

**REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL,
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Adoption of a New City Parks
Ordinance 188 - SECOND READING**

This matter had been given First Reading during a regular meeting of Halifax City Council held on Thursday, 2 March 1995, and had been further considered during a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on Wednesday, 22 March.

Correspondence had been received from:-

- Ms. Betsy Peterson, Apartment #416, 6969 Bayers Road, Halifax, B3L 4P3 (23 March 1995)
- Mr. Victor Carvery, "on behalf of concerned citizens (30 March 1995)
- Evangeline Cain-Grant, 6156 Quinpool Road, Halifax (30 March 1995)

MOVED by Alderman Blumenthal, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adams that Halifax City Council give second and final reading to the proposed "City Parks Ordinance" attached to the staff report of 27 February 1995 with the understanding that Section 6 (Camping) be amended to add Subsection 6(3) as follows:

6(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the Africville Genealogical Society may hold their annual picnic and reunion in Seaview Park, subject to obtaining the approval of the Director as to the date therefor, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Alderman Epstein advised that, in his opinion, the Ordinance as proposed was inappropriate at this point in time, and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Downey that the provisions of proposed Ordinance 188 not apply to Seaview Park. The proposed amendment was put and defeated.

Responding to a question put forward by Alderman Pottie, His Worship Mayor Fitzgerald advised Council that he and Aldermen Uteck and Blumenthal have met on several occasions with the Africville Genealogical Society during which time the following arrangements (among others) had been agreed upon:

- that the City of Halifax would donate to the Society approximately three acres of land on the shores of the

Bedford Basin for the use of a church and community centre;

- that the City of Halifax would contribute \$100,000 toward the establishment of a scholarship fund;
- that the City of Halifax would support the Society's request for services under the Infrastructure Program;
- that the City of Halifax would support the Society's request for funding in the amount of \$69,000 for a research officer;
- that the City of Halifax would grant the Society through its research officer complete access to municipal records;
- that, if on the basis of that research a legal argument could be put forward for redress, the City would join with the Society in correcting the matter;
- that, if desired by the Society, the City would agree to rename Seaview Park.

Mayor Fitzgerald went on to emphasize that the details of the proposed Parks Ordinance had been discussed with the Society's lawyer, and that on the basis of concerns raised at that time, certain changes had been made. He added that the Ordinance is intended to apply to all City park areas and to all users thereof.

On another but related matter, Mayor Fitzgerald emphasized that the City has given its word that, should the motion currently on the floor be approved, negotiations will continue with the Africville Genealogical Society concerning the individuals currently in residence in Seaview Park. However, he emphasized that should after a reasonable period of time those negotiations fail, the City will take steps to enforce the provisions of that Ordinance.

The motion was put and passed.

**Amendment to Ordinance 179, the Residential
Parking Permits Ordinance - SECOND READING**

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