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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Memorial Bell Committee Report - Alderman O'Malley

The matter of the Memorial Bells construction as a memorial to the victims of the Halifax Explosion was discussed previously. A public meeting into this proposal was held on February 29, 1984.

Alderman O'Malley addressed members of Council and advised he wished to present Council's Committee of the Memorial Bells' report at this time.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Grant
that:

- 1) Council instruct the Legal Department to prepare the necessary documentation for Council's approval to have the requested site on Fort Needham licensed to the Memorial Bells Committee, their heirs and assigns, for the purpose of constructing a perpetual memorial to the victims of that terrible tragedy, the Halifax Explosion;
- 2) Halifax City Council, through Section 21 of the City Charter, make a special donation to the Memorial Bells Committee of \$10,000 to assist the Committee in its construction;
- 3) Council make a formal commitment to the residents surrounding Fort Needham to ensure that there will neither now nor in the future, be any deterioration in their lifestyles because of increased traffic, parking, water course change or vandalism;
- 4) Council direct staff to carry out an immediate traffic study of the area and report back to Council the recommendations necessary to ensure that the foregoing criteria of lifestyle is assured.

The Chairman advised the mandate for the Committee was to location only and not on a donation, and requested that the Motion be separated.

A lengthy discussion on the Motion ensued with Alderman Doehler bringing attention to the portion of the motion dealing with deterioration in lifestyles, indicating it may be a restrictive term and questioned whether it might be defined. Alderman Doehler requested that the licensing agreement contain a clause if the City has concerns in the future, that the Committee or its successors must address those concerns in a fashion the City sees fit.

The Chairman advised the effect of the motion would be to the location of the Memorial Bells Memorial and put the Question, parts 1, 3 and 4. The Motion was passed unanimously.

MOVED by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Grant
that Halifax City Council make a donation of \$10,000 to assist the Memorial Bells Committee in the construction and maintenance of the Memorial as proposed.

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MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Flynn
the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of
the Whole Council.

The Motion to defer was put and passed with Aldermen O'Malley and
Grant voting against.