



(a) Social Services (continued)

Growing unemployment levels saw Social Assistance caseloads increase from 6% of the Canadian population in the 1980's, to 10% of the Canadian population in the 1990's.

In the 1990's, three million Canadians received Social Assistance: this represents an expenditure of 8 billion dollars.

Councillor Morse also noted that the Mayor & Clerk have been scheduled to meet in June with the Honourable John MacEachern, Minister of Community Services, to discuss the transfer of municipal Social Services to the Province, effective April I, 1998; along with other municipal units in the Valley region.

(b) Fire

Councillor Prall reported that the 1967 Fire Truck, Pumper No.3, has been sold to the highest bidder: Freeport Fire Dept. for \$4000.

The budget meeting set for May 27th was cancelled and re-scheduled for June 12, 1997, with the Fire Committee, the Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Dept., and the Fire Commission all planning to attend.

(c) Fire Prevention Act Review Project

Councillor Prall advised Council that a three-page letter had been received from Mr. Ken Kelley, of the Fire Prevention Advisory Council, suggesting a Fire Service Link to Government be formed as part of the ongoing Fire Prevention Act Review Project. Attached to the letter was a diagrammed Flow Chart which showed four tiers of administration from the Minister of Labour down to the local level, with a "Fire Service committee" bridging the higher and lower tiers. Councillor Prall reviewed the flow chart in detail, trying to ascertain the flow of responsibility and where the Fire Chief and local Fire Dept. were expected to fit in. After some discussion, it was agreed to ask Mr. Kelley, and/or other representatives, to come and address Council to clarify what is being proposed; it being too difficult to follow to enable Council to offer support at this early stage.

(d) Draft Intermunicipal Agreement: Region 5

Councillor Prall reported that the draft Intermunicipal Agreement was at the solicitor's for review and revision, and would be presented to Council as soon as it was ready; possibly July.

(e) Recreation

Councillor Trinacty informed Council that the regular Recreation Committee meeting had been deferred to June 8th, to accommodate the year-end audit schedule; so he had very little to report. As an update, however, the soccer field will soon be ready for seeding: just checking into one corner of the field which may require drainage tile to alleviate the wet soil conditions. Summer staff are starting to come on board: there will be new faces and a presentation of all new staff at the July Recreation meeting.

(f) Streets

Councillor Whittier reported that the Public Works Dept. has been busy cleaning up Commercial Street and are painting crosswalks this week. Malcom Spencer has returned to work fulltime, his health being improved. The Board of Trade sign has now been installed on the south end of Commercial Street: the sign was supplied by the Board of Trade, and the planter and roof structure was built by the Public Works Dept. It looks very attractive as you come into Town. The Public Works Dept. also put a lot of time and energy into the annual Apple Blossom Float: there was an Acadian theme this year. Councillor Whittier noted that the float didn't win any prizes, however, he was still very pleased with the way the float turned out. A lot of work went into it, and it was very well done.

(g) Finance

Councillor Reeves advised Council that the annual year-end audit was in progress, (about half-way through). As soon as that's been completed, work on the Budget will get underway. Too early yet to determine final position of Town or Electric Utility for the fiscal year of 1996/97.

(h) Planning Advisory Committee: Larsen's Rezoning

Deputy Mayor Munday advised that the rezoning of 344 Main Street from R1 to M2 had been duly approved and advertised, and was just awaiting the expiry of the appeal period of 21 days to see if any formal objections would be filed. (None to date.) The appeal period ends June 11, 1997.

The Deputy Mayor indicated that he had met with Mr. Karl Larsen of Larsen Packers Limited to discuss safety concerns that were raised at the Public Hearing on May 13, 1997. The meeting was productive and certain safety measures will be implemented to improve traffic conditions. The Deputy Mayor also has plans to meet shortly with Mr. & Mrs. Martin to advise them of the outcome of this meeting and to alleviate their concerns. Once this is done, notes from the above meetings will be filed with the Development Officer.

