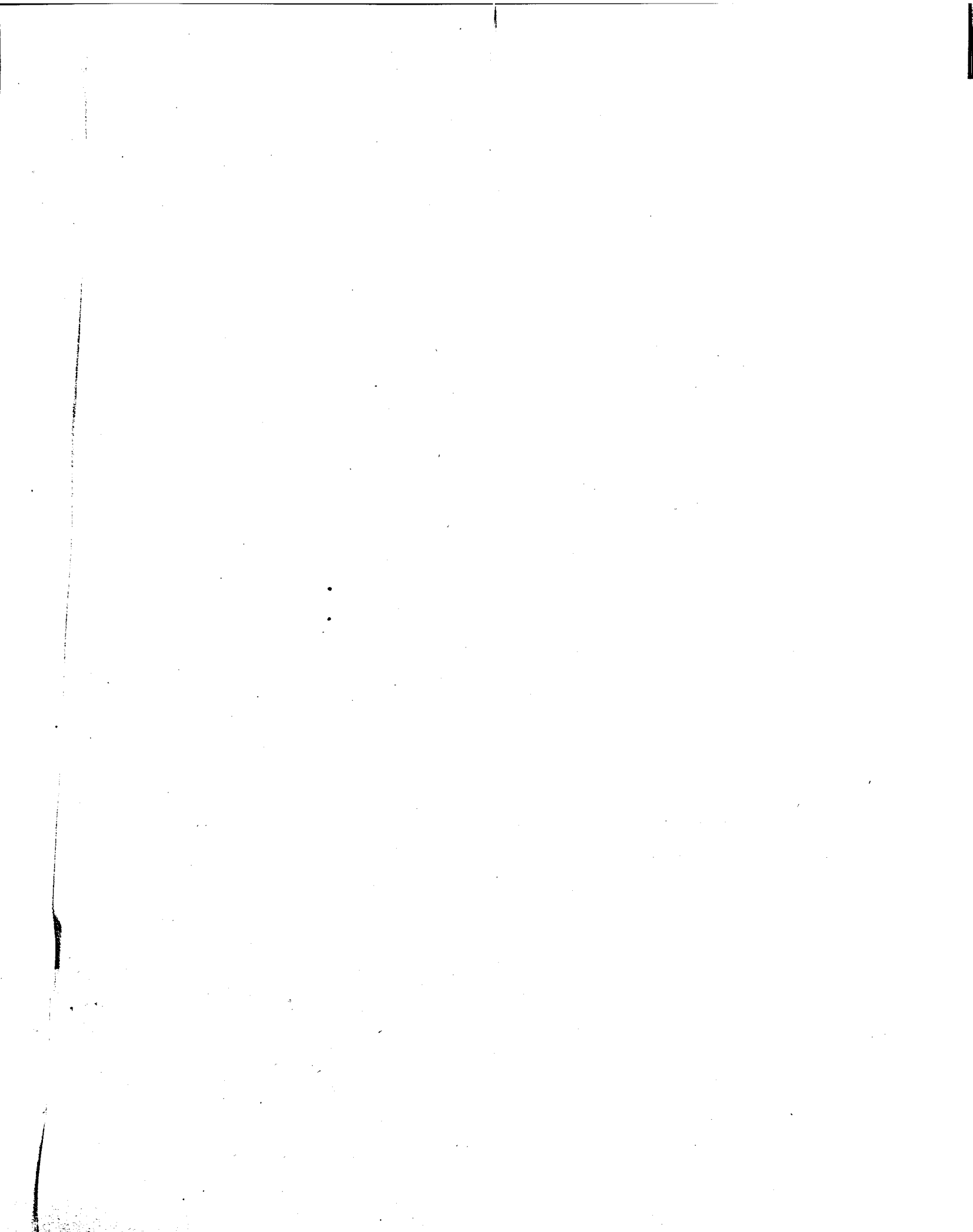


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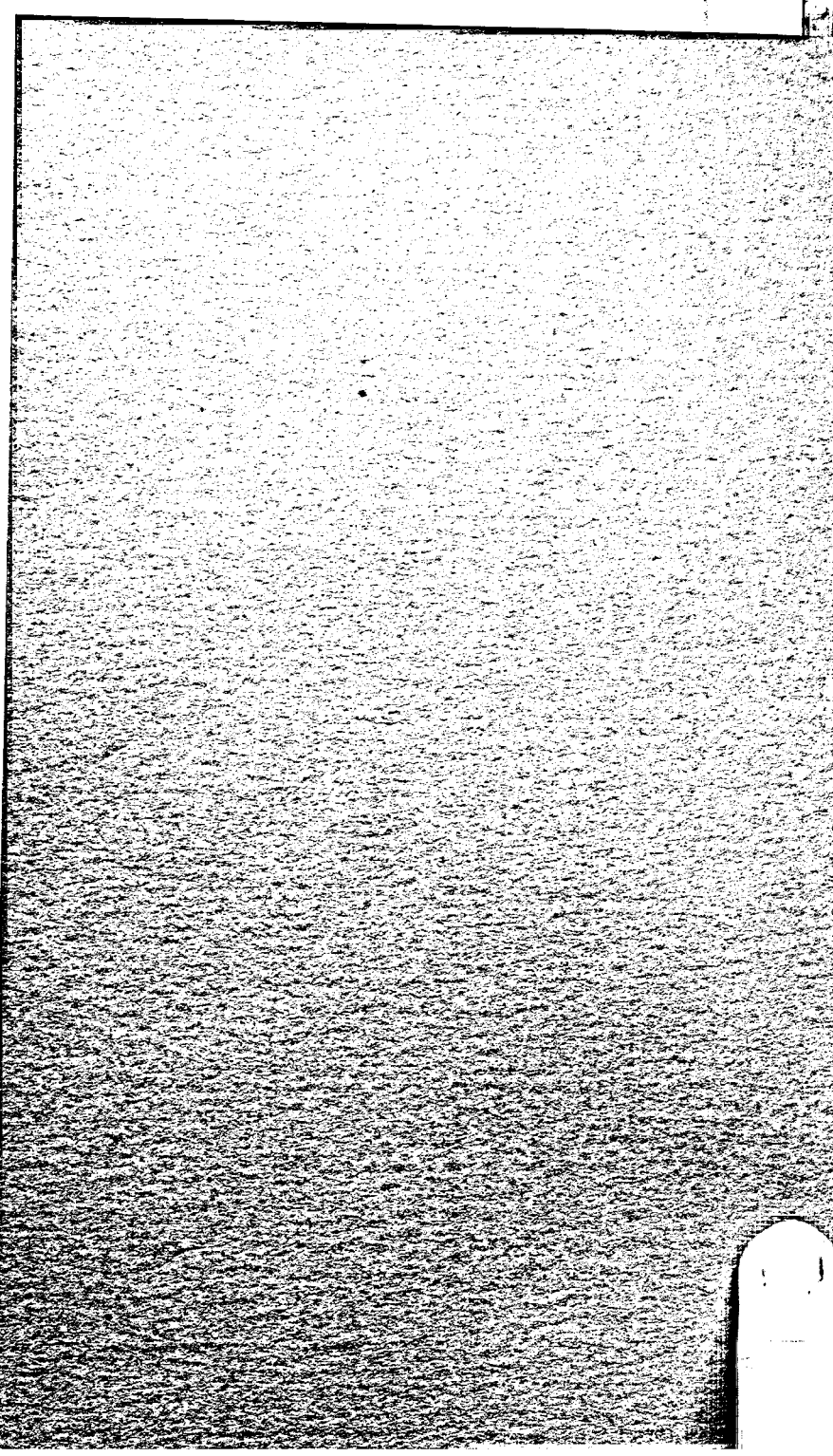
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## MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

- Warden—W. J. Dowell
- Municipal Clerk and Treasurer—Rudd G. Hattie
- Municipal Collector—Harry G. Bensted
- Director of Assessment—H. S. MacGlashen
- Municipal Solicitor—A. Blenus Morton, B.A., LL.B.
- Municipal Health Officers—Dr. W. N. Watt, M.D., C.M., (Western Area)  
Dr. N. A. Morrison, M.D., C.M., (Eastern Area)
- Jail Surgeon—Dr. W. N. Watt, M.D., C.M.
- Auditors—F. E. Smith, C.A., and W. A. Stech, C.A.
- Clerk of Licenses—J. F. R. McMahon
- County Constables—J. G. C. Cameron and H. E. Veinotte
- Board of Revision and Appeal—Roy Hutchinson, Upper Musquodoboit  
James P. MacDonald, Fairview  
James Scriven, West Quoddy
- Halifax County Hospital—Superintendent—Edward V. Smith  
Matron—Mrs. Edward V. Smith  
Medical Officer—Dr. F. P. Malcolm, M.D.  
Visiting Committee—Rev. P. C. Jefferson  
Mrs. A. C. Pettipas  
Mrs. C. A. MacNearney  
Mrs. J. T. Cruikshank  
Mrs. Harry Merrick
- Municipal Building Board—Adelbert Fredericks, North Woodside  
Andrew Thompson, Glen Margaret  
Everett Barrett, Sackville
- Municipal School Board—Councillor Roy Archibald  
Councillor P. S. Ferguson  
Councillor F. G. H. Leverman  
Councillor G. D. Burris, appointed by Council;  
Dr. Duncan MacMillan, Sheet Harbour (1954)  
Joseph Mahar (1955); and  
Hector Montgomery (1956) appointed by Governor-in-Council.
- County Planning Board—Councillor Ira Settle, (Chairman); Councillors  
E. S. Allen, F. G. H. Leverman and Davis; Messrs  
R. F. Tolson, Bedford; Erland Croft, Spryfield.
- Veterinary Board Representatives—George S. Dickie, Middle Musquodoboit,  
(Halifax-East Hants Veterinary Board);  
Thomas Bollong, Pope's Harbour, and  
Donald Turner, Westphal (Balance of  
County).

## STANDING COMMITTEES

- REVENUE COMMITTEE:** Councillors Naugle, Donaldson, Brown, Allen and Burris.
- PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Councillors Leverman, Naugle, Currie, Settle, Archibald, Davis and Isenor.
- WELFARE COMMITTEE:** Councillors Ferguson, Cruikshank, Moser, Myers and Snair.
- TRADE COMMITTEE:** Councillors Turner, Leverman, Redmond, Williams and Day.
- RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** Councillors Evans, Redmond, Donaldson, Davis and Myers.
- SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Councillors Burris, Ferguson, Moser, Day and Archibald.
- LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE:** Councillors Allen, Settle, Donaldson, Snair and Williams.
- ARBITRATION COMMITTEE:** Councillors Cruikshank, Currie and Evans.
- JURY LISTS COMMITTEE:** Councillors Brown, Isenor and Turner.
- FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Warden Dowell, Deputy-Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Naugle, Ferguson, Leverman, Turner, Evans and Burris.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- NOMINATING COMMITTEE**—Councillors Naugle, Davis, Brown, Archibald and Deputy Warden Cruikshank.
- AGENDA COMMITTEE** — Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillor Ferguson.
- REGIONAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE**—Councillors Burris, Donaldson and Snair.
- COURT HOUSE COMMISSION**—Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle.
- PRINTING AND REPORTING** — Warden Dowell, Councillor Allen and Municipal Clerk.
- INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE**—Councillors Leverman, Allen and Naugle.
- COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**—Councillors Allen, Archibald, Leverman, Ferguson and Day.
- SPECIAL COMMITTEE — RE EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION OF JUVENILE COURT** — Councillors Burris, Settle and Archibald.
- UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES**—

### Delegates

Warden W. J. Dowell  
Deputy Warden Cruikshank  
Councillor Naugle  
Councillor Leverman  
Councillor Evans

### Alternates

Councillor Ferguson  
Councillor Archibald  
Councillor Currie  
Councillor Donaldson

## HALIFAX COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR 1954

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Dist. No.	Name	Post Office Address
7	Granville Snair .....	Black Point
8	W. J. Dowell .....	R.R. No. 1, Bedford
9	Granville Mosher .....	Glen Margaret
10	Albert Williams .....	Terence Bay
11	Walter Brown .....	Herring Cove
12	Frederick G. H. Leverman .....	Lakeside P. O.
13	Charles Myers .....	Eastern Passage
14	Ira Settle .....	Woodlawn, R.R. No. 1, Dartmouth
15	M. H. Naugle .....	West Lawrencetown
16	A. W. Evans .....	Preston
17	Clyde V. Redmond .....	Head Chezsetcook
18	Joseph Davis .....	Musquodoboit Harbour
19	Howard Day .....	Salmon River Bridge, Jeddore
20	P. S. Ferguson .....	Tangier
21	John Donaldson .....	Sheet Harbour
22	Carl Turner .....	Moser River
23	George D. Burris .....	Upper Musquodoboit
24	Roy Archibald .....	Middle Musquodoboit
25	Norman Cruikshank .....	Elderbank
26	Blair Isenor .....	Dutch Settlement
27	Egerton S. Allen .....	(Lakeview) 54 Argyle St., Halifax
28	Robert V. Currie .....	Woodside

### HALIFAX COUNTY WARDENS

1880	.....	Colonel Laurie
1881-1882	.....	Donald Archibald
1883-1888	.....	B. W. Chipman
1889-1898	.....	John E. Shatford
1899-1901	.....	B. C. Wilson
1902-1904	.....	George H. Madill
1905-1907	.....	C. E. Smith
1908	.....	John H. Taylor
1909-1913	.....	William Bishop
1914-1919	.....	C. E. Smith
1920-1925	.....	Wilson Madill
1926-1930	.....	R. A. Brenton
1931	.....	Hector M. Smiley
1932-1933	.....	John J. Hopkins
1934-1937	.....	W. W. Peverill
1938-1954	.....	W. J. Dowell



# MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THIRTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX — 1953.

## FIRST DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, December 30, 1953

The special meeting of the thirty-first council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax opened in the Law Courts, Halifax, at 9.30 a.m. Roll called.

The report of the Public Services Committee was read by the clerk.

### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden,  
and Members of the Municipal Council.

Gentlemen:—

Your Public Service Committee has several matters of great importance to lay before the Council at this time and also wish to advise the Council what work has been carried out by the Committee since this Council authorized additional installations at the Annual Session of the Council in March of this year.

Perhaps of paramount importance is the matter of settling an Agreement with the Town of Dartmouth with respect to water consumption. You will recall that the Municipality signed an Agreement with the Town of Dartmouth on the 18th day of August, 1950, for the Town to supply certain gallonages of water in the year 1951, 1952 and 1953, a copy of this Agreement is appended to this report, as Appendix "A".

Following the signing of this Agreement meetings were held with the Town at which time a gentleman's agreement was reached whereby the Town would only bill the Municipality for water actually consumed because all work was lagging behind. Dartmouth had not finalized the extension to its water supply system, the Department of National Defence Housing Development had not been completed and so on, therefore the putting into effect of the Agreement was postponed until such time as the Town and the Municipality again met on the matter.

Then followed a hearing before the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of the Province of Nova Scotia last March and April, when the Town asked for the Board's approval of the Agreement and for a rate to be fixed for water sold to the Municipality. The Board turned down the Town's application on both counts, and shortly after the Board handed down its decision, the Town billed the Municipality for water under the terms of the old Agreement from January 1st, 1951 up to the end of June 1953.

The Public Service Committee of the Council has since had several meetings with a special committee of the Council of the Town of Dartmouth, and have worked hard at trying to negotiate a settlement with the Town, subject of course, to the approval of this Council.

Fearing that the Committee may have been viewing the situation from a biased point of view it obtained independent legal opinion from Mr. Gordon Cooper of the MacInnes, MacQuarrie & Cooper Firm, and this prompted the Town to do the same thing, and they engaged Mr. Frank M. Covert of the Stewart, Smith Firm to give the Town independent legal advice.

After studying the whole situation very carefully your Committee is of the opinion that there is some measure of doubt as to what the outcome may be if the matter went to Court action, but also, there are other important factors that should be considered. There is the matter of public relations and future dealings with the Town in relation to benefits that may accrue to County ratepayers in the future; there is the fact, right or wrong, the Agreement in its original form was originally approved by this Council, and there is the undesirability of Municipalities fighting out their differences through the medium of the Courts.

Another most important matter is the fact that although the Public Services Committee does not perhaps admit any legal obligation under the Contract there can be no doubt that there is at least a very substantial moral obligation on our part, largely due to the requests made by the Municipality that the Town extend its supply system when it did. It is true the Town obtained advantages which it previously did not have, but on the other hand, the Municipality has been able to serve certain areas on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour with water which would not have been possible had the Dartmouth system not been extended when it was. Also it is fair to say that although the Municipality has expended considerable capital on the County distribution mains lying within the County for water services on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour, no capital expenditure whatever has been made for bringing water from the source, which would have been necessary had the Municipality developed a source of supply independent of the Town of Dartmouth.

With all these thoughts in mind and after the above-mentioned conferences your Committee finally suggested (subject to approval of Council) to the Town, settlement of the Agreement in accordance with our letter to the Town dated November 23rd, 1953, a copy of which is attached to this report as Appendix "B" and which suggested payment of \$30,000.00 in complete release and settlement of the present Agreement, the said sum to be paid as follows: \$15,000.00 in the year 1953; \$10,000.00 in the year 1954 and \$5,000.00 in the year 1955, and that the Municipality should continue to pay for water actually consumed for the year 1953 at rates presently approved by the Board of Public Utilities of the Province of Nova Scotia. From the First of January 1954 onwards it was suggested that the Municipality would pay for water actually consumed at rates now approved or to be approved by the Board. This was most important because the Committee felt that there should be no guaranteed amounts of water to be consumed and that all rates should be fixed by the Board of Public Utilities; also, the Committee felt that a complete re-rating was in order.

Subsequent to this letter further negotiations have been carried on by this Committee and the Town's reply to our offer asks for payment of the water account on the basis of the Agreement at rates presently in force up to the end of 1953 with any money having been paid for water actually consumed over the period being a credit on the total amount owing on the contract and further the Town asks that the remainder of the Agreement stand except that from January 1st., 1954 the minimum guarantees that form part of the original contract will be cancelled and that the County will in future pay only for water actually consumed at rates to be fixed by the Board of Public Utilities. The differences between what the Public Services Committee of this Council considered a fair offer and the Town's counter offer is that:

- (1) The Town wishes payment before the end of the current year instead of spreading the payment over a three-year period; and
- (2) The amount the Town requests is some \$2,831.18 greater than the amount suggested by the Municipality in complete settlement of the Agreement.

After further consideration and study of the whole problem our Committee has agreed that the differences are not great enough between the Committee's final offer and the Town's counter proposal to invite settlement through Court action and, therefore, we recommend unanimously to the Municipal Council that the recent offer by the Town of Dartmouth as set forth in their proposal of December 18th., 1953, and attached as Appendix "C" to this report, be accepted by the Municipality of the County of Halifax, and further, since a copy of the additional Agreement has been attached as Appendix "D" to this report, we recommend that such Agreement be entered into with the Town with the exception of paragraphs 4 and 5 as we propose to place actual resolutions before the Council, separate from this report, to cover the resolutions mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the additional Agreement.

It is further recommended to the Council, that the Finance Committee of this Council make recommendations to the Council as to what method it may deem

best to carry out our terms of the Agreement with respect to payment to the Town of Dartmouth of the amount due under the Agreement.

### TUFTS COVE

At the last Session of the Municipal Council, the Council authorized the long overdue installation of the Tufts Cove Sewer Outfall. This you will recall had been held up because of necessary easements being acquired. These difficulties were at last overcome, and your Committee is pleased to report that six Tenders were received for the installation of the Outfall together with water and sewer installations along Springhill Road and Yorkshire Avenue in Tufts Cove. These last named streets the Committee has proceeded with due to the fact that petitions and contracts have been signed by practically one hundred percent of the residents along these streets requesting these services and at the same time the large Harbour View School will be served by the sewer which will clear up an extremely serious sanitary situation that has existed there for some time.

This Contract was awarded to Standard Paving (Maritime) Limited after Tenders were duly called as authorized by Council, at unit prices, which added up on the basis of quantities to a total of \$46,691.90, against bids from other contractors as follows:

Continental Construction Co.....	\$ 49,094.00
Municipal Spraying Co.....	57,205.00
Tidewater Construction Co.....	64,548.15
Atlantic Construction Co.....	49,509.70
L. G. Rawding Construction Co.....	46,870.90

Your Committee is pleased to report that good progress is being made on this work.

### GASTON ROAD

Unfortunately no progress has been made here. To put sewer on this street involves co-operation with the Town of Dartmouth, in that the Town's sewer must be used and the Town has been loathe to make any Agreement as to the use of Town sewers until the matter of the old water Agreement has been settled.

As this project was approved by Council at the Special Session of Council on August 26th of 1952 the present Temporary Borrowing authority should be renewed for a further period of twelve months, and this Committee recommends that the Finance Committee introduce Temporary Borrowing Resolutions to cover the estimated cost of this project, as it is the opinion of your Committee that this work can be proceeded with in the near future.

### WATER AND SEWER — FAIRVIEW

Your Committee is also glad to report that installations are practically completed as far as gravity feed can supply on several streets in this area in accordance with authorizations already approved by this Council, and it is estimated that this work will be completed within the limit of Temporary Borrowing authorizations already approved by this Council.

### STORES BUILDING

Your Committee is also pleased to report that the Stores Building at Westphal is practically completed and should be finished well before the Annual Session of the Council.

### ENGINEER'S MILEAGE

During the year it became apparent that our Engineer is travelling far greater distances than his present mileage allowance of \$400.00 per annum covers. With construction work progressing on both sides of the Harbour, together with an ever-

increasing amount of mileage travelled for County Planning Purposes it has been ascertained that outside of repairs to the vehicle, the Engineer is travelling approximately 12,000 miles per year in the County's service. We therefore recommend that the mileage allowance for the Engineer be increased to an amount of \$800.00 per annum with effect from the 1st of July, 1953, this \$800.00 to be borne in the ratio of \$500.00 for Engineer's expenses for the Municipality and \$300.00 to be charged to County Planning, as a little better than one-third of his time and mileage is caused by work in connection with the County Planning Board.

#### EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING INSTALLATIONS:

There are a number of streets on both sides of the Harbour whose residents have been petitioning for water or sewer services. In each case more than sixty percent of the residents have signed petitions, and the Committee now recommends that this work be proceeded with, and that Council approve separate Temporary Borrowing Resolutions that the Committee proposes to present in this connection, separate from this report.

