

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES October 19, 1998

PRESENT:

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald
Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin
Councillors: Bill Dooks
Gordon R. Snow
David Hendsbee
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy
Jack Greenough
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Clint Schofield
John Cunningham
Jerry Blumenthal
Graham L. Downey
Larry Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Bill Stone
Stephen D. Adams
Bob Harvey
Peter Kelly

ABSENT:

Councillor Ron Hanson (Regrets)
Barry Barnet (Regrets)
Jack Mitchell

STAFF MEMBERS:

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

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1. INVOCATION

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

2.1 National Immunization Week

Mayor Fitzgerald proclaimed October 25, 1998 - November 1, 1998 as National Immunization Week.

2.2 Leave a Legacy Week

Mayor Fitzgerald proclaimed the week of October 25, 1998 as Leave a Legacy Week, acknowledging the presence in the gallery of members of the Legacy Steering Committee.

2.3 Technicians and Technologists Week

Mayor Fitzgerald proclaimed the week of October 18 - 24, 1998 as Technicians and Technologists Week.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 6, 1998

MOVED by Councillors Sarto and Cunningham that the minutes of October 6, 1998 be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The following items were requested to be added to the agenda:

- 12.1 Councillor Schofield - Payment of Parking Tickets and the Issuance of Summons
- 12.2 Councillor Dooks - Musquodoboit Valley Service Boundary
- 12.3 Councillor Blumenthal - Unmanned Fire Station
- 12.4 Legal Matter - Proposed Settlement of Claim
- 12.5 Legal Matter - Deed Transfer Tax Issue
- 12.6. Appointments to Committees

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that the Order of Business and Additions and Deletions be approved, 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 - NONE

9. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

9.1 Correspondence

9.1.1 Request for Support - Garden Project - Mrs. Shirley Robertson, Co-Chair, Veterans Memorial Garden Project

- Correspondence from Mrs. Shirley Robertson, Co-Chair, Veterans Memorial Garden Project, Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre Foundation, requesting the Municipality to consider a gift of between \$2,000 and \$5,000 to this project, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that this matter be referred to the Grant Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 Petitions

9.2.1 Councillor McInroy - Playground Request for Heritage Hills, Eastern Passage

Councillor McInroy submitted a petition containing over 200 signatures of parents from the Heritage Hills, Eastern Passage area. The petition requested that money be allocated in the 1999-2000 budget for a playground to be built in the Heritage Hills Subdivision due to the increasing child population.

9.3 Presentations

9.3.1 Activity Update, Dartmouth Downtown Development Corporation - Tom McInnes, President

Mr. Tom McInnes, President, Dartmouth Downtown Development Corporation, made a presentation to Council providing an activity update with respect to the Dartmouth Downtown Development Corporation.

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

- There are 411 businesses and 5,000 employees in downtown Dartmouth, as well as \$80 million of assessment.
- There has been a 40 percent growth in business activity over the last two years.
- The goal of the Corporation is to have a vibrant downtown with flourishing businesses, as well as being a safe place to work, live and visit.
- A Municipal Planning Strategy for downtown Dartmouth is well under way and is anticipated to be presented to Council early in the new year.
- The Corporation is confident that as a result of the public meetings that have taken place, the policy, which is currently being drafted, will illustrate the goals and aspirations of the cross-section of people who attended those meetings.
- Credit is due for Council's good investment in the Alderney Landing Project as it will be a catalyst to bringing people to the downtown area.
- The former Dartmouth Medical Centre building has been purchased and will house 400 employees in January/February 1999.
- A number of major businesses will be responding to the Request for Expressions of Interest in the Starr Manufacturing site, which will be the gateway to downtown Dartmouth in conjunction with preserving the heritage value of the property.
- The development of the downtown area cannot be successful without more residential development. In the near future, staff will be bringing forward two development proposals for residential housing units for Council's consideration.
- The Corporation is working with the Waterfront Development Corporation to develop a marine industrial park in this area.
- With respect to safety, over the past six months the Corporation has mobilized the residents to take an active part in making this community a safer place, and have put together a volunteer safety patrol that is working under the auspices of the Regional Police Services. A similar patrol has been very successful in the Burnside Industrial Park.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. McInnes for his presentation and suggested similar updates should be bi-yearly events at Council.