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(i)

Kings C.E.D. Agency

Deputy Mayor Munday reported that he and the Clerk had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Kings C. E. D. Agency held at the Cornwallis Inn. As well, Deputy Mayor Munday presented the annual report for the Land Use & Environment Sectoral Committee. It was a good meeting: well attended. The C. E. D. Agency is progressing along: good leadership from Mr. Gordon Lummis, a very capable individual. The new Incorporating Act and Bylaws are being developed to meet new RDA statutory requirements. The Deputy Mayor is on the Bylaw Committee, as well as Mr. Geoff Muttart, and others. Will bring draft back to Council for approval when ready.

(j)

Mayors/Warden/ CAO' s Meeting

Deputy Mayor Munday reported that he had attended a recent Mayors/Warden/CAO's meeting, (in place of Mayor Rainforth who was unable to attend); along with the clerk. Basic issues of concern were Education Funding, regional meeting with Provincial Dept. of Community Services; Landfill closure costs; Kings C . E . D . Incorporating Act; commercial viability of downtown core areas in Kings County; and the Kings Transit Authority. It was agreed to draft a resolution for the Regional UNSM meeting in Windsor regarding service delivery and service exchange\_ (Le. needs to be revisited in light of all the costs downloaded to municipal units since the original Service Exchange legislation was enacted). A very interesting meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

(i)

Received from the Hon. Wayne Adams, Minister of the Dept. of Environment, a discussion paper entitled, "pollution Prevention", released from the new Pollution Prevention Section of D.O. E . Per the Minister, "Pollution Prevention means preserving the environment and encouraging economic growth. It is the cornerstone of sustainable development. Later this year, my department will launch the N. S. pollution Prevention Program. It will embrace the principles of protection of life, support for ecosystems, and the wise and efficient uses of resources. We want to permanently fuse the link between environmental responsibility and economic progress." If you have any suggestions to ensure that we make the best possible investment in the environment and the economy, then I need to hear from you. For the information of Council.

(ii)

Received from Mr. David Wigmore, Western Regional Manager for the N. S. Dept. of Environment, a letter advising that the new On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems Regulations were approved by Order-in-Council on May 20, 1997 with an effective date of June 10, 1997. The Regulations are 17 pages long, double-sided, with 2 schedules at the back and are very comprehensive. For the information of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

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(iii)

Received from Mr. Robin Foley, Band Director of the Berwick & District School, a Thank You letter to Council, which reads as follows:

I want to sincerely thank you personally and on behalf of the Berwick & District School Band for your most generous donation in support of our recent ottawa Trip.

The students represented the town and surrounding Communities with dignity and pride and received countless compliments on their presentation both as citizens and Musicians. We are extremely proud that both bands were awarded silver standings at this prestigious Canadian Musicfest with thousands of participants from across Canada and the U. S . Although the group thoroughly enjoyed the visit to our nation's capital the excitement of coming home was the high point of the trip.

Again your support is and has always been deeply appreciated. Thank you.

For the information of council.

(iv)

Received from the Hon. Guy Brown, Minister of the Dept. of Agriculture & Marketing, a letter concerning Farm Acreage Tax Grants. Apparently, funds have been set aside to enable municipal units with farm acreage to do an inventory to "identify & locate active farm land that is owned, rented, or leased by farmers". Active Farm Land is then defined as:

land that is used for the production of food or fibre and has produced an agricultural crop during the previous 2 years. Pasture land may be classified as active only if it receives regular (eg. annual) inputs and management and is used for grazing livestock. Certain long-maturing crops or specialty crops may also be included. ( eg . Ginseng, vineyards, orchards, mushrooms, cranberries) .

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CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

The letter also suggests that those municipal units participating in the project will be encouraged not to tax registered farm land in the 1997/98 fiscal year, as provided for in the Assessment Act. For the information of council. After discussion, it was agreed to come back to it at budget time.

(v)

Received a copy of a letter from Warden Charles Fraser of the Municipality of County of Kings to Warden Peter Terauds of the Municipality of Annapolis County, expressing disappointment that Warden Terauds announced on a radio interview show that his municipal unit will probably continue to send garbage to the Municipality of Clare and that there were no current plans to site a landfill for Region 5 in Annapolis County. The letter concludes that,

"I would appreciate confirmation from your Council of its intent to honour its commitment as presented in the resolutions, jointly drafted by Kings and Annapolis representatives. As you are aware, our County was involved in very fruitful discussions with representatives of municipal units from Kings to Yarmouth County to prepare a solid waste-resource strategy for both regions.

Your Council offered to join with Kings County in a single region, with the provision of selecting and constructing the landfill site.

The Municipality of the County of Kings made a commitment to be the host municipal unit to prepare the Regional Solid Waste/Resource Strategy. We have carried out our role on behalf of the region.

We certainly expect your Municipality to honour your commitment to select and construct the landfill site. please provide a response indicating your intent to do so.

For the information of Council.

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**CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

(vi)

Received a copy of a letter from Warden Peter Terauds, of the Municipality of Annapolis County to Warden Charles Fraser of the Municipality of the county of Kings *i* as a reply to the above correspondence. Warden Terauds writes that,

"While I appreciate the efforts of Kings County Council as host municipal unit for the regional management planning exercise, I also believe that Annapolis Council has fulfilled its commitment to sponsor a regional landfill siting process. While the outcome of that siting process may not have been the one anticipated at the outset, I would suggest that the decision of Annapolis County Council, not to accept the recommendation of the siting committee, must be respected. Kings County's own experience in this area is ample evidence of the sensitive and unpredictable nature of siting municipal landfills.

The Valley Region, which was created by the Minister of the Environment through the provincial Solid Waste-Resource

Management Regulations, should be looking at the entire waste management spectrum. A narrow focus on residual disposal, as the dominant component of our collective waster management strategy, will only keep us, and the public, from concentrating on equally important waste diversion programs.

I hope that our Councils can continue to work together, with the other municipal units in the Valley Region, to develop an intermunicipal agreement and implement a comprehensive solid waste management system.

For the information of council.

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CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

- (vii) Received a Memo from Mr. Brian Van Rooyen of the Valley WasteResource Management Region, announcing two local winners of Certificate of Merit awards given out by the Minister of the Environment for N. S.; as follows:

1.

In the Citizen Group/Organization category the Flower Cart of New Minas won an award for their unique Green Valley Waste Recovery project which combines waste management and employment at the Meadowview Landfill.

2.

In the Government category the Municipality of the county of Annapolis received an award for their innovative backyard composting education program which they operated during the summer and fall of 1996.

Both organizations were worthy of praise for their achievements and deserve acknowledgment for their unique contributions to wasteresource management in the Valley Region.

For the information of Council.

The balance of correspondence was of a routine nature or passed to committees for action.

6.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Reeves and Councillor Prall that the attached list of Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$80644.57 be approved for payment.

7.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion carried.

(a)

"After the Wage Freeze" Conference

A booklet was circulated to all on Council regarding a one-day conference in Halifax on June 19, 1997 to review coming challenges that municipalities will face when Wage Freeze legislation expires

province-wide on November 1, 1997. To date, Clerk and Deputy Mayor have planned to attend. If anyone else is interested, please advise Clerk by tomorrow at noon.

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**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

(b)

**Kings C.E.D. Agency**

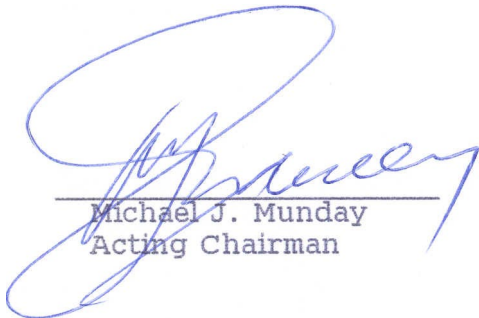
Councillor Reeves advised that the first quarter billing for the Kings C . E. D. Agency would fall due by June 30th. It was agreed to proceed with payment, as there would be little or no change in funding from the prior year.

council took a short recess at 7: 50 p. m., and proceeded to Committee-ofthe-Whole at 8: 00 p. m. to discuss matters of a confidential nature. Regular Council resumed at 8: 27 p. m.

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There being no further business, the Acting chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



Michael J. Munday  
Acting Chairman