Week.

3.2 National Missing Children's Week - May 25-31, 1997

Mayor Fitzgerald proclaimed May 25-31, 1997, National Missing Children's Week.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 29 and May 6, 1997

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that the minutes of April 29 and May 6, 1997, be approved. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

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

14.1 Tabling of the 1997/98 Operating Budget

Council agreed to deal with this item first on the agenda.

The Municipal Clerk requested the following be deleted from the agenda:

12.1.3 Presentation - Cunard Street Children's Centre

Councillor Cunningham requested the following be added to the agenda:

14.2 Information Item #8 - Memorandum from Commissioner of Regional Operations dated May 14, 1997 re: Spring Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Councillor Kelly requested that those people who followed the proper process and requested to speak regarding Item 9.4 - Source Separated Composting Facilities, be permitted to do so.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Harvey that those people who met the criteria and requested to speak regarding Item 9.4 - Source Separated Composting Facilities, each be permitted to make a five minute presentation. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that the Order of Business and Additions and Deletions be approved, as amended. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14.1 Tabling of the 1997/98 Operating Budget

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington and Deputy Mayor Greenough that the 1997/98 Operating Budget be tabled. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that budget deliberations begin Wednesday, May 21, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None

7. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - None

8. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - None

9. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

9.1 Local Improvement Policy

Mr. Ron Singer, Director of Finance, suggested this item be deferred to next week as the report has not yet been circulated to Council.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that this item be deferred to next week. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 Application by Annapolis Basin to Include the Glen Arbour Residential Development Within a Water Service District (Also includes Upper Hammonds Plains and Maplewood-on-the-Lakes)

C A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the above was previously circulated to Council.

Staff was *originally* recommending that Council:

- (1) Refuse Annapolis Basin's request for a Municipal Planning Strategy amendment to extend the Water Service District to the proposed Glen Arbour development;
- (2) Identify an appropriate Water Service District for Upper Hammonds Plains; and
- (3) Initiate a program to identify and evaluate the nature and extent of any water quality problems in Maplewood-on-the-Lakes.

Mr. Bill Butler, Manager, Central Region, Planning Services, noted Recommendation #1 is now no longer necessary as the applicant has withdrawn the specific request to have the Glen Arbour Residential Development included within the water service district.

Following a brief discussion, the following Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Schofield that Council identify an appropriate Water Service District for Upper Hammonds Plains and initiate a program to identify and evaluate the nature and extent of any water quality problems in Maplewood-on-the-Lakes.

Councillor Rankin noted this originated with the North West Community Council last fall and suggested the report should have reflected this. Councillor Rankin noted the program to be initiated should also address water quantity as well as water quality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3 Plumbing By-Law

C A supplementary report prepared for Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, regarding the Plumbing By-law, was before Council for consideration.

The following Motion for Second Reading had been deferred at the April 29, 1997 meeting of Council pending further discussions with representatives of the plumbing industry:

“MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Hetherington to give Second Reading to the Plumbing By-Law as attached to the staff report dated April 21, 1997; further, to repeal Ordinance 132, the Plumbing Ordinance of the City of Halifax, and By-Law P-800, the Plumbing By-Law for the City of Dartmouth.”

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Adams declared a Conflict of Interest due to the fact he is part owner in a plumbing company and removed himself from discussions.

Councillor Dooks declared a Conflict of Interest due to the fact he is in the construction business and works closely with the plumbing industry and removed himself from the discussions.

Deputy Mayor Greenough declared a Conflict of Interest due to the fact his brother has a plumbing company and removed himself from discussions.

Following further discussions with the industry, staff was **now** recommending that Council:

- (1) Approve adoption of the Plumbing By-Law, as attached to staff report dated May 5, 1997, for all areas of the former Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford;
- (2) Direct staff to prepare further amendments to the Plumbing By-Law Number P-400 to allow for the licensing of plumbers for consideration after amendments to “An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Regional Municipality” have been approved by the Province.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Snow that Council approve Second Reading of By-law P-400, for all areas of the former Halifax County Municipality and the Town of Bedford, and further, to direct staff to prepare further amendments to the Plumbing By-law P-400 to allow for the licensing of plumbers for consideration after amendments to “An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Regional Municipality” have been approved by the province. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

With respect to Section 1.4.1 (b) (ii), Councillor Cooper stated he would hope that the Water Commission will provide some type of warranty for the residents. Mr. Bill D. Campbell, Manager of Development Services, Western Region, answered questions from Councillor Cooper on storm water drainage and stated he would be willing to discuss this issue further with the Councillor.

Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillors Adams and Dooks resumed their places at the meeting.

9.4 Source Separated Composting Facilities - RFP #96-184

- C A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the Source Separated Composting Facilities - RFP #96-184, was before Council for consideration.

- C Correspondence regarding the above was received from the following: Pegi Wilson, Resident; B. A. “Rocky” Jones, Solicitor, Upper Hammonds Plains Community Development Association; Viki Samuels-Stewart, Coordinator of Race Relations and Affirmative Action, Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission; Karen A. Fitzner, Solicitor, Cox Downie; Susan Antler, Executive Director, The Composting Council of Canada; Joe MacMullin, Resident; Kim Cooke, Resident; Paul Taylor, President, Compost Management, New Era Farms; P.R.O.B.E., Betty Stacey, Resident; Pat Curran, Resident; Helen Jones, Resident, Gordon Earle, NDP Candidate (Halifax West), and W. Dale Dunlop.