10. REPORTS

10.1 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10.1.1 Councillor Stone - Traffic Signals Between Willett and Dunbrack Street

Councillor Stone expressed concern with the lack of traffic signals between Willett and Dunbrack Street. The Councillor noted this has been a major problem over the last three years, due to the number of accidents that have occurred. Councillor Stone noted traffic counts have been taken at this location for the last three years, and stated he hopes this year's counts will warrant a traffic signal. The Councillor requested a staff report regarding the priority of this particular traffic signal in the upcoming Capital Budget.

MOVED by Councillors Stone and Walker that this matter be referred to staff for a report as soon as possible with respect to the priority of this particular traffic signal in the upcoming Capital Budget.

Councillor Walker also expressed concerns with respect to safety at this intersection, stating residents want action taken before a serious accident occurs.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.1.2 Councillor McInroy - Land Sale Policy in HRM Industrial/Business Parks

Councillor McInroy stated he is aware there is an upcoming staff report to Council regarding the Land Sale Policy in HRM Industrial/Business Parks. However, the Councillor requested the following issues, with respect to Burnside Industrial Park, be incorporated in this report, in addition to the specific issue previously raised with staff regarding Eastern Fence:

- The number of exceptions to the policy that currently exist.
- What buildings have been constructed in the park that have less than 20 percent lot coverage.
- The number of potential sales that have not been realized as a result of current enforcement of the policy.

Councillor Schofield shared Councillor McInroy's concerns. The Councillor noted there is only about two years worth of serviced land left in the present park, and there are about thirty businesses that are currently negotiating to move into the park. Any land developed after that will be very costly. Councillor Schofield stated this matter needs to be examined very carefully.

Councillor Greenough stated caution needs to be exercised when reviewing the development standards that have been set for Burnside Industrial Park, as

commitments were made that the park would be developed in a certain manner. The Councillor stated the commitments made to the businesses who moved in and invested in the park need to be kept in mind, and it has to be insured the policy will not take away from their investments. Councillor Sarto noted there have been past occasions where each case was considered and studied on its own individual merits.

Councillor Blumenthal inquired if BFI owns land in the Burnside Industrial Park, and requested that an answer to this also be included in the staff report.

Councillor Hetherington requested that the staff report also explore the possible necessity of an Industrial Parks Commission to review, and possibly resolve, industrial park problems before they come to Council. Councillor Schofield suggested the Burnside Chamber of Commerce could get more involved, or an advisory committee made up of community members could be considered. The Councillor noted it is his understanding that these suggestions will be discussed as part of the upcoming staff report.

Greater Halifax Partnership Magnetic Bus

During discussions on this matter, Councillor Adams requested a report from the Greater Halifax Partnership to explain the rationale and benefits of the Magnetic Bus advertising campaign in the local HRM area.

Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

10.2 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

10.2.1 Tender 98-360 - Street Upgrading - Central Region

- A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Kelly and Hetherington that:

- 1. Halifax Regional Council approve local improvement charges in the amount of \$3.33 per foot for asphalt curb upgrading to concrete for Bluewater Road and McGee Drive as outlined in the staff report dated October 14, 1998.**
- 2. Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 98-360, Street Upgrading, Central Region to Dexter Construction Co. Ltd. For materials and services**

specified at the unit prices quoted for a Total Bid Price of \$200,675.00 and a Total Project Cost of \$230,776.00 with funding availability as noted in the Budget Implications section of the staff report dated October 14, 1998.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.2 Temporary Borrowing Resolutions

- A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Sarto that Council approve the following:

- 1. Temporary Borrowing Resolution #98/99-01 in the amount of \$66,812,000.**
- 2. Temporary Borrowing Resolution #98/99-04 in the amount of \$841,250.**

Councillor Stone suggested, in the future, consideration needs to be given by Council with respect to borrowing money for capital projects.

