

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES December 15, 1998

PRESENT:

Mayor Walter Fitzgerald  
Deputy Mayor Larry Uteck  
Councillors: Bill Dooks  
Gordon R. Snow  
David Hendsbee  
Ron Cooper  
Harry McInroy (6:00 p.m.)  
Jack Greenough  
Condo Sarto  
Bruce Hetherington  
Clint Schofield  
John Cunningham  
Jerry Blumenthal  
Graham L. Downey (6:00 p.m.)  
Sheila Fougere  
Russell Walker  
Bill Stone  
Stephen D. Adams  
Barry Barnet  
Bob Harvey  
Peter Kelly  
Reg Rankin  
Jack Mitchell

ABSENT:

Councillor Ron Hanson (Regrets)

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. Karen Swim, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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**1. INVOCATION**

Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the Invocation.

**2. PROCLAMATIONS - NONE**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 1, 1998**

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Blumenthal that the minutes of December 1, 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 added to the agenda:

- 13.1 Councillor Kelly - Waiving of Tipping Disposal Fee and/or Other Potential Options - Metro Food Bank
- 13.2 Councillor Barnet - Letter of Congratulations to Sackville Junior B. Blazer Hockey Team
- 13.3 Report from Board of Police Commissioners - Current Service Levels (Police Services)
- 13.4 Report from Board of Police Commissioners - Hiring of Additional RCMP Officers
- 13.5 Councillor Walker - Bus Route Reductions

The following item was deleted from the agenda:

- 11.2.8 Human Rights Agreement

The following items were deferred:

- 10.1.1 Presentation - Halifax International Airport Authority - Neil Raynor
- 11.2.10 Tax Agreement - Halifax International Airport Authority

Councillor Fougere requested that Item 11.2.5 (ii) Creighton-Gerrish Development Association Proposal - Report from Regional Heritage Advisory Committee, be dealt with before Item 11.2.5 (i) Creighton-Gerrish Development Association Proposal - Staff Report.

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

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. **PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.**
- 9.1 **Second Reading - By-Law S-301 Amendment to By-Law S-300 Streets By-Law**

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

10.1 **Presentations**

10.1.1 **Halifax International Airport Authority - Neil Raynor (oral)**

This item was deferred during the Approval of the Order of Business and Approval of Additions and Deletions.

10.1.2 **Visitor Information Centres, Tantallon and Hubbards - Shelley Webb**

Ms. Shelley Webb made a presentation to Council regarding visitor information centres in Tantallon and Hubbards. In her presentation, Ms. Webb made the following points:

- The tourism industry yielded \$1.1 billion in revenues during 1998, of which approximately 1/2 came into the Municipality.
- Members of the St. Margaret's Bay tourism committee have been involved in a number of initiatives to address tourism over the last number of years. Support was obtained this summer from Tourism Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional RDA and Lunenburg/Queens RDA in the production of a long term tourism strategy.
- One of the top priorities in the strategy is that the local tourism industry encourage people to stay in the area and to use it as a base. One of the main problems preventing this is the inadequate information centres being provided, and one of

the key recommendations is that new centres and services be made available to visitors.

- The visitor information centres constitute the first line of communication as visitors come into the area.
- This summer 3,000 people accessed the visitor information centre in Hubbards, while Tantallon had 3,500, compared to 40,000 in Lunenburg and 30,000 in Mahone Bay.
- If visitors can be attracted to an information centre and provided with good information, they are more likely to stay in the area longer than originally intended, therefore spending more money.
- The average cost for servicing a visitor in a centre ranges between \$1 - \$5, depending on the location and hours of operation of the centre. The average visitor expenditure is \$160 - \$170 per day. Therefore, by investing a few dollars per visitor, \$160 - \$170 can be expected to be spent in the area on the day of service.
- Assistance is required to build tourism infrastructure in the area. It is believed funding from the Provincial government will help with structural costs if HRM can either lease or acquire the land.
- HRM Tourism can work with the St. Margaret's Bay business community to provide highly improved visitor information centres and services in Hubbards and Tantallon through direct support. HRM can assist financially by redirecting or reallocation money already in the Tourism budget. In terms of infrastructure, political support is requested in approaching the Province to insist that the current paving program for Hwy 333 be accelerated.
- Part of the marketing budget for HRM should be directed specifically to promoting the rural areas of HRM, as all of HRM will benefit.