The Municipal Engineer has estimated the cost involved in these extensions as follows:—

Street	Location	Feet		Services	Water	Sewer
		Sewer	Water			
Farquharson St.	Woodlawn.....	—	650	14	\$ 7,910.48	—
Chadwick St., N.	Woodside....	—	400	8	4,238.97	—
Walker St., etc.	Westphal.....	—	2250	22	23,196.56	—
Plymouth Rd.	Westphal.....	—	325	7	3,921.40	—
<b>Fairview</b>						
Birch St., Rufus to Ashdale...		680	—	10	—	\$ 12,206.00
Coronation Ave.....		185	—	4	—	3,535.45
Maple (to Main Ave).....		120	—	—	—	1,020.10
Main Ave (Titus to Maple)...		475	—	9	—	9,442.13
Addition on Ashdale to Titus ...		140	—	—	—	2,096.33
Titus (Main to Ashdale).....		295	—	8	—	6,620.46
Main Ave. (Titus towards Ford)		527	—	10	—	9,432.89
Sunnybrae Ave.....		410	—	13	—	10,590.00
		2832	3625	105	\$ 39,267.41	\$ 54,943.36

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN PERMITS, LICENSES AND AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT OR FUTURE INSTALLATIONS:

Your Committee recommends to the Council that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the following documents on behalf of the Municipality, as soon as the Municipal Solicitor has approved them as to form:

(1) Agreement H-94 with the National Harbour Board — which will enable the Tufts Cove Sewer Installation to empty into the waters of Halifax Harbour at an annual rental of \$25.00;

(b) License for crossing under the Canadian National Railway tracks at Tufts Cove, which will permit the Tufts Cove Sewer line to go under the Canadian National Railway tracks at Tufts Cove, and thence across the Canadian National Railway property to the Harbour;

(c) License for crossing under the Canadian National Railway tracks at South Woodside — which will permit the proposed South Woodside Sewer to cross under the Canadian National Railway Tracks at South Woodside if, as and when this construction work has been authorized by this Council;

(d) An Agreement with the City of Halifax, permitting the Municipality to connect the sewer on Sunnybrae Avenue with the City's sewer system upon payment of a connection charge of \$12.00 per year for each house connected with the said Sunnybrae Avenue Sewer.

The Committee proposes to introduce separate Resolutions in connection with each of the above, separate from this report, as the Canadian National Railway, the National Harbours Board and the City all require certified copies of specific Resolutions of the Council in connection with the above authorizations.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

#### APPENDIX "A"

AGREEMENT made this 18th day of August in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty:

#### BETWEEN:

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH, a body corporate hereinafter called  
"The Town"

Of the One Part:

— and —

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX,  
a body corporate, hereinafter called "The County"

Of the Other Part:

WITNESSETH that the parties hereto mutually covenant promise and agree as follows:—

1. The Town shall subject to all exigencies and subject to the terms and limitations herein contained supply water to the County as follows:—

(a) During the year 1951 any amount up to but not exceeding 300,000 gallons per day.

(b) During the year 1952 any amount up to but not exceeding 450,000 gallons per day.

(c) During the year 1953 and thereafter until cancellation of this agreement any amount up to but not exceeding 750,000 gallons per day.

2. Delivery of water under this agreement shall be sufficiently made by delivering the same at the points in the Town's pipe line which shall from time to time be appointed by the Town; provided always that all of said points shall be within Fifty Feet of the boundary line between the Town and the County or within the County itself.

3. Provided the Town is ready and able to deliver the water as provided in paragraph one hereof the County guarantees payment to the Town for the following quantities of water whether it takes delivery of the same or not, namely:—
- (a) For the year 1951 a quantity equal to 300,000 gallons per day.
  - (b) For the year 1952 a quantity equal to 450,000 gallons per day.
  - (c) For the year 1953 and subsequent years a quantity equal to 600,000 gallons per day.
4. The water to be delivered under this agreement is limited to the quantities set forth in paragraph one hereof and as therein set forth.
5. The County shall pay to the Town under the provisions of paragraph three hereof and for the services rendered and water delivered hereunder such rates and charges as shall be fixed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of the Province of Nova Scotia and such payments shall be made promptly as the same become due. Accounts for amounts due under Paragraph three of this agreement shall be rendered quarterly and shall become due when rendered.
6. The Town at all times during the continuance of this agreement, and until all transactions under and by virtue of it have been full terminated, shall by its agents and servants have the unrestricted right to make reasonable tests at all times to determine the amount of water actually being delivered to the County, and in the process of making any such tests, may examine any meter, install test meters, or make any other usual or reasonable checks, and may for such purposes enter at any time on the lands of the County, and whether at the points of delivery to the County of elsewhere in the County of Halifax.
7. Should the amount of water taken under this agreement exceed in average the amount per day agreed to be supplied under paragraph one of this agreement when tested over a period of not less than one week, and such excess use continue after due notice thereof has been given to the County, the Town may take such steps as it deems necessary to limit the use of water to the amount agreed to be supplied under paragraph one of this agreement.
8. The Town shall provide and own and have control of the meters necessary for ascertaining the quantity of water delivered pursuant to this agreement. All costs of installation of meters and incidental thereto shall be paid by the County.
9. The County agrees that the Town may continue to supply water under existing contracts with users in the County of Halifax and their successors in title until the County shall give notice in writing to the Town that it is ready to assume responsibility for supplying such users with water. The Town may also with the consent of the County enter into contracts for the supply of water to private users owning property in the County in the vicinity of the Town's pipeline provided always that such contracts shall be subject to cancellation if and when the County shall give notice in writing to the Town that it is ready to assume responsibility for supplying such users with water.
10. It is hereby declared and agreed that the County assumes all responsibility for the taking and receiving of water from the Town at the several points of contact and further that the Town shall not be liable for any loss, costs or damages caused by its failure to supply water hereby agreed due to any unforeseen shortage accident or exigency.
11. This agreement shall supersede and cancel all other agreements and arrangements entered into between the parties hereto as of and from the Thirty-first day of December, A.D. 1950.
12. This agreement shall be in force until the Thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1953 and thence forward until either party hereto shall give the other eighteen

months notice in writing of the termination of this agreement, said notice shall be sufficiently delivered if mailed postpaid and registered at the Halifax or Dartmouth Nova Scotia Post Office and addressed to the party to be served at said party's respective office. Upon the expiration of said notice this agreement shall become void, cancelled and terminated except as to payment of any amounts due hereunder.

13. This agreement is made in contemplation of the Town effecting major improvements to its water supply system as outlined by Engineering Service Company in the year 1949 and 1950; it is further made in contemplation of the County being able to greatly extend its water services. If due to war or government regulations such extensions and improvements cannot reasonably be proceeded with this agreement shall be reviewed and the terms thereof altered to provide for such contingencies.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed by their respective seals and the hands of their respective officers thereunto lawfully appointed.

SIGNED, SEALED AND  
DELIVERED  
in the presence of:

(Sgd.) M. R. Myers.

(Sgd.) Martin Archibald.

TOWN OF DARTMOUTH

(Sgd.) C. H. Morris,  
Mayor.

(Sgd.) C. A. Moir,  
Deputy Town Clerk.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY  
OF HALIFAX,

(Sgd.) W. J. Dowell, Warden.  
(Sgd.) R. G. Hatic, Municipal Clerk.

#### APPENDIX "B"

November 23rd., 1953.

His Worship C. H. Morris,  
Mayor of the Town of Dartmouth  
and  
Chairman of a Special Committee of  
the Dartmouth Town Council,  
Town Hall,  
Dartmouth, N. S.

#### WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Mayor Morris:—

Following the meeting held at the Town Hall on the evening of Friday, the 13th, between a Committee appointed by the Council of the Town of Dartmouth and a Sub-Committee of the Public Services Committee of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, our Sub-Committee reported to the full Public Services Committee at a meeting held on Tuesday, November 17th, 1953.

That Committee studied very carefully the original proposal that the Sub-Committee had made to your Committee on the evening of Friday, the 13th, and your Committee's contra proposal — but also reviewed the whole set of circumstances surrounding the present agreement for consumption of water and the difficulties in regard to the water situation.

Regardless of the interpretation your Committee had with respect to a meeting late in 1950 between representatives of the Town and representatives of the Public Services Committee of this Council, our Committee is of a definite understanding that a gentleman's agreement was entered into whereby the Municipality would be billed only for water actually consumed until further mutually satisfactory arrangements had been made at a later meeting between the Town and the Municipality.

When the Town of Dartmouth billed the Municipality in July on the basis of the existing agreement, the members of the Committee were somewhat shocked and surprised at the attitude the Town was taking in view of the above gentleman's agreement, and also in view of the fact that the Town had applied to the Board of Commissioners of the Public Utilities of the Province of Nova Scotia for,—

- (1) Approval of a rate schedule for sale of water to the Municipality.
- (2) Ratification by the Board of the present agreement (said ratification never having been had or obtained from the Board of Public Utilities).

You will recall the decision of the Board of Public Utilities of July 8, 1953, turned down the application of the Town of Dartmouth in both respects.

The Public Services Committee is of the opinion that the Municipality may have some moral obligation but do not admit a legal obligation. This has been thoroughly gone into, because the Committee feared they might be viewing the legality of the agreement from a prejudiced point of view and therefore sought independent legal opinion from one of the most prominent legal firms in the City of Halifax, and were assured of the solidness of the Municipality's position from a legal point of view, should it become a matter of Court action.

However, the Public Services Committee of the Municipal Council is of the opinion that it is highly desirable for Municipalities that have such common interests, and who must co-operate even more in the future than in the past, settle their difficulties amicably by negotiation rather than by Court action.

In view of all of the above and the desire of the Municipality to have this whole water matter settled on an equitable basis for all time, the Committee submits the following proposition for your consideration:—

1. That the Public Services Committee recommend to the Municipal Council at its coming Special Session that the Municipality of the County of Halifax will pay to the Town of Dartmouth the sum of \$30,000.00 in complete release and settlement of the present agreement; said sum go be paid as follows:—

\$15,000.00 in the year 1953.

10,000.00 in the year 1954.

5,000.00 in the year 1955.

and that the Municipality should continue to pay for water actually consumed for the balance of the year 1953 at rates presently approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of the Province of Nova Scotia, and from the

1st of January, 1954 onwards that the Municipality will pay for water actually consumed at rates now approved or to be approved by the Board of Public Utilities of the Province of Nova Scotia.



2. The Committee will also recommend to the Special Session that consumers of the Water Utility of the Town of Dartmouth, who are located in the Municipality, should become customers of the Water Utility of the Municipality as from the 1st day of January, 1954, and from this date onward all consumers located in the County shall be customers of the Water Utility of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

As it is anticipated that the Special Session of the Municipal Council will be held during the first week in December, an early reply will be appreciated as to whether the above is acceptable to your Council or not.

May we again reiterate our desire to settle this involved difficulty through negotiation.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) F. G. H. LEVERMAN.

Chairman Public Services Committee of  
the Municipal Council,  
Municipality of the County of Halifax.

#### APPENDIX "C"

#### PROPOSAL OF THE TOWN OF DARTMOUTH FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE PRESENT DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX WITH RESPECT TO THE SUPPLY OF WATER BY THE TOWN TO THE MUNICIPALITY AS SUBMITTED BY FRANK M. COVERT, Q.C., ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN.

1. The County will pay to the Town the water account of the Town for the years 1951, 1952 and 1953 on the basis of the Agreement at the 15c. and 10c. rates. (Note:—The County will, of course, be entitled to credit for any amounts already paid).
2. The present Agreement to stand except that as from January 1st., 1954 there will be no minimum guarantees with respect to payment for water. The County as from January 1st., 1954 will pay only for actual water delivered through meters to the County.
3. The Town will make application to the Public Utilities Board to fix rates for all its consumers on metered consumption and this application will be made at the Town's own expense.

December 18, 1953.

## APPENDIX "D"

**THIS AGREEMENT** made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 1953,  
**BETWEEN:**  
**TOWN OF DARTMOUTH**, a body corporate,  
 (hereinafter called the "Town"), **Of the One Part**  
**AND**  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX**,  
 a body corporate, (hereinafter called the "County"),  
**Of the Other Part**

**WITNESSETH** as follows:

**WHEREAS** the parties hereto entered into an Agreement bearing date the 18th day of August, 1950, (which Agreement is hereinafter called the "1950 Agreement") under which inter alia the County guaranteed payment to the Town for quantities of water therein specified whether the County took delivery of the same or not;

**AND WHEREAS** the County has requested the Town to relieve the County from any obligation to pay for such minimum quantities commencing as of January 1st., 1954;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town has agreed that it will relieve the County from any and all obligations to pay for minimum quantities after January 1st., 1954, and to provide that the County shall only be obligated to pay for water actually delivered by the Town through meters to the County, in consideration of the County paying to the Town the sum of \$39,545.58.

**NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES ASGEE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. (a) In consideration of the sum of \$39,545.58 now paid by the County to the Town, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Town hereby relieves the County from all obligations to take and pay for 600,000 gallons of water per day on and after January 1st., 1954;
- (b) On and after January 1st., 1954, the Town agrees to bill the County only for water delivered by the Town through meters to the County at rates to be fixed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of Nova Scotia, (hereinafter called the "Board");
2. The Town undertakes to make an application to the Board to fix rates for all its consumers on metered consumption, such application to be made at the Town's own expense, and the Town will ask the Board to make such rates applicable as of January 1st., 1954, and the rates so fixed shall, subject to the Board's approval, apply to the water delivered to the County by the Town through meters;
3. In all other respects, the provisions of the 1950 Agreement are preserved and are hereby sanctioned, ratified and confirmed by both parties hereto;
4. The parties hereto undertake to submit this Resolution to their respective councils:

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that the (Town or County as the case may be) be and it is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement, (hereinafter called the "1953 Agreement") between the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax, modifying the Agreement between the said parties dated August 18th, 1950, (hereinafter called the "1950 Agreement") and to make and accept the settle-

ment as provided in the said 1953 Agreement, **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in all other respects the 1950 Agreement be and it is hereby sanctioned, ratified, approved and confirmed.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 1953 Agreement be executed on behalf of the (Town or County as the case may be) by the (Mayor and the Clerk or the Warden and the Clerk as the case may be) and under the corporate seal of the (Town in its present form or as altered with the approval of the Town's Solicitor, or County as the case may be)."

5. This Agreement shall become effective after the passage of the Resolutions referred to in paragraph IV hereof, upon payment of the amount referred to in Paragraph I hereof, and when the parties have delivered to each other a copy of this Agreement duly executed and a certified copy of the Resolutions passed by the respective Councils of the parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective seals and the hands of their respective officers thereunto lawfully appointed.

**SIGNED, SEALED AND  
DELIVERED.**  
in the presence of:

**TOWN OF DARTMOUTH**

.....  
Mayor

.....  
Clerk

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY  
OF HALIFAX.**

.....  
Warden

.....  
Clerk

Councillors Leverman and Naugle moved that the report of the Public Services Committee be adopted.

Councillor Naugle asked if the council would be represented at the Public Utilities Board meeting when the rates governing water purchases from Dartmouth were fixed. He was assured that Council would be represented. Councillor Leverman said the proposed settlement had been approved by the town council of Dartmouth. Councillor Redmond pointed out that the town wanted the whole amount to be paid under the settlement at one time rather than over a three year period and had asked a greater amount than the \$30,000 proposed by the Public Services Committee. Councillor Leverman said the town council wanted the entire amount at one time since it was reaching the end of its fiscal year.

Councillor Mosher said a mistake had been made in signing the original agreement with the town in the first instance. He urged more careful consideration of future expenditures. Warden Dowell said the committee had signed the agreement with confidence that all would go well. Later a hospital and housing development, upon which the agreement had been based, had failed to materialize. Councillor Myers said the matter should have been more thoroughly thrashed out by the

council. Some effort should have been made to hold the federal government to the completion of the proposed housing development. Councillor Redmond said he agreed with the need for careful consideration of such agreements in the future to avoid unnecessary expenditures.

Councillor Naugle said it was necessary at the time to sign an agreement with the town if water was to be supplied. The main mistake, in his opinion, was in over-estimating the amount of water needed. Councillor Davis said he believed the committee had acted in the best light of its knowledge at that time. He hoped the committee in future would not fear to take considered, progressive steps.

Councillor Redmond said the committee had had no assurance that the hospital and housing developments would go through and that it was unwise to sign an agreement on the basis of speculation and rumor. Councillor Ferguson said the council was in a position where it had to pay the money. The committee had acted in what it had believed to be the best interests of the county when the original agreement was signed. He agreed with the need for caution in the future. Councillor Leverman said the proposed settlement was much better than the town's original demands. Councillor Redmond said such mistakes would lose for the committee the confidence of council. Councillor Naugle said he did not view the original agreement as a mistake. The committee had no choice if it wanted to get water and a water service was needed if the division of the county was to be avoided. Councillor Redmond said the agreement had been signed after the danger of the division of the county had passed.

The motion to adopt the report was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Leverman and Evans moved: That the warden and clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute in the name of and on behalf of and under the seal of the Municipality of the County of Halifax and Agreement in the following terms:

**THIS AGREEMENT** made this 30th day of December, 1953,

**BETWEEN:**

**TOWN OF DARTMOUTH**, a body corporate,  
(hereinafter called the "Town"),

**Of the One Part**

**AND**

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX**,  
a body corporate, (hereinafter called the "County"),

**Of the Other Part**

**WITNESSETH** as follows:

**WHEREAS** the parties hereto entered into an Agreement bearing date the 18th day of August, 1950, (which Agreement is hereinafter called the "1950 Agreement") under which inter alia the County guaranteed payment to the Town for quantities of water therein specified whether the County took delivery of the same or not;

**AND WHEREAS** the County has requested the Town to relieve the County from any obligation to pay for such minimum quantities commencing as of January 1st., 1954;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town has agreed that it will relieve the County from any and all obligations to pay for minimum quantities after January 1st., 1954, and to provide that the County shall only be obligated to pay for water actually delivered by the Town through meters to the County, in consideration of the County paying to the Town the sum of \$39,545.58.

**NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. (a) In consideration of the sum of \$39,545.58 now paid by the County to the Town, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Town hereby relieves the County from all obligations to take and pay for 600,000 gallons of water per day on and after January 1st., 1954;

(b) On and after January 1st., 1954, the Town agrees to bill the County only for water delivered by the Town through meters to the County at rates to be fixed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of Nova Scotia, (hereinafter called the "Board");

2. The Town undertakes to make an application to the Board to fix rates for all its consumers on metered consumption, such application to be made at the Town's own expense, and the Town will ask the Board to make such rates applicable as of January 1st., 1954, and the rates so fixed shall, subject to the Board's approval, apply to the water delivered to the County by the Town through meters;

3. In all other respects, the provisions of the 1950 Agreement are preserved and are hereby sanctioned, rectified and confirmed by both parties hereto;  
Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Davis moved the following motion: Be it resolved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax be and it is hereby authorized to execute the agreement (hereinafter called the "1953 Agreement") between the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax, modifying the agreement between the said parties dated August 18th, 1950 (hereinafter called the "1950 Agreement") and to make and accept the settlement as provided in the said 1953 Agreement. And be it further resolved that in all other respects the 1950 Agreement be and it is hereby sanctioned, ratified approved and confirmed. And be it further resolved that the 1953 Agreement be executed on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Halifax by the warden and clerk and under the corporate seal of the municipality. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Brown moved the following resolution:

**(WATER INSTALLATIONS (\$40,000.))**

"WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia every Municipality of a County or District shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of such Municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for any Municipal purpose whatsoever;

AND WHEREAS by Section 7 of the said The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted, among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under that Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS by said The Municipal Affairs Act it is further provided that sums to be borrowed under that Act shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in installments at different times and the sums required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the purpose of installing water mains on Farquharson

St., Chadwick St., Walker St., and Plymouth Road, and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, the sum or sums so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank out of the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as will raise the sum to be borrowed.

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 125A of the Municipal Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada a sum or sums of money not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00);

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months, with interest thereon to be paid such Bank at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Leverman moved the following resolution:

#### SEWER INSTALLATION (\$55,000)

"WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia every Municipality of a County or District shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of such Municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for any Municipal purpose whatsoever;

AND WHEREAS by Section 7 of said The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under that Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS by said the Municipal Affairs Act it is further provided that sums to be borrowed under that Act shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in installments at different times and the sums required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) for the purpose of installing sewer mains on Birch St. (Rufus to Ashdale), Coronation Ave., Maple St. (to Main Ave.), Main Ave. to (Titus to Maple), Addition on Ashdale to Titus, Titus (Main to Ashdale), Main Ave. (Titus towards Ford) 527 ft., and 410 ft. on Sunnysbrae Ave., and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00), as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, the sum or sums so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank out of the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid.

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as will raise the sum to be borrowed;

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 125A of the Municipal Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada a sum or sums of money not exceeding Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00);

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months, with interest thereon to be paid such Bank at the rate of 4¼% per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold. Carried.

Councillor Myers asked if Standard Paving Limited, which was awarded the contract for the sewer outfall construction, was a county taxpayer. He believed it good business to give county taxpayers a preference where practical. Councillor Davis said the committee had considered this factor.

Councillors Snair and Redmond moved: That the warden and clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute in the name of and on behalf of, and under the seal of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, an agreement with the Canadian National Railways for a license for crossing under the Canadian National Railway tracks at Tufts Cove. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Turner moved: That the warden and clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute in the name of and on behalf of, and under the seal of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, an agreement with the National Harbours Board in connection with the Tufts Cove sewer outfall. Carried.

Councillors Curry and Day moved: That the warden and clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute in the name of and on behalf of and under the seal of the Municipality of the County of Halifax an agreement with the Canadian National Railways for a license for crossing under the Canadian National Railway tracks at South Woodside. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Donaldson moved: That the warden and clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute in the name of and on behalf of and under the seal of the Municipality of the County of Halifax an agreement with the City of Halifax permitting the Municipality to connect the sewer on Sunnybrae Avenue with the city's sewer system. Carried.

Councillor Curry nominated Ethelbert Fredericks, Woodside, for the vacancy on the Municipal Building Board.

Councillors Davis and Evans moved that nominations cease. Carried.

Warden Dowell declared Mr. Fredericks appointed to the Municipal Building Board until the next annual session of the county council.