Councillor Greenough noted funding for Solid Waste Management, in the amount of \$36 million, constitutes over one half of the first resolution.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.3 408 Herring Cove Road

- A staff report prepared for George McLellan, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Hetherington that:

- 1. Halifax Regional Council authorize an abandonment of a portion of the storm sewer easement adjacent to McIntosh Run that is encumbered by civic number 408 Herring Cove Road on the condition that all survey, legal, registration and incidental expenses as part of the abandonment be paid for by the owner, Mr. Gary Brown. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.2.4 Greek Summer Fest (Info Memo Oct. 13/98)

- An Information Report prepared for David P. McKinnon, Chief of Police, regarding the Greek Summer Fest, was on the October 13, 1998 Information Agenda, and was now before Council along with correspondence from Mr. John Angelopoulos, President of Greek Orthodox Community of St. George, dated October 14, 1998.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Adams that Council approve Alternative #1 of the Information Report dated October 6, 1998, which states: Discussions can be held to facilitate the festival and to address the concerns of the citizens. The Halifax Regional Police are currently working with the festival organizers to try to ensure that future festivals do not unduly inconvenience the nearby residents. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.5 Reserve Account Approval

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Adams and Stone that the Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund (04-50067) established by the former City of Halifax, for Captain William Spry Community Centre be utilized to tender an energy management control system. The energy control system is estimated to cost \$90,000 - \$100,000 with resultant savings of up to \$20,000 per year giving a simple payback of 4-5 years.

Councillor Stone advised this is part of the goal that has been given to HRM by the FCM 20 Percent Club. The Councillor inquired if HRM is exploring energy conservation for all HRM owned facilities. Mr. Meech replied a report has been completed and is ready to go to tender to seek proposals from companies with regard to energy conservation. Staff anticipates to be in a position to put this out to the market very shortly. Mr. Meech noted an estimate has been given that upwards of \$1 million can be saved each year through energy conservation, noting there obviously also needs to be an expenditure of funds to achieve this.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2.6 Case 00039: Amendments to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy to Permit Residential Intensification by Development Agreement on the Peninsula Area

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Downey and Uteck that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Initiate the process of pursuing an amendment to the Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy. The purpose of this plan amendment process is to examine the development of policy and criteria to identify suitable sites for residential intensification on the Halifax Peninsula area, and to enable development of such sites by the development agreement process.**
2. **Consider the three requests in the context of developing the aforementioned Policy (Recommendation #1) and not pursue these requests individually as site specific plan amendments.**

Ms. Shelly Dickey, Planner, provided a brief overview of the report.

Councillor Uteck noted a request was received from Mr. Wayne Harvey, representative for one of the developers mentioned in the report, to speak to the policy and not to the specific development. The Councillor stated this would assist Council with its perspective on the issue.

MOVED by Councillors Uteck and Hendsbee that Mr. Harvey be permitted to make a five minute presentation to Council. MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Walker expressed concern with the request to enable a development agreement to permit an apartment development on a site to include 3100, 3098 and 3070 Dutch Village Road at Mumford Road. These lands are currently zoned R1 and two ten story buildings are being proposed. The Councillor stated he did not want the floodgates opened to allow developers to by-step the process of rezoning land by following the easier process of proceeding by development agreement. Councillor Walker also expressed concerns with the letter from Wallace Macdonald & Lively, attached to the staff report as Appendix D, stating he did not believe it accurately described the main discussion of the Public Information Meeting held in July 1998. The Councillor noted there were over 90 people in attendance at that meeting who did not want this land rezoned.

In response to Councillor Walker's comments, Ms. Dickey stated the issue is whether or not Council wants, at this point, to initiate three site specific plan amendments. With respect to the application for Dutch Village Road, the original application was for rezoning, but it has now changed to a request for a plan amendment to develop a development agreement policy. Ms. Dickey stated each applicant has requested Council to initiate a plan amendment process to allow certain developments on those sites. However, staff is recommending that the entire Peninsula be examined and criteria be developed for high density development on certain sites on the Peninsula, subject to a plan amendment process. If the development agreement policy is approved, it would apply across the Peninsula, and each applicant would apply for a

development agreement which would be subject to Council approval through a public hearing process.

