Town of Victoria
Regular Meeting
March 18, 1996

A regular meeting of the Town took place on the above date at 7:37 p.m. with Mayor Glenn Clarke presiding and the following members of Council in attendance:

COUNCILLORS ALBERT KING
ROBERT CLARKE
HELEN HIGDON

VISITORS BUSINESS

Mr. Baxter Pitts and Mr. John Penney were in attendance at this meeting regarding Mr. Harold A. Cole and the car wrecks on his property, Penney's Hill. Mr. Pitts presented a letter regarding this problem. Mr. Cole has been told repeatedly that there are to be no car wrecks or parts on Penney's Hill only at the designated site on Ash's Lane. Mayor Clarke told both gentlemen that Mr. Cole was written and the letter hand-delivered giving him until April 17th, 1996 to have all wrecks taken from Penney's Hill to Ash's Lane or his licence would be revoked by Council. No further discussion was held and both left the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and with no errors noted, it was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Albert King that the minutes be adopted as read.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

COUNCILLOR HELEN HIGDON; She asked if Mr. John Moore was called regarding Derek Edwards working with Harris and Associaties and being our Commissioner for the Court of Revision. The Clerk stated she spoke with Mr. Steve White of Assessment Division and he stated that Mr. Edwards could be conflict of interest if he has association with Harris and Associates other than just on salary. Mayor Clarke told the Town Manager to contact Mr. Max Mercer and Mr. Eric Jerrett.

2. Mrs. Barbara Sutton and her 1996 Business Tax bill. It was decided to delete the $170.00 because her basement was checked and no real signs of a beauty salon were present.

COUNCILLOR ROBERT CLARKE; He stated that the Finance Committee did not meet to come up with a plan for tax collection. Mayor Clarke stated that a new tax policy should be looked at prior to next budget time.

COUNCILLOR ALBERT KING; He stated that he received a call from Janie Slade and she needs 4 stamps by April 10, 1996. The Town Manager is looking after the hiring for Council.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

The following bills and accounts were presented to Council for payment:

VOCM RADIO NEWFOUNDLAND	$110.17
W. G. GARLAND	261.19
FRANK'S AUTO REPAIRS	1718.51
PITNEY BOWES	115.77
INDUSTRY CANADA	434.00
WORKERS' COMPENSATION	2613.95
FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES	842.26
	$6,095.85

It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Helen Higdon that the bills be paid as presented to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDNENCE

The following correspondence was received for consideration by Council:

GOVERNMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR; A copy of the Pre-Budget Consultation Document on the Government's fiscal position and choices. This is available for any Councillor who would like to read it.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS; Information on the association and the upcoming convention planned for April 20-22 at Gander. Also, a memo on membership renewal. It was decided not to pay the membership fees for the Town Manager and Town Clerk.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES CANADA; Regarding the bill sent to them for $750.00 for water/sewer at the Post Office. They will only pay $300.00 the same as the residental and commercial rate in the town. Discussion was held and the Clerk presented a copy of the tax structure of the Town of Heart's Content showing that they are charging the post office and schools $300.00 per year for garbage collection. Discussion was held on these rates and it was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Albert King to amend the 1996 Tax Structure to include a rate of $300.00 per year for garbage collection for Federal Buildings which includes the Victoria Post Office.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Albert King to amend the 1996 Tax Structure to include a rate of $300.00 per year for garbage collection for the three schools in the Town, Bethal Academy, Persalvic Elementary and

High.

MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk was asked to send out invoices for the garbage collection fees and to advertise the amendment to the 1996 Tax Structure in the Compass.

VICTORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; Their Crown land application for a portion of land on Powerhouse Road to be used as a Museum with a working Cooperage. This application was not approved by Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs, Urban and Rural Planning Division. The area in question is zoned as Urban Reserve which does not permit any kind of development. This development was discussed by Council and the following resolution was passed to change only the portion of land applied for on Powerhouse Road by the Victoria Economic Development.

WHEREAS: The Town of Victoria has a Municipal Plan in place.

AND WHEREAS: The portion of land applied for by Victoria Economic Development on Powerhouse Road is zoned Urban Reserve and is not opened for development.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Town of Victoria will request from Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs to have the above portion of land on Powerhouse Road applied for by Victoria Economic Development to set up a Museum with a working Cooperage re-zoned for this development.

It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Albert King to approve the above resolution.

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS, URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING DIVISION; Regarding the Town's request to extend the town boundary on Swansea Road. They require a map outlining the area to be extended. The Town Manager will call them to see if the town can take in only Swansea Road up 750 feet from the existing boundary.

HON ART REID, DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL & PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS; Informing Council that his department no longer has the resources to prepare Municipal Plans and Development Regulations and amendments to those Plans and Regulations. He stated that if any of these are needed by Council, they will have to be done with Council's own resources, either by hiring appropriate expertise or contracting out to a private sector on a project basis. He also stated that the provincial approval process also remains in effect and Plans and Plan Amendments will be subject to Public Hearings and his ultimate approval or rejection.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DIVISION; Regarding the water quality data for the town and informing Council that source water quality is within recommended Canadian Water Quality Guidelines and do not pose any risk to human health.

