

Halifax County did not have it and had no guarantee if they would receive it. He stated he did not agree with this. He stated at the end of the year, Metropolitan Authority could come back and say this did not work out like they thought.

Councillor Bates stated in actual fact, the Metropolitan Authority incurred less expense. He stated the less expense was being turned over to the Municipalities. He stated the money was already in place.

Councillor Fralick stated he had never heard of anything quite like this. He asked who Halifax County had the contracts with for the garbage - Halifax County, Halifax or Metropolitan Authority.

Warden Lichter responded Halifax County Municipality.

Councillor Fralick stated he could not believe Halifax County would put these people through the "ropes" like this.

Councillor Eisenhauer stated he was supporting this. He did not feel Halifax County had the funds to carry additional loads. However, these contractors should be paid. He stated they were carrying a double load. He felt Halifax County should pay interest on the amount submitted. He stated these individuals had done an excellent job where Halifax County could have been in a real mess.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Boutilier moved that the Engineering & Works Department be instructed that the next Halifax County contract for garbage include a clause that there will be no additional costs incurred to contractors during strikes.

Mr. Fred Crooks advised the contract did not oblige the Municipality to do something like this. He stated there was no legal obligation to reimburse expenses in these circumstances.

Councillor Boutilier stated he hoped Metropolitan Authority was in a good enough position to reimburse these monies to contractors.

Warden Lichter stated Metropolitan Authority would not reimburse Halifax County for anymore that what the expenses were.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING

Mr. Meech outlined the report. Mr. Meech advised Council had a copy of a report forwarded to the Executive Committee on July 2, 1991 with respect to bringing Council up to date as to what the Province's reaction had been to Halifax County's application for funding for the Humber Park Sewer Connection extension as well as

the Cherrybrook Water Extension. As indicated, the Province has taken the position that the Caldwell Road Project infrastructure associated with the agreement negotiated with the Indian Band Council was a high priority of the local MLA and the Province.

He stated as a result of this, they should take the position that Halifax County should use this to get a commitment for cost sharing for the Mill Cove Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion as well as acquire an undertaking from the DOT that they are prepared to do the sidewalk storm sewer project in 1992 on Caldwell Road. As well, that Halifax County have the ability to go ahead with all three of these projects i.e. Humber Park, Cherrybrook, and Caldwell Road on the basis that the Department would commit funding to Halifax County over the next two years.

He advised since that time, he asked permission to table a report illustrating the financial implications of these proposed projects. He stated this report was tabled last evening. He stated this was saying with regard to the projects that Halifax County have now committed themselves to as well as the ones presently under consideration, that Halifax County were looking at somewhere in the vicinity of a total cost of \$16,000,000. He stated to the environmental services on the assumption the work went ahead today, not taking into consideration increased development or assessment over the next few years, that Halifax County would have to provide an additional 5.8 cents per \$100 of assessment to look after these additional commitments. Also, an additional commitment of 1.6 cents on the general operating budget with regard to debt charges related to the Capital Grant Program. He stated this was assuming a 50% cost share arrangement from the Province would be obtained with respect to Mill Cove. He stated the impact on the general operating funds would be an additional .009 or 2 1/2 cents per \$100 of assessment. He stated in this report with respect to the funding implications, Halifax County was attempting to clarify the policy the Councillors adopted in 1987 with respect to the type of projects grant allocations would apply to. He stated this would make it clear it was related to the capital costs associated for new serviced areas, expansions, or extensions. He referred to the Mill Cove Treatment Plant as an example. He stated the policy would apply here as well, 30% of the cost would come from the Environmental Services rate as opposed to billing this back to the individual property owners. Mr. Meech indicated with the present commitments Halifax County had, Halifax County were looking at 10 to 15 years. He stated they had proportioned 70% to the general fund and 30% to the respectful districts. He suggested this be 80/20 respectfully.