In closing, Ms. Webb advised that she would follow up her presentation with a letter formally requesting Council's political and financial support to achieve the objectives stated in her presentation.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Webb for her presentation stating the matter will be forwarded to staff, along with her letter when received, for a report back to Council.

**10.1.3 Concerns Re: Provision of Services and Increases in Costs  
(Jodi Van Iderstine)**

Ms. Van Iderstine was not in attendance during the December 15 meeting.

**10.1.4 Barrington Street North Bridge Approaches; Possible Loss of Dartmouth Cove Sewage Plant Site(s) and Halifax Regional Water Commission and Harbour Cleanup - Alan Ruffman**

At the beginning of his presentation, with respect to an unrelated matter regarding the clock at the foot of George Street, Mr. Ruffman suggested a columnated light could be used to illuminate it at night.

In his presentation regarding the above issues, Mr. Ruffman made the following points:

- It is impossible for a pedestrian to walk from downtown Halifax to Gerrish or North Streets, especially for those in wheelchairs. Pedestrians have to go through the Cogswell Street interchange where there are no sidewalks. Mr. Ruffman suggested the interchange may no longer be required and the land could be used for another purpose.
- There is no sidewalk on a portion of the water side of Barrington Street. There is only a gravel pathway until the new construction is reached. On the west side of Barrington, there is only a partial sidewalk with the remaining area being a foot path climbing and crossing the berm to Gerrish Street. Approximately twenty years ago, a motion was passed by the former City of Halifax Council that a sidewalk be built in this area but it was never carried out. Mr. Ruffman suggested this sidewalk be construction in conjunction with the bridge ramps.
- With respect to crosswalks, Mr. Ruffman suggested a public relations campaign should be conducted to teach people how to use crosswalks.
- In regards to Dartmouth Cove, Mr. Ruffman suggested the citizens of downtown Dartmouth should be thinking about where the sewage treatment facility should be located, what kind of facility should it be, and how it will be integrated with the neighbourhood.
- As to who will own and operate the sewage facilities, Mr. Ruffman stated the recommendation from the stakeholders committee was that the facilities be owned and operated by the Municipality, although they may be built by the private sector.

Mr. Ruffman suggested Council should set aside a time to debate exactly what it wants the three consortiums to do with respect to the sewage facilities.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Ruffman for his presentation.

## **10.2 Petitions**

### **10.2.1 Councillor Blumenthal - Deletion of Metro Transit Bus Route #8**

Councillor Blumenthal submitted a petition from residents in the area of Connaught Avenue who are opposed to the deletion of the Metro Transit Bus Route #8.

## **11. REPORTS**

### **11.1 PROGRAM AND SERVICE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

#### **11.1.1 Building Management Study - Stage Two: Implementation**

- (i) Presentation - Robert Barss, Deputy Chief of Police**
- (ii) Staff Report (Supplementary)**

Deputy Chief Barss made a presentation to Council regarding the Building Management Study - Stage Two: Implementation, copies of which were provided.

**MOVED by Councillors Hetherington and Greenough that Council:**

- (i) endorse the six key initiatives outlined in the Supplementary Report dated December 8, 1998, as a basis for restructuring the provision of building management services within HRM, with the objectives of reducing facilities expenditures and improving service levels.**
- (ii) instruct the CAO to ensure that these initiatives are implemented, within the constraints imposed by operating budgets. In doing so, the CAO will be expected to provide for local direction of the new Central Service Delivery Organization, supported by reallocating existing facilities staff. This would be supplemented by outside training and building management expertise, necessary to achieve the potential cost savings and improvements identified in Phase 1 where HRM has no experience or expertise in relation to the six key initiatives.**

Councillor Greenough spoke in support of the motion, stating the recommendations contained in the staff report were formulated at the Program and Service Review Committee's meeting regarding this matter. The Committee believes a good combination

of self implementation and use of outside consultants has been achieved to implement the new building management system.