Councillors Turner and Evans moved: That the warden and clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute in the name of, and on behalf of, and under the seal of the Municipality of the County of Halifax a deed for a portion of Springvale Avenue, in order to vest title in the Crown. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved: That Warden W. J. Dowell be appointed by the council to represent the council on the Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission. Carried.

The report of the Finance Committee was read.

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To His Honor the Warden  
and Members of the Municipal Council.

Gentlemen:—

It became apparent to this Committee some weeks ago that considerable pressure was being exerted on Mr. H. S. MacGlashen, the Director of Assessment for this Municipality, to file an application for employment elsewhere, at a remuneration considerably higher than that now being paid by this Municipality for the position of Director of Assessment.

The County is still growing rapidly. One thousand to Fifteen Hundred properties are being added to our assessment rolls every year. Land values are constantly changing as new demands for land for new uses become operative. Some new Industrial Assessment is looming on the horizon, all of which tends to make the problem of Assessment in this Municipality an intricate and complex problem — far more difficult than the assessment of a small area — or an area that is more or less stagnant.

Mr. MacGlashen has instituted a modern system of assessment in this Municipality. He, himself, has built up the whole basis of the assessment system currently in use, and has done an outstanding job in this regard. His resignation would be a severe loss to the County at this time. Your Committee has talked over the situation with Mr. MacGlashen (not at his request) and he has indicated his desire to remain in the employ of the Municipality. Although it will still fall short of earning possibilities elsewhere in new employment, he has indicated his consent to remain at his present post if the Municipality increased the scale currently in effect for this position to a maximum of \$5,000.00 plus car and expense allowance, instead of \$4,000.00 plus car and expense allowance.

Your Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Director of Assessment be paid a salary of \$5,000.00 from November 1st., 1953 and that the mileage and other expenses allowance of \$1,500.00 now in effect under the present salary scale be continued at the same rate.

### BUSINESS MACHINES:

The Municipal Clerk and Treasurer has requested additional accounting machines for use in the Municipal Office. These are necessary for payroll work, and to relieve tax accounting machines of this work and to institute in the future a strict Budgetary Control System of Ledger posting which will post ledgers as cheques are written and assure more rapid statistical information being available at all times.

Also necessary at this time are a new typewriter for use in Planning Work (one is presently being rented by the month for this use) and an additional Adding-Posting machine for use on Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable Ledgers.



Your Committee recommends that these machines be purchased for the uses set forth above and that the necessary amount to purchase same be charged to the Surplus Account.

#### **DARTMOUTH:**

The Public Services Committee of the Council has referred the matter of payment in settlement of the existing Water Agreement with the Town of Dartmouth to this Committee.

This Committee has studied the whole financial aspect of the proposed settlement with the Town and agree that negotiations carried out with the Town are in the best interests of the Municipality, particularly in view of necessary future co-operation with the Town.

Where the Water Utility of the Municipality would in any event have paid for water actually consumed at existing rates, and where the Municipality has every prospect of a substantial surplus on this year's operation, and where the amount payable under the approved settlement for 1953 amounts to approximately \$15,000.00 over and above water consumed, your Committee recommends as follows:

1. That the sum of \$6,714.40 be paid by the Water Utility of the Municipality as this is the amount that would normally be paid for water actually consumed for the period of the year 1953, not paid as yet;
2. That the amount of \$15,000 be charged up to the current year's revenue;
3. That the amount of \$17,831.18 be charged to Surplus Account with this proviso, that the Finance Committee budget in equal amounts each year to recoup this amount over the period of the next three years.

#### **TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTIONS:**

Council has already authorized and approved Temporary Borrowing Resolutions for the installation of services on Gaston Road to amounts of \$10,000 for sewer and \$32,000 for water. The time limit on these Resolutions is expiring and your Finance Committee recommends the approval of new Resolutions for the same purpose which will be introduced separately as it is understood that there may be a possibility of this work being proceeded with in the near future.

Council has also authorized at the last Annual Session of the Council a Temporary Borrowing of \$50,000.00 for extensions which due to typographical error reads incorrectly:

Your Committee recommends the approval of a new Resolution for this same purpose which will also be introduced by this Committee as a separate Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Councillors Leverman and Ferguson moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Myers said he did not blame Mr. MacGlashen if he wanted to take a higher paying position and he believed there were men in the assessment department capable of taking over the director's job in that event. He did not favor the proposed salary increase. Councillor Mosher said he agreed. An increase of salary for the director of assessment would lead to a general request for salary increases. He felt there was something wrong with the assessment system at present. Councillor Redmond said he was concerned over the possible effect of such a salary

increase on the whole staff. He had full confidence in Mr. MacGlashen but the other employees should also be considered. He favored a general survey before any action was taken.

Councillor Davis said he did not favor a move which would lose the county its most valued employees. If Mr. MacGlashen had proven so capable that his services were being sought outside the county it would be wise for the municipality to meet his request. Councillor Myers said he did not criticize Mr. MacGlashen's ability but he felt the primary consideration should be given to taxpayers. Warden Dowell said he had seen many illustrations for Mr. MacGlashen's value to the county. He drew particular attention to the part played by Mr. MacGlashen and the clerk in negotiations with the federal government as to a grant in lieu of taxes.

Councillor Redmond said he did not suggest a return to old assessment methods but he did wish to emphasize the need for thrift. He did not believe any one employee should be singled out for consideration. Councillor Davis said this question concerned a member of the county's executive staff. The question of salaries for general staff members was a question for the executive committee. Councillor Leverman said the approved salary scale did not provide increases for the director of assessment or the municipal clerk.

Councillor Naugle said the assessment provided the main source of revenue for the county. Mr. MacGlashen had proved capable and had, in fact, brought in enough additional revenue to far outweigh the proposed increase. Councillor Ferguson said the county could not afford to lose Mr. MacGlashen's services. He realized the need for keeping the taxpayer's burden as light as possible but he also realized the effect on tax rates if Mr. MacGlashen should leave.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked if a check had ever been made as to Mr. MacGlashen's actual expenses. He was advised periodic checks had been made. He said he believed the council should meet the proposed salary increase in order to retain Mr. MacGlashen's proven value. Councillor Redmond said he was confident there was a man in the assessment department capable of filling the job of director of assessment. Councillor Turner said he believed the salary increase should be granted.

The motion to adopt the report of the Finance Committee was voted upon and carried. Councillor Redmond asked to be recorded as voting against the resolution.

Councillors Settle and Currie moved the following resolution:

#### GASTON ROAD SEWER INSTALLATION (\$10,000)

"WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia every Municipality of a County or District shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of such Municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for any Municipal purpose whatsoever;

AND WHEREAS by Section 7 of said The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted<sup>d</sup> among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under that Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS by said The Municipal Affairs Act it is further provided that sums to be borrowed under that Act shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in installments at different times and the sums required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of installing sewer mains on the Gaston Road and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, the sum or sums so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank out of the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid.

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as will raise the sum to be borrowed;

THAT the Issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 125A of the Municipal Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada a sum or sums of money not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00);

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months, with interest thereon to be paid such Bank at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Settle moved the following resolution:

#### GASTON ROAD WATER INSTALLATION (\$32,000)

"WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia every Municipality of a County or District shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of such Municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for any Municipal purpose whatsoever;

AND WHEREAS by Section 7 of said The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under that Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS by said The Municipal Affairs Act it is further provided that sums to be borrowed under that Act shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in installments at different times and the sums required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Thirty-

two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) for the purpose of installing water mains on the Gaston Road and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, the sum or sums so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank out of the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as will raise the sum to be borrowed.

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 125A of the Municipal Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada a sum or sums of money not exceeding Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00);

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months, with interest thereon to be paid such Bank at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold. Carried.

Councillors Snair and Redmond moved the following resolution:

**EXTENSION WATER AND SEWER MAINS AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS — \$50,000.00.**

WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia every Municipality of a County or District shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of such Municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for any Municipal purpose whatsoever;

AND WHEREAS by Section 7 of said The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted, among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under that Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS by said The Municipal Affairs Act it is further provided that sums to be borrowed under that Act shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in installments at different times and the sums required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of extending existing water and sewer mains and carry out other public works in areas adjacent to the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, the sum or sums so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank out of the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as will raise the sum to be borrowed;

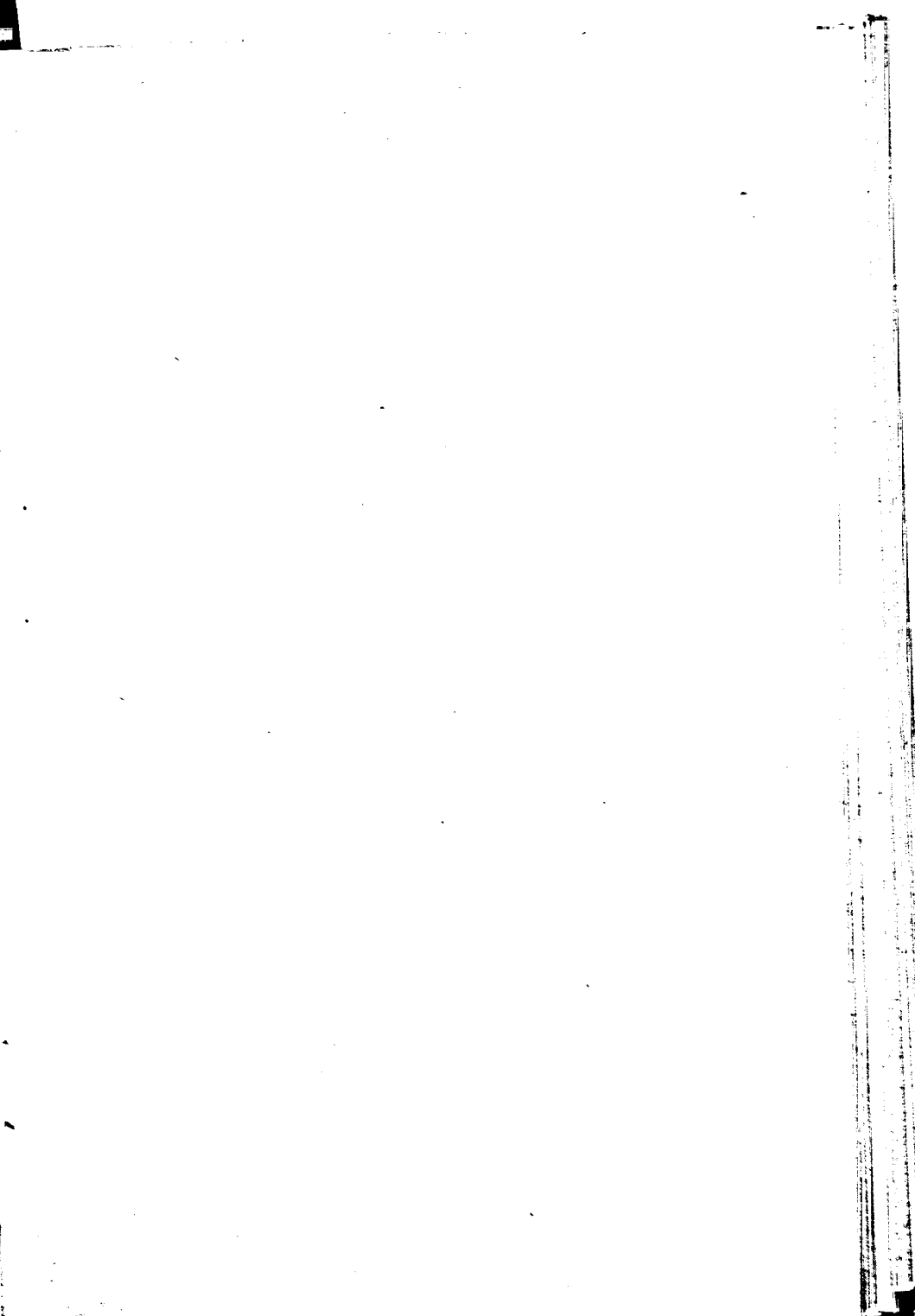
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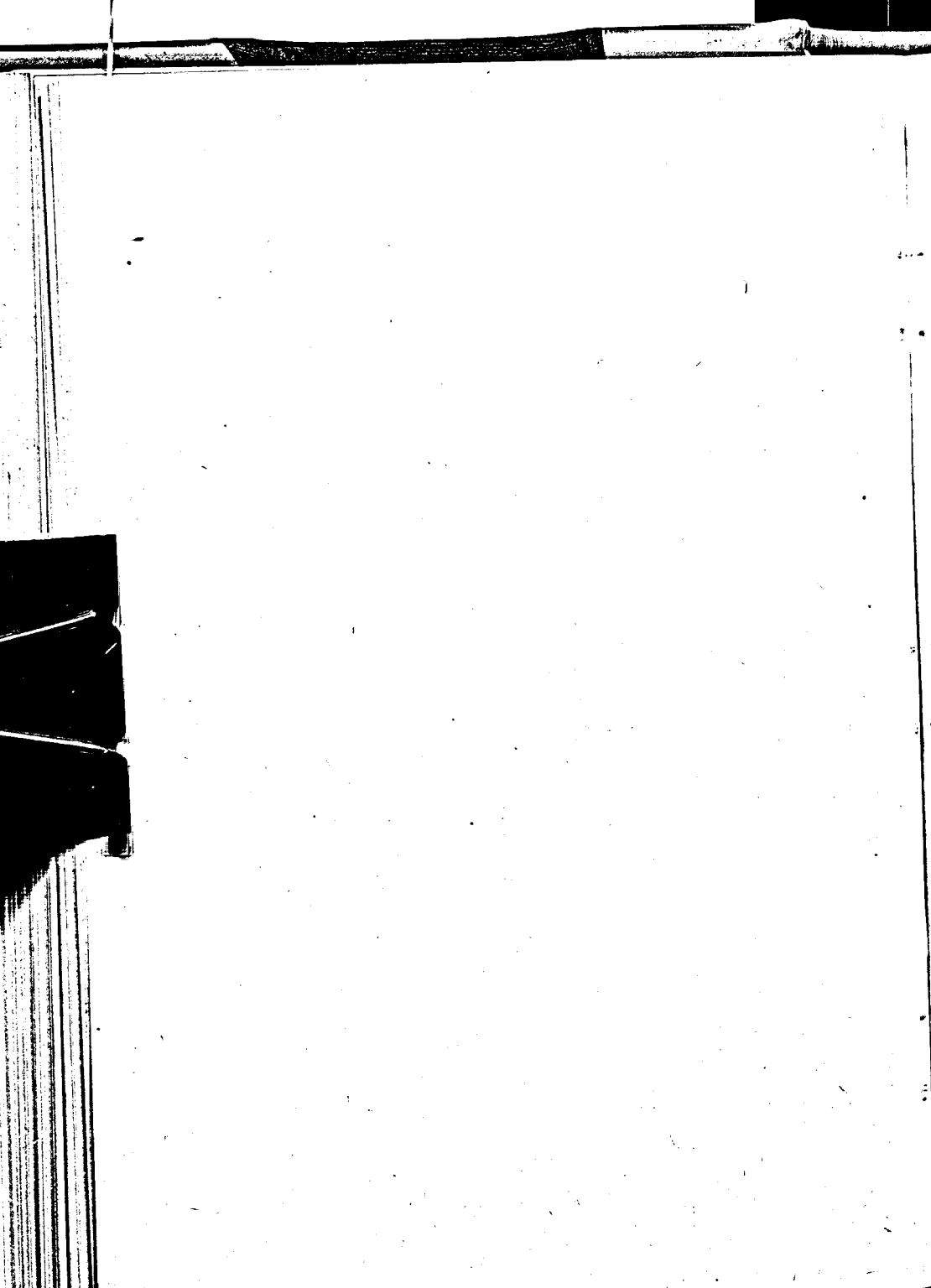
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The minutes of the day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Turner and Isener.

Councillors Leverman and Naugle moved that council adjourn "Sine Die".  
God Save The Queen.









# Second Annual Meeting of the Thirty-First Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax

FIRST DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, February 24, 1954

The second annual meeting of the thirty-first council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax opened in the Law Courts, Halifax, at 11 o'clock. Warden W. J. Dowell presided.

Rev. C. O. Holm, Armdale, opened the session with a prayer asking divine guidance for the council's deliberations.

The municipal clerk and treasurer, R. G. Hattie, called the roll.

The warden read his report to council as follows:

To Members of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Members and Friends:—

Once again is given me the privilege of welcoming you to an annual meeting—this being the Second Meeting of the Thirty-First Council of our Municipality.

Today as we meet, it seems to me that the spirit of thankfulness should be strongly alive in each of us in that one of the things in which we were all strongly interested will have become an accomplished fact. I refer to the bridge connecting the city with the town and county, which, God willing, will be open for traffic before the snow flies next winter.

We can also look forward to the development of the National Gypsum Company of Canada in District No. 26; the extension of The Imperial Oil Company, our largest individual industry, and in addition the new gasoline and oil industry of The Irving Oil Company, Limited, to be developed on the eastern side of the harbour. Another small industry for cleaning cars is to be set up in District No. 27. But while I mention first the industries that will lead to the employment of large numbers of mechanics, clerks, typists, etc., we must not overlook the fact that during the past three to five years the building of homes has been tremendous and is still going on, so that the responsibilities of our council in trying to arrange for necessary services that home builders do and will continue to require, will I expect, call for some changes in our policy for supplying water and/or sewer which we established in 1948.

Your various committees through the year have been working hard to carry out what has been expected of them through resolutions of our last meeting of the council. The Planning Board, I believe I am safe in saying, has been doing more work than any other planning board in the province and the result can be seen as one goes over the many and various subdivisions.

Your committee on public service have really had more than they could attend to. There is a constant request for extension of water services, as well as requests for new installations and it is just possible that in the

in-coming years you may have to consider meeting at least three times a year, as if we try to keep up with the requirements of services, there is bound to be expenditures and no expenditures can be made without the consent of council and in many cases the demand for services come to us after our annual meeting, so that to deal with them in anyway promptly, there must of necessity be more meetings.

There is also another matter that should receive our most serious consideration and that is the matter of office room. So far this has been a matter left to the court house commission but the result has been very far from satisfactory and today we are progressing at a rate that will not allow of these many, many delays, so that, I would like our council to consider very carefully from all angles, the matter of space to do the expanding work.

So far I have confined my remarks to matters dealing directly with the county, but I would be neglectful if I did not mention the causeway across the Strait of Canso. This, I understand, is also well on the way to completion and while that in itself will not effect us directly, yet any progressive public work such as this, effects us all and I am glad that in looking back we find the last five or six years have definitely been years of progress and we must see to it that anything that we can do must not be left undone. If we all work together and do our best, I see no reason why the present progress cannot continue; remembering particularly that the great part of our county surrounds the harbour, which I have seen described as the third best harbour in the world. This is very important but we must also remember that our farms are one of our greatest assets and as an asset perhaps forests run a strong second to our farms. I would like to mention as a heavy asset, the iron ore in the Canadian Labrador associated with our coal mines and steel works in Cape Breton, but so far particularly all I have read about that part of the wealth of our country has been associated with the building of a railway to carry the ore to the centres of our neighbors to the south in which case I would assume that we will do the mining at the lowest price labor, then let the ore go south and they will gather the benefit of the high priced labor for the finished product and we in turn will buy that finished product from them when necessary; bring it into Canada, pay the tariff and the excise tax and so make many public works that require this finished steel a drain on our finances.

The reports from the various committees will all be presented to you while our council is in session and you will have the privilege of dealing with each as they come before you, so that it is not necessary for me to try to say anything on these matters.

I thank you for the attention you have given me and trust that I have not tired you with too lengthy remarks.

W. J. DOWELL, Warden

Deputy-Warden Cruikshank and Councillor Mosher moved the nomination of A. Blenus Morton as municipal solicitor. Councillors Myers and Snair moved that nominations cease. Carried. A ballot was deposited on behalf of Mr. Morton and the warden declared him appointed. Mr. Morton spoke briefly thanking council.

Councillors Burriss and Snair moved that James Hayes be appointed as reporter pro-tem at the same rate as last year. Carried.

Tenders for printing of the minutes and reports were opened and read as follows: McCurdy Print, \$7 per page plus 10 percent sales tax; Allen Print, \$9.90 per page, plus sales tax. Councillors Naugle and Turner moved that the tender of McCurdy Printing Co. Ltd. for printing the minutes and reports of the council, at a price of \$7 per page plus sales tax of 10 percent, be accepted. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the nominating committee be appointed by the chair. Carried. The warden asked if he could defer appointing the committee until the afternoon session. Council assented.

The warden appointed Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillor Ferguson as an agenda committee.

A letter was read from Councillor Settle asking permission for a delegation to appear before council respecting an extension of the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Councillor Davis said a study should be made, particularly of the cost factor involved in such an extension, before any decision was made. Councillor Settle said that matter could be decided upon after the delegation was heard. The letter was referred to the Agenda Committee. A letter from the Halifax County Exhibition asking a grant was referred to the Finance Committee. An invitation from the Kiwanis Club of Halifax asking council to attend the March 1 luncheon was accepted on motion of Councillors Leverman and Burris. A letter from the Halifax Visiting Dispensary asking for a grant was referred to the Finance Committee; the reports from the veterinary assistance boards were referred to the Resources Committee.

A resolution from the Town of Dominion, asking council's support to a request for the establishment of a provincial board of censors on literature, was read. Councillor Leverman said he had understood that there was now sufficient legislation on this subject to cover the matter. Councillor Burris said the resolution might be intended to draw the need for action to the attention of the proper authorities. Councillor Davis said he did not feel there was need for further legislation if laws were already on the books. Councillor Naugle said the type of books referred to did not benefit children and it might be desirable if careful controls were set up. He would like to see the matter studied by a committee. Councillor Myers said he opposed the resolution. He did not support the idea of a censorship board. Councillor Ferguson pointed out there could be sharp differences in different types of comic books and it would be ill advised to condemn them all. Councillor Day said he did not believe comic books should be banned. Councillor Currie said some parents might be poor censors and their children might get possession of poor books.

Councillors Leverman and Williams moved that the letter and resolution from the Town of Dominion with respect to asking the Provincial Government to set up a board of censors to regulate the sale of magazines and comic books be filed. Carried.

A request from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for a grant was referred to the Finance Committee. Requests for hearings by council from the Salvation Army and the Red Cross were referred to the Agenda Committee.

Councillor Leverman moved that council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

#### FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Warden Dowell announced the Nominating Committee to be composed as follows: Councillors Naugle, Davis, Brown, Deputy-Warden Cruikshank and Councillor Archibald.