Staff was recommending that Regional Council, subject to final negotiations and to the issuance of the necessary permits and approvals, award the contracts to:

- (1) Miller Composting Corporation for a 20,000 tonne/yr (plus 25% surge capacity) Source Separated Composting Facility at a contract fee of \$67.31 per tonne to be located at a parcel of land in the Burnside Industrial Park to be determined by staff.
- (2) New Era Farms for a 20,000 tonne/yr Source Separated Composting Facility at the Hammonds Plains site at a contract fee of \$56.70 per tonne.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor McInroy declared a Conflict of Interest as his brother was legal counsel for one of the proponents and removed himself from the discussion.

Council agreed to hear public presentations on this issue.

Mr. Steven Taylor

Mr. Taylor expressed concern with Council voting on this issue without hearing from everyone wishing to speak having that opportunity. He noted he was not fully prepared to speak tonight as he was previously told he would not be permitted to do so. He suggested Councillor Rankin, Chairperson, Solid Waste Resource/Advisory Committee should declare a Conflict of Interest and not partake in the vote. For the record, Councillor Rankin stated Council provided for a public information process and a Community Council meeting provided for public presentations on this issue. Councillor Rankin also stated, for the record, that he was not representing Hammonds Plains when the zoning of this site was changed.

In his presentation, Mr. Taylor made the following points:

- C The FDA in the United States has yet to approve one of these composting facilities as they are still in the test stage.
- C The Transport Canada recommendation for the flight path is not addressed in the staff report.
- C The bond issue only covers 10,000 tonnes.
- C One-third of Nova Scotia's organics will be taken to this facility. Concerns with confidentiality of paper product being dumped in an open windrow site, environmental damage and property values.

Mr. Douglas Campbell

Mr. Campbell noted his request to speak included four people, and Council agreed that they be heard. Mr. Campbell made the following points in his presentation:

- C The communities involved feel they have not had proper representation in this matter.
- C Residents are questioning why this facility is not being relocated as was done in Dartmouth.
- C Residents have concerns with odour, the amount of organic waste coming to this site, inadequate roadways to the site, the largest elementary school in the Province is located less than a kilometer from the entrance of this facility, seagulls creating safety hazards for the runway approach to the airport,

infectious diseases and property values.

In closing, Mr. Campbell stated there are other more appropriate locations for this facility.

Mr. Doug Curran

Mr. Curran made the following points in his presentation:

- C The Milton, Ontario, site, referred to in the staff report, is permitted to handle similar material but does not.
- C The residents in Hammonds Plains have just as many concerns, if not more, as the Dartmouth residents.
- C Concerns with the site being located close to the watershed. The staff report did not address the race issue.
- C The falcon will deter other bird life as well as seagulls.
- C His greatest concern is with the trucking issue.

Ms. Leona Beckers

Ms. Beckers made the following points in her presentation:

- C Concern with lack of representation on this issue for the community.
- C Residents are well informed and committed to save the community of Hammonds Plains.
- C Finding an appropriate site is the right thing to do.

Rev. Darryl Gray

Rev. Gray made the following points in his presentation:

- C There is not a clear representation coming from the black community of Upper Hammonds Plains.

Councillor Adams stated there were efforts made by the Human Rights Commission to communicate with the Upper Hammonds Plains community to determine if race was an issue. Rev. Gray responded a fatal car accident affected the Community Development Association's ability to attend to business matters, and this was communicated to the Human Rights Commission.

Rev. Gray continued with his presentation making the following points:

- C Issues raised by previous speakers are also concerns of the black community of

- Upper Hammonds Plains, as well as environmental racism.
- C The Human Rights Commission has not had an opportunity to deal with the issue of environmental racism.
 - C The community is prepared to seek legal action if the composting facility is placed in or near the community.
 - C The community supports composting and the idea of solid waste management, but do not believe an outdoor composting facility should be placed in a residential community.

Mr. Paul Taylor

Mr. Taylor made the following comments during his presentation:

- C Concern with the lack of support Hammonds Plains has received in this issue.
- C Residents of Hammonds Plains are prepared to file a class action suit.
- C This project will be one of the largest in North America, and there are no laws regulating composting.
- C Council needs to know what it is voting for and the effects it will have.
- C Concerns with the tendering process.
- C Concerns with an open facility.
- C The members of the Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee should not partake in the vote on this issue.
- C Concern with the disease factor with respect to employees and the watershed.

Ms. Kim Cooke

Ms. Cooke made the following points in her presentation:

- C In her letter, she erroneously stated that she took exception to the minutes of the March 26, 1997 special meeting of the North West Community Council. In fact, it was with the staff report that she took exception, and her comments should be directed to the staff report and not the minutes.
- C The proposed facility will have three monitoring wells while most facilities of this type have between 15-20.
- C The Prince Edward Island facility handles 9,000 tonnes annually. The proposed facility will handle 50,000 tonnes initially.
- C The Prince Edward Island facility has a sheltered area for the 21 day period while the proposed facility will use wood chips.
- C Concern with lack of public input during the RFP process and site selection.
- C Concerns could have been addressed in the RFP.