Councillor Walker questioned if the Dutch Village Road project should be included in this discussion as it is not part of the Peninsula. In response, Ms. Dickey stated technically the limit of the Peninsula in the Land Use By-Law is Dutch Village Road; however, staff believes they are dealing with the Peninsula and the surrounding area in this matter.

Councillor Stone spoke against the motion stating it is opening the door for medium to high density developments in R1/R2 areas. The Councillor stated when this matter was dealt with by the former City of Halifax, it was to provide residential development in downtown Halifax and was not meant for the Peninsula. Councillor Stone stated if Council is going to deal with this for the Peninsula, it should be on an individual basis. The Councillor noted some of these proposed projects were refused by the former City of Halifax, and stated the residents are looking for compatible development. Councillor Stone stated he could support this if it was for the downtown area only.

Councillor Fougere spoke in support of the motion stating there is a huge need for higher density development, particularly for seniors who experience difficulty in finding apartment units in their own community. The Councillor noted this report is allowing HRM to establish criteria to identify potential appropriate sites for higher density residential development with input from the developers and residents. Councillor Fougere stated development should be dealt with as a whole and not individually.

Councillor Uteck spoke in support of the motion stating it will enhance the ability of the community to have a say in what goes on in their neighbourhood, as well as speaking to the issue of developing areas that are already serviced. The Councillor stated the process will determine the locations for these developments that will best suit the interests of the community and HRM.

Councillor Cooper spoke in support of the motion, but expressed some concern with developing a process for the Municipality while at the same time considering three specific applications. The Councillor stated he would like to see some separation. Councillor Cooper stated the Municipality cannot afford to continue to expand outward. This process will determine other ways to concentrate the population in a manner that is acceptable to the Municipality as a whole. Councillor Cooper noted a recent population report indicated there will not be an extreme population increase over the next twenty years and there is an aging population who will possibly require apartments.

Councillor Hendsbee spoke in support of the motion stating the three developments proposed are next to high-rise residential units and would be nothing new to those neighbourhoods. The Councillor suggested negotiations could take place with the Ashburn Golf Course for a trade off for the ramp to come off the Bicentennial Highway onto Joseph Howe Drive. Councillor Hendsbee noted the student population of HRM encounters difficulties in obtaining residential accommodations and any opportunities for more residential units should be welcomed.

Councillor Blumenthal spoke in support of the report, stating the community will be better served and have more say in what type of developments take place.

Councillor Hetherington stated this will be an on-going process including a lot of input from residents, businesses and developers in the community. The Councillor stated this process will also provide Councillors the opportunity to hear from the residents.

Deputy Mayor Rankin spoke in support of the process stating the demographics of the area have changed over the years. The Deputy Mayor noted Halifax has one of the lowest vacancy rates in Canada, and this process will identify if there are appropriate sites for this type of development.

Responding to a question of Councillor Walker, Ms. Dickey stated in the case of the Dutch Village Road proposal, there is the ability to apply for rezoning. However, the developers have asked, given the comments made at the Public Information Meeting, to go through the plan amendment and development agreement process to negotiate a better development for that site than what may be allowed under the existing or proposed zoning. Ms. Dickey noted the staff recommendation is that none of the three proposals be dealt with as site specific plan amendments at this time, and that a general policy be developed.

(Deputy Mayor Rankin assumed the Chair at 7:15 p.m.)

In response to comments made by Councillor Walker, Ms. Dickey noted the staff recommendation states the three requests noted in the Origin section of the staff report will be used as examples when staff goes to the neighbourhoods to show the types of developments that have been requested and could occur under the policy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

(Mayor Fitzgerald returned to the Chair at 7:20 p.m.)

10.2.7 Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Steering Committee Terms of Reference

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

Councillor Schofield commended the Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Steering Committee for its work, noting this year's celebration was one of the best in a number of years. The Councillor noted the cost was no more than the cost of the previous two municipalities. Councillor Schofield introduced members of the Committee who were present in the gallery.