The report of the jailor was read. The warden asked the capacity of the jail and was advised it was equipped with 22 cells. Councillor Donaldson asked why there was a big difference between the number of prisoners confined and the number who had served sentences. He was advised many of those confined had been remanded to jail pending trial. Councillors Evans and Mosher moved that the report be received and filed. Carried.

A letter from the Department of Education respecting proposed changes in the Halifax County Vocational High School regulations. Councillors Redmond and Snair moved that the agenda committee be instructed to arrange a date for council to hear Mr. Chisholm, the principal of the school. Carried. Councillor Mosher asked the county's share in the cost of the school and was advised it was now approximately \$16,000.

A letter from the Fairview Ratepayers Association urging a ban on the sale of fireworks was referred to the Law Amendments Committee. An affidavit asking an exemption from taxes and a letter referring to an overpayment of poll taxes were referred to the Revenue Committee. A letter and brief from the Town of Mulgrave were read. Council was advised the matter already had been taken up by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

The report of the Board of Appeal on Assessments was read. Councillor Mosher said he intended to question the director of assessment as to the method used in assessing a property owned by Mrs. Florence Dauphinee. He said the property had been put in the name of another man although Mrs. Dauphinee had paid taxes on the property for 19 years and still owned the property. The solicitor said the change had probably been based on a deed filed with the Registry of Deeds.

Councillors Evans and Redmond moved that council adjourn to go into committee work until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

## SECOND DAY — MORNING

Thursday, February 25, 1954

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Turner and Isenor.

Councillor Ferguson recalled that council had spent a full day at the county hospital last year and suggested that a similar day be set aside for a visit this year. Councillor Naugle agreed Councillors Brown, Isenor and Day also suggested a full day be spent at the hospital. Councillors Evans and Williams moved that a visit be paid to the county hospital taking the full day of March 3 and that the roll be called at the hospital by the superintendent or others. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Turner moved that a letter be sent to Councillor E. S. Allen expressing the regret of council that he is unable to be present and express council's best wishes for a speedy recovery. Carried.

Councillors Donaldson and Naugle moved that the same committee be appointed as last year to look after the county hospital treat. Councillor Redmond said he believed the treat should be arranged by the Welfare Committee since that body would have all the necessary information. Councillors Redmond and Settle moved an amendment that the Welfare Committee be requested to look after the details of the treat. The amendment was voted upon and defeated. The original motion was carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read as follows:

Revenue Committee: Councillors Naugle, Donaldson, Brown, Allen and Burris.

Public Services Committee: Councillors Leverman, Naugle, Currie, Settle, Archibald, Davis and Isenor.

Welfare Committee: Councillors Ferguson, Cruikshank, Moser, Myers, and Snair.

Trade Committee: Councillors Turner, Leverman, Redmond, Williams and Day.

**Resources Committee:** Councillors Evans, Redmond, Donaldson, Davis, and Myers.

**Safety Committee:** Councillors Burris, Ferguson, Moser, Day and Archibald.

**Law Amendments Committee:** Councillors Allen, Settle, Donaldson, Snair and Williams.

**Arbitration Committee:** Councillors Cruikshank, Currie and Evans.

**Jury Lists Committee:** Councillors Brown, Isenor and Turner.

**Finance Committee:** Warden Dowell, Deputy Warden Cruikshank Councillors Naugle, Ferguson, Leverman, Turner, Evans, Burris.

Councillors Naugle and Brown moved that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted. Carried.

At the request of the warden, Deputy Warden Cruikshank took the chair.

The report of the Safety Committee was read. Councillors Burris and Isenor moved that the report be adopted. Councillors Naugle and Redmond commended the committee on the scope of its work as outlined in the report. The motion to adopt the report was carried.

Councillor Mosher said the building laws were not being properly enforced. The building inspector's decision had been over-ruled in court and in addition was being changed by new appointees to that office. He cited a case in Herring Cove where the decision of a building inspector had been changed by his successor in office. He said also the court had ruled against a decision by an inspector in his district on grounds that the structure in question could be moved. Councillor Brown said the Herring Cove property owner was entitled to a building permit since the lots were of adequate size. He was advised that the first application had been rejected on health grounds. Councillor Mosher was advised an amendment to the building legislation was under study to cover buildings of the type involved in the court case.

Councillor Brown reported the contractor for construction of a school in his district had refused to obtain a building permit. He was advised the contractor could be forced to obtain a permit before the work could be done. Councillor Redmond asked if any action had been taken regarding proposed amendments to the fence viewers regulations. He was advised the matter had been put before the provincial cabinet by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Councillor Brown told council a man in his district had been refused a building permit to build on a lot 50 feet wide but 175 feet long. The owner could not be expected to pay taxes if he could not use the land. Councillor Myers said he believed the man should be given a permit. Refusal in such cases would mean a loss of revenue to the county. Councillor Leverman said the permits in such cases could be obtained through application to the municipal engineer.

Councillor Davis said the by-laws were inadequate respecting animals trespassing and causing property damage. He believed the county should bring action against the animal owners. He also felt efforts should be made to obtain the ages of all patients at the county hospital and of new patients so that old age pensions could be obtained where applicable as soon as possible. Councillor Redmond said efforts had been made to obtain the ages of patients from his district.

Councillors Davis and Settle moved that the age of each patient at the Halifax County Hospital be determined as soon as possible after they have been admitted so that applications may be filed where old age pensions may apply. Carried.

The by-law respecting control of animals was read. The solicitor said the information should be laid by an individual and that the county would prosecute the case. Councillor Redmond asked if local constables could lay

the information and was advised the constables could do so. Councillor Redmond said he agreed with the need for instructions to constables as to their duties, powers and responsibilities. Councillor Mosher said there was no burden upon the constables to lay such charges.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the council adjourn until 2 p.m. to go into committee work. Carried.

## SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, February 25, 1954

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Mr. H. S. MacGlashen, director of assessment, presented his report. Councillor Myers questioned the hiring of married women in the assessment department rather than single workers. Mr. MacGlashen said he had encountered difficulty obtaining any suitable employees. Councillor Burris said it was encouraging to see so much industrial development in the municipality. Councillor Settle said he was particularly pleased to see the county was getting a grant from the federal government in lieu of taxation. He noted the amount of federal holdings was increasing and expressed hope the size of the grant might be increased. He said he would like to see an attempt made to obtain taxes on federal government housing projects. He was concerned over the exemption enjoyed on the Town of Dartmouth's water service. The solicitor said the exemption was provided for in the Assessment Act and taxation of the property is not permitted. Councillor Settle said he found it difficult to understand why the water system was taxed within the town but exempted in the municipality.

Councillor Myers said the district in which federal land on which a grant was paid, was located should receive a portion of the grant. Councillor Burris said the grant was paid in the same way that taxes would be paid if the land was privately owned. Councillor Naugle said he believed the council had the right to determine the division of the grant. Warden Dowell said the money was granted on the basis of services offered and not alone on the size of the federal government buildings. Councillor Redmond said he felt it was unfair that districts which sustained heavy revenue losses through federal exemptions should get no part of the grant.

Mr. MacGlashen said the federal grants were based on services provided. The provision of fire protection and water services had been major factors in the provision of the grant. The federal government had also earmarked a portion of the grant for school sections where children of federal employees were being educated. Councillor Davis said the county also enjoyed indirect benefits through the development of crown lands.

Councillor Mosher raised the matter of the assessment of property occupied by Mrs. Florence Dauphinee. The land had been assessed this year in the name of a Mr. Power although Mrs. Dauphinee had lived on the property for 19 years and had paid the taxes. Mr. MacGlashen said both Mrs. Dauphinee and Mr. Power had claimed ownership of the land. Originally the land had been assessed to the heirs of the original owner but this year a deed had been registered in the name of Mr. Power and it was upon this basis that the assessment had been changed.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the report of the director of assessment be received and filed. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Donaldson moved that the matter of the assessment of Mrs. Florence Dauphinee be referred to the municipal solicitor for a legal opinion and that the director of assessment be guided by that opinion. Carried.

At the request of Councillor Redmond, the clerk outlined the method of allocating the federal grant as follows: 1953—total grant, \$38,064; paid

to school sections where children of federal employees living in taxable properties are educated, \$12,270; to District No. 12 re fire protection, \$3,000; to Bedford, re fire protection, \$1,100; remainder to general coffers. 1954—\$41,551 total; school sections, \$15,951; District 12, \$3,000; Bedford \$1,100; remainder to general coffers. Councillor Myers said he believed consideration should be given to districts with large amounts of federal land. Councillor Redmond asked if all schools had been asked to provide information as to the number of children of service personnel in attendance and was advised this had been done.

Councillors Snair and Burris moved that Lewis A. Cook, Walter M. Purcell, William P. Anderson, Jack W. Lynch, Gordon D. Smiley and Fulton K. Andrews be appointed as assessors in the County of Halifax. Carried.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said he did not favor the present arrangement whereby revenue was received on crown lands. He would favor a payment on the value of the property rather than on the stumpage. Councillor Naugle said the province obtained substantial revenue from crown lands. He believed the county should invest in such timber lands. Councillor Davis suggested a need for the county to buy lands to provide for such future projects as parks and playgrounds. Councillor Settle said the Planning Board intended to recommend to council that a study on this matter be made. He would like to see a start made. Councillor Burris said he believed a new approach should be made to the Lands and Forests Department to investigate the possibility of increased revenue for the county. Councillor Redmond said he would regret to see the county compete with the province in the buying of timber lands. He would prefer to see an arrangement made for obtaining more steady revenue from crown lands. Councillor Donaldson said he also did not favor the acquisition of timber lands by the county since the management of such property would require the establishment of a special department and the project would not without risk.

Councillors Burris and Redmond moved that the Revenue Committee interview the Minister of Lands and Forests to see if some improvement cannot be made in the returns to the municipality presently being paid by the department on crown lands. Carried.

Councillor Leverman moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

### THIRD DAY — MORNING

Friday, February 26, 1954

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Evans and Isenor.

The Warden announced Councillor Leverman had been elected chairman of Finance Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was read. Councillor Myers asked what authority has a county constable to lay a charge without direction of the municipal office. Councillor Leverman said a list of instructions is being prepared for constables, laying out their duties and responsibilities. Councillor Moser believed councillors, as Justices of the Peace have the power to make arrests. Councillor Naugle said he had appointed a constable last year who must learn by experience because there were no published set of rules for constables. Councillor Redmond said a constable can take no action without warrant. The Warden said a constable can make an arrest if a disturbance is being caused. Councillor Moser suggested a by-law be drafted to give constables more power. He was advised



by the Clerk and Treasurer that a booklet of instructions for constables is being drafted.

Councillor Leverman suggested the Revenue Committee could go to Ottawa to confer with Federal authorities re allocation of grants in lieu of taxation. Councillor Naugle felt Councillor Leverman's suggestion was good. He said grants were small when the amount of lands used by the government was considered. Councillor Settle also supported the suggestion. Councillor Leverman said the Finance Committee's hands are tied in allocating monies received from the Federal Government because of the conditions of the grant. He felt the matter should be pressed.

Councillor Davis said the council should be represented at Ottawa to deal with the grant question. Councillor Settle suggested some of the money should be returned to the districts affected. Councillor Naugle said he was not objecting to the districts getting money but he said the grants to the county are too small. He said he would call a meeting of the Revenue Committee to consider the question of whether grants are adequate. Councillor Brown said his district was losing more heavily than any other because of the amount of Federal Government property. Councillor Burriss suggested the entire field of federal grants should be explored more fully. Councillor Myers said his district was not receiving the benefits although he said it was contributing most on a land basis. He said the allocation was unfair.

Councillor Leverman said the grant is paid on the basis of services rendered. He suggested the council try and obtain more money on the basis of loss of assessable property.

Councillor Settle moved that Council recommend to the Finance Committee that some portion of the Federal Grant going to general revenue go to the districts in which some of the large assessments of Federal property are located. The motion was not seconded.

Councillor Leverman moved the matter of Federal property and grants thereon be referred to the Revenue Committee to take whatever steps are necessary to further the cause of the Municipality in this connection. The motion was seconded by Councillor Davis and carried.

Councillor Leverman moved that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. This was seconded by Councillor Ferguson.

Councillor Moser recalled discussion in Halifax City Council regarding offers reportedly made Municipal Assessor MacGlashen to seek employment by the City. He said the chairman of the Finance Committee should identify the alderman or aldermen who reportedly made the offer.

Councillor Myers said he was against the re-employment of Martin Archibald as collector. He felt a younger man should have the job. Councillor Davis said the personal status of a municipal employee is not the concern of the council. He said Mr. Archibald's experience qualified him as a good man. To hire another man would be an unwise investment of the taxpayers' money while the new man was in training. Councillor Moser said Mr. Archibald should resign. He had been superannuated on a \$3,000 pension, received a \$40.00 old age pension, and now was being rehired. Councillor Davis said he doubted if it would be possible to obtain services of a man as well qualified. Councillor Myers answered that anyone can be replaced. Councillor Davis said that England had to recall Winston Churchill several times despite his advanced age, to handle the affairs of the country. Councillor Redmond said he could not commend the report of the Finance Committee because it represented a great expense to the taxpayers. He felt the county should cut down on undesirable things and retain its splendid financial position. He felt Mr. Bensted, whose name was proposed as municipal collector, was quite capable and did not need instructions from Mr. Archibald. He said Mr. Archibald should not be retained.



Councillor Naugle said he felt re-employment of Mr. Archibald was saving money for the taxpayer. He said Mr. Archibald would be a big asset to the County.

Councillor Myers said the County superannuated him and never should have rehired him. He suggested Mr. Archibald come before Council and resign. Councillor Naugle said Mr. Archibald was an expert on lien law matters and he could devote his time to this work, realizing more revenue for the County. Councillor Evans said that Mr. Archibald could be retained on lien work. That was the recommendation of the committee. Councillor Moser said Mr. Archibald should be replaced by a younger man. Councillor Redmond saw it as a reflection on Mr. Archibald's work to say that lien law cases had piled up in the past and wondered how he could look after this in future. Councillor Day said the salary of Mr. Archibald places a burden on the County and a younger man should be engaged.

Councillor Leverman said it was not the duty of the Finance Committee to press recommendations of the report. He said it was up to Council to agree or disagree. He asked permission to have Mr. MacGlashen state whether he had been approached by city aldermen regarding employment in City Hall. The Warden asked Mr. MacGlashen to answer the question. Councillor Ferguson said he considered the Archibald matter should be decided first. He felt that reemployment of Mr. Archibald was money saved for the County. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said he was willing to have Mr. Archibald engaged on lien law work.

Councillor Myers said he wanted the rehiring of Mr. Archibald decided by recorded vote. Councillor Redmond said he agreed. Councillor Myers moved that a recorded vote be taken on the adoption of the Finance Committee report. This was seconded by Councillor Redmond.

The vote was recorded as follows: For—Warden Dowell, Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Brown, Leverman, Naugle, Evans, Davis, Ferguson, Donaldson, Turner, Burris, Archibald, Isenor. Against—Councillors Snair, Moser, Williams, Myers, Settle, Redmond, Day, Currie.

Councillor Donaldson said the Law Amendments Committee should study the question of rehiring superannuated employees for future guidance. He felt a by-law should cover the question.

Mr. MacGlashen was then called and said he regretted any embarrassment caused Councillor Leverman on the City Council question. He said Mr. Leverman's remarks were misinterpreted. He said no City Alderman had promised him a job at City Hall but several had encouraged him to make the application. He said someone at City Hall had twisted Councillor Leverman's remarks. Councillor Leverman asked Mr. MacGlashen whether he was approached by Aldermen. Mr. MacGlashen answered yes.

Councillors Leverman and Evans moved that council adjourn until 2.00 p.m. Carried.

### THIRD DAY — AFTERNOON

Friday, February 26, 1954

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Doctors Morrison and Watt, medical health officers for Halifax East and Halifax West respectively, read their reports to council. Councillor Myers said he had not been advised of a case of diphtheria in his district. Councillor Leverman asked if an attempt had been made by Dr. Watt to meet with the county board of health and was advised that repeated attempts had been made without success. The clerk advised the board's main function was in respect to the control of epidemics and it did not normally deal with individual sanitation problems. The warden suggested

some positive steps be taken to meet the need in the future. Councillor Davis suggested the medical health officers meet with the planning board on the matter. Councillor Burris suggested the county board of health also take action.

Dr Watt told council the main problem arose from the soil structure in the fringe areas where the rocky sub-soil did not allow for proper filtering from septic tanks. Councillor Ferguson said the problem was now approaching the critical stage. Serious thought should be given to methods of co-ordinating the work of the medical health officers and the health boards in finding a solution. Councillor Leverman said the planning board had demonstrated its concern over sanitation in considering new sub-divisions. Councillor Settle said the planning board could only see that the sub-divisions provided an opportunity for proper sanitation. The problem seemed to crop up in the building stage after the plans were approved. He foresaw the need for full time building inspectors.

Councillors Leverman and Settle moved that the reports of the medical health officers for Halifax County be received and filed. Carried.

Dr. Watt read his report as jail physician. In answer to Councillor Davis, he said the county jail was obsolete, segregation was impossible but the building was kept clean and the staff did a good job under the circumstances.

Councillors Turner and Leverman moved that the report of the jail physician be received and filed. Carried.

Councillor Myers said he wished to re-open the question of the re-engagement of Mr. Martin Archibald. He intended to resign his seat in council if Mr. Archibald was retained in employment. Councillor Williams said he also intended to resign. Councillor Mosher said Mr. Archibald was now on superannuation and the position should be opened to another person. He also would resign if Mr. Archibald was retained in county employment. Councillor Myers said all county people were opposed to the rehiring of Mr. Archibald.

The report of the special market committee was read. Councillors David and Snair moved that the report be adopted. Councillor Davis said he believed the matter of the city market should be left in the hands of the Resources Committee. Councillor Redmond said the market committee infringed on the duties of the Resources Committee. He did not see a need for such duplication of duties. Councillor Evans said the by-law put market matters within the jurisdiction of the Resources Committee. He had asked for clarification of this matter on repeated occasions. Councillor Naugle said the market committee had been composed of councillors who had a special interest in the market. Councillor Settle said the special committee had been set up to deal with an emergency situation. If the emergency had passed it might be desirable to disband the committee. Councillor Evans pointed out that the special committee, when first established, had reported to the Resources Committee rather than to council. Councillor Redmond said the Resources Committee would have to abdicate part of its duties as set down in the by-laws if the special committee was in charge of market matters. Councillors Davis and Snair asked that their motion be withdrawn.

Councillors Davis and Naugle moved that the report of the special market committee be referred to the Resources Committee. Carried.

The report of the Trade Committee was read. Councillors Turner and Isenor moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Naugle said the local constables should be supplied a copy of the by-laws regarding licenses so that they would be able to carry out their duties. Councillor Davis said the constables should be provided a complete set of the by-laws. Councillor Myers said the report did not show

some store-to-door licenses taken out in 1953. Councillor Redmond advised that some of the license fees had been refunded because the by-laws did not adequately cover such cases at that time. He explained that store owners who operated trucks selling from door to door were required to have a store-to-door license; those who did not own stores but bought their supplies for later resale from door-to-door were required to have peddlars licenses; while there was no license required for delivery trucks. Councillor Naugle said the exemption from license fees granted for the sale of products of the farm should apply only to such products grown in the province. Councillor Davis said store owners who operated store-to-door trucks should not be required to pay the same license fees as those who bought their goods wholesale for later resale. The motion to adopt the report was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Redmond and Day moved that the Law Amendments Committee be delegated by the council to interview the Minister of Municipal Affairs to expedite proposed legislation re licensing of peddlars of products of the forest, farm or sea and not produced by them. Carried.

Councillors Davis and Redmond moved that copies of the by-laws be made available to all constables.

Councillor Myers asked when printed by-laws would be available to councillors and was advised that it was hoped they would be ready before the annual meeting ended. Councillor Redmond said constables were handicapped in their duties of enforcing by-laws if they were not supplied copies of the by-laws. The motion was voted upon and carried.

The preliminary report of the Law Amendments Committee was read. Councillor Leverman questioned the proposed amendment to the legislation governing the issue and expiration of building permits. He believed the law should include a requirement that the work be continued. Councillor Myers said there should be no restriction on a man who builds a home over a period of time as he is financially able. Councillor Snair said the amendment was designed to keep a check on the permits issued. Councillor Ferguson said he doubted there was a single case where a man had been restricted in building his home over a period of time. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said he could see no danger of hardship on a builder if the building inspector took a reasonable attitude. The building permits could be renewed.

Councillors Snair and Donaldson moved that the preliminary report of the Law Amendments Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Snair and Donaldson moved that council adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday morning. Carried.

#### FOURTH DAY — MORNING

Monday, March 1, 1954

Council met at 10.30 a.m. with Deputy Warden Cruikshank presiding. Roll Called. Councillors Redmond and Settle moved that reading of the minutes be deferred until after presentation of brief on behalf of the Dartmouth and District Ministerial Association. Carried.

Rev. Dr. MacDonald and Rev. W. E. Aitken of the Ministerial Association presented a brief asking Council support of a proposal to extend the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to include the Municipality and the Town of Dartmouth, and appointment of a full-time probation officer. Councillor Davis asked what portion of the expenses would be borne by the Town and the Municipality. Rev. Mr. Aitken said figures had not been definitely decided upon. Councillor Davis suggested the County should consider its responsibility in regard to handling the juvenile cases and he urged inauguration of the court. Councillors Naugle, Redmond and Settle felt the

County should act upon the suggestion immediately. Deputy Warden Cruikshank assured the delegation the matter would be dealt with.

The minutes of the previous day were read. Councillors Turner and Isenor moved that the minutes be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Burris questioned what action was necessary by the Council re the requests of the Ministerial Association delegation. He suggested a special committee be set up to study the situation. Councillor Snair felt the Council should approve in principle first. Councillor Burris said there may be other aspects of the situation to consider before the matter was definitely decided upon. Councillor Archibald felt the committee should investigate and report back to Council. Councillor Settle said the Council should know the stand taken by the Town of Dartmouth. Councillors Burris and Redmond moved that a special committee be set up by the Council to study the matter of extending the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court to include the County and the Town of Dartmouth, as had been requested in the brief from the Dartmouth and District Ministerial Association. Carried. Deputy Warden Cruikshank appointed Councillors Burris, Settle and Archibald as the special committee.