MR. TONY HARRIS; Regarding his property assessment and complaining it is too high. He stated that he is not receiving any services for the property tax of $901.00 he has to pay. He strongly advised Council that his assessment be reviewed before any payment on his 1995/96 taxes are made. The Clerk stated that Mr. Harris was assessed in 1995 and received his assessment card in December and was given 21 days from receipt of the card to appeal, but did not do so within the time frame. He was told that he could appeal for taxation year 1997, but it would not change his assessment for 1995 and 1996. The Clerk was asked to write Mr. Harris explaining to him that the value of his property is determined by Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs and Council cannot change the value determined by them. His only option is to appeal in 1997.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL; Regarding Volunteer Week to be held from April 21 - 27, 1996. It was decided to look at this for the next meeting.

REAR-ADMIRAL FRED J. MIFFLIN; Thanking Mayor Clarke for the letter of congratulations on his appointment to the Federal Cabinet as Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

IRENE & DOUGLAS STEVENSON; Regarding the outstanding Poll Tax they owe for 1995 and stating that they should not have to pay this tax because they were property owners in 1995. The Clerk stated that the property & water/sewer bill was paid on April 17th, 1995 the same day the Poll tax bills were taken off the computer. The bill was paid in the name of Mrs. Ceneth Sutton and was not changed until June of 1995 to Irene & Douglas Stevenson. The adjustments were made to their Poll Tax bills on the date in June as well. The Clerk was told to write them advising that they are responsible for the Poll Tax arrears for 1995.

DEPARTMENT OF WORKS, SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION; Regarding the ordering of salt and sand for 1996/97. It was moved by Councillor Roberrt Clarke and seconded by Councillor Albert King to approve the order of 100 tonnes of sand and salt at $22.50 per tonne.

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL & PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS, ASSESSMENT DIVISION; They are updating their Computer Data Base and looking for an updated list of street services, etc. Also, they are updating the current street names and looking for a list of proposed additional street names. The Town Manager will look after this for Council.

MR. CYRIL WHYTE JR; Regarding the property he acquired from his Uncle William White on Whites Road and the tax arrears of over $200.00 for 1995. He is asking why he has to pay for water when it was turned off for 2 1/2 years. Discussion was held and the Clerk was asked to write Mr. Whyte and inform him that he has to pay the bill for the property and water arrears. A policy was put in place in 1989 regarding water/sewer, whether the house is vacant or you are living there, you must pay for these services.

The following applications were received for exemption from Poll Tax:

CHAD BALDWIN	1995
ALLAN WHYTE	1995/96
BONNIE SUE CLARKE	1995/96
MARGIE DEAN	1995
BARBARA ANN COLE	1995
BEULAH LAYDEN	1995/96
BYRON MOORES	1995
SANTEENA SLADE	1995/96
STEVEN ROWE	1995/96

It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Helen Higdon to exempt the above applicants as presented to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

VICTORIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; Informing Council that some of their equipment was found to be defective and worn out, particularly the SCBA unit and their fire hoses. Discussion was held and the Town Manager was asked to call J. C. Pratt to get the price of the hose. The Mayor and the Town Manager will meet with the Executive of the Department tomorrow night, March 19th to go over their concerns and the changes to their 1996 Budget.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

NONE

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

This report was reviewed and found in order.

He was told to look after getting new signs done for the entrances to the Town, specifically the brick one for on top of the Ridge.

There is a grant available through Active Living - Go for Green under the Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. The amount is for $500.00 and can be used for posters and signs. All they request is that there logo be placed on the signs and posters. It was decided to apply for this funding.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR ROBERT CLARKE; He asked if the 1995 Audit was completed by Mr. Hubert Burden. The Clerk stated that the audit is being completed and should be done shortly.

COUNCILLOR ALBERT KING; He mentioned about the complaints he is receiving regarding roaming dogs in the Town. Discussion was held and it was decided to place notices in the store windows advertising for a Dog Catcher. Mayor Clarke stated that he will also call Brian Cole to see if he is interested in the job.

With no other business on the agenda, it was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Albert King that the meeting adjorn at 10:25 p.m.