He indicated with respect to the report included in the agenda, a meeting would be organized for the Warden, and representatives of the Minister to specifically discuss cost sharing relative to Mill

Cove. He stated their advice is that they do not see a connection between the Mill Cove, Humber Park, Cherrybrook and Caldwell Road Projects. However, they had reiterated that the Caldwell Road Project was of high priority. If Council was prepared to go ahead in 1991 with the Caldwell Road Project, they were prepared to recommend to the Minister that Halifax County also receive the cost sharing as indicated in the report for the Cherrybrook and Humber Park Projects. However, the Mill Cove Treatment Plant Expansion would have to be dealt with at a later date on a separate occasion.

Councillor Sutherland stated it looked to him Halifax County were in a trade off position. He stated he would feel more comfortable if priorities would be established by Staff and brought forward, negotiating the trade off afterwards.

Councillor Bates stated the Humber Park and Cherrybrook Projects were of particular concern to him. He stated in relation to the Humber Park Project, Halifax County did not require any funding from the Province. He stated Halifax County Council approved the total package six months ago. He stated when the submission was made relative to the Cherrybrook Project, the Province was asked to participate. He advised of letters from the Department of Engineering & Works in which he had made individuals from the community aware of. He stated the letters indicated that they had participated a tender call towards that project by October 1, 1991. He stated Council, as well, approved the Cherrybrook funding back in early June. At that time, the only thing indicated to the residents was the only thing holding up the project was participation from the Province. He stated the Province came back requesting that the section of the Caldwell Road servicing be completed. He stated he was very disappointed with the Humber Park and Cherrybrook Projects being held up until the agreement with respect to Caldwell Road by the Province was approved.

It was moved by Councillor Bates, seconded by Councillor Richards

"THAT in accordance with the wishes of the Province, that Halifax County Council proceed with the Humber Park and Cherrybrook Projects with no conditions other than the condition that the Province provide their portion of the funding for 1991, 20% towards the Humber Park Project, 35% towards the Cherrybrook Project and 35% towards the Caldwell Road Project as indicated in the report."

Warden Lichter asked if this motion was deleting A from the report for the time being.

Councillor Bates responded not necessarily.

Councillor Deveaux questioned clarification on the motion.

Warden Lichter stated the Province offered the Municipality a package deal including Caldwell Road, Cherrybrook and Humber Park. He stated what order these projects were completed was not important.

Mr. Meech stated Halifax County was approving Caldwell Road clearly on the condition that the Humber Park and Cherrybrook Projects received funding from the Province.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Meech outlined the report from the Executive Committee.

He stated the Executive Committee recommended to Council for approval the Capital Project Funding Program with the inclusion of the following conditions:

- A That the Province commit to a cost-sharing formula re: Mill Cove Sewage Treatment Plant expansion;
- B That the Province, via the Department of Transportation and Communications commit to undertake the Caldwell Road sidewalk, storm sewer project in 1992 so we may treat this particular project as phase 2 of the overall project for Caldwell Road;
- C That the Department of Municipal Affairs agree to commit the respective percentages as indicated with the Municipality having the ability to proceed immediately with all three, or any combination, of the understanding that the Department's contribution will be directed to the Municipality in the fiscal year 1991/92, 1992/93.

He stated these recommendations should be dealt with with respect to the existing policy. He stated the Capital Grant Fund to which these monies would be forthcoming did not contain sufficient funds. Therefore, Halifax County would have to borrow the monies on a long term debt basis. Thirdly, the report was suggesting a 80/20 deal.

Deputy Warden Ball stated this was deferred to Council for discussion. He suggested this be deferred back to the Executive Committee based on the information received.

Councillor Cooper asked what the intention of this report was at present. He asked if the intention was that this be discussed as part of the previous capital project funding. He stated a motion was passed a couple of minutes ago taking into consideration a long term solution.

Councillor Merrigan stated the motion presently made was to complete the projects mentioned. He stated it was not decided when

these projects would be completed. Funding had to be determined. He stated this funding should be referred to the Executive Committee.

Councillor Reid stated he thought this financial information was important to Council and, therefore, they should have it when making this decision. He stated there were certain things in the three recommendations that had to be dealt with and discussed by the Executive Committee. He stated it was his understanding this would be done at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Councillor Bates stated the Caldwell Road, Cherrybrook and Humber Park Projects already were passed through Council. He stated Halifax County was presently waiting for the Province's participation. He stated it was hoped tenders would be called on these projects.