Speaking in favour of the motion, Councillor Hetherington stated in the long run it will be very beneficial to all of HRM and its citizens. Responding to a question of the Councillor regarding recent talk about selling or giving up buildings across the Municipality, Deputy Chief Barss suggested the new director would have a very active say in the quality of the decisions made in regards to the closure of facilities in HRM. Councillor Hetherington suggested such decisions should be placed on hold until cost factors and a common sense approach to this issue can be implemented. The Councillor stated information is being circulated regarding changes in facilities, yet Council has not yet had any debate on these issues. Mr. Meech stated before any final decisions are made, staff will need to come before Council with information illustrating the merit of the recommendation. Several options are being considered to achieve cost efficiencies, including centralizing fleet management. Mr. Meech noted Real Estate, now under Business Parks, would also be involved in providing some advice as it relates to the utilization of facilities.

With respect to Police Services, Councillor Hetherington expressed concern regarding the utilization of a full-time Police Inspector examining buildings. Mr. Meech stated this person would be gathering information from a Police Service perspective in terms of the location of the facility as opposed to the cost of operating that facility. Deputy Chief Barss added that the facility issue is a project for that Inspector along with a number of other work assignments. Only Information is being gathered at this point, and once this is complete, available options will be brought forward to Council. Both the Dartmouth and Halifax facilities are being examined, as each has its own strengths and weaknesses.

Councillor Hetherington suggested the Woodside facility, which is 75,000 square feet, may be used for several departments in the future.

Responding to questions from Councillor Cooper, Deputy Chief Barss stated there are approximately 100 - 150 full-time equivalent positions involved in facilities management, and there will be a combination of secondments, transfers and rewriting of job descriptions. Councillor Cooper stated Council needs to be prepared to support this project in the long term to ensure it is effective.

In response to a question from Councillor Walker regarding the length of the commitment for a director, Mr. Meech replied no decision has been made as of yet regarding this, and he is aware of the feedback from the Program and Service Review Committee meeting.

**(Deputy Mayor Uteck assumed the Chair at 4:10 p.m.)**

Responding to comments from Councillor Walker regarding the constraints imposed by operating budgets, Mr. Meech stated if it is determined that a larger allocation is required, it will be incumbent upon him to come back to Council to provide the reasoning.

In response to a question from Councillor Kelly regarding the time frame, Deputy Chief Barss stated it would be a minimum of four years. With respect to the original recommendations, staff recognizes that 108 of the recommendations would require outside expertise.

Responding to a question of Councillor Stone, the Deputy Chief stated the classification of the position identified as a Director would be determined by Human Resources based on the job description. Mr. Meech noted the scope of this position has yet to be defined and evaluated.

Councillor Barnet spoke in support of the new initiative proposed, stating most of his concerns have been addressed. Responding to a question from the Councillor regarding monitoring the progress of this project, Deputy Chief Barss stated this proposal includes a recommendation of a monitoring committee. Mr. Meech stated he expects there will be quarterly reports to HRM administration and Council.

Responding to a question from Councillor Sarto, Deputy Chief Barss stated additional savings will be obtained by self implementation, however this proposal does not guarantee savings as was the case in the original proposal.

Councillor Greenough noted real savings will come from the centralized system. The Councillor noted the proposal is more of a consolidation rather than a creation of a new department.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**RECESS**

**MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Hetherington that the meeting recess until 6:00 p.m. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**The meeting was reconvened at 6:00 p.m. with the same members being present and with the addition of Councillors Downey and McInroy.**

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Second Reading - By-Law S-301,  
Amendment to By-Law S-300 (Streets By-Law)

First Reading with regard to the proposed amendment had been approved during a regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on Tuesday, December 1, 1998.

Mr. John P. Sheppard, P.Eng., Manager of Environmental and Development Services (Regional Operations), provided a brief overview of the staff report dated November 23, 1998 which had been distributed previously. Responding to a question from Councillor Walker, Mr. Sheppard indicated that while the proposed amendment is not designed to recover the full cost of administering Streets and Services permits, a further staff report regarding this matter will be submitted early in the New Year.

Mayor Fitzgerald called for members of the public wishing to speak either in favour of or against the proposed amendment. Hearing none, the following motion was placed before Council:

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Greenough that the Public Hearing be closed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Streets By-Law Number S-301 (as attached to the staff report dated November 23, 1998) to amend Streets By-Law Number S-300 by increasing the permit fee from \$75.00 to \$100.00 be given Second Reading. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal that Bylaw Number S-301 (as attached to the staff report dated November 23, 1998) be given Third Reading. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. REPORTS (cont'd)

11.1 PROGRAM AND SERVICE REVIEW COMMITTEE

11.1.2 User Fees for Sportfields and Ball Diamonds

! A report dated December 9, 1998 and entitled *User Fees for Sportfields and Diamonds* was submitted under the signature of Councillor Jack Greenough, Chair, Expanded Audit Committee.