GLENN CLARKE
MAYOR

SIGNED:

SHARON SNOOKS
TOWN CLERK

Town of Victoria
Regular Meeting
March 4th, 1996

A regular meeting of the Town took place on the above date at 7:35 p.m. with Mayor Glenn Clarke presiding and the following members of Council in attendance:

COUNCILLORS HELEN HIGDON
CLIFFORD HARRIS
ALBERT KING
ARTHUR BURKE

VISITORS BUSINESS

Mr. Donald Inniss of the Victoria Economic Development was in attendance at the meeting regarding the Beaver Pond Trail. He is applying for funding under the Conservation Corp to finish the trail this Summer and the amount is $9000.00. In order to receive this funding, Victoria Economic Development must raise $3000.00 to get the $9000.00 funding. Mr. Inniss is looking for a letter from Council committing the $3000.00 if Victoria Economic Development cannot raise the amount through fund-raising. This project would employ 6 students for 8 weeks. Discussion was held and it was decided to look at this request.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and with no errors or omissions, it was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Albert King that the minutes be adopted as read.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

COUNCILLOR ALBERT KING; He asked if the water was turned off to Whites Enterprises. Mayor Clarke stated that this would be discussed later in the meeting.

COUNCILLOR ARTHUR BURKE; He asked if the 1996 Budget was accepted by Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs. Mayor Clarke stated that no letter was received stating that it was rejected by Government.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

The following bills and accounts were presented to Council for payment:

JCS SERVICE LIMITED	$16.50
THE ROYAL GARAGE	358.79
NEWFOUNDLAND TELEPHONE	412.25
EAST-CHEM INC.	325.28
W. F. MORNEAU & ASOC.	629.30

BILLS AND ACCOUNT CONT'D

TRICON SERVICES LIMITED	$137.81
FRANK'S AUTO REPAIRS	590.60
NEWFOUNDLAND POWER CO. LIMITED	6242.13
C. B. N. INCINERATOR ASSN.	1423.25
FEDERATION OF MUN.	842.26
FLYGT CANADA	3544.10
SAFETY MARKETING LIMITED	184.70
TECHNICAL SALES	107.86
VICTORIA IRVING	64.26
ANALYTICAL SERVICES LAB.	90.00
	$14,969.09

It was moved by Councillor Clifford Harris and seconded by Councillor Arthur Burke that the bills be paid as presented to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received for consideration by Council:

KEVIN PRIDDLE and WILLIAM LITTLE; Both requesting exemption from Poll Tax for 1995. They have included the necessary information for exemption. It was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Albert King that both gentlemen be exempted as requested by them.

MOTION CARRIED

MR. ROBERT HOSKINSON, HOSKINSON'S CARPENTRY; Advising Council that his business will not be operation in 1996. The Clerk will make the necessary adjustment to his account.

MRS. BARBARA SUTTON; She was billed for business tax for 1996 as having a beauty salon. She is stating that she has no such business. The Town Manager visited her home and could see no such operation being run from her basement. The Clerk was asked to call Mr. John Moore.

MR. THOMAS HARRIS, HARRIS & ASSOCIATES; Resigning as the Town's Commissioner for the Court of Review for 1996. As our consulting engineer, he would be in a conflict of interest in also acting as our Commissioner.

MR. DEREK EDWARDS; Requesting to act as the Town's commissioner for our court of appeals for 1996. The Clerk was asked to call Mr. John Moore to see if he would be in a conflict of interest because he is employed with Harris and Associaties.

MR. JOHN KING; Regarding the land he owns on Powerhouse Road and allowing Council to use it during Come Home Year Celebrations.

The Clerk was asked to write Mr. King thanking him for the use of the land and assuring him that if the land is needed it will be put back to its original condition.

MR. WILSON WILCOX; Complaining about the increase in his tax bill. The Clerk was asked to write Mr. Wilcox explaining about the increase in water/sewer rates for 1996.

VICTORIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.; Requesting to operate a Beer Tent at the Live Entertainment Event during Victoria Day Celebrations. It was decided to write Mr. Cole and the members of the department advising that the request was not approved because there will be no beer tents at any of the functions during the two week celebrations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Arthur Burke of the Town Management Committee told Council that he will have a report on the street lights in the Town in the near future.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

This report was reviewed and found in order.

The Town Manager told Council that he had a visit from Mr. John Penney and Mr. Baxter Pitts regarding the car wrecks on the property of Mr. Harold A. Cole, Penney's Hill. The Town Manager stated that he spoke with Mr. Cole about the wrecks and told him that they would have to be moved to the site on Ash's Lane, but to date this has not be done. It was decided to write Mr. Cole, giving him until April 17th to have the wrecks moved to Ash's Lane. If this is not done by this date, his permit will be revoked for the salvage yard on Ash's Lane.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR ARTHUR BURKE; He asked if Council gives the out-going Chief of the Fire Department a gift as a token of appreciation. This was not done in the past, but it was decided to give all past Fire Chiefs a little something for their work with the Department.

MAYOR GLENN CLARKE; Contact Rear-Admiral Fred J. Mifflin to see if he can come to Victoria in the near future to present the 20 year pins to the four Firemen who will receive them.