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Greenough that Regional Council approve the new Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Steering Committee Terms of Reference.

In response to a suggestion by Councillor Hendsbee that the Committee should have more representation from areas outside of Halifax and Dartmouth, Mr. Andrew Cox, Coordinator, Festivals and Special Events, stated the Terms of Reference do not preclude someone from outside the Halifax/Dartmouth area from serving on this Committee. Councillor Hendsbee suggested this should be more clearly stated in the Terms of Reference. The Councillor also suggested there should only be one parade in the future due to financial implications.

Councillor Stone extended a vote of thanks to the Committee for its work throughout the year. The Councillor supported the new Terms of Reference with the exception of the length of terms for Committee members. Councillor Stone suggested a two or three year term, with the option of reapplying for an additional two years, may be more appropriate. The Councillor noted problems have been experienced in the past with four year terms. In response, Mr. Cox stated a lot of expertise of Committee members lies with the knowledge of people and organizations that they bring to the table. The longer term of appointment gives Committee members the opportunity to maintain and build on their enthusiasm and expertise.

Councillor Hetherington spoke in support of the four year terms noting the benefits of obtaining and maintaining quality volunteers. The Councillor noted the Natal Day events are not intended to be HRM events, but rather they are the celebration of the birthdays of the communities of Halifax and Dartmouth. Councillor Schofield reminded Council that the HRM float is used in different parades throughout the Municipality, and not just in Halifax and Dartmouth. With respect to funding for the HRM float, Councillor Schofield requested that this be dealt with early to allow sufficient time for the Committee to deal with it if there is a funding shortage.

Councillor Hendsbee stated all HRM events and festivals should be reviewed with respect to potential sharing and cost savings.

Councillor Harvey stated he would like to see the mandate of the Millennium Committee expanded to acknowledge the 250th anniversary of the founding of Fort Sackville which has resulted in the communities of Bedford and Sackville.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2.8 Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee Terms of Reference

- A staff report prepared for Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above, was before Council for consideration.

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Hetherington that:

- 1. Regional Council approve the following amendment to the existing Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Terms of Reference, which reads as follows:**

“To maintain a current list of Canada Day events celebrated throughout HRM and to publicize that list prior to Canada Day each year.”

Councillor Hendsbee suggested the name of this Committee should be changed to the Halifax Regional Municipality Canada Day Committee, as there are over 200 communities in HRM that celebrate Canada Day.

MOVED by Councillors Hendsbee and Blumenthal that the motion be amended to change the name of the Committee from the Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee to the Halifax Regional Municipality Canada Day Committee.

Councillor Cunningham noted the Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee does not plan events for other HRM communities, as many of these communities have their own Canada Day Committees. Mr. Cox noted the purpose of the amendment to the Terms of Reference was to address how other communities could be assisted in the promotion of their activities. The amendment would allow for the process to collect information from other Canada Day committees in HRM to produce a flyer to advertise all HRM Canada Day events. The intent is not for the Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee to move into programming for other groups, as they are doing a great job on their own.

Councillors Harvey and Cooper spoke in support of the amendment as it is national holiday.

Councillor Hetherington spoke against the amendment, noting it may offend other Canada Day committees and be perceived as a takeover of their celebrations.

Councillor Greenough suggested a name change may not be very significant with the exception of perception. The Councillor stated he would not want the Committee to be seen as an intrusion on the festivities of other communities in HRM.

Mr. Cox reiterated the intent of the amendment to the Terms of Reference is to assist in the promotion of all HRM Canada Day events and not to change to focus of the Halifax Dartmouth Canada Day Committee.

The vote was taken on the amendment.

MOTION DEFEATED.

The vote was then taken on the Main Motion which read as follows:

MOVED by Councillors Walker and Hetherington that:

1. **Regional Council approve the following amendment to the existing Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Terms of Reference, which reads as follows:**

“To maintain a current list of Canada Day events celebrated throughout HRM and to publicize that list prior to Canada Day each year.”