Councillors Turner, Redmond and Evans urged the committee confer on the matter before the end of the present session. Councillor Burris said the committee would endeavor to have a report before the end of the session.

Municipal Solicitor Morton addressed Council re proposed legislation for the County. He said the matters to be considered should be dealt with this week so that they could be presented to the Legislature. He said the legislation concerned changes in sub-section 5 of the bill of last year, licensing of peddlars, the question of whether fire halls, operated by commissioners for fire protection and service commissions should be exempt from assessment, and regulations governing establishment of trailer camps.

Councillor Naugle suggested the exemption could also be applied to community halls. Councillor Burris said in his district the church is exempt but the church hall is assessed for taxation. He questioned whether the hall should be assessed.

The Municipal Clerk and Treasurer explained that churches are exempt under the Municipal Act but all church halls are assessed. Councillor Ferguson saw a definite difference between a community hall and church hall. He favored exemption for church halls but not for community halls when they are used for profit making. Councillor Snair agreed with Councillor Ferguson. He said halls used strictly for church purposes should be exempt. Councillor Archibald said he felt a genuine church hall should be exempt but not when these halls are used as a business proposition.

Councillor Settle said he felt any genuine community hall used for community purposes should be exempt. Councillor Donaldson said Council seemed to be getting away from the question. The question was whether fire halls should be exempt. He said he favored tax exemption on fire halls. Councillor Naugle said he introduced the matter of community halls because he felt they should both be entered under the one bill. Municipal Clerk and Treasurer felt that inclusion of community halls for tax exemption should entail considerable study before Council made any recommendation or suggestions.

Councillor Donaldson said that in his district the Sheet Harbor Board of Trade had supplied the fire hall and was being assessed. He felt the board should be freed of the tax burden. Councillor Davis felt that if districts have the initiative to set up a fire department and build a fire hall they should be given the tax exemption. Councillor Redmond said the Legislature disapproved of a previous by-law because it was discriminatory. He said Council should ask for exemption of all fire halls in the

Municipality without naming individual establishments. The Municipal Solicitor said the recommendation was not discriminatory. A special act was needed to have existing fire halls other than those owned by the Municipality, made exempt from taxation. Councillor Snair asked whether the bill would cover buildings over the fire hall. He said some community halls are located over the fire stations. Councillor Davis said the exemption should be applied only to the fire hall. Councillor Myers questioned whether this type hall is used by fire departments to raise funds for new equipment. If the hall was used for this purpose he proposed it be exempt. Councillor Naugle said the effects would be far-reaching. He said a public hall in a community should be exempt if it is used for community purposes alone, and if it doesn't benefit any one individual.

Councillors Davis and Donaldson moved that the fire stations and fire equipment operated by the Commissioners for Fire Protection for Woodside, the Bedford Service Commission, and Sheet Harbor Board of Trade be exempt from taxation. Carried.

The Municipal Solicitor brought up the question of trailers and trailer camps. He said the legal question to be decided was when a trailer is defined as a vehicle under the Motor Vehicle Act and when it became a building. This was needed for assessing purposes. The question of sanitation was important. He said there is a big trailer camp at Birch Cove. Councillor Myers said the camp was very sanitary. Some of the trailers were valued at from four to five thousand dollars. He said trailer camps are a definite need at this time when the housing situation is bad. He saw no reason for objecting to setting up of trailer camps.

Councillor Davis said the Council should not confine itself to dealing with one camp. What should be discussed was a by-law for future guidance. The trailer situation is out of control now, he said. Proper sanitation should be assured and trailer camp operators should have definite instructions on requirements as to sanitation and general health matters. Councillor Myers agreed that all trailer camps should have proper sanitation facilities. Councillor Leverman asked whether the matter had been considered by the Law Amendments Committee and if the committee had any recommendations. Councillor Donaldson, answering on behalf of the committee, said the matter had been discussed in committee but had been referred to Council for full discussion.

Councillor Leverman said he had no objection to trailer camps, but there should be definite regulations on sanitary and water conveniences. He said travellers should be invited to visit trailer camps equipped to handle them. Councillor Davis said trailer camps are an asset to the tourist industry, but they must be controlled. Council Naugle agreed. He said the County gets little return on assessment of trailers. The matter should be considered by the County Planning Board. Councillors Redmond said the difficulty was in defining whether a trailer is a trailer under the Motor Vehicle Act and when it becomes a building. Councillor Brown asked whether a permit could be granted to install a foundation under a trailer. The Municipal Solicitor said it could, providing it met the requirements of building laws. Councillor Leverman said a building permit would be needed. A building inspector has the authority to deny the permit if it did not meet requirements. Councillor Myers said he saw no objection to a trailer owner removing tires for protection against the weather. Councillor Redmond said if wheels were removed the trailer could be banked. That was what made it difficult to determine in court whether a trailer was a building or a trailer. Councillor Davis suggested a system of licensing for parked trailers. He said the licenses could be issued on a 30-day basis and renewed.

Councillors Brown and Donaldson moved that Council adjourn until 2.45 p.m. Carried.

## FOURTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Monday, March 1, 1954

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Councillor Williams said he had encountered a problem with respect to roads in his district. The ratepayers were under the impression that the councillors had some jurisdiction over county roads and for that reason made their complaints to the councillors. Two children had become seriously ill in his area and it had been necessary to take one child out in a truck to get over the bad roads while a helicopter had brought a doctor to attend a second child. He had called Mr. Parker, highways engineer, on the matter but a member of Mr. Parker's family had refused to call him to the telephone. Councillor Williams asked that the council protest this attitude. Councillor Davis said he appreciated the problem confronting the Highways Department but he felt in the case of an emergency some assistance should be given. Councillor Ferguson said he agreed with the need for a strong appeal to the highways minister on the matter. The request of a councillor for emergency assistance should not be ignored. Councillor Naugle said it would be impossible for the department to make repairs to roads in their present condition. The situation might be remedied if the roads were closed earlier.

Councillor Evans said he did not believe the department could make repairs at the present time. He agreed the roads should be closed earlier. Councillor Redmond said the department should not take a complacent attitude toward emergency situations. Sufficient repairs could be made to enable traffic to pass. A strong resolution from the council might rectify the department's attitude. Councillor Brown said he did not believe repairs could be made at present. Stockpiling of materials in the fall might prove a remedy.

Councillor Ferguson said he did not suggest a general road repair program be carried out but the department should not ignore the appeal of a councillor. Councillor Naugle said the local foremen were largely to blame for such road conditions since they had not made adequate repairs when they could be made. Councillor Currie agreed with the value of stockpiling materials in the fall of the year for spring use. Councillor Day suggested sand also be stockpiled for use on icy hills in winter. Councillor Donaldson said the main issue was the impossibility of contacting the highways engineer in the time of emergency. A protest should be made.

Councillors Donaldson and Redmond moved that the council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax write the Minister of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia expressing concern over the attitude of Mr. W. A. Parker, engineer for Halifax County, when requested to investigate emergency transportation problems. Carried.

Councillors Burris and Naugle moved that the Revenue Committee be requested to study the problem of assessment on various types of halls, consult with the director of assessment with regard to this problem, and report back to the council as soon as possible.

Councillor Naugle said there was some confusion as to the definition of church and community halls and agreed with the need for a study. Councillor Ferguson said the church hall, in his view, was a hall used exclusively for church purposes. A hall used for general purposes was a community hall and should be taxed. Councillor Redmond said he believed there should be exemption for halls, where, if revenue was produced, it was used for community purposes. Councillor Leverman said he could see many difficulties in separating church and community halls since some church halls were used for general community purposes. Councillor Davis said he

believed a hall operated on the profit or loss basis should be taxed. Councillor Archibald agreed but said he could foresee difficulties in distinguishing between various types of halls. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Turner and Isenor moved that council adjourn to go into committee work and reconvene at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

### FIFTH DAY — MORNING

Tuesday, March 2, 1954

Council met at 10 a.m. with Deputy Warden Cruikshank presiding. Roll called. The minutes of the morning session were read. Councillors Mosher and Snair moved adoption of the morning minutes.

Councillor Mosher said he had sent a patient to the County Home the night of March 1 and difficulty had been experienced travelling through muddy roads. Deputy Warden Cruikshank advised Councillor Mosher he was out of order in bringing the subject up at the present time while there was a motion on the floor re the minutes. The Deputy Warden said Councillor Mosher could introduce the matter at a later time. Councillor Mosher said he brought up the discussion because of the condition of roads and he questioned how the Council would make its trip to the County Home on Wednesday. Deputy Warden Cruikshank read the motion re adoption of the minutes of the morning session of the previous day. Carried.

Major D. C. Ford, public relations officer for the Salvation Army addressed Council. He praised the kindness shown by the Council to his organization in previous years and asked Council to consider the Salvation Army's work when preparing the budget. Councillor Snair questioned Major Ford re free work as mentioned in a statement presented to the Council. Major Ford said the free work was classified as such because there was no hope of collecting the fees for this work. Councillor Snair recalled that all patients from the Municipality of Halifax County were paid for. Major Ford agreed. He said the Municipality was the only one in Nova Scotia receiving bills for indigent patients and for unmarried mothers. Other counties, cities and towns contribute toward the cost of unmarried mothers on a grant basis.

Councillor Leverman said the Municipality pays all its bills to the Salvation Army and provides a grant of \$300 also. Major Ford said the Municipality's bill last year was close to \$7,000. Councillor Leverman, speaking as chairman of the Finance Committee, assured Major Ford the committee would give every consideration to the Salvation Army when drawing up the budget. Major Ford said the Salvation Army this year planned a \$350,000 improvement program for Grace Maternity Hospital, and some improvements to its headquarters on Brunswick Street in Halifax. He suggested in reply to a question from Councillor Leverman, that Council increase the annual grant from \$300. to \$500. Deputy Warden Cruikshank assured Major Ford the Council would deal with the requests of the Salvation Army.

Councillors Ferguson and Williams moved Council adjourn until 2 p.m. to go into committee work. Carried.

### FIFTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 2, 1954

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Mr. Verner Gordon spoke on behalf of the Red Cross Society, outlining the services offered county residents and asked for an increased grant. He suggested the county grant be increased to \$1,250.



Following discussion it was decided that the Council would go ahead with plans to visit the county hospital on Wednesday.

Councillor Leverman pointed out the public hearing respecting water charges by the Town of Dartmouth was scheduled for Thursday and suggested it would not be necessary for the Public Service Committee to attend the hearing as a body. The council agreed.

Councillors Ferguson and Snair moved that council adjourn until 10.00 a.m. tomorrow, when council will meet at the county hospital. Carried.

#### SIXTH DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, March 3, 1954

Council met at the County Hospital to make its annual inspection tour and to distribute the treat to patients.

#### SEVENTH DAY — MORNING

Thursday, March 4, 1954

Council met at 10 a.m. Deputy Warden Cruikshank presiding. Roll called.

The minutes of the fourth day afternoon session were read. Councillors Ferguson and Isenor moved these minutes be adopted. The minutes of the fifth day were read. Councillors Turner and Brown moved these minutes be adopted.

A communication from The George Washington Carver Recreation Association was read. The association outlined a project carried on near the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children and advised a recreation hall and playground were shaping up. The association asked Council for financial support to continue the work.

Councillor Evans said the project is a worthwhile one. The Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children had deeded an acre of land to the association. He felt that the conversion of once swamp land to recreational facilities was a credit to the association. The building was a credit to the community. Councillor Settle said the work of the association was an example of what the County Planning Board had been advocating for some time. He agreed Council should help financially. Councillor Davis saw the project as an opponent to juvenile delinquency and urged Council support. Councillor Redmond said the association, in setting up the recreation facilities, was doing something the Municipality might be called upon to do at County expense in other areas in years to come. He agreed Council should support the association. Councillors Ferguson and Naugle also praised the work of the association.

Councillors Evans and Snair moved the request be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Councillor Leverman extended an invitation to Council on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Armdale to join with the club at its supper meeting Tuesday at the Nova Scotian Hotel. Councillor Ferguson moved the invitation be accepted with thanks. This was seconded by Councillor Myers and carried. Councillors Ferguson and Davis moved that the clerk be instructed to write a letter to the superintendent and matron of Halifax County Home conveying appreciation of the manner in which the councillors were treated on their visit to the home. Carried.

Councillor Mosher moved that a letter be sent to the Department of Highways and Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, MLA, re road conditions at the County Home. He said highways engineers were not supervising upkeep of the roads. In his district last year large rocks were mixed with gravel dumped on roads and this constituted a hazard to motorists, and proved



damaging to cars. Councillor Myers said the road leading to the County Home was far better March 3, when Council visited the home, than it was on his last visit to the home in February. The road March 3 was good in comparison. Councillor Ferguson said the road was not as bad as had been described previously in Council. Councillor Naugle saw a need for sand on secondary roads in the county during the winter months. He said Council should protest lack of sanding of hills and slippery spots. Councillor Settle recalled an active committee is at work in the Cole Harbor area trying to have the roads put in good condition. He said the committee feels the County has a stake in the road and should appear before the government on the matter. Councillor Day agreed with Councillor Settle. He said secondary roads in his district were not sanded last winter. Councillor Myers recalled a delegation met government representatives last year on condition of the road to the County Home. He said much work would have to be done on the road before paving would be possible. At the present time only two miles of the road is suitable for pavement. Councillor Mosher said the Council should bring to the government's attention that highways engineers are not making the most of monies allocated by the government for road work.

Councillor Myers said the doctor treating patients at the County Home was forced to leave his car and walk some distance through mud to the home. He urged Council approach the government to stress the need for a better road. Councillor Redmond agreed a road was needed, but felt Council shouldn't insist on pavement at this time because of the poor road bed. He suggested the road be built up, drained and ditched and a good coat of gravel applied first. Councillor Evans said it was unnecessary for Council to tell the Department of Highways how to prepare for paving. The work could be done from year to year. He felt the matter should be taken up with the Minister of Highways.

Councillor Turner moved the Department of Highways be asked to give serious consideration to the need for sanding of hills or placing of sand boxes on hills along secondary roads. Councillor Brown felt the Council should ask for pavement on the County Home road. It would take only two years, he said. Councillor Myers said Council had already asked for pavement. The road should be improved. He said the County had a \$3,000,000 investment in the home, situated in the woods, without a proper road. Councillor Ferguson recalled the office of the Minister of Highways had changed hands since Council last asked for road improvements. He said the matter should be taken up with the premier now, in his capacity as Highways Minister. Councillor Settle agreed. He suggested a new committee be named to meet the premier. Councillors Snair and Davis moved a committee meet the Minister of Highways on improvement of the road to the County Home. Councillor Leverman recalled that less than two months ago a committee from the Cole Harbor district had asked improvements and the Welfare Committee had supported their request by a letter to the Minister. He asked whether the road from the church to the hospital had ever been taken over as a public highway.

Councillor Naugle felt Council should ask for nothing but paving of the County Home road. He said it had been requested 10 years ago and no action had been taken. He urged a strong committee be appointed to meet the Minister of Highways. Councillor Myers suggested the Council erred in not asking government representatives to accompany Council to the County Home. They could have seen road conditions first hand. Deputy Warden Cruikshank read the motion of Councillors Turner and Myers that Council ask the Department of Highways to give consideration to sanding the hills or place sand boxes on the hills of secondary roads. Councillor Currie said he had learned the Department of Highways was

considering discontinuing use of sand boxes. Councillor Brown said secondary roads in his area now are equipped with sand boxes. Councillor Myers said this does not apply to all districts. He said that in many cases where sand boxes had been supplied they contained no sand. Councillor Currie agreed. Councillor Ferguson said it was not so important to have sand boxes as long as hills were well sanded. Councillor Mosher said the government does sand roads. But he was critical of the quality of gravel used on some roads. He said some of the rocks were too large. He urged that gravel be screened. Councillor Day felt that screening of gravel for all secondary roads would be an expensive proposition. Councillor Mosher said the roads were deplorable in his district last winter. The government should be advised that highways engineers were not giving proper supervision. Councillor Myers suggested Councillor Mosher was out of order in continuing discussion on gravel when there was a motion on the floor re sanding of secondary roads. Deputy Warden Cruikshank re-read the resolution of Councillors Turner and Myers re sanding. The motion was carried.

Councillors Donaldson and Turner moved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax request the Minister of Highways to consider the possibility of rebuilding that section of highway between Dartmouth and Cole Harbor with the by-road leading to the Halifax County Hospital being taken into consideration, with a view that this road will eventually be paved in the near future. Councillor Snair reminded that he had put forth a motion regarding a delegation meeting the Highways Department re paving of the road. Councillor Settle suggested the two resolutions be incorporated. Councillor Donaldson said the motions should be dealt with separately. Deputy Warden Cruikshank read the motion of Councillors Snair and Currie that a delegation be appointed to wait on the Minister of Highways with regard to paving the road to the County Home. Carried. Deputy Warden Cruikshank re-read the motion by Councillors Donaldson and Turner re highway rebuilding. Carried.

The Deputy Warden appointed Councillors Settle, Leverman and Donaldson a committee to interview the Minister of Highways.

Councillor Leverman asked Council's wishes re report of the Public Services Committee to be presented to Council. He said a by-law required that it be presented and discussion held over for a day. He suggested the Law Amendments Committee consider an amendment to the by-law permitting a speed up on such reports. Councillor Ferguson said it should be discussed immediately after presentation. Councillor Naugle said the by-law required notice of motion when dealing with expenditures. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the report could be read now discussed the following day. The report of the Public Services Committee was read, and Councillors Leverman and Naugle gave notice of motion that they would move adoption of the report the next day. Councillors Leverman and Naugle gave notice of motion that they would move adoption of the temporary borrowing resolution to the amount of \$50,000.00 at a future time.

Councillor Mosher said the report should be tabled to give councillors time to study the recommendations. He said that a mistake on the part of two former councillors had cost the County \$30,000. in a water deal with the Town of Dartmouth. He said recommendations in the report were for the benefit of the fringe areas and yet taxpayers in other sections of the county were compelled to share the costs. He suggested the report be studied carefully before being adopted. Councillor Myers said he saw no reason for hiring stenographers for each engineer as recommended in the report. He felt it unfair for a taxpayer in an outlying district to be charged for services which he said were applicable only to the fringe areas.

Councillor Redmond said he was not objecting to the recommendations of the report, but he felt little could be accomplished in discussion at this time until councillors had an opportunity to study the report fully. Councillor Naugle suggested it must be discussed now. He asked as to whether or not the by-laws required the discussion of the Report now or on the following day. Councillor Archibald said the Council will have the opportunity to reject or accept the report Friday. Councillor Mosher favored laying the report over until Friday, to give time for study. He said the County had lost \$30,000.00 because of speedy action in former years. He said he didn't want the same thing to happen again. Councillor Evans said Councillor Mosher should refer his remarks to the chair. He suggested the clerk read the rules of debate. The clerk read the rules of debate.

Councillor Myers said Councillors were not provided with a copy of municipal by-laws. He said he wanted a copy of the by-laws on his desk. Deputy Warden Cruikshank read the notice of motion by Councillor Leverman that he would move adoption of the report on Friday. This was seconded by Councillor Naugle.

Councillor Myers said he wished to reopen the matter of the Finance Committee report. He said the matter of collection of school taxes, recommendations on which were included in the Finance Committee report, should be discussed by the Revenue Committee. Councillor Mosher agreed the school tax question should be studied. Councillor Myers asked for a ruling from the Municipal Solicitor. In the Solicitor's absence, Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested the matter could be discussed when the Solicitor was present. Councillors Brown and Evans moved Council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

## SEVENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 4, 1954

The report of the Revenue Committee was read. Councillors Naugle and Brown moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Myers contended it was out of order to adopt the report on grounds that the Finance Committee had submitted a report based in part on the Revenue Committee report before the latter was submitted to council. Councillor Naugle advised council the Revenue Committee had begun studies on the matter of assessment on halls because of the extent of the problem it was not expected a report would be ready in time for this meeting of council. The motion to adopt the report was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Naugle said the county could go a long way toward cleaning up tax arrears if it could obtain legislation empowering tax sales. Councillor Redmond said he fully agreed with the need for such legislation. He asked if the Law Amendments Committee would take the matter up this year.

Ex-Councillor Fraser was introduced to council and spoke briefly.

The report of the County Planning Board was read. Councillors Davis and Settle moved that the report be adopted. Councillor Myers said the council did not appear to appreciate the hardship heavy taxes imposed on many people in the municipality. The proposed expenditure of \$9,440. by the planning board would only increase this burden. He was opposed to the expenditure. Councillor Davis said the work of the board in approving and guiding new sub-divisions was bringing about the development that would in the future provide the county's tax revenue. The county was expanding rapidly and the board was needed to guide that expansion along desirable lines. Councillor Mosher said he objected to the establishment of his district as a building district. The people had been opposed to the

move. He said the taxpayers money was being spent unwisely. Councillor Redmond said he believed the county planning board an absolute necessity. The opposition from many councillors might arise from the fact that they were not aware of the proposed use of the money requested in the report.

Councillor Settle said the report had shown the extent of the board's work. It had now reached the point that an engineer was needed to devote full time to planning work. The proposed expenditure would include the salaries for an engineer, who could also be of aid to building inspectors. Councillor Myers said few districts were receiving benefit from the work of the planning board. He questioned the need to hire another engineer for the purposes of a few districts and require the whole county to share the cost. Councillor Settle said the board handled plans for all districts.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked for particulars as to the proposed expenditures. Councillor Settle said it would include the salaries of an engineer, stenographer, possibly improved quarters and extension of street numbering work. Councillor Currie questioned the delay in street number and the taking over of roads by the province in the Woodside area. Councillor Settle said the initiative in taking over roads had to come from the Department of Highways. Councillor Myers said he did not believe the people of the county approved such expenditures.

The motion was voted upon and carried. Councillors Myers, Mosher and Williams asked to be recorded as voting against the motion.

Councillor Snair said he would not like to consider the result if the planning board activity was suspended. The board could not function effectively without proper personnel. Councillor Brown said he favored a planning board but not the hiring of another engineer. Councillor Evans said he was not ashamed of any vote he had cast in council. He was convinced of the need for planning although he did not favor the hiring of an engineer. Councillor Ferguson said no councillor wished to see money spent unnecessarily but the county had reached the crossroads and the work of planning, so vitally needed, could not be done without an engineer.

Councillors Naugle and Brown moved that council adjourn to go into committee work and reconvene at 10.00 o'clock tomorrow morning. Carried.