Mr. Joe MacMullin

In his presentation, Mr. MacMullin stated there is a lack of depth in the research that has been done on this issue and more is required.

Ms. Joyce Evans

Ms. Evans made the following points in her presentation:

- C Concern with an increased number of trucks on the Pockwock Road.
- C Scientists in the United States are questioning the use of sewage sludge in the compost process as all viruses are not necessarily killed by the heat process.
- C The community of Hammonds Plains is not getting fair attention in the media.
- C The New Era Farms site has the appearance of being a remote site, but this is deceptive.
- C Councillors who have not visited the proposed site should do so.

Ms. Betty Stacey

Ms. Stacey read her letter into the record regarding the proposed composting facility site.

Commencing the debate on the issue, Councillor Epstein made the following points:

- C He rejected the suggestion made that members of the Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee are in a conflict of interest.
- C The concerns regarding infection of the water supply will not happen because there is a full scale treatment system to prevent this.
- C With respect to environmental racism, it is possible that a successful complaint could be filed with the Human Rights Commission.
- C The Hammonds Plains community is being treated differently than the Dartmouth community with respect to the two sites.
- C A possible solution to this issue is to move both sites to an industrial park setting.
- C Due to the zoning of the Hammonds Plains site, if HRM chooses not to enter into a contract with the owner, the owner can still enter into an agreement with someone elsewhere in the Province.
- C Due to the low cost of land in Ragged Lake, both composting facilities should be located in this area.

Mayor Fitzgerald inquired if the Hammonds Plains site is rejected, is HRM open to a substantial legal suit. Councillor Epstein replied HRM is still prepared to do business with the two proponents, and suggested negotiations could be conducted with the

proponents regarding possible movement of the site. Mr. Anstey noted New Era Farms has an interest in maintaining their site selection as they own the land. There has been no indication to date that they are willing to negotiate another site location.

Councillors Mitchell and Hanson opposed the suggestion of both sites being located in Ragged Lake. Councillor Mitchell also spoke in support of Councillor Rankin and his work with respect to the composting issue.

Councillor Harvey made the following comments:

- C There were a number of meetings creating the opportunity to exchange information regarding this issue in the last two and a half months.
- C With respect to the permit process, if this proposal goes forward, the message must be sent to the Department of Environment that the permit process must be very stringent.
- C Respecting Councillor Epstein's suggestion of locating the New Era Farms facility in an industrial park, it is his understanding that a windrow process is not acceptable under the rules of industrial parks.

In addressing the issue, Deputy Mayor Greenough made the following points:

- C In hindsight, the process was flawed in the beginning by attempting to distance the Municipality from site selection.
- C Due to the fact only 50,000 composting carts are being rolled out this year, two sites are not needed at this time.
- C If Miller Composting Corporation was awarded 40,000 tonnes per year, the price would be reduced to \$56.67 per tonne.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Blumenthal that Council, subject to final negotiations and to the issuance of the necessary permits and approvals, award a contract to Miller Composting Corporation for a 20,000 tonnes/yr (plus 25% surge capacity) Source Separated Composting Facility at a contract fee of \$67.31 per tonne to be located at a parcel of land in the Burnside Industrial Park to be determined by staff; further, that the decision on the New Era Farms contract be deferred for a further 30 days to permit time for comment from the Department of Environment and to permit negotiations with the adjacent black community and the Human Rights Commission as well as negotiations to identify alternate sites for the proposed Hammonds Plains composting site.

Mayor Fitzgerald expressed concern with a possible lawsuit in relation to the Hammonds Plains site. He suggested, if negotiations with New Era fail, additional money can be put into the Miller site in Dartmouth.

Mr. McLellan stated there is a recommendation from staff and a decision regarding a contract, not a site, is before Council. The intent of the proposal was for the bidder to select the site. On April 15, Council approved a deferral of a decision on the Hammonds Plains site for 30 days to await the outcome of the Human Rights Commission's attempts at mediation. With respect to the Dartmouth site, specific direction was given to staff to look at placing that facility in the Burnside Industrial Park. Mr. McLellan stated staff put forward a balanced report and this issue should now be dealt with by Council.

Councillor Schofield noted there are two proposed sites in the Burnside Industrial Park for the Dartmouth site, and he would prefer that the facility be located a little further away from the lots that are for sale. With respect to an earlier suggestion of doubling the capacity of the facility in Dartmouth, Councillor Schofield stated this would concern him.

Mr. Joe Mann responded to questions from Councillor Kelly regarding costing factors involved in the selection of the two proponents. Councillor Kelly inquired if Council has the right to deny one contract over another due to dollar values. Mr. Anstey replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Barnet inquired if staff believes Councillor Epstein's suggestion regarding Ragged Lake is viable. Mr. Tom Rath, Manager, Business Parks, replied this is not a site staff would be prepared to recommend as a location for this project. Councillor Barnet inquired if the zoning issue was resolved, is it viable to include New Era Farms on this site. Mr. McLellan replied if the price could be maintained in relativity compared to the top three competitors, it would be feasible.