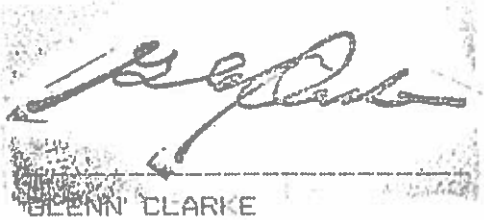
2. Mrs. Janie Slade is looking for work, she needs 5 weeks to qualify for U.I.C. It was decided to leave this with the Town Manager.

3. The tax arrears of Whites Enterprises and all those who have arrears prior to 1996. It was moved by Councillor Arthur Burke and seconded by Councillor Clifford Harris that March 29th, 1996 will be the deadline for all taxpayers to have the arrears paid in full. If all arrears are not paid by the date, on April 1st. water will be discontinued to the taxpayers with the arrears.

It was also decided that the Finance Committee and the Town Management Committee will meet and come up with a plan for tax collection.

COUNCILLOR CLIFFORD HARRIS; He asked if Department of Social Services pay Poll Tax for their clients.

With no other business on the agenda, it was moved by Councillor Albert King and seconded by Councillor Arthur Burke that the meeting adjorn at 1115 p.m.



GLENN CLARKE
MAYOR

SIGNED:

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WALTER HISCOCK
TOWN MANAGER

Town of Victoria
Regular Meeting
February 5, 1996

A regular meeting of the town took place on the above date at 7:35 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Frank Clarke presiding and the following members of Council in attendance:

COUNCILLORS

HELEN HIGDON
CLIFFORD HARRIS
ROBERT CLARKE
ALBERT KING

Mayor Clarke and Councillor Burke were absent due to work commitments.

VISITORS BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas Harris of Harris and Associates was at this meeting. His company became the Town's engineers as of January 1, 1996 and came to the meeting to see if Council had any concerns. His company has a copy of our Five Year Capital Works Plan and he will meet with the Town Manager later on to review the Town's water/sewer system and the roads. He informed Council that because his company is our engineering firm, he will no longer be our Commissioner for the Court of Revision. This will be looked at later by Council. Deputy Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Harris for attending the meeting and Mr. Harris left the Chambers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and with no errors or omissions, it was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Albert King that the minutes be adopted as read.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

COUNCILLOR HELEN HIGDON; She asked if Mr. Don Barrett was written regarding no snowclearing of the road to his sawmill. The Clerk stated that Mr. Barrett was told when he visited the office and also a letter was written to him.

DEPUTY MAYOR FRANK CLARKE; He mentioned that Dept. of Municipal and Provincial Affairs were called and we were advised that the $4.25 per student for the schools in Victoria includes for the taxation year 1995. The Clerk was asked to make the adjustments and send the new bill for 1995 and 96 to Avalon North Integrated School Board.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

The following bills and accounts were presented to Council

for payment:

JCS SERVICE LIMITED	$16.50
THE ROYAL GARAGE	358.79
NEWFOUNDLAND TELEPHONE	412.25
EAST-CHEM INC.	325.28
W. F. MORNEAU & ASSOC.	629.30
TRICON SERVICES LIMITED	137.81
FRANK'S AUTO REPAIRS	590.60
NEWFOUNDLAND POWER LIMITED	6242.13
C.B.N. INCINERATOR ASSN.	1423.25
FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES	842.26
FLYGT CANADA	3544.10
SAFETY MARKETING LIMITED	184.70
TECHNICAL SALES	107.86
VICTORIA IRVING	64.26
ANALYTICAL SERVICES LAB.	90.00
	$14,969.09

It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Albert King that the bills be paid as presented to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received for consideration by Council:

DAVID BISHOP, PICTURE THIS: Regarding his business tax bill for 1995 and 1996 and enclosing the Certificate of Registration showing the business began Feb. 16/95. He also feels that the minimum tax of $170.00 is too high for a small business such as his, he had only two weddings last Summer and a number of other small jobs. He wondered if he could be charged based on a percentage of his gross revenue. Discussion was held by Council and it was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Clifford Harris to delete Mr. Bishop's 1995 business tax because of a first year tax break policy implemented by Council in 1995. Also, revise his 1996 tax bill and base it on 2.5% of projected gross revenue for 1996.

MOTION CARRIED

WALTER HISCOCK: Thank you card to Council for expression of kindness while he was in hospital.

VICTORIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.; A list of the new Executive for 1996.

LAVINE EVELY; Application to operate a Tax Preparation Business in the building of Brent Clarke, Main Highway. This application was checked and found in order. It was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Clifford Harris to approve this

application as requested by Mrs. Evely.

MOTION CARRIED

URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS; In reply to Mayor Clarke's letter of Dec. 18/95 requesting an extension to the town boundary. They need the map outlining the area to be included within the Town boundary. Planning Committee to review map before it is sent to St. John's.

MR. RON MURPHY, DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS; Acknowledging receipt of the Town's 1996 budget and advising that it will be reviewed in due course with Council being notified of any changes in the budgetted figures.

PERSALVIC INTEGRATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; Invitation for Mayor Clarke to the Twentieth Anniversary of its official opening on February 20th at 7:00 p.m.