Mr. Peter Bigelow, General Manager of Recreation Facilities, provided a brief overview of the December 9 report and responded to questions from various members of Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Cunningham that:**

- (1) Halifax Regional Council adopt the concept of a wider application of user fees for sportfields and diamonds, and task staff with developing a user fee schedule to be implemented for the 1999 season which adheres to the principles laid out in the memorandum from Councillor Jack Greenough, Chair of the Program and Service Review Committee, dated December 9, 1998; and that**
- (2) pending receipt of further information from staff (including a recommendation concerning the proposed fee schedule), consideration be given to the convening of a meeting of Committee of the Whole so that every opportunity for input will be afforded to user groups and other members of the community.**

Speaking in support of the motion, Councillor Hetherington asked that staff compile a list of all user groups (complete with contact names), who will be consulted throughout this process. He asked that this list also be developed to include a summary of the comments received from each of these groups, and that the list in its entirety be distributed to members of Council for reference purposes.

**(His Worship Mayor Fitzgerald retired from the meeting at 6:50 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Uteck assuming the Chair.)**

Referring to Mr. Bigelow's remarks concerning the manner in which staff propose to approach the consultation process with key user groups, Councillor Cooper strongly recommended that district councillors also be given an opportunity to participate in these discussions.

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

## **11.2 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

### **11.2.1 Award of Tender 98-182 - Chezzetcook Fire Hall Addition**

- !** A staff report dated December 8, 1998 and entitled *Award of Tender 98-182, Chezzetcook Fire Hall Addition* was submitted under the signatures of K. R. Meech, CAO, and Dan English, Deputy CAO.

**MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hetherington that Council approve the Award of Tender 98-182 to the low bidder, Kasco Construction, for \$124,200 including \$16,200 in taxes. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2.2 Award of Tender 98-192, Bloomfield Centre - Accessibility**

! A staff report dated December 7, 1998 and entitled *Award of Tender 98-192, Bloomfield Centre - Accessibility* was submitted under the signatures of K. R. Meech, CAO, and Dan English, Deputy CAO.

**MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington that Council approve the Award of Tender 98-192, Bloomfield Centre -- Accessibility, to the low bidder, Kasco Construction, for \$90,000 including \$13,500 in taxes. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2.3 Proposal 98-119, Parking Ticket Tracing and Collection Services**

! A staff report dated December 8, 1998 and entitled *Proposal #98-119 For Parking Ticket Tracing & Collection Services* was submitted under the signatures of K. R. Meech, CAO, and George McLellan, Deputy CAO.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Sarto that Halifax Regional Council authorize the award of Proposal 98-119 to the highest scoring proponent, C. B. Cameron & Associates, for the period of November 1, 1998 to October 31, 2000 (the estimated value of this contract is \$15,000 per year). THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**(His Worship Mayor Fitzgerald returned to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Uteck resuming his usual seat on Council.)**

**11.2.4 Preliminary Budget Summary 1999/2000**

! A document entitled *Taking Care of Business - Phase 2: The Budget Targets* was circulated by Mr. George McLellan, Deputy CAO.

Mr. McLellan presented an overview of the process proposed to be used in the preparation of next year's budget documents and of the goals and time frames to be met.

In the ensuing discussion, Councillor Kelly asked that future budget documents include budgeted and actual figures for the fiscal year 1997/98, and budget and projected figures for 1998/99 as well as projected figures for 1999/2000. The Councillor suggested that, in this way, Council will be provided with information not only with regard to potential service implications but also on the degree of change over the last several years.

Councillor Cooper strongly recommended that minimum acceptable service levels be identified before Council is asked to make decisions as to "priorities," decisions that could be detrimental to the community. The Councillor went on to emphasize that, in his view, departments should be required to augment their budget proposals with information as to how that budget will affect service levels, and that those impacts should be in the form of *measurable* impacts.