For the record, Councillor Barnet stated there are substantial differences between the landfill site in Sackville and a composting site. The most important difference is the landfill site will be with the Sackville community for many years unlike the composting facility which will have no long lasting effects. If there is a workable solution that will provide an alternative site to the Hammonds Plains site, he will support it. If not, he will support moving forward with staff's recommendation.

Councillor Stone suggested a staff report is required to answer the questions raised before a decision is made, and this report needs to be obtained in a shorter time period than the thirty day deferral as proposed in the motion on the floor. Mr. McLellan stated a staff report could be prepared within two weeks. However, to be fair to the residents and New Era Farms, staff may want to take more time to prepare this report and take closer to the 30 day limit. Deputy Mayor Greenough clarified his motion implies 30 days is the maximum, however, it does not imply that staff cannot come back earlier.

Councillor Adams stated the residents speaking on this issue this evening should have been at the meeting two years ago when the zoning was changed for this area.

Councillors Adams and Blumenthal spoke in support of Councillor Rankin.

Councillor Cooper stated the issue of the two sites should not be separated and should be dealt with as one financial package.

MOVED by Councillors Cooper and Mitchell that both site decisions be deferred for two weeks. MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Walker stated he was not prepared to support the New Era Farms site until they can agree to relocate the site.

Councillor Epstein stated Council's best bargaining strength is not to have entered into a contract with either proponent, and one option available is to enter into an agreement with only one proponent.

Councillor Cooper inquired if the intent of the motion is to hold discussions only with the residents of Upper Hammonds Plains or all the residents of Hammonds Plain. Deputy Mayor Greenough replied the intent is to include the whole community.

Councillor Mitchell requested a Recorded Vote. The vote was taken on the motion on the floor. (16 In Favour - 5 Against)

Members of Council voting **in favour** of the motion were Mayor Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Greenough, Councillors Dooks, Snow, Sarto, Hetherington, Schofield, Cunningham, Blumenthal, Downey, Walker, Stone, Hanson, Adams, Barnet and Kelly.

Members of Council voting **against** the motion were Councillors Cooper, Epstein, Harvey, Rankin and Mitchell.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor McInroy resumed his place at the meeting.

RECESS

A recess was taken at 9:35 p.m. and Council reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

10. REPORTS

10.1 MAYOR

10.1.1 Grants Committee

C A memorandum from Mayor Fitzgerald recommending that Councillor Blumenthal be appointed to the Grants Committee was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that Councillor Blumenthal be appointed to the Grants Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.2.1 Future Capital Budgets - Councillor Schofield

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 24.

10.2.2 Sale of Land Account - Councillor Schofield

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 25.

10.2.3 11 Mayor Avenue - Councillor Adams

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 26.

10.2.4 Murals - Councillor Stone

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 26.

10.3 GRANT COMMITTEE

10.3.1 Preliminary 1997-98 Grant Committee Recommendations

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 26.

10.4 COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10.4.1 Committee Update (oral)

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 28.

10.5 HALIFAX PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10.5.1 Proposal for a Senior's Housing Complex and Cultural Centre: St. Andrews Centre Site - Halifax (set date for public hearing)

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 28.

10.6 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10.6.1 Amendment to MPS and Land Use By-Law - Expansion of Car Dealership, 39 Dartmouth Road

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 28.

10.6.2 Bay Lookout Association - District 23

This item was addressed when Council reconvened on May 21/97 on Page 28.

10.7 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

These reports (10.7.1 - 10.7.12) were dealt with following the presentations (see page 20). Council agreed to deal with Item 12, Correspondence, Petitions and Delegations at this point in the meeting.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

12.1 Presentations

12.1.1. Saturn Dealership - Donating of Equipment to HRM

C A letter from Mr. Pat Forbes, Saturn Saab Isuzu of Halifax, regarding the Saturns Kids Kingdom Event, was before Council.

Mr. Pat Forbes, Saturn Saab Isuzu of Halifax, and his son, Mr. Patrick Forbes, General Manager, Halifax dealership, were in attendance to discuss the Saturns Kid Kingdom Event. The Halifax/Dartmouth Saturn Dealerships have committed \$40,000 to build a playground for the community at Cole Harbour Place in June of this year.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked the Saturn representatives for their donation to which Council responded with a round of applause.

MOVED by Councillor Cooper and Deputy Mayor Greenough that the donation be accepted with thanks. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.1.2 Canada Post - Postal Boundaries - Terry MacDonald

- C** A letter from Mr. Terry MacDonald, Coordinator, Delivery Services, Atlantic

Region, regarding making a presentation to Council on the Addressing the Future Program, was before Council.

With the aid of a computer presentation, Mr. MacDonald explained Canada Post's Addressing the Future Program, to Council. A copy of his presentation was submitted for the record.

In response to a question from Councillor Kelly regarding post office boxes, Mr. MacDonald replied post office boxes will still be available with this program.

12.1.3 Cunard Street Children's Centre

As the presenter was unable to attend the meeting, this item was deleted under Approval of the Order of Business.

12.1.4 Structure, Past Accomplishments, Future Goals - Advisory Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities - Mr. Darrell Robar, Chair

Mr. Darrell Robar, Chair, Advisory Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, made a presentation to Council regarding the structure, past accomplishments and future goals of the Committee. Mr. Robar noted copies of the terms of reference for the Committee are available for Councillors who wish to have a copy.