APPLICATION FOR THE SHELL ENVIRONMENTAL FUND; If this project is approved, funding will be available to construct the bridge over the trussle as part of the hiking trail. Pass this to the Town Manager for completion.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

NONE

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report available because the Town Manager is still off sick and David King could not attend the meeting due to other commitments. The Clerk stated that everything is running smooth in the Town. Remind the Town Manager when he returns to work to call Rex Cotter regarding workers from the Trade School to contruct a sign for the entrance to the Town like those in Carbonear and Harbour Grace.

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk received a call from Linda Donnelly on behalf of the Baccalieu Trail Tourism Association. They have a Placemat Promotion 1996 in place and they are looking for advertisers from this area to be included on the placemat. These placemats will be distributed across the province in restaurants, CN ferries and other locations. They will draw attention to the Baccalieu Trail as a tourist destination. Also, the Town will receive 500 placemats at no charge. The cost for the 2" X 2" ad is $166.92. It was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Albert King to approve to purchase the ad for $166.92.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Larry White and his tax arrears on the club. Discussion was held and the Clerk was instructed to cut off the water tomorrow to the building housing the club. Councillor Robert Clarke opposed cutting off water this time of the year.

With no other business on the agenda, the meeting adjorned at 8:35 p.m.

FRANK CLARKE
DEPUTY MAYOR

SIGNED:

SHARON SNOOKS
TOWN CLERK

Town of Victoria
Regular Meeting
Jan. 22nd., 1996

A regular meeting of the Town took place on the above date at 7:35 p.m. with Mayor Glenn Clarke presiding and the following members of Council in attendance:

COUNCILLORS

ALBERT KING
ROBERT CLARKE
ARTHUR BURKE
HELEN HIGDON

Deputy Mayor Frank Clarke was absent due to illness.

VISITORS BUSINESS

Mr. Darren Torraville was in attendance at the meeting. He is applying to construct a house on Highway East on land formerly owned by his father, William Torraville. The land in question does not meet the measurements of the Town Plan for rearyard which is 30 feet on the Town Plan and he will have only 15 feet. The Town Manager checked out the property and this would be the only obstacle. It was decided to apply for a variance to cover the differnce in the land for the rearyard. It will be advertised in the Compass and Mr. Torraville will pay for the ad. He then left the meeting.

The minutes of January 8th and January 15th were read and two omissions were noted; page 1, paragraph 2 on minutes of January 8th, insert Christmas 1995 regarding Best Decorated House. Page 1 on minutes of January 15th, paragraph 2, insert that Committee Report dated January 10th is on file with #1 to #10 recommendations. With no errors or other omissions, it was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Albert King that the minutes be adopted as read.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF JANUARY 8TH, 1996

COUNCILLOR ALBERT KING; He asked if the meeting was set up with Tom Harris of Harris & Associates. The Clerk stated that this would be done next week.

2. The request for street light in the vicinity of Mrs. Beulah Clarke's on Church Road. He stated that he checked this area along with several other areas and there are dark spots. It was decided that Councillor Arthur Burke and his committee will go around the Town to check the street light situation.

COUNCILLOR ROBERT CLARKE; He asked if the letters were written to those residents who have deferred taxes with the Town. The Clerk stated that they will be written next week.
COUNCILLOR HELEN HIGDON; She asked if Paradise and Bay Roberts

were contacted regarding their by-laws on the wearing of bicycle helmets in their respective towns. The Clerk stated that she called Bay Roberts and they have no by-laws in place. She will contact Paradise for a copy of their by-laws regarding the wearing of bicycle helmets and have it available for the next meeting. It was decided by Council to hold off enforcing this by-law until it is checked out further.

There were no business arising from the minutes of January 15th, 1996.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

The following bills and accounts were presented to Council for payment:

FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES	$842.26
CANADIAN TIRE CORP.	41.56
SIMMS GARAGE	552.87
AVALON TRANSFER	6.42
IRVING OIL LIMITED	1693.71
FLYGT CANADA	3544.10
EAST-CHEM	162.64
SEARS CARPET CLEANING	105.93
BREN/KIR INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES	611.18
VICTORIA IRVING	179.24
AVALON INDUSTRIAL	102.59
T C OFFICE SUPPLIES	382.97
	$8,225.47

It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Helen Higdon that the bills be paid as presented to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

DAVID McCORMACK; DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL & PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS; Newfoundland Emergency Measures Organization and a course for Mayors and Elected Officials. It will be held on Feb. 13-15 at the Hotel Gander. It was decided that nobody from Council will be attending these courses. The Town Manager was reminded to ask William Hiscock about the Town's Emergency Plan that he is revising for Council.