In response to Councillor Cooper's concerns, Mr. McLellan advised that one of the objectives of the Program and Service Review initiative had been to identify acceptable levels of service. He added that the budget preparation exercise on which staff has now embarked has served to accelerate the work of the Program and Service Review team, and that, in fact, the workshops proposed as a component of the budget exercise have been designed to help staff work toward the establishment of acceptable service levels. Mr. McLellan concluded his remarks by indicating that he would ask the Program and Service Review team to prepare an Information Report for Council's reference, outlining the work completed to date and the steps that have yet to be taken.

**MOVED by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Fougere that Halifax Regional Council approve the process as outlined in Mr. McLellan's presentation of December 16 and as recommended by the Program and Service Review Committee. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **11.2.5 Creighton-Gerrish Development Association Proposal**

- ! A staff report dated December 10, 1998 and entitled *Creighton Gerrish Development Association Proposal (District 12)* was submitted under the signatures of K. R. Meech, CAO, and Dan English, Deputy CAO.
- ! A report dated December 10, 1998 and entitled *Creighton Gerrish Development Association Proposal* was submitted under the signature of Mr. Paul Erickson, Acting Chairman, Regional Heritage Advisory Committee.

Ms. Shelley Dickey, Planner II, provided a brief overview of the redevelopment proposal and commented briefly on the recommendation submitted from the Regional Heritage

Advisory Committee. She went on to introduce Mr. Grant Wanzel, President of the Creighton Gerrish Development Association, who outlined the project in terms of its social and economic benefits to the community.

Councillor Downey, Councillor for the area in question, expressed concern that various pieces of information had not yet been finalized with regard to this proposal. He referred, in particular, to the fact that the future of the Sobeys-owned property has not yet been determined and that a financial contribution from the Province of Nova Scotia has not been guaranteed. He also noted that the project proposes to demolish the building known as Club 55, despite the objections put forward by the Heritage Advisory Committee and by Mrs. Elizabeth Pacey of Heritage Trust. Taking these factors into consideration, therefore, the Councillor strongly recommended that the item be deferred.

Mayor Fitzgerald advised that, in a recent meeting with Mr. Frank Sobey, he had been advised that Sobeys will require between 30-60 days to reach a decision as to the future of their property fronting on Gottingen Street.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Greenough that Halifax Regional Council provide *approval in principle* of the following:**

- (1) the redevelopment of the entire site to be purchased by the Creighton Gerrish Development Association (CGDA) within the area bounded by Gottingen, Gerrish, Creighton and Cunard Streets for residential and mixed-use purposes, through a combination of development agreements and by-right development;**
- (2) the sale of the land and the building at 2330-34 Gottingen Street for \$1.00 to the CGDA;**
- (3) the redevelopment of 2330-34 Gottingen Street as a 19-unit building for single persons by the Metro Non-Profit Housing Authority through development agreement after demolition of the existing Club 55 building;**
- (4) the sale of the land and buildings at 5522-34 Gerrish Street, 2375-79 Creighton Street and 2-8 Gerrish Lane for \$1.00 to the CGDA,**

**subject to the successful sale of the land owned by Sobeys.**

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED with Councillor Downey voting in opposition.**

**11.2.6 Case 6720: Peninsula North (Area 8) Secondary Planning Strategy, Polling District 12**

- ! A staff report dated December 7, 1998 and entitled *Case Number 6720 - Peninsula North - Area 8 - Gottingen Street Commercial Area - Secondary Planning Strategy - Polling District 12* was submitted under the signature of Ken Meech, CAO, and Dan English, Deputy CAO. The staff recommendation was that a public hearing be scheduled to consider the Secondary Planning Strategy for Area 8 of Peninsula North.
- ! An addendum to the December 7 report, dated December 15, 1998, was submitted under the signature of Shelley Dickey, Planner II (Planning Services).

Ms. Shelley Dickey, Planner II (Planning Services), provided Council with a brief overview of the December 7 staff report.