12.1.5 Farm Acreage - Garnet Holman

As the presenter was unable to attend the meeting, this item was not addressed.

12.1.6 External Financial Support - Clock Tower - Mrs. Shirley Marryatt

Ms. Shirley Marryatt addressed Council regarding external financial support for the Clock Tower. Ms. Marryatt suggested each resident of HRM could donate \$1.00 towards the repair of the clock tower. Also, an essay contest could be held in the schools with the winning student reading his/her essay in December during the anniversary of the Explosion. Ms. Marryatt suggested a steering committee could also be struck to look after this issue, and she volunteered to sit on this committee.

12.1.7 Lake Major Water Treatment Plant - George Armoyan

As the presenter was unable to attend the meeting, this item was not addressed.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Schofield that the meeting extend past 10:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Council resumed the Order of Business as set out in the agenda.

10.7 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.7.1 Request of Citizens Against Health Care Cuts

- C A report prepared for Valerie Spencer, Commissioner, Priority and Policy Group, recommending Council not proceed with the request of citizens against health care cuts pertaining to a telephone hot line for health care, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Barnet and Deputy Mayor Greenough that Council not proceed with this request. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.7.2 Selection of Summerfest 1997 Host Community

- C A report prepared for Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, regarding the selection of Summerfest 1997 host community, was circulated to Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Stone that:

- 1. Hubbards be the host community for Summerfest 1997, with its "Celebration of Music, Community and Country" event.**
- 2. A Summerfest grant of \$35,000 be awarded to Hubbards.**
- 3. The Ad Hoc Committee be directed to continue reviewing the process for host community selection, and revisit such issues as geographic boundary of Summerfest, scope of the event, deadline for applications, selection date and other relevant issues. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.7.3 Halifax Metro Centre - Proposed Renovations

- C A report prepared for Dan English, Commissioner of Community Services, regarding proposed renovations to the Halifax Metro Centre, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Epstein that Council approve a temporary borrowing resolution for \$1.4 million, which will be used to finance the Trade Centre Limited's renovations to the Halifax Metro Centre, at no cost to HRM. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.7.4 1999 National Awards Ceremony and Municipal Exposition - Communities in Bloom

- C A report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the 1999 National Awards Ceremony and Municipal Exposition - Communities in Bloom, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Mitchell that Council support in principle the award for Halifax Regional Municipality to host the 1999 National Awards Ceremony and Municipal Exposition for "Communities in Bloom." MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.7.5 Chocolate Lake Park - Herring Cove Road

- C A report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding Chocolate Lake Park, Herring Cove Road, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Hanson and Stone that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to execute a lease on behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality for the lands known as Chocolate Lake Park with the Province of Nova Scotia for a five-year term at nominal consideration and subject to the terms and conditions as indicated in the staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.7.6 Creative Outdoor Advertising - Streetscaping Benches

A report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding streetscaping benches, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Stone that staff be authorized to enter into a ten year contract with The Bench Press Ltd./Creative Outdoor Advertising to provide for a minimum of 200 advertising amenities and a minimum of 200 non-advertising benches on the untravelled portions of public highways within the jurisdiction of the Halifax Regional Municipality. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.7.7 Award of Tender No. 97-200 - Kingswood Subdivision Walkways

- C A report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the award of Tender No. 97-200 - Kingswood Subdivision Walkways, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Rankin and Barnett that:

- (1) Council award Tender 97-200 - Kingswood Subdivision Walkways, for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$44,968.74 and a Total Project Cost of \$52,000.00 to Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd.**
- (2) Council authorize a transfer of \$31,000.00 from Capital Account No. 91300, Mortons Lake Sportsfield to Capital Account No. 91281, Kingswood Subdivision Walkways.**
- (3) Council authorize funding from Capital Account No. 91281, Kingswood Subdivision Walkways. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.7.8 Award of Tender No. 97-201 - Traffic Signals, Windmill Road at Princess Margaret Boulevard

- C A report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the award of Tender No. 97-201 - Traffic Signals, Windmill Road at Princess Margaret Boulevard, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Cunningham that:

- (1) Council award Tender No. 97-201 - Traffic Signals, Windmill Road at Princess Margaret Boulevard for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$124,151.70 and a Total Project Cost of \$143,000.00 to Black and McDonald Ltd.**
- (2) Council authorize funding from Capital Account No. 97922, Traffic Signals, Windmill Road at Princess Margaret Boulevard. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.7.9 Tender #97-041 - Three (3) Bay Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for Knightsridge Fire Station

- C A report prepared for Gary Greene, Commissioner of Fire Services, regarding the award of Tender #97-041 - Three (3) Bay Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for Knightsridge Fire Station, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker that Council authorize the award of the tender to the lowest bidder, L. E. Cruickshanks Sheet Metal Ltd. at a cost of \$62,836 included HST. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.7.10 Award of Tender 97-020 Vibratory Rollers

- C A report prepared for Larry Corrigan, Commissioner of Corporate Services, regarding the award of Tender 97-020 Vibratory Rollers, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Walker that the lowest evaluated bidder, Halifax Equipment Rentals, be awarded the purchase of the Vibratory Rollers - Portable Walk Behind Type for total tender price of \$74,324.50 including HST. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.7.11 Award of Tender No. 97-206 - Punch Bowl Drive Road Reconstruction and Drainage Improvements