MISS EVELYN WHYTE; Application for exemption from Poll Tax for 1995. She has included the information from Revenue Canada for exemption. It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Helen Higdon that Miss Whyte be exempted as requested to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

MR. DONALD BARRETT; Complaint regarding the new snowclearing

policy where businesses are not done by the Town as of Dec. 31/95. It was decided not to change the snowclearing policy and the Clerk was asked to write Mr. Barrett stating that Council regrets not being able to clear his road, but due to budget restaint this measure was taken by Council.

KRIS AND KAREN DANIELS, VALLEY PARK LODGE; Responding to Council's decision to discontinue snowclearing to his business. He stated it was his understanding that the Lodge would be looked after because of the concern that an ambulance or fire truck could be called and with residents who have disabilities, it would be hard to reach them. Discussion was held and the Town Manager was told that when snowclearing is being done at Snook's Road, to make a cut at Valley park Lodge. The Clerk was asked to write Mr. Daniels advising him that Council will not be changing the policy, but will make one pass during snowclearing. Also, advise him that he may call in the event of an emergency.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR-GROWING TOGETHER; Informing Council that on February 12-19/96 there will be a number of significant events to show our pride in being Canadian. Three components of the celebrations are Citzenship Week, Flag Day and Heritage Day. It was decided to send for any materials that they may have available.

NEWFOUNDLAND HISTORIC PARKS ASSOCIATION; Thanking Council of the nomination of Newfoundland Light & Power Company for the Manning Award of Excellance in the Public Presentation of Historic Places. They did not win in 1995, but will be considered for 1996.

HON ART REID; Prescribing a water and sewer tax rate of $4.25 per occupant, per annum for all schools located in the Town of Victoria. It was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Arthur Burke to change the tax structure for 1996 where schools are charged $300.00 each, per year plus $4.25 per occupant to just $4.25 per occupant, per school, per year.

MOTION CARRIED

It was decided to contact Avalon North Integrated School Board regarding their 1995 water/sewer tax arrears.

MR. LARRY WHITE, WHITES ENTERPRISES; A Notice of Intended Action - 30 days after receipt of this notice, Mr. White will commence action in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, Trial Division, to seek an Order of Mandamus to require the collection and/or imposition of reality, water and business taxes from corporations within the Town of Victoria. Discussion was held and it was decided to wait for the 30 days to see what will happen with this case.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The 1996 Fire Department Budget was discussed by Council.

the following are the changes made by Council:

FIRST AID	$1000.00
8 REFILLS ABC AND 1 REFILL CO 2	400.00
FIREMAN'S BALL	1000.00
CONVENTION FUND	1200.00
MISC. EQUIPMENT	1000.00
TRUCK REPAIRS & PAINTING	500.00
MISC (FLOATING)	900.00
	$6000.00

The Clerk was asked to type this Revised Budget for Mayor Clarke and the Town Manager to present to a meeting of the Fire Dept in the near future.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Gas purchase and he quoted prices from Clarkes Supply, $0.659 per litre with a 4% discount, Come By Chance, $0.60 per litre and Victoria Irving, $0.639 per litre with a 2% discount. It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Albert King to purchase gas from Come By Chance Petroleum.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was decided to purchase gas from Victoria Irving and Clarkes Supply Limited on a 6 month basis each.

2. Two quotes for repairs to garbage truck axle, Tricon Services $1433.28 and Frank's Auto Repairs $1137.42. It was approved for Frank's to do the repairs, but check regarding the cost for freight charges.

3. The request sent to Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs to have the boundary service extended on Swansea Road. The Town Manager presented the map to Council with the area to be changed and it was decided that the Town Planning Committee will look at this for Council before the map is sent to St. John's.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR ALBERT KING: Mr. Gerald Snow and the problem with flooding on his property. The Town Manager explained that there wasn't a big problem and it will be looked at in the Spring to find a solution to the problem.

COUNCILLOR ARTHUR BURKE; He wanted to know if there were any regulations in the Town regarding blasting and was told that there were none, but the Town Manager will check on this for Council.

The Clerk was asked to write Chief Eugene Cole and the new Executive of the Fire Department congratulating them on their

appointment.

With no other business, it was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Councillor Albert King that the meeting adjorn at 10:45 p.m.

SIGNED:

GLENN CLARKE
MAYOR

SHARON SNOOKS
TOWN CLERK

Town of Victoria
Regular Meeting
January 8th, 1996

A regular meeting of the Town took place on the above date at 7:35 p.m. with Mayor Glenn Clarke presiding and the following members of Council in attendance:

DEPUTY MAYOR	FRANK CLARKE
COUNCILLORS	ALBERT KING
	ROBERT CLARKE
	CLIFFORD HARRIS
	HELEN HIGDON

Councillor Arthur Burke was absent due to work commitments.

VISITORS BUSINESS

Mr. Allan Smith, Mr. Mike Penney and Mr. Terry Jackson were in attendance and they were presented with plaques for the Best Decorated House 1995, Mr. Smith, 1st Place, Mr. Penney, 2nd. Place and Mr. Jackson, 3rd. Place. The Clerk took pictures for the Town's scrapbook and the gentlemen left the Chambers.