**MOVED by Councillor Downey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Uteck that the scheduling of a public hearing with regard to the proposed Secondary Planning Strategy for Area 8 of Peninsula North be *deferred* until such time as further information has been received from Sobeys Inc. with regard to the future disposal of their lands on Gottingen Street. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2.7 Case 7631: Peninsula North Plan Area: Internal Conversion Regulations: Technical Amendments - Districts 11 and 12**

- ! A report dated February 23, 1998 and entitled *Case 7631: Peninsula North Plan Area - Internal Conversion Regulations: Technical Amendments (Polling Districts 11 and 12)* was submitted under the signature of Mr. Robert K. Daley, Chair of the Peninsula Planning Advisory Committee.
- ! A supplementary staff report dated December 8, 1998 and entitled *Case No. 7631: Peninsula North Plan Area: Internal Conversion Regulations - Technical Amendments (Districts 11 and 12)* was submitted under the signatures of K. R. Meech, CAO, and Dan English, Deputy CAO.

Responding to a question from Councillor Walker, the Municipal Clerk clarified that a public hearing to consider these amendments had been held on March 24, 1998 with only Councillors Hetherington and Barnet being absent.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Adams that Regional Council amend the Land Use Bylaw (Peninsula) as detailed in Appendix "A" of the supplementary staff report dated December 8, 1998 to exempt

- (1) three and four-unit internal conversions from providing parking in the area covered by Sections 43J and 43K of the Land Use Bylaw for portions of Areas 5, 6 and 7 of Peninsula North; and
- (2) multiple-unit internal conversions from providing parking in the area covered by Section 43L of the Land Use Bylaw for a portion of Area 7 of Peninsula North.

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED** with Councillors Fougere, Hetherington, and Barnet abstaining from the vote.

#### **11.2.8 Human Rights Agreement**

This item was deleted during the Approval of the Order of Business, Additions and Deletions at the request of the Municipal Clerk.

#### **11.2.9 Aerotech/Airport Watershed Protection Bennery Lake**

- ! A staff report dated December 7, 1998 and entitled *Aerotech/Airport Watershed Protection: Bennery Lake* was submitted under the signature of K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Hetherington that Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to request the Nova Scotia Minister of the Environment to initiate a "Designation of Protected Water Area" process for the Bennery Lake watershed lands. **THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **11.2.10 Tax Agreement - Halifax International Airport Authority**

This item was deferred during the Approval of the Order of Business, Additions and Deletions.

**11.2.11 First Reading: By-Law L-101, Local Improvement Charges,  
Cow Bay Road - Sewer and Water (Motion - Councillor McInroy)**

- ! A staff report dated November 23, 1998 and entitled *By-Law Number L-101 Respecting Local Improvement Charges - Cow Bay Road Sewer and Water* was submitted under the signatures of K. R. Meech, CAO, and Dan English, Deputy CAO.

Notice of Motion with regard to this proposed By-Law had been given by Councillor Cooper (on behalf of Councillor McInroy) during a regular meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on December 8, 1998.

**MOVED by Councillor McInroy, seconded by Councillor Cooper that By-law Number L-101, Respecting Local Improvement Charges (Cow Bay Road Sewer and Water) be given First Reading and forwarded to a public hearing to be scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 1999. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2.12 Heritage Tourism & Surplus Heritage Properties**

- ! A staff report dated December 3, 1998 and entitled *Heritage Tourism & Surplus Heritage Properties* was submitted under the signatures of K. R. Meech, CAO, and Dan English, Deputy CAO.

**MOVED by Councillor Schofield, seconded by Councillor Fougere that Council:**

- (1) approve the development of a strategic Heritage Tourism business plan to enhance heritage tourism service delivery in HRM. The business plan is to be developed within the framework of the Multi-Year Financial Strategy and in conjunction with Council, staff and the community groups responsible for 25 key heritage tourism attractions in the Region (see Attachment #1 of the staff report dated December 3, 1998);**
- (2) refer Councillor Schofield's suggestion (i.e., to use the proceeds from the sale of surplus heritage properties for heritage purposes) to the business plan development team. The team will include representatives from Corporate and Community Services, such as: Finance, Real Estate, Building Transition Program, Regional Operations, Planning and Tourism.**

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2.13 Celtic Cross - The Charitable Irish Society**

! A staff report dated December 10, 1998 and entitled *Celtic Cross - The Charitable Irish Society* was submitted under the signatures of K. R. Meech, CAO, and Dan English, Deputy CAO.

**MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Fougere that Halifax Regional Council approve the placing of the Celtic Cross as described in Attachment "A" of the staff report dated December 10, 1998 at the George Street-Water Street parkette at no cost to the Halifax Regional Municipality, and in accordance with the conditions outlined in that same report. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**12. MOTIONS - NONE**

**13. ADDED ITEMS**

**13.1 Councillor Kelly - Waiving of Tipping Disposal Fee and/or Other Potential Options (Metro Food Bank)**

**MOVED by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that the possibility of waiving tipping disposal fees, or some other option designed to assist the Metro Food Bank in this endeavor, be referred to staff for review and recommendation. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.2 Councillor Burnet - Letter of Congratulations: Sackville Junior B Blazer Hockey Team**

**MOVED by Councillor Burnet, seconded by Councillor Adams that a letter be sent on behalf of Halifax Regional Council to the Sackville Junior B Blazer Hockey Team congratulating the team and its coaches on achieving a new record for the Junior B League for undefeated games. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.3 Report from Board of Police Commissioners: Current Service Levels (Police Services)**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Fougere declared a Conflict of Interest with regard to this matter, given that her husband is a member of HRM's Police Services, and removed herself from the discussion.

! A report dated December 15, 1998 and entitled *Current Service Levels (Police Services)* was submitted under the signature of the Hon. Alan Abraham, Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

**MOVED by Councillor Stone, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners:**

- (1) fifteen (15) officers be hired, taken from our class of students from the Provincial Training Program; and that
- (2) these officers be hired over the period January 1 to March 15, 1999.

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

**13.4 Report from Board of Police Commissioners:  
Hiring of Additional RCMP Officers**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Fougere declared a Conflict of Interest with regard to this matter, given that her husband is a member of HRM's Police Services, and removed herself from the discussion.

! A report dated December 15, 1998 and entitled *Hiring of Additional RCMP Officers* was submitted under the signature of the Hon. Alan Abraham, Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

**MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Dooks that Council include, as a budget item, provision for the hiring of three (3) additional RCMP officers in the 1999/2000 budget. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

For clarification purposes, Council was advised that this matter will be brought forward for consideration during the 1999/2000 budget review deliberations.

**Councillor Fougere returned to the Council Chambers.**

**13.5 Councillor Walker - Bus Route Reductions**

! Correspondence dated December 14, 1998 was submitted from Mr. Robin G. West, President/Business Agent for Local 508, Amalgamated Transit Union.

Referring to the letter received from Mr. West, Councillor Walker indicated that he had previously been advised by staff that the revenue return with regard to Route #5 (Springvale) was less than 44 percent. He noted, however, that Mr. West's memo suggests that this route returns 72 percent of its cost and asked for verification from staff as to which of these figures is correct.

Councillor Walker also made reference to Routes #30 and #34, noting that Mr. West alleges that the return on these routes is 77 and 86 percent respectively. Noting that the routes are proposed to be combined, the Councillor asked for information from staff as to why such an approach would be recommended for routes that are apparently very heavily utilized.

Referring as well to Mr. West's memorandum, Councillor Blumenthal asked for clarification from staff as to whether, in fact, Route #8 does represent a duplication of service.

### **13.6 Waste Resources Contingency Plans**

This matter had been discussed during an *In Camera* meeting of Council held earlier in the day.

**MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Sarto that the Halifax Regional Municipality enter into an agreement with the Regional Municipality of Queens to dispose of excess residential waste between January 1, 1999 and July 31, 1999, at a payment of \$80 per tonne for a minimum of 5000 tonnes, to a maximum of 8000 tonnes. THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

### **13.7 Councillor Adams - Sable Gas**

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Rankin declared a Conflict of Interest on this matter (given that he is an Irving franchise owner), and removed himself from the discussion.

This matter had been discussed during an *In Camera* meeting of Council held earlier in the day.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Hetherington that Council direct the HRM Sable Gas Committee to develop a strategy to address the situation that has arisen as a result of decisions by potential gas distributors to withdraw their intent to distribute gas throughout HRM and the rest of Nova Scotia; that,**

commencing on Wednesday, December 16, 1998, the Interface Team prepare information to assist with this initiative; and that the completed strategy (including recommendations) be brought back for Council's consideration. **THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Rankin returned to the meeting.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Councillor Greenough, seconded by Councillor Hetherington that the meeting adjourn at 9:25 p.m. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vi Carmichael  
Municipal Clerk