- C A report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the award of Tender No. 97-206, Punch Bowl Drive Road Reconstruction and Drainage Improvements, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Hanson and Adams that Council:

- (1) Award Tender No. 97-206 - Punch Bowl Drive Road Reconstruction and Drainage Improvements, for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$385,279.33 and a Total Project Cost of \$443,071.00 to Basin Contracting Limited, and,**
- (2) Authorize \$420,000 from Capital Account No. 95468 Punch Bowl Road and \$23,071 from Account No. 83045, Punch Bowl Drainage. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.7.12 Transfer of Lease Agreement on MacAskill's Restaurant from Edwards Fine Food (1995) Limited to MacAskill's Restaurant Ltd.

- C A report prepared for George McLellan, Commissioner of Regional Operations, regarding the Transfer of Lease Agreement on MacAskill's Restaurant from Edwards Fine Food (1995) Limited to MacAskill's Restaurant Ltd., was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Schofield that Council approve the assignment from Edwards Fine Food (1995) Limited to MacAskill's Restaurant Ltd. and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an assignment

agreement in the form as attached to the staff report. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Sarto that the meeting recess at 10:25 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 1 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1997 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BEING PRESENT:

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillors Dooks, Snow, Hendsbee, McInroy, Sarto, Hetherington, Schofield, Cunningham, Blumenthal, Downey, Epstein, Walker, Stone, Hanson, Adams, Barnett, Harvey, Kelly, Rankin, and Mitchell. **Absent** with regrets were Councillors Cooper and Uteck.

10. **MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

10.2.1 **Future Capital Budgets - Councillor Schofield**

! Councillor Schofield had requested this matter be added to the agenda.

Councillor Schofield addressed Council noting the 1997/98 Capital Budget was unacceptable as monies had not been distributed fairly through each District. Accordingly, the Councillor suggested that a policy be implemented allocating discretionary funds for each District.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Blumenthal that staff develop a formula to distribute discretionary funds for each District.

Councillor Adams expressed concern with this Motion and the entire Capital Budget process as he was of the opinion that Council deferred a promise to residents regarding capital projects. The Councillor referenced clause 58(6) of Administrative Order No. 1 which states "No Motion to reconsider shall be allowed in regard to a motion approving all or part of the annual budget of the Municipality..." and enquired if the solicitor could review this clause.

Councillor Adams suggested a Committee of staff be established to develop alternate cost-saving strategies for the municipality other than the cutting of positions.

Councillor Epstein took his place at the meeting at this point in time (1:15 p.m.).

Councillors Blumenthal, Mitchell, and McInroy agreed there should be more

consultation with Council, on the part of staff, in the budgetary process.

Councillor Cunningham took his place at the meeting at this point in time (1:20 p.m.).

Deputy Mayor Greenough stated he would be interested in seeing how staff address the concept of allocating discretionary funds per District i.e. based on population, assessment, or a combination of both. The Deputy Mayor suggested there should be a balance of services taken into account; further, the particular needs of each District should be taken into consideration. Accordingly, he would support the Motion on the floor, as long as his comments would be taken into consideration.

Councillor Harvey took his place at the meeting at this point in time (1:25 p.m.).

Councillor Dooks suggested that, as a representative of the rural area, although he supports the Motion on the floor, the funds should not be allocated based on assessment, rather, they should be based on population.

Councillor Stone took his place at the meeting at this point in time (1:30 p.m.).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hanson took his place at the meeting at this point in time (1:30 p.m.).

10.2.2 Sale of Land Account - Councillor Schofield

! Councillor Schofield had requested this matter be added to the agenda.

Councillor Schofield enquired if Sale of Land accounts for industrial parks was separate from other land transactions. The Councillor suggested funds in Sale of Land accounts for industrial parks should be available for emergency projects, subject to Council approval.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Stone to withdraw funds in the future, from the Sale of Land Account - Industrial Parks - for emergency projects.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor Greenough cautioned Council in this regard, noting these funds should be kept strictly for business park development. In response, Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that staff attempt to follow this practice and that funds in the Sale of Land Account are not always from the sale of land in industrial parks; other land transactions are included.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Schofield if the funds in the Sale of Land Account could be separated i.e. Industrial Parks and Other, Mr. Meech advised that

staff could review this suggestion.

In response to a comment made by Councillor Stone that funds in the Sale of Land Account can only be used to purchase additional land, Mr. Meech stated that funds can actually be utilized for capital improvements in business parks.

Mr. Meech also advised that staff could review the possibility of restricting some capital funds for the improvement of business parks.

It was the consensus of Council there was no need for a Motion, therefore no vote was taken.

10.2.3 **11 Mayor Avenue - Councillor Adams**

! A memorandum from Councillor Adams on the above matter, was before Council.

Councillor Adams enquired on the status of this matter as he understood the building was to have been demolished.

Councillor Hendsbee took his place at the meeting at this point in time (1:50 p.m.).

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Adams if the Unsightly Premises Standing Committee had the authority to stop the order to have the building demolished, Mr. Wayne Anstey, Solicitor, advised the Committee had the authority to stay the order to provide an opportunity for the owner to repair the building.