Mr. Wayne Dean and Mr. Terry Jackson were also in attendance at this meeting regarding the compensation for their water line which they installed themselves including Mr. Elihu Antle. Mr. Thomas Snow and Mr. Gordon Sheppard were connected to this line temporarily and are still on this line today. Mayor Clarke told both gentlemen that Council will correct this problem this Spring, put the line back the way it was with Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Snow disconnected or a credit to Mr. Dean, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Antle's account. The gentlemen left the meeting.

The minutes of the last two meetings December 11th and 18th, 1995 were read and with no errors noted, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Frank Clarke and seconded by Councillor Robert Clarke that the minutes be adopted as read.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DEPUTY MAYOR FRANK CLARKE; Larry White and did he pay the $1000.00 on his tax arrears by December 31/95. The Clerk stated that Mr. White did not pay anything on his account to date. It was decided to write him advising that half of the bill must be paid by January 31/96 or the water will be cut off to the apartments, club and building on February 1, 1996. Also, arrangments have to be made with the Clerk to pay the balance of as soon as possible.

COUNCILLOR HELEN HIGDON; The Estate of Dollie Curnew's, tax arrears and Mr. Arthur Curnew's request that the years prior to

1995 be deleted and he will pay for 1995 and coming years. It was decided to write Mr. Curnew advising him that he is responsible for the balance of the account, but he can meet with Council to discuss his bill.

COUNCILLOR CLIFFORD HARRIS; He asked about the gas from Irving Oil and are they still delivering it to the Town. The Town Manager is checking on this and other companies to see if they deliver.

COUNCILLOR ROBERT CLARKE; The deferred accounts as mentioned in the minutes of December 11, 1995 belonging to Victoria Riteway, Edwin Evely and Ralph King. It was decided to write them to find our if they can pay these arrears. Also, check the Municipalities Act to see if Council has to make a motion to defer each year.

MAYOR GLENN CLARKE; The 1995 Constitution and By-Laws of the Victoria Volunteer Fire Department and was the Department told that they have been approved by Council. The Clerk stated that she spoke with Chief David Bourne today.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

The following bills and accounts were presented to Council for payment:

C.B.N. INCINERATOR ASSN.	$1423.25
CLARKES SUPPLY LIMITED	350.69
ROBINSON-BLACKMORE	93.48
NFLD. & LABRADOR FED. OF MUNICIP.	842.26
W. F. MORNEAU & ASSOC.	629.30
VOCM RADIO	224.78
P. A. L.	25.41
W. G. GARLAND LIMITED	38.90
BILLS AND ACCOUNTS CONT'D	
NEWFOUNDLAND TELEPHONE	$528.15
NEWFOUNDLAND POWER	6059.01
	$10,215.23

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Frank Clarke and seconded by Councillor Helen Higdon that the bills be paid as presented to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received for consideration by Council:

VICTORIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; Informing Council that on January 19th, 1996 the Annual General Meeting of the Department will be held and elections for the various positions of the Fire Dept. Executive will also be held at that time. They are inviting all Councillors to this meeting and to look after the election proceedings. Mayor Clarke asked all Councillors that could attend this meeting to try to go if possible.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES; A copy of letter from Hon. Art Reid and his government's position on both Proposed Reductions to the Municipal Operating Grant and Assessment of Machinery and Equipment. Also, encouraging all minicipalities who are members of the Federation and NLAMA to renew their 1996 Membership Fees.

HON. ART REID, DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL & PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS; Approving Harris and Associates Limited as the Town of Victoria's consulting engineers.

EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND REGIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD; Asking Council to pass a by-law for the wearing of bicycle helmets in the Town. Discussion was held by Council and it was moved by Deputy Mayor Frank Clarke and seconded by Councillor Helen Higdon to approve a by-law to enforce the wearing of safety bicycle helmets in Victoria.

MOTION CARRIED

The Clerk was asked to contact the Town of Paradise and Bay Roberts for a copy of their by-law.

REAR-ADMIRAL FRED J. MIFFLIN; Reply to Mayor Clarke's letter of November 27th, 1995 where he requested funding for Victoria's Come Home Year 1996. Mr. Mifflin stated in his letter that he knows of no federal funding available for projects such as ours and therefore no money will be forthcoming.

HON. ART REID, DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL & PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS; Regarding Local Government Awareness Week to be held from April 22-28/96 and the introduction of Municipal Merit Awards for citizens, municipal employees and community organizations within the municipality. He stated he will be sending out more information within the next month. This will be looked after by the Civic Functions Committee.

PARTICIPACTION; Informing Council of the second, annual Summer Active campaign for healthy and active living being held from May 3rd. to July 28/96.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR PARKS/RECREATION ASSOCIATION; Inviting Council to join their association. It was noted that the Victoria Recreation Commission is a member of this association.

