

Following a brief discussion,

Mr. Lypka moved, seconded by Mr. Denning,

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve in principle the 1969/70 Operating Budget (attached as Appendix I), subject to the understanding that it will be presented in final detail for approval at the next Board meeting.

CARRIED.

March 25, 1969
(7:45 pm - 9:35 pm)

EXPROPRIATION TO CLEAR TITLES

(a) Irishtown, Nfld.

Mr. Lypka moved, seconded by Mr. Denning,

THAT the Finance Committee recommends to the Directors that Management be authorized to seek the authority of Governor-in-Council to expropriate, because of obscure title, approximately 0.18 acres of land at Irishtown, Newfoundland, to be used as the site for a television rebroadcasting transmitter; the authority to be conditional on approval of the project by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission.

CARRIED.

(b) Port Saunders, Nfld.

Mr. Lypka moved, seconded by Mr. Denning,

THAT the Finance Committee recommends to the Directors that Management be authorized to seek the authority of the Governor-in-Council to expropriate, because of inability to locate the legal owner, approximately 1.3 acres of land near Port Saunders, Newfoundland, to be used as the site for a Low Power Relay Transmitter.

CARRIED.

REPORT ON REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Director of Planning (Mr. Duffield) reviewed the agenda report which covered renewal of leases and agreements, new leases and agreements, acquisition and disposal of property for the period January 7, 1969 to March 10, 1969.

PURCHASE OF GAGNON MICROWAVE SYSTEM - CHAPAIS/CHIBOUGAMAU

The Vice-President, Corporate Affairs (Mr. Fraser) recalled that the Board at its last meeting had requested Management to obtain an outside evaluation of the facilities which the Corporation proposes to purchase. This has now been received and the evaluator has set a price of \$358,000 for the physical assets of the microwave system but not including the physical assets of the cable distribution system at Chapais and Chibougamau. A meeting has been held with Mr. Gagnon, the owner, and he has agreed to accept the Corporation's offer of \$300,000 provided he retains the physical assets of the cable distribution system at Chapais and Chibougamau for disposal as he deems fit. During discussion with Mr. Gagnon, he requested that the total purchase price be divided \$225,000 for the physical assets and \$75,000 as unrealized profits. In addition, he is asking a payment of \$150,000 at the time the Corporation exercises the option presumably because of his creditor position. Mr. Fraser noted that all these