Councillor Hendsbee stated that the Committee was awaiting a legal opinion in this regard.

10.2.4 **Murals - Councillor Stone**

! A memorandum from Councillor Stone on the above, was before Council.

Councillor Stone noted there were cement walls in his District covered in graffiti. The Councillor suggested staff consider using these walls in a mural setting. Areas to be considered included Dunbrack/Kearney Lake Road; Dunbrack/Main. Existing murals are located at Windmill Road, Gottington Street, Kempt Road, and Keiths Brewery. Further, the concept could be extended to enhance the downtown areas of both Halifax and Dartmouth; possibly involving the College of Art and Design. Councillor Stone suggested this concept could generate economic spinoffs; further, he suggested a contest or a corporate sponsorship.

Councillor Stone requested staff prepare a report as to how such a project could be implemented. Pictures were distributed to Council of the murals in the community of Chamainus, B.C where there are currently thirty-two murals which depict the community's heritage. Further, the Councillor suggested a pilot project take place in two locations: the Kearney Lake Road/Dunbrack area, and Dunbrack/Main area.

10.3 GRANT COMMITTEE

10.3.1 Preliminary 1997/98 Grant Committee Recommendations

! A memorandum prepared for Councillor Hendsbee, Chair, Grant Committee, on the above, was before Council.

Councillor Hendsbee, Chair, Grant Committee reviewed the above-noted report noting that Council had previously authorized (February 25/97) the Committee to consider applications up to 50 percent of the amount approved in the 1996/97 grants budget, excluding capital grants.

The Committee was recommending that Council approve the preliminary Grant Committee recommendations as attached to the May 20, 1997 Committee Report.

Concern was raised by various Members of Council that the municipality was not in the business of Social Services and that they would not support the recommendation. Further, these grant recommendations should be forwarded to the Province.

Councillor Cunningham suggested only agencies in dire need receive a grant.

Councillor Stone suggested that correspondence be forwarded to all agencies requesting grants, advising funds may not be available next year.

Councillor Hetherington suggested there was not enough background information on each agency, provided to Council. Accordingly, the Councillor requested this matter be referred back to the Grant Committee to provide a one page explanation on each of the grant requests included in the Committee report.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Barnet to refer this matter back to the Grant Committee for a one page explanation on each of the grant requests included in the Committee report.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Barnet enquired as to which agencies are receiving 50 percent of their request and which agencies are receiving 100 percent of their request.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.4 COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10.4.1 Committee Update - Councillor Kelly

Councillor Kelly, Chair, Committee Advisory Committee, enquired as to when a Committee report could be presented to Council in Committee of the Whole. In response, Mayor Fitzgerald suggested June 17, 1997.

Councillor Stone requested the report be sent out in advance of June 17, 1997 to provide sufficient time for Council to peruse same.

10.5.1 HALIFAX PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10.5.1 Proposal for a Senior's Housing Complex and Cultural Centre: St. Andrews Centre Site - Halifax

! A memorandum prepared for Councillor Epstein, Chair, Halifax Peninsula Community Council, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Epstein that the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Halifax, as outlined in the memorandum dated May 2, 1997 entitled "Case 7479: St. Andrews Centre Site - Halifax - Legal Resolution" be considered at a public hearing on June 17, 1997.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Rankin requested a report from staff pertaining to a policy being established for the disposal of public lands; further, with said report to reference the scope of appraisals.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.6 NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10.6.1 Amendment to MPS and Land Use By-Law - Expansion of Car Dealership, 39 Dartmouth Road

! A memorandum prepared for Councillor Harvey, Chair, North West Community Council, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Schofield to deny the request for an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to permit the expansion of a car dealership at 39 Dartmouth Road onto the adjacent properties of 43

Dartmouth Road and 84 GolfLinks Road. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.6.2 Bay Lookout Association - District 23

! A memorandum prepared for Councillor Harvey, Chair, North West Community Council, on the above-noted, was before Council.

MOVED by Councillors Mitchell and Harvey to endorse the concept of the Bay Lookout Association in developing the Boutiliers Point wharf and abutting property for recreational purposes.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Stone respecting future costs, Councillor Mitchell stated this project will be driven by the community for recreational purposes, however, there may be a cost to the municipality for the wharf site.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

OPERATING BUDGET MEETING DATES

At this point in the meeting, Council discussed Operating Budget meeting dates.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Stone to adopt the following Operating Budget Meeting schedule commencing with Fire and Police Services:

! **Thursday, May 22 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

! **Friday, May 23 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

! **Monday, May 26, Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

! **Friday, May 30 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Hendsbee requested a comprehensive organizational chart of the Halifax Regional Municipality taking into consideration pay scales, seniority, union, non-union, part-time, and full-time.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS CON'T

12.2 PETITIONS

12.2.1 Melville Avenue / Purcell's Cove Road - Councillor Hanson

Councillor Hanson presented the Clerk with a petition from residents of the Melville Avenue and Purcell's Cove Road area on water problems.

12.2.2 Sami Drive, Armoyan Drive and Contessa Court - Facility for Roller Hockey

Councillor Harvey presented the Clerk with a petition from residents in the area of Sami Drive, Armoyan Drive and Contessa Court, for a roller hockey facility. Further, Councillor Harvey requested this be forwarded to Mr. Denis Huck, Superintendent of Facilities, Central Region.