## EIGHTH DAY — MORNING

Friday, March 5, 1954

Council met at 10 a.m. with Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the Council had been invited to be dinner guests of Hon. R. M. Fielding and Hon. Geoffrey Stevens on Wednesday evening. Minutes of the sixth and seventh days were read. Councillors Evans and Mosher moved minutes be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Myers said councillors are not supplied with copies of the by-laws. The Municipal Clerk and Treasurer said they would be available next week. A communication was read from the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children asking continuation of the annual grant. Councillors Naugle and Evans moved the letter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Warden Dowell said he wanted to add a word of praise to the George Washington Carver Recreation Association, which on the previous day was lauded by several other councillors. He felt the establishment was a credit to the province.

A letter was read from W. A. Parker, divisional engineer of the Department of Highways re conversation between a member of his family and Councillor Williams. The letter denied any mention was made of an

emergency. Mr. Parker wished to have the letter read as a rebuttal to a published report in the press re road conditions in the Terence Bay area. Councillor Williams said there were five persons grouped around his telephone when he was speaking with a member of Mr. Parker's household. They could confirm that he had asked for help in an emergency. Warden Dowell said the matter was closed as far as Council was concerned. Councillors Brown and Turner moved the letter be filed. Carried. Councillor Myers said Council should stand behind its members. He was against filing the letter.

A letter was read from Councillors Redmond, Myers, Settle, Day, Williams, Snair, Currie and Mosher in which the legality of adoption of the Finance Committee report was questioned. Councillor Redmond said the Finance Committee reported on a matter over which it had not jurisdiction. The section in the finance report re capital school taxes should be a matter for the Revenue Committee. For one committee to overlap the work of another committee was a break of Council regulations. Since the report had been adopted in full instead of by sections, he considered it null and void. Warden Dowell said the matter would be referred to the Municipal Solicitor for legal advice.

Councillors Leverman and Naugle moved adoption of the Public Services Committee report. Councillor Leverman called attention of Council to a section of the report re engineers. Some of the recommendations had been implemented the previous day with the adoption of the County planning Board report. He said it was the option of the Warden to delete those sections which had already been dealt with. The only new recommendation re engineers was the matter of an assistant for Mr. Fraser. Warden Dowell said it would be wise to delete Paragraph 3 and revise Paragraph 4 of the recommendation.

Councillor Myers asked where space would be found for new engineering staff members. He said a county constable had been hired, and put into storage in an office that was nothing more than a storeroom with no ventilation. The Municipal Clerk explained this was a temporary arrangement. If report of the Public Services Committee was carried, new quarters could be provided the engineer and the county constable could move into quarters presently used by the engineer. Councillor Mosher said he agreed with Councillor Myers. The county constable's office was a disgrace. Warden Dowell said the matter had been explained. Councillor Naugle said it was no fault of the Council. Efforts to have the facilities improved have been carried out for some time. Councillor Leverman said it was all part of the general problem of having to hire accommodations for the engineer. Warden Dowell re-read the motion of Councillors Leverman and Naugle. The motion carried, Councillors Myers, Williams and Mosher wishing to be recorded as voting against.

Councillor Evans informed the Council that the county agricultural representative had prepared a report and would like to address Council. Peter Stewart, agricultural representative, presented a report on the agricultural picture in the county and answered questions on farm problems asked by several councillors. Councillors Naugle, Burris, Ferguson and Evans expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to Mr. Stewart. Councillor Ferguson asked if copies of the report would be made available. Mr. Stewart said he would have some copies made. Councillors Evans and Burris moved that the report of the agricultural representative be received and filed. Carried. Councillors Leverman and Mosher moved Council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

## EIGHTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Friday, March 5, 1954

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The report of the Resources Committee was read. Councillors Davis and Evans moved that the report be adopted.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked how the proposed grants to the two veterinary assistance boards were established. Councillor Redmond advised that the \$1,300 grant to the Halifax South East Board went to the veterinary. The \$900. grant to the Halifax East Hants Board was supplemented by \$400. from Hants County to make up the \$1,300. for the veterinary. There was a possibility that both counties would in the future equally share the cost, so reducing the Halifax County grant. Councillor Ferguson asked for information on an application for a pound section at Ship Harbor. The clerk said he would make a check on the application. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Leverman asked for information as to the duties of the fence viewer. He was advised that a fence viewer was supposed to settle disputes as to where line fences should be put up. His expenses, if any, are paid by the district like any other district officer. If he finds he must built the fence, the money has to be collected as a private debt. Councillor Myers said copies of the legislation on fence viewers should be provided councillors. He was told copies of the legislation would be made up and distributed.

The report of the Regional Library Committee was read. Councillors Burriss and Snair moved that the report be received and filed.

Councillor Burriss said there was hope that the fee of \$5 charged county residents for membership in the Halifax Memorial Library would be reduced. Councillor Leverman questioned whether a large staff would be needed in a library scheme during the first years. He was told the staff would be built up over a period as the need arose. Councillor Donaldson said the possible grant of \$10,000 from Carnegie Institute, if provided, would mean an initial amount of \$22,000 for books to establish the library service in the first year. Councillor Davis said he would like to see the council make a decision on the matter. The advantages of a library service should be weighed against the cost. Councillor Ferguson said he recognized the value of library service but did not feel the council should embark upon such a program at this time since other pressing matters needed first attention. Councillor Day agreed. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said it would be almost impossible to drop the service once instituted. Councillor Mosher said there was no assurance the cost would not increase from year to year. The motion to receive and file the report was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Snair and Naugle moved that the special library committee that was appointed last year be reappointed this year to carry on negotiations with the City of Halifax with respect to library fees. Carried.

Councillor Snair moved that council adjourn to go into committee work and reconvene at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Carried.

## NINTH DAY — MORNING

Monday, March 8, 1954

Council met at 10 a.m. Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called.

Minutes of the March 5 session were read. Councillors Evans and Turner moved the minutes be adopted. Carried. A letter from P. L. Balcom, of Balcom's Hardware, Armdale, asked Council give a year's notice before banning sale of firecrackers in the county. He said the store had

a \$500 stock of fireworks presently on hand. Warden Dowell said the matter of banning fireworks had been approved and Council agreed the letter should be filed.

A communication from the South Woodside Water and Sewerage Committee asked Council to receive a delegation from the organization re extended services at a date to be decided by Council. Warden Dowell felt the Council should receive the delegation. Councillor Naugle suggested the Public Services Committee should meet the delegation. He felt Council could not give a decided answer. Councillor Redmond said the County by-laws stated that Council shall hear a delegation of ratepayers. Councillors Redmond and Settle moved the matter be referred to the Agenda Committee to arrange a time for the delegation to appear before Council. Carried.

Warden Dowell said the Municipal Solicitor should give a ruling on a letter from Councillors Redmond, Myers Settle, Day, Williams, Snair, Currie and Mosher in which the legality of the Finance Committee reporting on a matter which they contend should have been dealt with by the Revenue Committee. The matter was introduced March 5. Councillor Redmond said the objection was on the grounds that the Finance Committee reported on a matter over which it had no jurisdiction. He was referring to reference in the Finance Committee report re capital school taxes. He felt work of committees should not overlap. Councillor Naugle said he saw no overlapping. As Revenue Committee chairman he had no objection to the Finance Committee report on the matter. Councillor Redmond said the Finance and Revenue Committees have separate responsibilities. The Revenue Committee, according to by-laws, was responsible for reporting on collection of monies, therefore should have dealt with the capital school taxes. He said that since the Finance Committee report was adopted as a whole, and not section by sections, then it was null and void. The Municipal Solicitor explained collection of capital school taxes is not revenue of the Municipality, but rather is school section tax. The Finance Committee has to deal with financial policies. He saw nothing illegal with the adoption of the report or the Finance Committee recommendation. Councillor Redmond said the matter could have far reaching affects on municipal revenue. Even if the matter only affects in a small way the revenue of the county, then the matter should be handled by the Revenue Committee. He said the money would be spent illegally and adoption of the report was illegal. Warden Dowell said the Municipal Solicitor had interpreted the ruling for Council.

The report of the Municipal Collector, Mr. Martin Archibald, was presented. Councillors Naugle and Turner moved the report be received and filed. Councillor Leverman said Mr. Archibald's report revealed the percentage of levy collected amounted to about 80 percent. He asked how this figure compared with other municipalities. Mr. Archibald said it was about the average collected by all municipalities. Councillor Leverman asked whether figures re hospital accounts were those after the collection agency's fees had been deducted. Mr. Archibald said the figures were gross collections. Councillor Davis noted Mr. Archibald's report stressed the need for legislation permitting sale of property for tax debts. He asked what Mr. Archibald would recommend. Mr. Archibald said legislation is needed to enable the County to sell property. He said that was not possible in all cases under present arrangements because it was difficult to get certificates of title from the Registrar of Deeds. He felt the County should have the authority to sell lands on which taxes have accumulated. He said the County can sell only when it succeeds in getting a title. Councillor Davis asked if it is possible for the County to sell under sheriff's sale when there are no existing deeds. Mr. Archibald explained the sheriff's sale has no

connection with the present arrangements. If the owner claims ownership by possession it can't be sold without a deed. Councillor Naugle said the Law Amendments Committee had taken the matter up with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and amendments to the act will be sought at the present session of the Legislature. Councillor Redmond asked if it was true that even though land owners are assessed their land can not be sold without a deed. He asked if the landowner can refuse to record his deed and thus prevent sale for taxes. Mr. Archibald said this was the case. He cited an example in Sheet Harbour where deeds to several properties were destroyed in a fire. The deed had never been recorded with the registry of Deeds and therefore could not be sold for taxes. Councillor Leverman asked how land is sold in Guysboro County. Mr. Archibald explained that this is done in some counties but it is contrary to law. Warden Dowell said the matter had been discussed several times with the Attorney General but the matter was never settled.

Councillor Davis asked that if in the event a deed was burned, but it had been recorded with the Registry of Deeds, could a new deed be made. The Municipal Solicitor explained that if the deed was recorded, a copy could be made. Councillor Mosher said a resident of property who has claimed ownership for 20 years and a day can apply for a deed. Councillor Naugle said the law of possession was for 60 years in the case of Crown lands. The Municipal Solicitor said cities and towns had no difficulty selling lands for taxes. All that was required in these cases was that the street and house number be given. He felt the Legislature would give favorable consideration to the Municipality's request for legislation simplifying the procedure for selling land.

Councillor Davis asked if Mr. Archibald had met with success in lien law work. Mr. Archibald said there were about 150 properties which could be sold in due time under the lien law. In most cases the land could be sold if the act was amended. Councillor Davis asked what impeded the progress of land sales under the lien law. Mr. Archibald explained the delay was in getting a certificate from the registry. Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked how much had been derived under the lien law in 1953. Mr. Archibald said the figures were not shown separately. Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested the lien law be enforced. He said Colchester County was active along this line and properties were sold frequently under the lien law.

Councillor Redmond asked whether the Law Amendments Committee proposed to seek legislation giving the Municipality authority to sell land. Councillor Naugle said the committee had been advised by the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the law could be abused if it got into the wrong hands. The Minister had suggested the Municipal Solicitor and the Committee draw up the proposed amendments and confer with the Minister. The Municipal Solicitor said he doubted if the Legislature would ever approve a proposal to make it compulsory for a landowner to register a deed.

Councillor Davis asked what percentage of good results were found after sale of property had been threatened. Mr. Archibald said the result was generally good. Several times landowners had paid up taxes when sale of land was threatened. Councillor Mosher agreed with Deputy Warden Cruikshank that the lien law should be enforced. But he suggested too that the landowner's financial status should be considered to determine whether he could pay. He did not want to see a family lose their home if they were in dire need. Mr. Archibald said the majority of the land on which taxes were in arrears was woodland. Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked upon whose shoulders does the responsibility of lien law work rest.



mittee. The Municipal Solicitor said the title would have to be found before the Registry of Deeds could receive the case. He felt the matter came under the jurisdiction of the Revenue Committee. Warden Dowell re-read the motion to receive and file the report. Carried. Mr. Archibald said he had had a happy association with the Municipality for the past 21 years. He hoped to continue in the service of the Municipality in a minor capacity.

Councillor Williams referred to a letter read at Friday's session from W. A. Parker, divisional highways engineer, re a telephone conversation between the councillor and a member of the Parker household on the matter of roads in an emergency. Councillor Williams felt the Council should permit him to ask Mr. Hilchie, father of one of the sick children referred to in the dispute, to verify a statement that he had told a member of the Parker household of the emergency. Mr. Parker's letter had denied an emergency was mentioned. Council agreed.

Mr. Hilchie said he was present the day in question when Councillor Williams placed the call to Mr. Parker. He said he heard Councillor Williams refer to the matter as an emergency, and describe the need for medical attention.

The Municipal Solicitor answered questions of several councillors re hearing of application by the Town of Dartmouth to the Public Utilities Board on a revision of water rates.

Council began a study of the annual financial statement. Councillors Leverman and Donaldson moved Council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

## NINTH DAY -- AFTERNOON

Monday, March 8, 1954

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The report of the committee on jury lists was read and adopted on motion of Councillors Brown and Turner.

The interim report of the Finance Committee was read. Councillor Naugle suggested the stipend for the warden should be increased. Warden Dowell said he did not believe an increase was warranted at this time. At a future date, when added facilities enable the warden to increase the scope of his activities, such an increase might be deemed proper.

Councillor Mosher asked what result had been had from a resolution from council asking the Provincial Government to pay bounties on wildcats. He was advised the government felt the county farmers derived the main benefit from the extermination of wildcats and therefore the municipality should pay the bounty. Councillor Mosher said he believed wild animals benefitted from the extermination of the predators and since the province received revenue from the forests, it should pay a bounty. Councillor Ferguson agreed. He said the wildcats destroyed large numbers of young deer and rabbits. Councillor Naugle said predators also attacked poultry flocks. He would like to see the province pay a bounty. Councillor Davis expressed concern that increased bounties would lead to the wholesale slaughter of wild animals resulting in a loss to the whole province. He agreed it was desirable to curb the activities of the predators but would not like to see an extensive effort to wipe out the animals. Councillor Day said the bounty would aid trappers. He felt the province should pay a bounty on foxes and racoons as well as wildcats.

Councillors Mosher and Snair moved that a resolution be forwarded to the Department of Lands and Forests requesting that the department match the bounty paid by the county on wild cats.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved an amendment that the Department of Lands and Forests be asked to match the bounties presently paid by the municipality as follows: Loupcerviers, skunk, fox and wolf, \$2.00; racoon, \$1.00 and wildcats, \$4.00.

The amendment was voted upon and defeated. The original motion was carried.

Councillor Snair asked why there had been an increase in the allowance for legal expenses. He was advised it was to cover costs of hearings carried out during the past and present year. Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked for information on the amounts set out for the schools for the blind and for the deaf and was advised the county paid a share of the tuition for certain pupils. Councillor Donaldson asked for information respecting the amount listed for child welfare and was told it covered expenses arising out of the provision for neglected children.

Councillor Leverman said he hoped to have a report for council from the collection agency respecting hospital accounts. The agency now engaged used a different approach to debtors but he believed the end result would be favorable. Councillor Naugle suggested an official of the Victoria General Hospital be invited to discuss with Council some of the problems of hospital bill collections. Councillor Redmond cited a case where payment of a bill at the Infectious Disease Hospital had been refused. It was later paid after the account had been passed over to the municipality.

Councillors Naugle and Leverman moved that the same persons be appointed to the Board of Appeal for the ensuing year as were appointed last year, namely: Roy Hutchinson, Upper Musquodoboit; James P. MacDonald, Fairview and James Scriven, West Quoddy. Carried.

Councillors Brown and Mosher moved that Adelbert Fredericks, North Woodside, Andrew Thompson, Glen Margaret and Everett Barrett, Sackville, be appointed as members of the Municipal Board for the ensuing year. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Archibald moved that the County Planning Board be appointed by the chair. Carried. The warden announced he would name the board on the following day.

Councillors Donaldson and Settle moved that the representative for the Halifax-East Hants Veterinary Board be George S. Dickey, Middle Musquodoboit, and for the remainder of the county, Thomas Bollong, Pope's Harbor, and Donald Turner, Westphal. Carried.

Councillors Burris and Turner moved that Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle be appointed as members of the Court House Commission. Carried.

Councillor Naugle and Isenor moved that Warden Dowell and Councillor Allen and the municipal clerk be re-appointed as members of the committee on printing and reporting. Carried.

Councillors Mosher and Day moved that Councillors Leverman, Allen and Naugle be re-appointed members of the industrial committee. Carried. Councillor Leverman advised council the committee had been active through the board of trade in an effort to encourage European firms to establish in the county.

Councillor Naugle suggested the metropolitan commission committee be discontinued this year. Council agreed.

Councillors Leverman and Burris moved that five councillors, one of whom shall be the warden, and the warden, and the clerk and solicitor be sent to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities convention at New Glasgow this year and that \$50.00 be allowed each delegate for expenses and further that the warden name the councillors who will attend as voting delegates.

Councillor Redmond said the council should carefully consider what benefits would derive from such an expenditure before it was approved. He

recounted that the union had asked a change in law to allow a councillor to engage in business with the municipality. He viewed this proposal with alarm since it would open the way for dangerous practices. He did not believe the county derived much benefit from its association with the union. The clerk advised that the proposal come from smaller towns where the only business which could provide a needed service or commodity was owned by a member of council and therefore was excluded from an opportunity to tender. It was explained that any councillor wishing to do business with the municipality state his connection with the business and that he be obliged to tender in the regular way. The motion was voted upon and carried. Warden Dowell announced he would make the appointments on the following day.

Councillor Redmond said he did not feel the county board of health had done a good job last year in view of the report by Dr. Watt. Councillor Leverman said he was a member of the board and he never heard of a request for a meeting with Dr. Watt. Councillor Redmond said he believed it was the duty of the committee chairman to call a meeting. The clerk said he had understood that Dr. Watt wanted to meet with chairmen of the local boards of health rather than the county board.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that Councillors Allen, Archibald, Leverman, Ferguson and Day be re-appointed as members of the County Board of Health. Carried.

Councillor Leverman suggested that the committee to go into the matter of dividing Districts 12 and 14 be dropped this year since the committee was not active and the situation had changed. Councillor Settle agreed.

Councillor Donaldson moved that council adjourn until 10.00 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

## TENTH DAY — MORNING

Tuesday, March 9, 1954

Council met at 10 a.m. Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called.

Minutes of the previous day were read. Councillors Evans and Snair moved the minutes be adopted. Carried. Council was advised a delegation from South Woodside would meet Council at 10.30 a.m. Wednesday re water and sewer services.

The clerk read and explained proposed amendments to Halifax County legislation to be placed before the Legislature. In regard to proposals to license peddlars except those peddling produce of their own farm or products of the sea caught by the peddler, Councillor Leverman asked how Farmer's Milk Co. would be classified. The clerk said it would have to be licensed. Councillor Davis said if milk trucks were compelled to have a license it may mean an increase in price of milk to consumers. He said milk was too important a commodity to come under this classification. Councillor Myers said other foods are equally as important. To delete one would mean delete all. He suggested all resident peddlars be exempt. Councillor Snair asked if bread and other trucks should be exempt. He said these foods are as important as milk.

Councillor Naugle said the exemption should be applied to meat and grocery men as well as milk men. Councillor Myers saw no difference between a milk peddler and a meat peddler. The clerk said the recommendation had been approved by Council in adoption of the Trade Committee report. All that was being done now was to consider the draft of legislation. Councillor Leverman asked for the wording of the Trade Committee recommendations.

That section of the report was read. In effect it stated that present legislation allows exemption in the case where peddlars sell products of the forest, farm and sea. The tendency now was for many people to buy these products from wholesalers and sell their produce in the county. These peddlars were also exempt. The Trade Committee suggested legislation permitting the County to compel these people to have a licence.

Councillor Day said a peddler handing items which he had purchased should require a licence. Councillor Donaldson agreed. Councillor Ferguson said milk men conduct a big business. To exclude them and tax a butcher who peddles meat which he can't raise presents a hardship on the peddler and the people of the community which he serves. Councillor Snair said if the meat man is rendering a service so is the travelling grocery man. Councillor Naugle felt the milk dealer should require a licence. He suggested the milk business is profitable, and is not being operated at a loss. He said everyone should pay or the plan should be dropped altogether.

Councillor Redmond said the County is powerless to protect its own peddlars against peddlars from other districts and counties. Councillor Donaldson said the butcher was protected under the proposed legislation. He could buy beef on the hoof and butcher it on his own land thereby be exempt. Councillor Archibald favored exemption for a peddler in a community if he serves the community by supplying foodstuffs.

Councillor Day said some peddlars, selling products of the farm, also handle fruit and other products foreign to their own farm. They were not paying for a licence. He suggested they be taxed the same as the grocery man. Deputy Warden Cruikshank reminded the report of the Trade Committee had been adopted. Council was considering ways and means of getting more revenue and at the same time trying to make more people exempt. He said the licence fee should not be imposed on one man and not another. Councillor Naugle suggested Council should try and include milk men in the list to come under the license.

Councillor Redmond said as a member of the committee he felt the recommendation would go along way to protect Halifax County farmers in competition with farmers from other counties coming in and selling their produce on grounds of the local man. He felt the licence would help protect Halifax County men. The clerk suggested the wording be changed to exempt Halifax County residents selling their own produce in these categories. Council agreed.

Council agreed to recommendations in regard to drains and sewer services.

The clerk advised that the solicitor recommended that sale or use of air rifles and sling shots be included in legislation banning sale and use of firecrackers. Councillor Myers agreed that firecrackers should be banned, but he suggested children in an older age group be permitted to have air rifles. He felt this would train children in safe handling of a weapon. Councillor Davis asked if there had been reports of damage to property from air rifles. He was advised there had been numerous complaints.

Council agreed on legislation which would permit municipal assessment exemption for fire halls and fire equipment of the Bedford Service Commission, the Woodside Fire Commissioners and the Sheet Harbor Board of Trade. Councillor Leverman asked whether the exemption also applied to street lighting charges. He was advised that it did except for Sheet Harbour.

Councillors Leverman and Donaldson moved that the draft of proposed legislation that had been presented by the Law Amendments Committee and dealing with amendments suggested by the Council, be approved. Carried.

The report of the Building Inspectors was presented and Council agreed to go through the reports later before adopting them.