PASTOR R. BLAKE, BETHAL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH; A Christmas card thanking Council for the continued support throughout the year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mayor Clarke mentioned that each committee should have at least one meeting a month.

Deputy Mayor Frank Clarke was reminded about the Crown Land application of the Victoria Economic Development. They are applying for land on Powerhouse Road for a Museum, but the land needs to be re-zoned from Urban Reserve for this development.

Councillor Robert Clarke will be presenting his Finance Committee Report at the end of the meeting.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report available because the Town Manager is presently off work because of illness. David King was at this meeting and told Council that everything was running smooth in the Town.

He was asked about Mr. Wilson Layden's problem of water backing up in his basement. He stated that there was a small blockage in the main line and the problem has been rectified for Mr. Layden.

Council mentioned the lift station in the vicinity of Maple Manor with the possibility of moving the motor from this lift station to the one in the vicinity of Mr. Wilson Layden's property. It was decided to get Harris and Associates to check this out and the Town Planning Committee was asked to look after this for Council.

It was decided to set up a meeting with Harris and Associates Limited and Council in the near future to go over the Five Year Plan along with other items of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR HELEN HIGDON; She thanked the Council and staff for their support while she was ill and she stated that she is glad to be back and hopes it will be for a long time.

2. She mentioned that a street light is needed in the vicinity of Beulah Clarke's because this area is very dark. Discussion was held and the Town Management Committee was asked to check this out for the next meeting along with other areas of the Town which have dark spots.

COUNCILLOR ROBERT CLARKE; He has received information from the Johnson Family Foundation regarding history boards that can be set up in municipalities. He asked the Clerk to pass this on to the Town Manager to check on. He is to call Mr. Bert Parsons of the Heritage Society in Carbonear for more information.

COUNCILLOR ALBERT KING; Signs to the entrance of the Town specifically the one coming from Carbonear. It was decided to call the Towns of Carbonear and Harbour Grace to see how they acquired the brick signs they have in their Towns.

MAYOR GLENN CLARKE; He mentioned that a meeting of the Joint Councils will be held on January 25th at the Hr. Grace Town Hall.

COUNCILLOR ROBERT CLARKE, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the 1996 Budget. He stated that himself, Mayor Clarke, the Town Manager and the Town Clerk met with Mr. Chris Bryant of the Bank of Nova Scotia to go over our financial situation at the bank and to get his incite on our debt charge repayment. He told us that we are in good shape except for the debt charge arrears and suggested that we sign the 10 year debenture. He will get together with the Clerk to go over all our water/sewer and paving loans to see if any are due to be paid off in the near future.

Councillor Clarke stated that he has gone over all the figures for the budget and made the following suggestions:

1. **The Convention fund remain as last year and that is, those wishing to attend will pay the expenses themselves.**

2. **We remain as members with the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities.**

3. **Review the 1995 Tax Structure with the possibility of increasing some of the rates for permits, etc.**

4. **Look at discounts given to senior citizens.**

Councillor Clarke stated that with an increase of $60.00 per year on water/sewer rates, we would be able to balance the 1996 Budget and pay the required amount on arrears and current debt charges per month for 1996.

The Clerk was asked to contact Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs regarding the water rates for Bethal Academy and Persalvic School Complex. It was decided that after the rates are set, a meeting will be set up with Avalon North Integrated School Board to discuss their 1995 water tax bill which they have not paid to date.

With all items discussed from the 1996 Budget figures, it was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Clifford Harris that the water rates; water/sewer and water only be increased by $5.00 per month which amounts to a $60.00 increase in taxes for 1996.

MOTION CARRIED

It was decided that the Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 10th to complete the 1996 Budget and have it ready for approval for a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, January 15th, 1996.

The 10 year debenture with Newfoundland Municipal Financing Corporation to pay off the Town's debt charge arrears for water/sewer and paving was discussed by Council.

WHEREAS: The Town of Victoria owes in access of $291,000.00 for water/sewer and paving debt charge arrears to Newfoundland Municipal Financing Corporation.

WHEREAS: Newfoundland Municipal Financing Corporation has offered a refinancing term of 10 years to the Town of Victoria to pay these arrears.

AND WHEREAS: The Town of Victoria has increased local taxes to meet the annual debt charges on the new debenture for 1996 and will increase taxes to meet the payments for the next 9 years if they need to do so.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Town of Victoria will request from Newfoundland Municipal Financing Corporation through the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for the issuance of the 10 year debenture to pay water/sewer and paving debt charge arrears.

It was moved by Councillor Robert Clarke and seconded by Councillor Clifford Harris to approve the above resolution.

MOTION CARRIED

With no other business on the agenda, it was moved by Councillor Helen Higdon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Frank Clarke that the meeting adjorn at 10:15 p.m.

GLENN CLARKE
MAYOR

SIGNED:

SHARON SNOOKS
TOWN CLERK