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## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

1. Feb. 6,7,8, Desmond Guinness, President of Irish Georgian Society, slide-lecture series. For details, see programme notes, mailed separately.

2. Feb. 20, regular monthly meeting, 8 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Museum.

Speaker: Stephen Archibald

Topic: "Decorative Cast Iron"

3. March 17, regular monthly meeting, 8 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Museum.

Speaker: Tim Randall

Topic: "Meegumaage the Indians called it" - from Mic Mac times to the present, illustrated with slides.

4. April 21, regular monthly meeting, 8 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Museum.

Speaker: Garnett Taylor

Topic: "Nova Scotia Silver"

5. May 19, regular monthly meeting, 8 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Museum.

Speaker: Lorne Rozovsky

Topic: "Restoration of Dawson City"

## OTHER EVENTS

1. Feb. 5, an all-day Public Meeting to discuss 5 documents prepared by city staff. The reports deal with policies for the downtown and the waterfront development area, neighborhood planning and long-range development and transportation strategy. For more information see article inside this issue. Watch local press for exact time and location.

2. Feb. 14 an all-day seminar on city issues including The Waterfront Development. Guest speakers from across Canada: John Sewell (Toronto's Reform Alderman), James Lorimer, John Gutstein, Graham Fraser (authors and urban critics) and Kent Gereke (Professor of Urban Planning from Waterloo U.). Admission is free. The seminar is being sponsored by The Canadian Council, St. Mary's and Dalhousie Universities, Ecology Action Centre and Community Planning Association. Location to be announced; watch for it in the local press.

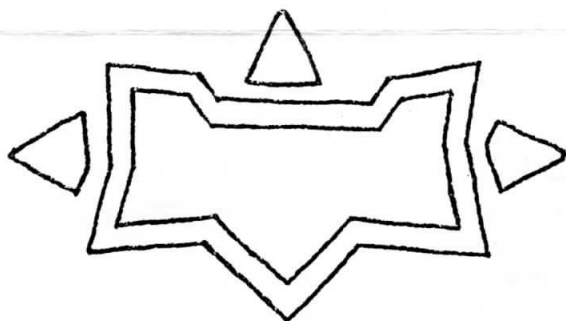
## BEQUEST TO TRUST

Dora Faulkner, who died on Oct. 5, 1976 at the age of 90, bequeathed 1000 dollars to the Heritage Trust. Miss Faulkner was a founding member of the Trust and was also active in the Arts

& Architectural Group of the University Women's Club of Halifax. She graduated with both a B.A. and an M.A. from Dalhousie University and taught in New York until her return home to Halifax.

Those members who knew Dora Faulkner will miss her very much. Her bequest to the Trust is sincerely appreciated.

#### CITADEL TO BE RESTORED



On December 1, 1976 The Hon. Warren Allmand, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, announced the \$20 million restoration development of the Halifax Citadel. Mr. Allmand made his announcement at a press conference held in the south powder magazine (Centennial Gallery) at the citadel. Mr. A.A. Peters, the newly-appointed project manager, outlined the initial stages of the project at the same time. Excerpts from the speeches of Mr. Allmand and Mr. Peters follow.

"The Halifax Citadel is one of the great historic sites of Canada. It is also a place filled with memories for all those who have ever visited or lived in Halifax. The Citadel has played an important role in the defense of Halifax for some two hundred years. Every year thousands of visitors walk to the top of Citadel Hill to enjoy the magnificent view of the city and the surrounding area.

During the next few years, Parks Canada will put a great deal of ef-

fort, in terms of dollars and staff, into restoring the Citadel to its appearance in the 19th century when it was the largest military bastion in British North America ...

One factor which played an important part in our decision to go ahead with the restoration is the fact that Halifax chose to implement development controls on the heights of buildings so that an unobstructed view from the ramparts of the Citadel will be assured for present and future visitors. The integrity of this Park would have been seriously compromised without such safeguards."

- Hon. Warren Allmand

"A few of the possibilities ... are the restoration of the officers' and enlisted men's quarters as well as their places of work and recreation, the mounting of appropriate armament on the ramparts and ravelins, period animation of soldiers, and military tradesmen and the installation of more interpretive displays on all aspects of military life, perhaps even some of the civilian support services which may have contributed to the overall functioning of the Citadel. A period food service which would offer the visitors the fare on which the officers and men subsisted may also add to the public's appreciation of the way of life within a fort ...