Councillors Leverman and Naugle moved that Council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

## TENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 9, 1954

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillor Leverman said the newspaper account of the financial statement might give taxpayers a wrong impression as to the amount spent for government expenses. The figure listed under this general heading in the statement included large amounts for such things as reserve for uncollectable taxes and for planning board expenses, etc.

Council turned attention to the proposed new legislation for the county. Councillor Redmond asked if a tax lien is to be effective for six years only. He was advised that this was the intention of the act. As a matter of practice efforts were made to collect taxes for the total period due but the legislation would cover only a six-year period. Councillor Naugle asked if there was any set practice as to the number of years taxes must be due before action was taken. He was advised the law required a three-year period to pass before the lien law became operative. Prior to that time attempts were made to collect taxes under warrant. Councillor Evans said it was possible to sell personal property before the three years had passed.

Councillor Leverman asked that copies of the proposed legislation be prepared for distribution to councillors. The solicitor advised that under the legislation the title to land sold could not be given over to the purchaser until one year after sale. Councillor Donaldson said he did not believe sufficient protection was given the purchaser for the one-year period. In answer to Councillor Redmond, the solicitor advised the municipality was protected as to the taxes for the one-year period.

Councillors Mosher and Burris moved that the wording of the act relating to the County of Halifax be approved. Carried.

The warden announced the members of the County Planning Board as follows: Councillors Settle, Allen, Leverman, Davis and R. F. Tolson, Bedford and Erland Croft, Spryfield.

He named the delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities convention as follows: Warden Dowell, Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Naugle, Leverman and Evans. He announced the alternate delegates would be named later.

Warden Dowell advised council there would be provision made to have the crests of the province, City of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth and the county inscribed on the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge. Since the county did not have a crest, Mr. Forbes Thrasher of Halifax, had been consulted and a crest had been prepared. The crest would include symbols representing the farming, fishing and lumbering industries of the county.

Councillors Leverman and Donaldson moved that the suggested coat of arms for the Municipality of the County of Halifax as approved by the Lord Lyon King of Arms be approved by this council as the official coat of arms of the Municipality and that the scroll on the said coat and crest read "Ecum Secum to Hubbards" and that the treasurer be empowered to pay the necessary costs in this connection. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Redmond moved that Mr. Forbes Thrasher be sent a letter of appreciation for the interest he has shown and the work he has done in connection with the designing and making arrangements with the Lord Lyon King of Arms for an official coat of arms for the Municipality of the County of Halifax. Carried.

The report of the County Board of Health was read and adopted on motion of Councillors Leverman and Davis.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. Wednesday morning. Carried.

### ELEVENTH DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, March 10, 1954

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

Municipal Affairs Minister R. M. Fielding addressed Council briefly paying tribute to work of the council and extending an invitation to councillors to be guests of the Halifax County members of the Legislature at a dinner in the evening.

A delegation from South Woodside appeared before Council and asked Council support of a proposal to extend water and sewer services to the community. Roy Flawn, acting as spokesman for the group, presented a brief, and suggested the South Woodside water and sewer committee work with Council's Public Services Committee. The committee wanted assistance in getting water lines laid across the grounds of the Nova Scotia Hospital, a distance of 2,170 feet, connecting with the service provided North Woodside. The extended line would thereby provide South Woodside with a water main from which to draw water. Councillor Davis asked how many people in the area were definitely interested in having the service extended. Mr. Flawn said there were 2,000 people represented by 360 families.

Councillor Leverman, speaking on behalf of the Public Services Committee, said it was hoped last year to improve the situation in South Woodside. Lack of engineering forces retarded the work. With additional engineering staff authorized this year by Council he hoped the matter could be dealt with this summer. Councillor Myers said the engineering surveys were on paper now. Two years ago Continental Construction Company's tender for the extension had been accepted but the contract was never let.

Replying to a question from Warden Dowell as to whether the South Woodside committee had asked assistance of the Provincial Government, Mr. Flawn said a meeting had been held with the Minister of Health, and the minister had expressed the opinion the matter was one to be dealt with by the province and the municipality. Mr. Flawn said the holdup was in getting government approval to proposals to lay the water main across the Nova Scotia Hospital property. The Municipal Engineer had estimated it would cost \$31,580 to lay 16 inch pipe, replace and repair streets and grounds in laying the line. In answer to question from Councillor Leverman, Mr. Flawn said this figure was for water mains only and did not include sewerage. The sewer line could be started on the south side of the hospital grounds. He asked that South Woodside ratepayers be provided with water service at the same rate as applicable for North Woodside.

Councillor Myers asked if the committee had conferred with Atlantic Acadia Sugar Refineries or Irving Oil Limited. Mr. Flawn said the refinery had not been contacted directly but he was confident the refinery would need improved water facilities. Irving Oil officials had advised the committee that no consideration had been given as to where they would get

their water. He said what was needed was a county system, and not part of this paid for entirely by the ratepayers of a particular community. Councillor Naugle said it was not impossible to have something done on the matter. He felt that with big industrial consumers in on the scheme the service could be provided. Domestic consumption alone would hardly pay the way. He suggested Council give study to the matter. Councillor Myers said that another industrial consumer would be the Imperial Oil Limited, which plans a major expansion. Councillor Currie asked the views of more councillors on the situation. Councillor Davis saw the case as a glaring illustration of the necessity for such services in the fringe areas of the county. He hoped that when such matters come before council that they be given careful consideration. Councillor Settle said the water services to South Woodside would have been provided previously but the project was turned down because of lack of signatures. Lack of engineering facilities curtailed such projects last year. He suggested the matter be given top priority this year.

Warden Dowell said council couldn't promise anything definite immediately except that it would try to bring about the services required. Councillor Mosher felt the Public Services Committee should meet with government representatives. He felt the government should pay the cost of providing the extension of water mains on grounds of the Nova Scotia Hospital.

Mr. Flawn said that if council generally favored extension of the service the South Woodside Committee could work on the matter of getting signatures. He wished to correct Councillor Settle's statement that the project two years ago was blocked for lack of signatures. He said it was turned down because of the prohibitive expense that would have to be met by the ratepayers. With industrial expansion in the area the picture was brighter. Councillor Myers said that two years ago 60 percent of the ratepayers signified their approval of the project. The handicap was in getting lines through the hospital land. He suggested the area should be served even on a 50-50 basis of expenditure between the country and the province. Councillor Naugle said the Public Services Committee should meet the local members for Halifax County and get an understanding on how far the government was willing to go in the expense of laying lines through the hospital area.

Councillor Myers said Council should authorize the Public Services Committee to seek out the best way to provide water for South Woodside. Warden Dowell added that the committee could work on the matter and call a special meeting of the Council to deal with expenditures. Councillor Leverman was advised in answer to questions that the South Woodside Committee had met with government representatives and had been assured the matter would be presented before the Cabinet. He asked whether the South Woodside Committee would recommend the Public Services Committee take over the matter in dealings with the government. Mr. Flawn felt the Public Service Committee would be of great help. He suggested the Public Services Committee take over the matter if an answer is not received from the government before the end of the session.

Councillor Myers and Burris moved that the Public Services Committee be requested to follow up the matter of installation of services in South Woodside immediately. Carried.

The minutes of the previous day were read. Councillors Naugle and Burris moved the minutes be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Archibald and Day moved that the clerk be instructed to send a letter to the Armdale Kiwanis Club thanking them for the splendid dinner served the council on the previous evening, and for the courteous manner in which Council was received. Carried.



Report of the Welfare Committee was read. Councillors Ferguson and Myers moved the adoption of the report.

Councillor Davis said no mention was in the report concerning establishment of a canteen at the County Home. He felt the committee should be commended for setting up the canteen.

Councillor Naugle noted that the report recommended hiring a farm manager for the County Home. He said accommodations were not available for another man, and questioned whether it was fair to hire another man over Mr. Bissett who had handled the job last year. He felt Council should give careful consideration to the matter. Councillor Ferguson, as chairman of the Welfare Committee, lauded work of committee members and explained the difficulties encountered on the farm last year. One man, Mr. Darrach, resigned when committee members expressed alarm over the Department of Agriculture for assistance in improving the farm. He felt hiring of a farm manager was a good step. He felt that the burden of managing the farm should be lifted from the shoulders of the County Hospital superintendent. Councillor Naugle said the committee had hired Mr. Bissett last year after the resignation of Mr. Darrach. He questioned whether it was fair to appoint a farm manager over Mr. Bissett without first giving him an opportunity to attempt the job.

Councillor Leverman stressed that a farm manager should have a thorough knowledge of agriculture. He had been advised that Mr. Bissett was not capable to handle the job. Councillor Redmond said he was pleased the committee had seen fit to relieve Mr. Smith of some of his duties. To operate the home and the farm was too much for any man. He saw the appointment of a farm manager as a good step. He said the present farmer was not capable of holding the position of farm manager. Councillor Myers reminded the committee had made no recommendation as to who would have the position. The farm manager would have to be experienced in office work too to keep inventories and other records. If Mr. Bissett was a capable man then he should be given an opportunity.

Councillor Evans said he was generally in favor of hiring a farm manager but was against suggestion that the administration of the farm and the hospital should be operated separately. He felt the superintendent should continue to oversee management of the farm. He said the superintendent and farmer worked together very well in former years. To divorce the two branches would be unwise.

Councillor Davis suggested divorce of the farm management and the management of the home appeared to be good policy. He said the farm now had 118 acres under cultivation, and was too much for the superintendent to supervise along with his other duties. He suggested separate committees be named for the County Home and for the farm. Councillor Myers, replying to a statement by Councillor Evans, admitted the superintendent and farmer had done a good job in former years, but he said the size of the farm was much smaller than it is today. The superintendent was satisfied to have a farm manager look after that end of the operation. Councillor Redmond said he was not in favor of appointing two committees. He felt it would lead to confusion and friction. The contact between the farm manager and the superintendent should be one committee.

Councillor Leverman suggested that discussion on the matter be continued after lunch. He moved that Council adjourn until 2 p.m. This was seconded by Councillor Mosher. Carried.



## ELEVENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 10, 1954

Council met at 2 o'clock Roll called.

Council returned to discussion on the Welfare Committee's report. Councillor Snair asked for information as to the land rented for the hospital at Lawrencetown. He was advised vegetables were raised on the land. All cleared land at the hospital was being used but it could not fill hospital needs. Councillor Snair said he favored the proposed farm manager system. Councillor Redmond said there were several acres of cleared land on the hospital farm not in use. He asked the length of the lease on the rented land and was advised it extended for five years. He suggested further work on the rented land be halted and that the effort be concentrated on the hospital farm. He questioned the figures shown for farm crops and said he also favored the farm manager system. He urged that efforts be made to improve the appearance of the hospital property. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said he also favored the farm manager system. He would like to see a survey made of the farm. He doubted the farm could be made productive enough to meet hospital needs.

Councillor Settle said he believed the hospital and farm operations should be separated. He favored the farm manager plan. Councillor Archibald said there was need for a man who understood farming. He was disappointed with the quality of stock on the farm. Councillor Evans said operation of any farm presented a specialized problem. It would require a man who understood the hospital farm to get best production from it. He believed the farm manager should remain responsible to the superintendent. Councillor Mosher said the superintendent could not be expected to manage both farm and hospital and do a good job. Councillor Evans said the farm production was high in previous years when the superintendent was in charge. Councillor Day said he supported the manager plan.

Councillor Leverman said the committee had made a careful study of the problem before making recommendations. Councillor Burris said there was an obvious need to boost farm production to keep pace with the hospital development. The Department of Agriculture representatives had inspected the farm and had credited the poor production to mismanagement. He believed it would be wise to secure the services of the best man available. Councillor Evans said the Welfare Committee should have kept a more careful check on the farm operation. Councillor Brown said he hoped there would be no problem of co-operation between the farm manager and the superintendent.

Councillor Redmond said he did not intend to be critical of the committee but placed the blame on the policy as laid down by the council in placing the superintendent in charge of both operations. The farm manager system should be given a fair trial. Councillor Leverman said the committee had been advised that it would take five years to bring the farm up to acceptable standards. Councillor Naugle said the hiring of a farm manager might prove expensive if he had to be provided a house on the farm. Councillor Myers said he did not see the need for the farm manager to live right on the farm.

Councillor Archibald said the committee would face a big problem in securing the right manager. Councillor Donaldson urged that council give careful study to the Visiting Committee's report.

The motion to adopt the report of the Welfare Committee was voted upon and carried.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 7 of the by-laws, section 13, was read and approved on motion of Councillors Evans and Archibald.

Councillors Naugle and Mosher moved that the list of donations to the Halifax County Hospital appended to the Welfare Committee's report be filed. Carried.

Councillor Redmond drew attention to the report of the Visiting Committee respecting food at the hospital. Councillor Leverman said he was advised the food met with all standards set down for such institutions.

Councillors Leverman and Williams moved that the report of the Visiting Committee dated November 20, 1953, be received and filed. Carried.

The report of the county hospital medical officer was read and was received and filed on motion of Councillors Leverman and Ferguson.

Councillors Donaldson and Turner moved that the annual report of the Visiting Committee of the Halifax County Hospital be passed to the Welfare Committee. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Ferguson moved that Dr. Malcolm be re-appointed as medical health officer at the county hospital for the year 1954 at the same salary. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Mosher moved that the same Visiting Committee be appointed as last year with the exception of the chairman, who has indicated his desire to retire, namely: Rev. P. C. Jefferson, Mrs. A. C. Pettipas, Mrs. C. A. MacNearney, Mrs. J. T. Cruikshank and Mrs. Harry Merrick. Carried.

The report of the Welfare Committee on district funds was read. Councillor Leverman asked why certain districts divided their total district revenue between funds for poor and other district purposes. Councillor Naugle said regulations made it impossible to transfer money from poor to district accounts and so a division was made to get around this problem. Councillor Myers said some money could be allocated to poor fund direct to avoid necessity of making frequent transfers to this account from the regular district funds.

Councillors Ferguson and Naugle moved that the report of the Welfare Committee re poor and district rates be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Mosher questioned the propriety of one doctor being permitted to sign the release of a patient from the county hospital while it took two doctors to certify the patient as insane. He was advised the matter was covered by provincial legislation. Councillor Snair said he did not believe a councillor was obliged to arrange for re-admission of a sane patient to the hospital after the patient had left the institution after an earlier admission. Councillor Redmond said it was not necessary to have an insane patient certified by a doctor but the patient could be released if relatives were willing to take responsibility for the patient.

Councillor Leverman moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. Thursday. Carried.

## TWELFTH DAY — MORNING

Thursday, March 11, 1954

Council met at 10 o'clock. Deputy Warden Cruikshank announced that the warden was confined to bed through illness.

The minutes of the previous day's morning session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Turner and Evans.

Mr. Chisholm, principal of the Halifax County Vocational High School, was introduced to council and he explained proposed changes in regulations governing the school.

Councillor Redmond asked what could reasonably be expected from a three-year commercial course graduate. Mr. Chisholm said such a student could, with little additional training, do a good job as a stenographer.

There was no attempt made to give extensive training in use of business machines. Councillor Snair asked what academic requirements were set for a pupil wishing to enroll at the school. He was advised the school preferred grade 9 students but would take a student with grade 8 if it was felt that pupil was capable of benefitting from the training. Mr. Chisholm advised Councillor Evans pupils themselves made application for admission to the school. Tests were carried out to determine the aptitude of the applicants before selection was made. It was usually possible to offer some trade to a boy but there was usually twice as many girls seeking commercial training than could be handled.

Councillors Snair and Currie moved that the amendments to the regulations governing the vocation high school as contained in Orders-in-Council dated April 24 and November 17, 1953, be consented to and approved by the council and that the warden and clerk be authorized to sign any documents on behalf of the municipality in regard to the approval. Carried.

Councillors Snair and Williams moved that council visit the vocational high school on this night. Carried.

The interim report of the Law Amendments Committee was read. Councillor Mosher said there should be a ban on peddling of products of the farm, forest and sea produced outside the county. The solicitor said he doubted the legislature would approve such a ban. Councillor Leverman asked if any consideration had been given to a need for regulations on television aeriels. The solicitor said there had been no consideration of this matter. Councillor Snair said he did not believe restrictions would prove too applicable to rural areas.

Councillor Leverman said he did not favor a proposed amendment to the by-laws requiring a commercial building to be built eight feet from the property line, except where it was to abut another commercial building. This proposal did not seem consistent. Councillor Davis agreed such a restriction would handicap development of commercial property. Councillor Snair said the proposed restriction was aimed at protecting householders where commercial buildings were put up next to private homes. Councillor Leverman said this problem arose through lack of zoning.

Councillors Leverman and Williams moved that council adjourn until 2.00 p.m. Carried.

## TWELFTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 11, 1954

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The council continued discussion on the interim report of the Law Amendments Committee. Councillor Snair suggested a change be made in the time set for a visit to the Halifax County Vocational High School. Councillor Leverman said he believed the council could wind up its annual meeting on Saturday. The council agreed it would hold a session on that day if it could complete the meeting.

It was suggested that the proposed by-law dealing with overnight cabins and motels be referred to the Planning Board for study. Councillor Leverman said he would like to see a decision made since some property owners in the county were now contemplating such a development. Councillor Snair said a property owner in his district was considering a plan for such a project. Councillor Leverman suggested the requirement of 2,000 square feet per cabin be reduced with a provisosal that the land owner be required to set aside enough land to provide for proper sewage disposal.

The solicitor advised council it had the power to increase fees for coroner's and coroner's juries. Councillor Snair suggested the coroner's fee be set at \$10 with a \$3 fee for jury members. Councillor Redmond suggested

the jury members also be paid mileage. Councillor Myers pointed out a member of a jury might be required to attend several sittings, and thus loosing several days work, and at the same time have to travel some distance to do his duty. He felt adequate compensation should be allowed.

Councillors Snair and Donaldson moved that the amount to be paid a coroner for each inquest be \$10 and that a coroner's jury man be paid \$3 per day. Carried.

The matter of assessment and control of trailers was discussed. Councillor Donaldson said the Law Amendments Committee could not reach a concrete proposal on the matter and was hoping for guidance from council. Councillor Myers said he opposed efforts to restrict use of trailers. Councillor Redmond said there was no intention to penalize owners of trailers who used them as a means of travel but that there was a need to control those people who converted their trailers into permanent, fixed dwellings. Councillor Turner suggested the matter be left for further study by the Law Amendments Committee.

Councillor Davis suggested a system of permits be instituted whereby the owner of a trailer would have to get a permit to park a trailer for a short period of time. The solicitor said he did not believe the council had power to impose such a restriction. Trailers were governed by the motor vehicle legislation. Councillor Davis said the permit could give permission to park a trailer on a piece of property. Councillor Myers said a trailer owner would need only the permission of the property owner. Trailers were now assessed as personal property, he advised.

Councillors Turner and Donaldson moved that council defer action on the trailer question until the next session of the council. Carried.

Councillors Myers and Naugle moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

### THIRTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Friday, March 12, 1954

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

Minutes of the eleventh day afternoon session were read. Councillors Evans and Eisner moved the minutes be adopted. Carried.

D. H. Montgomery, chairman of the Municipal School Board, read the annual report of the board. Councillors Ferguson and Archibald moved the report be adopted.

Councillor Snair asked if the school at Hubbards had been built at a cost of \$5,000. He was advised the report showed costs of the school at \$5,000, because that figure represented the cost of furnishings. The cost of the building had been donated by a family in the area. Councillor Mosher was against the County paying increased salaries to teachers as recommended in the report. Taxpayers shouldn't be asked to bear the cost when many schools were closed now for lack of teachers. He felt the governments should bear most of the costs of education. Mr. Montgomery said he believed federal aid was the answer. But Quebec, Alberta and Ontario were blocking government action to provide aid. Federal aid to education was a long way off, he said. He said schools were closed for lack of teachers and 50 percent of the teachers of the county are married and teaching under a handicap because they could ill afford the time to schools and run a household as well. The provincial government feels it is paying enough to the cost of education. With government aid not forthcoming in greater quantities, the municipality must bear the cost. That is the government view, he said. He cautioned the educational system in the county will be in desperate condition unless salaries of teachers are increased to make

the profession more attractive. Councillor Mosher said permissive teachers earn about \$800 and can not afford to go to college to further their qualifications. He suggested a system be studied which would make improved education and qualifications of teachers possible. Councillor Redmond said free training at the Normal College was the answer. A bonus granted two years ago had not helped improve conditions. He said he could not see how a further increase in pay would alleviate the school troubles. Councillor Eisner asked if a correspondence supervisor had the authority to discipline pupils for damage to school property. He was advised that a correspondence supervisor has the same authority as a principal.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked figures on cost to the Municipality if the report of the School Board was approved. He was advised it would cost about \$75,000 to pay the increases in salaries. Councillor Williams read a letter from trustees of Brookside School Section protesting offering of bonuses by larger schools. This practice made it more difficult for small schools to obtain services of teachers because they could not meet the financial offers of the larger schools. Councillor Williams said he could not support the recommendations for increased pay.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank was advised by Councillor Leverman in answer to a question, that the Pottier Commission on Education is expected to submit findings this summer. Councillor Naugle said the problem for councillors, if the report was adopted, was to go back to the ratepayers and advise that \$75,000 would be spent on teacher's pay. Many of the ratepayers were people whose children could not get a good education because of lack of teachers. He said the salary increases and bonuses would not reopen closed schools, nor would they assist small communities already struggling to meet demands for teachers' salaries. He suggested Council defer action until the Pottier report was completed.

Mr. Montgomery admitted the boost in salary was not a 100 percent cure for the situation, and it won't guarantee adequate staff for schools. He said however, it was the feeling of the majority of members of the Municipal School Board that the increases would help keep present teachers on the job and attract more to the profession. Councillor Evans felt the ratepayers were being taxed to capacity. Council voted bonuses two years ago but the problem had not been solved. He saw no benefit in granting further increases at this time. He asked the allocation of the County's grant of \$600 toward aid for some rural schools. Councillor Burris said the County had only 11 student teachers at the Normal College. He asked the reason for the small representation. Salary increases will have to be raised sometime but he said the increases would not improve the situation immediately. Mr. Montgomery said he saw a noticeable improvement in the teacher situation following Council's approval of the original bonus. He said demand for teachers was growing and if the recommendations were not approved the picture would be bleak.

