



## City council meets with people

# City being sacrificed to developers

by Mike Donovan  
"Rapid rail transit is un-

feasible and should not be considered for Halifax." This

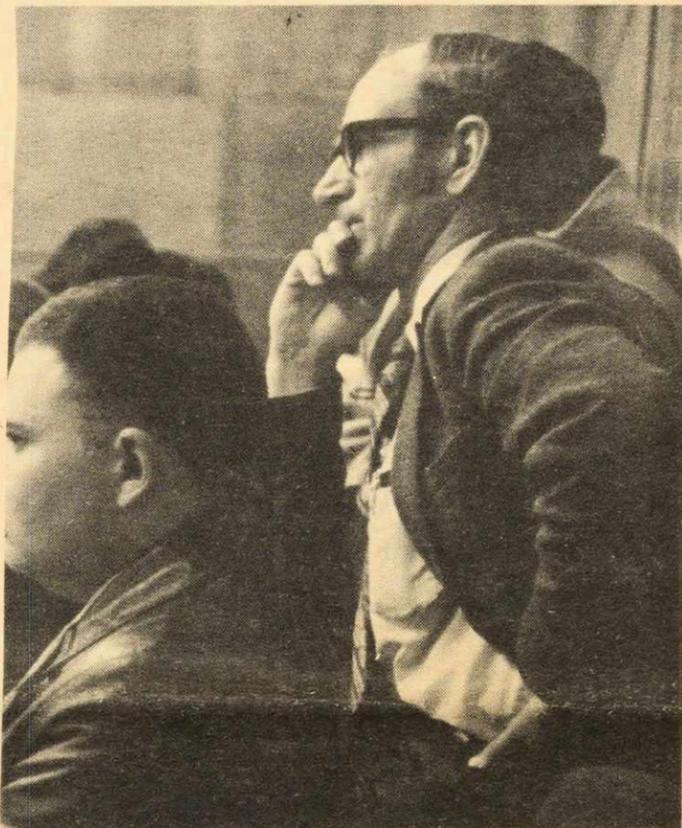
statement was probably the only specific one Mayor Walter Fitzgerald made at the January 10 meeting of concerned citizens and City Council over the proposed Master Plan for development in Halifax.

About 500 people were crowded into the Queen Elizabeth High School gymnasium to hear the mayor describe proposals for future development which he, himself, said were "Motherhood" plans, "highest aspirations", and "broadest conceptual background."

Although the sound system in the gymnasium was so bad that most of the speakers were inaudible, it became clear before long that there was really nothing to hear — that the city was actually saying nothing. It is no wonder that for the last hour of the four hour session only 35 people remained.

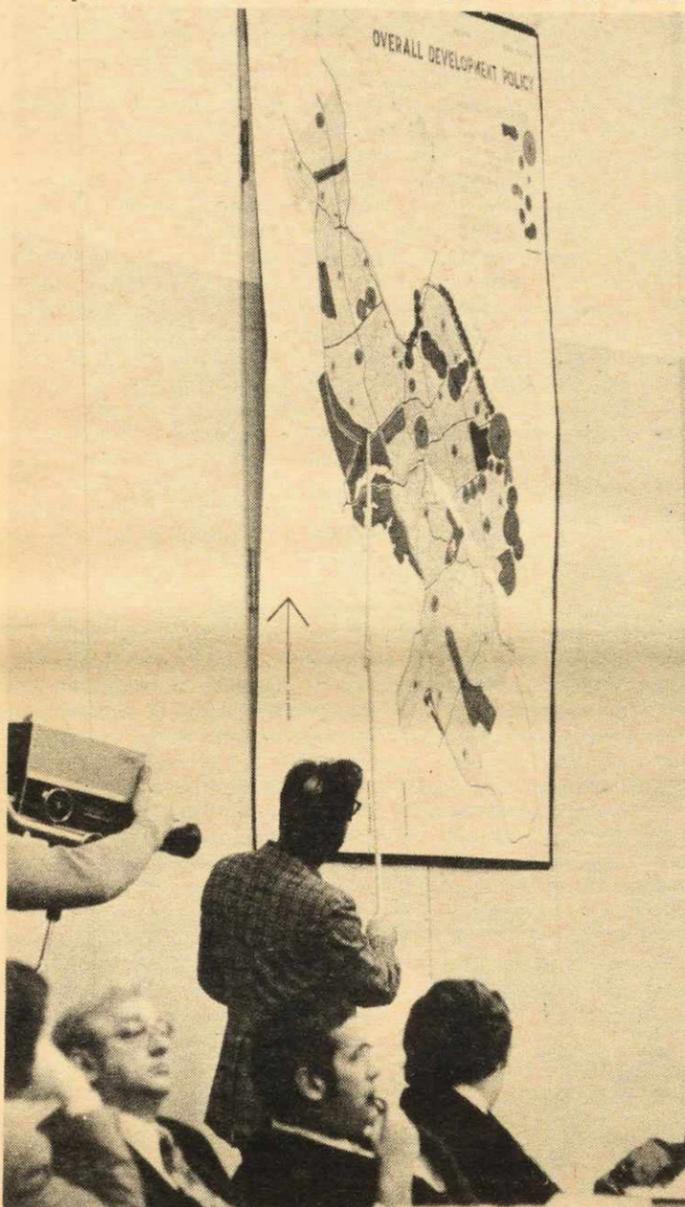
One of the most popular issues among the citizens who spoke at the meeting was transit. One speaker, Jerry Sanford, said the city can't afford to keep bringing more and more cars into the city core which is becoming less able to handle the influx. City Manager, Cyril Henderson, in rebuttal, pointed to the annual deficit of \$600,000 for transit. Kell Antoft, of Dalhousie's Institute of Public Affairs, argued that we should compare this deficit to the deficit the automobile puts into the city coffers. This loss to the city was described by Mayor Fitzgerald in his usual specific manner as "many millions of dollars."

Henderson concluded the debate by saying that "there is a large number of people in the city who enjoy the convenience



The problems are many, as interested citizens found out last week at a public meeting to discuss the City Development Plan.

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City Planning Director, Ed Babb, gives a few pointers to the people on the Master Plan, while the City Fathers ponder the dilemma.

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## Faculty cutbacks possible

# Budget situation severe

by Glenn Wanamaker

With enrollment decreasing and costs going up, Dalhousie faces the possibility of cutting back faculty next year. No definite word has been received from the provincial government on the amount of the university grant, but indications point to only a slight increase.

At a December 18 meeting with departmental heads, University President Henry Hicks reported that the budgetary situation was quite "severe" because enrollment in 1972-73 went up less than anticipated.

Faculty Association President P.B. Huber says the University has been informed that the maximum increase over last year's grant that could be expected would be 7 percent. Last year, Dalhousie received approximately \$17 million in provincial grants.

The possibility of cutbacks became more real when a memo was sent to all faculty late in December stating that "due to budget un-

certainties, the University is unable to make any decisions in regard to contract renewals." Normally, faculty is informed of renewals at that time.

Other universities in Canada are also facing financial dilemmas. Brandon University faces a financial crisis so severe, its continued existence is in doubt. University President Lloyd Dulmage says the University may have to give notice to between one-quarter to one-third of its faculty. To avoid cutbacks, Brandon needs a 10 percent increase in its operating grant, an additional \$234,000 plus \$50,000 for the pension plan.

St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish is also experiencing difficulty. The Faculty Association there is organizing to prevent threatened large-scale faculty cutbacks.

An announcement is expected from the Nova Scotia University Grants Committee within the next two weeks.

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