

By Mr. Fleming:

Q. Mr. Perrault is one of the five directors outside of the public service?—

A. Yes.

Q. You indicated it is the practice of the board of directors to review and approve the minutes of the executive committee. Have you had any cases where the board—I mean fairly recent cases in the last one and one-half years, say, where the board has not approved the action taken by the executive committee?—A. No, I do not think we have. I would like to make this observation—that the executive committee is very careful to hold for a board meeting things on which the executive committee feel the board will have views.

Q. I suppose that is the tendency established if the board meeting were being held soon after. The closer you are to a board meeting I suppose the greater the disposition to hold over things that may be controversial?—

A. Mr. Chairman, there is one other factor relating to that question and that is on occasion when the executive committee has a matter before it we follow the practice of writing a letter to the board saying:

We are not going to call a special meeting on this but the executive committee would appreciate your views before having to take a decision next Tuesday on this matter.

I would think that happens four or five times a year.

Mr. FRASER: Well, that is general practice in business anyway.

Mr. ADAMSON: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to break into another subject but I would ask whether you are prepared at some time to make a statement or to have a question period on the remarks you make on page 32 with regard to the servicing of lots. You mention a lot cost of \$2,000 to service.

The CHAIRMAN: We decided, Mr. Adamson, in committee yesterday that that was one of three main subjects we would spend time on but we would do it in an orderly fashion. I will make a note of that and I will see that you get personal word when that subject is coming up before the committee.

Mr. ADAMSON: Thank you very much. One of the two municipalities which I have the honour to represent and the one in which I live has prohibited any further subdivision because the municipality cannot afford any residences being built.

The CHAIRMAN: Our agenda committee realized that that was one very important subject and we have earmarked it. Any other general questions?

By Mr. Fraser:

Q. Just on that factor, you mention the fact that up on top of the mountain they cannot go ahead until they get a trunk sewer. Is that also owing to the fact that limestone is only a few inches underground?—A. Yes. The city of Hamilton have been working on that and the physical difficulties are very great. I think every effort has been put forward by Hamilton and, as the hon. member suggests, it is a pretty tough place to put in trunk sewers.

Q. I helped to survey that area years and years ago and I know something about it.

The CHAIRMAN: Any other general questions?

Mr. PICARD: I would like to know at what time it would be appropriate to ask questions concerning loans in communities of less than 5,000?

The CHAIRMAN: We intend to take that up at one time, and I will make a note and I will see that you get word about that.

Mr. PICARD: But does it come under the chairman's remarks?