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. **MOTIONS - None**

12. **ADDED ITEMS**

12.1 **Councillor Schofield - Payment of Parking Tickets and the Issuance of Summonses**

Councillor Schofield advised it has come to his attention that payments of parking tickets are being posted approximately one month after receipt due to the backlog, and that summonses are being sent out during this delay of payment processing. The

Councillor questioned the cost ramifications of this procedure and requested a staff report confirming whether or not this is factual information. Mayor Fitzgerald noted he has also received several phone calls regarding this matter. Council agreed to the request for a staff report.

12.2 Councillor Dooks - Musquodoboit Valley Service Boundary

Councillor Dooks raised concerns with respect to Mr. Chris Parker, a resident of District 1, who recently purchased a piece of land and is having a home delivered to this property in three weeks time. Mr. Parker is requesting permission to hook into an existing sewer and water service. However, the boundary falls short of two properties and the HRM boundary policy states only one property can be passed to hook up to the service lines. Councillor Dooks noted he raised this issue at Council on August 25, 1998, and a motion was passed requesting staff to review this situation and to initiate the boundary review process. The Councillor stated he was advised by staff that the Public Hearing for the service boundary extension will not be until January 30, 1999. Councillor Dooks requested Council's support in asking staff to expedite this matter so that approval can be obtained quickly.

In response to Councillor Dooks' request, Ms. Donna Davis-Lohnes, General Manager, Planning Services, stated if the regular steps of the process for a plan amendment are followed, the first opportunity for a Public Hearing would be January 12, 1999. Ms. Davis-Lohnes stated she re-examined the matter, after Councillor Dooks expressed concern with the time frame, to see what could be done to amalgamate some of the steps. A Public Hearing for Regional Council could be held in December, and if Council decides not to have any Planning Advisory Committee or Community Council discussion of the matter, the process can be shortened further. Ms. Davis-Lohnes noted the two statutory requirements in the Planning Act are a Public Participation Meeting, which needs to be advertised seven days in advance, and a Regional Council Public Hearing, which needs to be advertised twenty-one days in advance.

MOVED by Councillors Dooks and Blumenthal that staff be directed to follow the statutory processes only with regards to the amendment to the Musquodoboit Valley Service Boundary, which would include a Public Information Session and a Regional Council Public Hearing, and that a special Regional Council meeting be called to hold the Public Hearing. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.3 Councillor Blumenthal - Unmanned Fire Station

Councillor Blumenthal raised concerns regarding an incident last week at Highland Park School. The Lady Hammond Road Fire Station #4 was unmanned as the unit stationed

there was at a mechanical division for repairs. Due to manpower shortages, there was no apparatus available to cover the station. Councillor Blumenthal stated this has become a common occurrence since amalgamation, and manpower has continued to drop.

With respect to the Highland Park School incident, Councillor Blumenthal stated it took 10 minutes for a response. He questioned if this is an acceptable response time. Councillor Blumenthal stated he did not want to see any more budget cuts in Fire Services. The Councillor requested that staff and the CAO take this into consideration when discussing possible Fire Services cuts in the upcoming budgetary discussions.

12.4 Legal Matter - Proposed Settlement of Claim

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

MOVED by Councillors Greenough and Snow that the recommendation adopted In Camera be ratified by Council. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12.5 Legal Matter - Deed Transfer Tax Issue

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

MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Stone that the recommendation adopted In Camera be ratified by Council. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12.6 Appointments to Committees

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

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Schofield that Council approve the appointment of Mr. Russell Kelley to the Grant Committee (term to expire November 2000). **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED by Councillors Schofield and Hetherington that Council approve the nomination of Mr. Grant Wanzel to the Board of Metropolitan Housing Authority. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED by Councillor Stone and Deputy Mayor Rankin that Council approve the appointment of Mr. Joe Randall to the Halifax Port Authority Board. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED by Councillors Snow and Hetherington that Council approve the appointment of Councillors Ron Cooper and Peter Kelly to the Program and Service Review Committee. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington that the meeting adjourn at 8:03 p.m. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk