

Attorney General and after five months he received a letter from Mr. John A. Y. MacDonald enclosing a copy of the costs and fees.

Councillor Bell said that the Twin Cities Investigation Company which operated in Fairview had five constables and they did a good job at the Centennial Rink and for that reason he would support the constables.

Deputy Warden Nicholson asked Mr. Hattie if an immediate report could be provided from these agencies and after that quarterly.

Councillor P. Baker said that this would be of no use, that he had been trying to get the names of the Board of Directors of these agencies submitted with the application to this Council to see who "we are dealing with".

Councillor Allen said that the Finance and Executive Committee only screens the applicants as far as they are able, checking for police records and character reports but the appointments are made by this Council. He said he was told that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have to register all firearms and they do not do so until some training is done on their use. He suggested that if there was no need for these constables that a move to recind the bylaw would be in order and if there are infractions they should be reported.

Councillor McCabe said he has not seen any county constables carrying firearms in his district and asked whether the carrying of firearms could be controlled to areas where there might be a need for them.

Councillor P. Baker requested a recorded vote, seconded by Councillor Hussey:

FOR - Districts 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 ----- 9
AGAINST - Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 18 ----- 10

On the recorded vote, 9 for and 10 against, the Warden declared the motion defeated.

Councillor P. Baker warned Council that he would be bringing up the matter at the next Council session.

Councillor Tonks said that this county had shared in the cost of an urban development study a few years ago and now the City appears to be asking the County to approve another study where the Province will pay the costs. Mr. Hattie replied that the earlier study was a very preliminary one and this would be more detailed and up-to-date.

Councillor Street said he understood that the city has to pay 25% of the cost of this study and is only asking for the approval of the County because the area is still under County jurisdiction.

Councillor P. Baker said that the Board of Management was very disturbed to learn last week that there had been some \$20,000.00 debt written off on the County Hospital account and there is still an amount of more than \$10,000.00 outstanding.

Mr. Hattie said that this was just a book entry but has not been forgotten, he said it accrued from the Department of Indian Affairs who refused to pay the daily rate of \$10.00 for their patients in County Hospital but only paid \$6.75.

Councillor P. Baker said it would appear that the people of Halifax County will have to underwrite this deficit and the Board of Management would like to be informed of such amounts being written off.

Mr. Hattie said that both the Board of Management of the Hospital and the County has been attempting to collect this but had reached an impasse.

Councillor P. Baker said that at the next Executive meeting of the Board of Management of Halifax County Hospital he was going to ask permission to make representation to Ottawa in order to collect this \$35,000.00 even if he had to pay his own expenses to go.

Councillor Gaetz pointed out that it was most unfair of the Indian Affairs people not to pay the \$10.00 daily rate since they paid as high as \$20.00 per day for their patients in other provinces in Canada.

The Warden called for a vote on the motion. (Motion carried).

Councillor Hudson said that in the first day of Council she had asked that job classifications delete sex from their classifications and Councillor Allen and Deputy Warden Nicholson had assured her that there was no problem there but recently she noticed an ad in the paper where the County was advertising for a "male" accountant and asked why female accountants were being discriminated against?

Councillor Allen said that from his experience in industry that there were certain jobs which were more suited to male personnel and accountants was one of them. He pointed to a large number of single girls in which there was considerable turnover and also that they tended to be distracting.

Councillor Hudson said that the School Board had advertised for an assistant accountant and had no difficulty in getting a female to fill the vacancy and there was a surplus of applicants qualified for this position. Councillor Hudson said that if this County is going to discriminate against female workers, it might as well discriminate in areas of religion, color, etc., as well.

It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor P. Baker:

"THAT all jobs with and for the Municipality of the County of Halifax be open to both men and women and that all reference to sex be deleted from job classifications, effective immediately". (Motion carried).

Councillor P. Baker said he had just received a copy of the Court Order handed down by Judge Bissett clearing the way for payments of the proceeds of the Bonnie Disaster fund to its beneficiaries.

Councillor Tonks said he had asked before that Councillors be informed of County activities in their districts and that this be incorporated in the bylaws.

Solicitor Cox said that if the County had assets located in a certain district it could be dispersed by the County but he had made a note to include this request in the revision of the bylaws and it would be so incorporated.

The Clerk read the Report of the Public Works Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Tonks, seconded by Councillor Allen:

"THAT the Report of the Public Works Committee be adopted". (Motion carried).