Mr. Meech responded tenders would be called when officially advised by the Province that they were willing to provide the cost sharing as indicated.

Councillor Cooper asked if money was not authorized for the Caldwell Road project.

Mr. Meech responded not previously until this evening.

Councillor Cooper questioned the cost sharing.

Mr. Meech responded the Province would cost share 35%, the Municipality 35% and 30% from the respectful property owners.

Councillor Cooper stated he thought Council would determine some type of strategy. He stated Council have very quickly just added an additional \$900,000 to the budget. He stated not enough consideration was given.

Councillor Bates stated the Caldwell Road project was not new to Council. He stated this was discussed at least four times. He stated every Councillor was aware of the serious health problem there. He stated they were satisfied with the 35% they would receive from the Province. He stated he did not see where anyone could say Council just slipped this through.

Councillor Cooper stated it was to his understanding, the Indian Band agreed to pay the cost of their servicing.

Councillor Bates responded that was correct.

Warden Lichter stated this was not the Millwood Reserve, this was to serve Caldwell Road beyond the Millwood reserve.

Councillor Cooper stated this still did not address the problems being experienced with respect to Capital Funding. He stated Halifax County should not continue to operate the way they presently were until they had some method of making sure all areas received consideration as due to them. He stated there were many individuals who had arsenic, etc. They remain at the bottom of the list.

Warden Lichter stated the vote was unanimous.

Warden Lichter suggested that this report be forwarded back to the Executive Committee, bringing this matter forward the 3rd Tuesday in August.

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan, seconded by Councillor Bates

"THAT this report be forwarded back to the Executive Committee Meeting for discussion."

Councillor Deveaux asked if final funding had already been done.

Warden Lichter stated with respect to these projects, Halifax County would go ahead. He stated they did not know exactly how they would be financed. He stated this is what would be reviewed.

Councillor Deveaux asked if financing was worked out, would this come back to Council.

Warden Lichter responded that it would be brought back to Council.

Councillor Deveaux stated when the Caldwell Road issue came up, he was under the impression that this would be paid for by the Province and Federal Government. It would not cost the Municipality any money.

Warden Lichter stated Councillor Deveaux was correct. He stated he brought this up to David Nantes at the last meeting held in which Mr. Meech attended.

Councillor Deveaux asked if this was not phased.

Warden Lichter stated the Province did not want just the Indian Reserve served. They wished Halifax County to extend the services to Caldwell Road.

Councillor Deveaux felt in doing this, Halifax County was taking priorities away from other areas.

Mr. Meech advised when the agreement was made with the Indian Band Council, there was not going to be any capital funding commitment

at that time. He stated it is anticipated in 1991/92, the sidewalk program would be completed on Caldwell Road.

It was moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Deveaux

"THAT an amendment be made to the motion:

"THAT at such time as the Executive Committee considers this report, they also draft a policy which addresses the health concerns based on individuals suffering as the result of arsenic in wells, or bacteria counts higher than appropriate for consumption of water within the entire Municipality."

Councillor Reid asked if these were identified concerns.

Councillor Cooper responded there were a number of these concerns.

Councillor Richards stated he fully agreed with Councillor Cooper in terms of capital funding. He stated when it came from cooperation and support from the Provincial Government, they would do whatever they wished to.

Councillor MacDonald advised of a report received at the Executive Committee meeting with respect to the impact on the taxpayer.

Warden Lichter stated Mr. Meech had gone through the figures.

Mr. Meech responded on assumption of the present tax base assuming projects would be given the go ahead today, the environmental services rate would have to be increased by 5.8 cents, the general tax rate 1.6 cents. He stated this would include the Millwood Expansion.

Councillor MacDonald questioned funding from the Province with respect to Caldwell Road.

Mr. Meech stated the Province would provide 20% towards the Humber Park Project, 35% towards Cherrybrook and 35% towards the Caldwell Road Project. He stated he could not take issue with respect to the funding proposal. He stated this seemed to be a reasonable proposal.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

GRANT REQUESTS

Mr. Kelly outlined the report.

It was moved by Councillor Merrigan, seconded by Councillor MacDonald