13. MOTIONS

13.1 Councillor Hendsbee

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Schofield to request Elections Canada and the National Chief Electoral Officer to prepare for the future use of the "Permanent Voters List" for the purpose of the 1997 Municipal and School Elections in Nova Scotia and furthermore, for the use in the anticipated 1997 or 1998 Provincial Election.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government of Canada, the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, and all the municipalities in Nova Scotia cost share in the establishment of one "Elections Voter Registration Process" and have the database maintained by the Province.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for debate and consideration at its annual meeting this summer, and perhaps be suggested as an emergency resolution for consideration at the FCM conference being held in Ottawa in June, 1997. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.2 Councillor Blumenthal

- C Correspondence from Mr. L. Doane, Chair, Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission had been circulated to Council.

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hendsbee to rescind those parts of the motions of April 1, 1997 and April 29, 1997 respecting the Macdonald Bridge approaches that approved the south ramp Option "H3" and in substitution therefore direct staff to carry out all reasonable investigations of the north ramp option, including necessary land acquisitions and to bring back to Regional Council a comprehensive report on the issues involved before a final decision is made on the location of the ramps.

A brief discussion ensued on the above-noted Motion. Concern was expressed that should this Motion pass, the 100% funding agreed to by the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission (based on the April 1 and 29, 1997 Motions) may be affected.

No vote was taken on the Motion.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Greenough and Councillor Schofield to defer this matter to May 27, 1997 at which time Mr. Doane, Chairman, Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission would be invited to address Council on this matter; further to request staff to prepare an updated report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Mayor Greenough assumed the Chair.

13.3(i) Councillor McInroy

MOVED by Councillor McInroy and Deputy Mayor Greenough to advise the Nova Scotia Power Corporation of Council's concern regarding the designation of any of the Cole Harbour Heritage Parklands for the purpose of accommodating a power transmission line, and further, that Halifax Regional Municipality be apprised of any current considerations in that regard of which the Nova Scotia Power Corporation may be aware. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.3(ii) Councillor McInroy

- ! Copies of correspondence from the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society, the Bissett Road Park Committee, Ms. Elizabeth Corser, Mr. Richard Morash, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Eaton, and Mr. James Tudor, had been previously distributed

to Council.

MOVED by Councillors McInroy and Hetherington to urge the Honourable Eleanor Norrie, Minister of Natural Resources, to expedite the formal parkland designation for the Cole Harbour Heritage Parklands which were acquired by the Province at the request of Cole Harbour Community for preservation as conservation parklands. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.4 Councillor Cooper

As Councillor Cooper was not in attendance at the meeting, Councillor McInroy spoke on his behalf.

MOVED by Councillors McInroy and Hendsbee that Regional Operations take actions necessary to ensure playing fields for minor sports are open as soon as possible.

A brief discussion ensued on the fact that it was understood this service had been deferred for two weeks due to Operating Budget constraints.

No vote was taken on the Motion.

Another Motion was put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillors Cunningham and Schofield to defer this matter to May 27, 1997 pending a staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. ADDED ITEMS

14.1 Tabling of 1997/98 Operating Budget (see page 6)

14.2 Information Item #8 - Spring Leaf and Yard Waste Collection - Councillor Cunningham

Councillor Cunningham referenced the inclement weather for the month of May and requested staff analyse the possibility of one collection of leaf and yard waste, per month between now and November, for this year only.

In response, Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste, stated by extending the collection by even one week, costs would approximate \$15,000. This is manageable, however, anything other than that would be problematic for both operation and budgetary reasons.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Epstein as to the projected time table for putting the composting carts in place, Mr. Bauld advised that Miller Composting Incorporated is anticipating that material could be received approximately 12 months after Council approval. With respect to New Era, the 30 day period now needs to be addressed. Their original schedule was to be in a position to receive material by this June or July; however, this was based on Council and the Department of the Environment approving of same last month. In the meantime, however, staff is attempting to identify interim receivers.

Councillor Kelly referenced former municipalities' service of a bi-weekly or weekly pickup of leaf and yard waste and enquired if this service would remain. In response, Mr. Bauld advised that staff is working to ensure continuation of the arrangement that the former Town of Bedford had in place for weekly collection; however, he offered to verify this information for the Councillor.

Councillor Walker took his place at the meeting at this point in time (3:25 p.m.).

Deputy Mayor Greenough suggested this matter be put on hold for the time being, and Councillor Cunningham stated he would bring this issue up at a later date.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

15.1 Deputy Mayor Greenough

As Deputy Mayor Greenough was in the Chair at this time, Councillor Sarto read the following Motion on his behalf:

TAKE Notice that at the June 3, 1997 meeting of the Halifax Regional Council, I intend to introduce a Motion to give First Reading to amend By-Law P-301 - City of Dartmouth Employees' Retirement Pension Plan. The purpose of this amendment is to allow for adjustments which will provide improved benefits for members of the Police and Fire Bargaining Units who are members of the City of Dartmouth Employees' Retirement Pension Plan.

16. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED by Councillors Sarto and McInroy to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael
MUNICIPAL CLERK