We look forward to the intimate involvement of all interested groups and individuals in helping to define the best possible development program for the Citadel and other components of The Halifax Defence Complex ... As planning gets under way and development decisions are reached, they will be illustrated to the public in a special display on the Citadel's restoration program. We propose to locate it in the area adjacent to the present Information Centre. It is planned to have the initial display ready in the spring of 1978 and that from then on, it will be continuously modified and up-dated as additional development plans are finalized and as the actual restoration progresses." - A.A. Peters, Project Manager

## HALIFAX PLANNING

DOWNTOWN                      NEIGHBORHOODS  
   WATERFRONT  
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT      TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC MEETING FEB. 5, 1977



*The City Club*

On Feb. 5, there will be an all-day Public Meeting (location to be announced in local press) to discuss 5 documents prepared by City Staff. The reports deal with policies for the downtown and the waterfront development area, neighborhood planning and long-range development and transportation strategy. Summaries of the reports follow. The actual documents are available at the Municipal Development Plan Office in the basement of Old City Hall.

### DOWNTOWN

This document, entitled "Draft of Objectives and Policies for the Plan for the Halifax Central Business District", is of particular interest to heritage conservationists. Along with policies which promote such things as pedestrianization and an open space network, there are a number of heritage policies. The report states that designated landmarks in the CBD (St. Paul's, Province House, Historic Properties, Old Post Office, St. Mary's) shall be retained, and that other historic buildings, listed and currently being evaluated by

the City, should be retained. It is recommended that any request for demolition of these buildings be referred to City Council. The report states that new buildings shall conform to the Views Bylaw to protect the view from Citadel Hill, and that existing views down streets to the harbour shall be preserved. A further policy recommends the retention of the street grid and block pattern in the CBD.

### WATERFRONT

This document, entitled "Statement of Objectives and Policies for the Halifax Waterfront Development Area Plan", deals with the area bounded by the harbour and Hollis Street, Pier 2 and Terminal Road. Like the Downtown Report, this document includes a number of heritage policies. The document states that designated landmarks (Historic Properties Old Post Office, Keith's Brewery, Keith Hall) shall be retained, and that a number of other buildings (Morse's Tea, Prince & Hollis Buildings, Robertson's Hardware, Irving Arch, Sperry Building, etc.) should be retained. The report recommends that a number of finger piers should be preserved because of their association with the historic development of the



*The Bean Sprout  
Barrington Street*

harbour. The preservation of existing views down streets to the harbour and the creation of new views to the harbour where possible, is recommended.

### NEIGHBORHOODS

This report, entitled "Areas for Detailed Planning", looks at specific areas or neighborhoods that urgently need planning. These areas include, the Old South End, Mainland South, the North End including the Gottingen commercial area, and others. The report proposes interim controls to allow time for detailed planning, and to prevent a rash of applications for demolition and building permits by developers trying to get in under the wire. In reviewing this report the Municipal Development Plan Committee revised the document to recommend against interim controls. However the revision has not been finally approved pending further citizen input.

### TRANSPORTATION

This "Technical Report on Transportation" estimates the transportation facilities and the related costs for ten different alternatives. Each alternative represents a given population level and a specific distribution pattern for population growth. There are a number of controversial aspects in the report. For

example, many of the alternatives involve the widening of a number of streets, including Robie, Sackville, Barrington, Chebucto and Connaught; road-widening means the removal of buildings and houses in the way. The costs stated in the report may also prove controversial. For example, the cost of the re-alignment of North Barrington St. (from Cogswell to Devonshire), is listed at \$2.8 million. But a recent consultant's report for the City shows the construction cost to be \$10 million.

### FUTURE PLANNING

This report, entitled "Land Development Distribution Strategy", estimates the City's future growth and where it can best be accommodated.

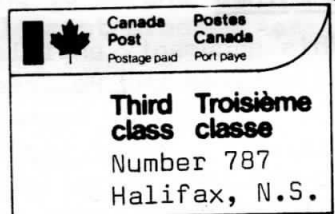
The population growth recommended by City staff in the report is from 122,000 in 1971 to 184,000 in 1991. This may prove controversial, however, in the light of the preliminary results of the 1976 census which show that the population has decreased to 113,000.

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1.      Public Meeting - February 5th.

- Location Announced

Saint James Anglican Church gymnasium  
12 Dutch Village Road (At the Armdale Rotary)

Topics to be discussed in the morning (9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.),  
our future development strategy and neighborhood planning.

In the afternoon (1:30 - 4 p.m.), planning for the downtown  
and waterfront areas will be discussed.

For more information, see the Article on Halifax Planning  
in this issue.

2.      February 15th - All-day seminar "Focus on the Waterfront"  
(Details page 1 of this issue), is to be held at the Queen  
Square Building (top floor), Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, from  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with a special session in the evening  
at Saint Mary's University.

3.      CORRECTION:

The Heritage Trust regular monthly meeting for February will  
be held on Thursday, FEBRUARY 17th, and not on February 20th  
as stated on page 1 of this issue.