Councillor Naugle said the Municipality is not far behind the Province in meeting education costs. He felt the County was being imposed upon by being asked to meet the increases over and over again. Councillor Ferguson felt the bonus system would help the situation. It would make the profession more attractive and help bring back to the schools many of the teachers who had resigned to take jobs in stores and industries for higher salaries. In addition children would have a better outlook, and would consider teaching as a profession for themselves if the salaries were attractive. He said Council votes funds for public services, and he said these services were no more important than education. He agreed the Province should contribute more to the cost of education, but he said it would be unwise for the County to wait until the Pottier report was brought in before acting on the issue. He said if teachers were not given higher pay the County would be without their services.



Councillor Myers felt the government should help more in meeting costs of education. He suggested a plebiscite to determine whether salary increases should be paid by the County. He was against approval of the board recommendations. Councillors Davis said a revision of the salary setup was necessary. He felt however, that Council should hold the matter in abeyance until report of the Pottier Commission was received. Councillor Leverman agreed. Figures revealed 61 percent of taxpayers interviewed in a recent survey felt further costs of education should not come from the local level. The problem was one for government. Majority of municipal councils in the province had already deferred applications for higher teachers' salaries until findings of the Pottier Commission were made public. He cited two examples of public attitude toward education costs in his own district. In Armdale plans for a \$260,000 school were shelved because ratepayers felt they could not afford the price. But they had approved expenditure of \$27,000 for bonuses for their teachers. In Spryfield where a new \$110,000 school is in the process of being erected, a ratepayers meeting had voted a \$200 increase to the teachers. But other people in the community, who formed the majority, circulated a petition, requested another meeting, and voted against the bonus. The ratepayers' view was that education costs are high enough. He said he could not support recommendations of the School Board.

Councillor Naugle suggested the paragraphs in the report dealing with increased salaries be referred to the Finance Committee. Councillor Leverman advised the Finance Committee had no jurisdiction over School Board expenditures. That was a matter for full Council.

Councillors Naugle and Myers moved an amendment to the resolution to adopt the report to read that the report of the Municipal School Board be adopted with the exception of the last paragraphs on page four and paragraphs A. B. C and D, on page 5 which dealt with an increase for teachers.

Councillor Snair said the St. Margaret's Bay area had been promised a rural high school sometime ago. The plan now was to transport pupils from that district 30 miles to Armdale to the proposed school there. He questioned wisdom of the plan. Mr. Montgomery said the government had agreed to build a school in the St. Margaret's Bay area but securing of a site was the problem. In the meantime pupils from the area could be served at the proposed Armdale school. He reminded that pupils attending the Musquodoboit Rural High School travelled long distances by bus to school. The matter of a rural high school for the St. Margaret's Bay area had not been forgotten, he said. Councillor Mosher also questioned whether it was sound policy to transport children for such long distances to school.

Councillor Donaldson said it was unfair for Council to reject bonus extensions and salary increases to some teachers and pay the bonus to teachers at the Rural High School. Councillor Naugle said the rural high school teachers had not received the original bonus. The recommendation of the School Board would bring the bonus to the 16 teachers at the rural high school. Mr. Silver of the Department of Education, explained the county's share of providing the bonus to the teachers at the Rural High School would be \$600. The other 75 percent, or \$1800., would be paid by the Province.

Councillor Redmond said the teachers at the rural high were already getting more pay than other teachers.

Councillors Donaldson and Redmond moved an amendment to the amendment that the section dealing with a \$150 bonus to rural high school teachers be deleted as well as the recommendations with respect to the general increase for teachers. Councillors Naugle and Leverman said the amendment to the amendment did not offer councillors a chance to give their opinions on both issues separately.

The amendment to the amendment carried 14-6.

Councillors Naugle and Archibald moved notice of motion of reconsideration of the matter.

Councillors Myers and Williams moved Council adjourn until 2 p.m.

**THIRTEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON**

Friday, March 12, 1954

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Naugle and Archibald withdrew their notice for reconsideration of the question re adopting the amendment to the amendment to the motion.

Councillors Davis and Redmond moved that the report of the Municipal School Board, as amended, be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Davis and Redmond moved that the matter of increases in teachers' salaries be referred back to the Municipal School Board for consideration after the Royal Commission on Educational Finance has tabled its report. Carried.

Council decided to hold a meeting Saturday in order to clear up the year's business.

The minutes of the twelfth day's sessions were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Brown and Turner.

Councillors Leverman and Ferguson moved the following resolution:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that this Municipal Council approve the recommendation of the Municipal School Board for a consolidation for Rural High School Purposes in the Armdale Area to include Rockingham School Section and all other remaining Sections in Halifax County West along the Bay Road, south of the St. Margaret's Bay Road, to the seacoast, being made up of the following sections:—

School Section	School Section
1 Hubbards	18A Five Island Lake
2 Black Point	92 Lakeside
3 Ingram River	19 Beechville
4 St. Margaret's	20 Greenhead
5 East River (Tantallon)	21 Goodwood
6 Head Harbour	22 Brookside
7 Victoria	23 Terence Bay
8 Albert (Seabright)	24 Pennant
9 Glen Margaret	25 Sambro
10 Hackett's Cove	26 Harrietsfield
11 Indian Harbour	27 Spryfield
12 Peggy's Cove	28 Ketch Harbour
13 West Dover	29 Portuguese Cove
14 East Dover	30 Herring Cove
15 Bayside	31 Falkland Village
16 Shad Bay	32 Cunard
17 Prospect	33 Armdale
18 St. Andrew's	34 Rockingham

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council declare itself to be ready and willing to Tax the above described area for their share of the Operational Costs of a Rural High School to be established in the area when such School is established and in operation. Carried.

Councillors Snair, Myers, Williams and Mosher asked to be recorded as voting against the resolution. Councillor Naugle asked if other areas

could be included in a rural high school section at a later date and was advised this could be done by the Municipal School Board. Councillor Mosher said the original plan was to put a rural high school at the St. Margaret's Bay area and not in the presently proposed site. There should have been a plebiscite on the matter. Councillor Snair said the people in the St. Margaret's Bay area were not consulted on the location of the school. There would be no hope for establishment of a school in that area, as originally promised, if the present plan was approved. He said he did not oppose the resolution because he opposed the construction of a rural high school but rather that he objected to the chosen site. Councillor Ferguson said he was advised no site was available at the time of the original proposal in the St. Margaret's Bay area at a reasonable price. Councillor Snair said he favored the construction of two small schools, one in each area, to avoid the necessity of long travel for pupils.

Councillors Donaldson and Burris moved that the balance sheets and expenditure statements of the Municipal School Board and the Musquodoboit Rural High School together with the auditors report be adopted. Carried.

Warden Dowell invited nominations for the Municipal School Board vacancy.

Councillors Davis and Redmond nominated Councillor Settle. Councillors Naugle and Myers nominated Councillor Burris. Councillor Redmond told council he could not accept a nomination offered. Councillors Donaldson and Evans moved that nominations cease. Carried. The Warden named Councillors Archibald and Evans as scrutineers.

The first ballot was taken and the warden announced the results as ten votes for Councillor Burris and ten votes for Councillor Settle. The warden ordered a second ballot and announced the results as ten votes for each nominee. He declared no election and directed that an election be held on the following day.

Councillors Turner and Brown gave notice of motion respecting a borrowing re highway tax. Councillors Evans and Isenor gave notice of motion re a bank overdraft. Councillors Leverman and Naugle gave notice of motion re the sale of debentures for sewer and water services.

Councillors Leverman and Settle moved the following resolution:

**EXTENSION WATER AND SEWER MAINS AND OTHER  
PUBLIC WORKS — \$50,000.00**

WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia every Municipality of a County or District shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of such Municipality such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for any Municipal purpose whatsoever;

AND WHEREAS by Section 7 of said The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted, among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under that Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS by the said The Municipal Affairs Act it is further provided that sums to be borrowed under that Act shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in instalments at different times and the sums required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council thereof deems necessary to raise such sums;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of extending existing



or installing new water and sewer mains in areas adjacent to the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor:

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, the sum or sums so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank out of the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

That under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as will raise the sum to be borrowed;

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality, under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 125A of the Municipal Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada a sum or sums of money not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00);

THAT such sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding twelve months, with interest thereon to be paid such Bank at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold." Carried.

Councillors Turner and Burris moved that there be no half-yearly meeting this year as required by the Municipal Act. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Day moved that the clerk send a letter to the Hon. Mr. Stevens and the Hon. Mr. Fielding thanking them for the dinner tendered to the council on Wednesday, March 10. Carried.

Warden Dowell named the alternate delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities convention as follows: Councillor Ferguson for Deputy Warden Cruikshank; Councillor Archibald for Councillor Naugle; Councillor Currie for Councillor Leverman and Councillor Donaldson for Councillor Evans. Councillor Myers asked why some councillors were being named delegates on succeeding years, some for 16 years, while younger members of council were not given an opportunity to attend the conventions.

Councillors Burris and Naugle moved that the reports of building inspectors for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 27 and 28 be received and filed. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Evans gave notice of motion re a gift of \$10.00 to the court house janitor.

The report of the Finance Committee re sinking funds was read and adopted on motion of Councillors Leverman and Ferguson.

Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that Councillor Allen receive the same remuneration as if he had been able to attend the meetings of council. Carried.

The solicitor read the proposed agreement respecting the financing of the Halifax-Dartmouth bridge.

Councillors Leverman and Turner moved that the warden and clerk be authorized to sign an agreement on behalf of the County of Halifax with the Province of Nova Scotia guaranteeing five percent of any deficit on the bonds and debentures of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission. Carried.

The supplementary report of the Law Amendments Committee re apartment houses was read. The solicitor said the definition of apartment houses would cover a set of flats or a duplex house. Councillor Leverman said he did not believe a set of flats or duplex would require 10,000 square

feet building lot. Councillor Myers said it would stop a man from converting his home into a set of flats if his property did not come up to these proposed measurements. Councillor Donaldson suggested apartment houses be defined as one containing more than two suites of rooms. Council agreed.

Councillors Leverman and Settle moved that the amendments to by-laws as proposed by the Law Amendments Committee this date respecting apartment houses be approved. Carried.

Councillor Donaldson moved that council adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Saturday. Carried.

#### FOURTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Saturday, March 13, 1954

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Evans and Snair.

The clerk read a letter re septic tank service from A. J. Hilchey.

The report of the Finance Committee was read. Councillor Leverman said that despite sharp increases in the cost of education it had been possible to maintain the rate at the same level as last year. Councillor Myers congratulated the committee on its report. Councillor Donaldson asked if the six percent charge on overdue taxes was applicable to those people paying taxes on instalment plans. He was advised the charge was made when such taxes were past the time limit.

Councillors Leverman and Naugle moved that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Davis asked what the rate would have been if the proposed salary increases for teachers had been granted. He was advised the rate would have been increased by seven cents for this year only and by 19 cents in future years.

The warden invited nominations for the Municipal School Board. Councillors Davis and Redmond nominated Councillor Settle. Councillor Myers contended a councillor should not make an address in support of his candidate in making a nomination. The warden ruled a nominator had the right to speak on his reasons for making the nomination. Councillors Naugle and Isenor nominated Councillor Burris.

Councillors Donaldson and Evans moved that nominations cease. Carried.

The warden appointed Councillors Evans and Archibald as scrutineers. The vote was taken and the warden announced the results as eleven votes for Councillor Burris and ten votes for Councillor Settle. He declared Councillor Burris the new member of the Municipal School Board.

Councillors Leverman and Evans moved that the janitor of the building be given the sum of \$10.00 for the extra work imposed upon him while council was in session. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Isenor moved that the warden and treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to arrange with the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch, for an overdraft at such bank for a sum not exceeding \$60,000 and the treasurer is authorized to use such overdraft to defray ordinary expenses of the municipality for the coming year. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Brown moved that the warden and treasurer of the municipality be authorized to borrow, on behalf of the municipality a sum not to exceed \$35,000 for the purpose of paying the provincial treasurer the taxes payable under provision of the Highway Act, Chapter

75, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, for the year 1954, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such loan. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Naugle moved the following resolution:

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX**

SEWERS .....	\$240,000
FAIRVIEW .....	200,000
TUFTS COVE .....	40,000

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality, sums not exceeding;

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of installing sewer mains in the Fairview area of District No. 12 and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of paying the Municipality's share of the cost of a sewer main extending from the Dutch Village Road at Deal Settlement through to the Bedford Basin and also for the purpose of paying the Municipality's share on sewers that have been constructed by the City of Halifax along the Dutch Village Road, which sewers will be jointly used by residents of the County and City and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of extending existing water and sewer main and carry out other public works in areas adjacent to the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of installing a sewer outfall in the Tufts Cove area and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 125A of the Municipal Act the said Council was authorized to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow such sums from the Royal Bank of Canada for the purpose aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS it is now deemed necessary to issue and sell debentures and to repay the said Bank part of the sums so borrowed.

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to the amount of Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000) as hereinafter mentioned will be necessary to raise the sum now required;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Two Hundred and Forty debentures of the said Municipality for One Thousand Dollars each be accordingly issued and sold;

THAT the said debentures be numbered consecutively 54-A-001 to 54-A-240 inclusive, be dated the first day of October A.D. 1954 and be payable as follows:

54-A-001 to 54-A-006 inclusive in one year from the date thereof;  
 54-A-007 to 54-A-012 inclusive in two years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-013 to 54-A-018 inclusive in three years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-019 to 54-A-024 inclusive in four years from date thereof;  
 54-A-025 to 54-A-030 inclusive in five years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-031 to 54-A-036 inclusive in six years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-037 to 54-A-042 inclusive in seven years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-043 to 54-A-048 inclusive in eight years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-049 to 54-A-054 inclusive in nine years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-055 to 54-A-060 inclusive in ten years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-061 to 54-A-066 inclusive in eleven years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-067 to 54-A-072 inclusive in twelve years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-073 to 54-A-078 inclusive in thirteen years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-079 to 54-A-084 inclusive in fourteen years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-085 to 54-A-090 inclusive in fifteen years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-091 to 54-A-096 inclusive in sixteen years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-097 to 54-A-102 inclusive in seventeen years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-103 to 54-A-108 inclusive in eighteen years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-109 to 54-A-114 inclusive in nineteen years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-115 to 54-A-120 inclusive in twenty years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-121 to 54-A-126 inclusive in twenty-one years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-127 to 54-A-132 inclusive in twenty-two years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-133 to 54-A-138 inclusive in twenty-three years from date thereof;  
 54-A-139 to 54-A-144 inclusive in twenty-four years from date thereof;  
 54-A-145 to 54-A-150 inclusive in twenty-five years from date thereof;  
 54-A-151 to 54-A-156 inclusive in twenty-six years from date thereof;  
 54-A-157 to 54-A-162 inclusive in twenty-seven years from date thereof;  
 54-A-163 to 54-A-168 inclusive in twenty-eight years from date thereof;  
 54-A-169 to 54-A-174 inclusive in twenty-nine years from date thereof;  
 54-A-175 to 54-A-180 inclusive in thirty years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-181 to 54-A-186 inclusive in thirty-one years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-187 to 54-A-192 inclusive in thirty-two years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-193 to 54-A-198 inclusive in thirty-three years from date thereof;  
 54-A-199 to 54-A-204 inclusive in thirty-four years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-205 to 54-A-210 inclusive in thirty-five years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-211 to 54-A-216 inclusive in thirty-six years from the date thereof;  
 54-A-217 to 54-A-222 inclusive in thirty-seven years from date thereof;  
 54-A-223 to 54-A-228 inclusive in thirty-eight years from date thereof;  
 54-A-229 to 54-A-234 inclusive in thirty-nine years from date thereof;  
 54-A-235 to 54-A-240 inclusive in forty years from the date thereof;

THAT the said debentures be payable at the Spring Garden Road Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in Halifax or at the principal office of the said Bank in Montreal or Toronto at the option of the holder and bear interest at the following rates payable half-yearly at any of the aforesaid places of payment at the option of the holder;

54-A-001 to 54-A-060 at the rate of 4 per centum per annum;  
 54-A-061 to 54-A-120 at the rate of 4½ per centum per annum;  
 54-A-121 to 54-A-240 at the rate of 4½ per centum per annum;

THAT the Warden of the said Municipality do sign and the Municipal clerk thereof do countersign the said debentures that they do seal the same with the corporate seal of the said Municipality and that the said Clerk do sign the interest coupons or if the same are lithographed either sign same or have them impressed with a facsimile of his signature;

THAT the Warden and clerk of the said Municipality do and they are hereby authorized on behalf of the said Municipality to sell and deliver the said debentures at such price to such person and in such manner as they shall deem proper;

THAT the proceeds of the debentures when sold be used to repay the sums borrowed as aforesaid, from the Royal Bank of Canada. Carried.

Councillors Donaldson and Burris moved that the reports of the district boards of health for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 28 be received and filed. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Snair moved that the reports of the sanitary inspectors for District 12, 14, 20 and District 28 be received and filed. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Turner moved that the council appoint the district and municipal officers as recommended by the various councillors for Districts No. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Day moved that the financial statements of the municipality of the County of Halifax for 1953, together with exhibits re taxes paid and outstanding and various district balances, be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Donaldson and Turner moved that the financial statement of the Halifax County Hospital for 1953 and the water department be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Donaldson and Burris moved that the report of the auditors be received and filed. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Turner moved that the council adopt the Joint Expenditures for 1954 including the estimates for the County Jail and the estimates for the Commissioners of the Court House. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that council relieve Mrs. Lily M. Young of West Petpeswick of payment of taxes for the year as she had filed the proper form of affidavit as required by the Assessment Act and as there is good and just cause in this application. Carried.

Councillors Burris and Naugle moved that the rate to be levied for rural high school purposes in the Musquodoboit Rural High School area be set at forty-five cents (45c) for the year 1954. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Isenor moved that Frank E. Smith and Walter A. Stech be appointed as auditors for the year 1954 at the same salary as last year. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Ferguson moved that the clerk and treasurer and the chairman of the Finance Committee or warden be authorized to sign the Royal Bank of Canada form re safety box and that they have access to the said box. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Brown moved that the municipal clerk and treasurer be authorized to take delivery of paid coupons and bonds charged to the account operated in the name of the Municipality of the County of Halifax coupon and bond redemption account in the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch. Carried.

Councillors Burris and Donaldson moved that the annual poll tax of thirty cents (30c) for the support of the poor as provided by Section 4 (3) of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1938, be not levied for 1954. Carried.

In answer to Councillor Mosher, the clerk read the legislation governing certification of insane. Councillor Mosher said council should seek changes in the law so that it would not be necessary that two doctors certify a patient. He also objected to the provision that one doctor could

arrange for the release of a patient. The clerk advised that the requirement for two doctors to certify a patient was aimed at protection for the public. Councillor Mosher contended that the councillor or the poor board should be notified before a patient was discharged from hospital. Councillor Snair asked if the poor board was responsible for putting mentally ill people in the hospital. He was advised this was primarily the responsibility of the family but the poor board usually acted when the family could not make the necessary arrangements.

Councillor Mosher said he did not believe the councillor should act in such cases. It should be left to the poor board. Councillor Naugle suggested that the law be amended to require a bond be posted by a person securing the release of a patient. Councillor Snair said a councillor should be notified when a patient from his district was transferred from one hospital to another.

Councillors Leverman and Donaldson moved that the Minister of Health be asked to give some consideration of the section of the act relating to local asylums, dealing with the discharge of patients as there had been some evidence shown at this council session that it was being abused. Carried.

Councillor Myers moved that council adjourn. The motion was defeated.

The minutes of the day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Leverman and Ferguson.

Councillors Burris and Snair moved that the thanks of council be expressed to Mr. Hayes and Mr. Shea for their work in reporting the proceedings of the council. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Brown moved that council adjourn "Sine Die". Carried. God Save The Queen.

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

His Honor the Warden and Members of the County Council,  
Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Halifax, N. S.

We have examined the books and records of the following:

The Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year ended  
December 31, 1953.

The Halifax County Hospital for the year ended December 31,  
1953.

The District and Poor transactions are increasing rapidly. We have requested a verification of the outstanding balances, but to date none of these have been received. Apparently no arrangements have been made to have these accounts approved periodically.

The outstanding Hospital Accounts which are fully reserved for, were not verified by us.

In our opinion, subject to the foregoing, the Balance Sheet of the Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year ended December 31, 1953, submitted herewith, is properly drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Municipality. The Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of the Municipality of the County of Halifax shows a true and correct summary of the operations of the Municipality for the year under review, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) FRANK E. SMITH, C.A.

WALTER A. STECH, C.A.

Halifax, N. S.

March 4, 1954.

Received and filed, March 13, 1954

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1953

## ASSETS

<b>Cash on hand or on Deposit:</b>			
Cash .....	\$	1,252.67	
Royal Bank of Canada—Current Account...		30,695.95	
Nova Scotia Savings, Loan & Bldg. Society		27,126.13	
Royal Bank of Canada—Coupon Account....		621.25	
			\$ 59,696.00
<b>Investments:</b>			
Dominion of Canada 3%, 1962, 1963, 1966...		70,000.00	
Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Co. Debentures 3½% .....		30,000.00	
Deposit Receipts — Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Co. ....		25,000.00	
Deposit Receipts — Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Co. ....		21,191.45	
Deposit Receipts—Nova Scotia Savings, Loan and Building Society .....		50,000.00	
			196,191.45
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>			
Sundry .....		21,827.29	
Halifax County Hospital .....		32,810.05	
Grace Maternity Hospital Accounts (Fully Reserved see Contra) .....		14,315.33	
Victoria General and other Hospital Accounts (Fully Reserved see Contra) .....		213,679.73	
			282,632.40
<b>Due from Other Funds:</b>			
Public Services .....		15,466.26	
Tufts Cove Sewer Debt Charge and Maintenance Account .....		3,487.50	
			18,953.76
<b>Taxes Receivable:</b>			
1945 .....	\$2,704.92	1950 .....	\$ 14,871.92
1946 .....	3,316.83	1951 .....	32,785.26
1947 .....	5,092.24	1952 .....	77,643.81
1948 .....	7,223.79	1953 .....	265,409.34
1949 .....	9,945.42	See Contra Reserve..	
			418,993.53
			418,993.53
<b>Property Acquired at Tax Sale: .....</b>		1.00	
			1.00
<b>Other Revenue Fund Assets:</b>			
Funds advanced			
for Water and Sewerage .....		33,689.23	
re Dutch Village Road Sewer.....		21,026.69	
re Fairview Sewer .....		117,330.96	
re Tufts Cove Sewer Outfall .....		6,166.92	
re Gaston Road Sewer .....		16.20	
re South Woodside .....		28.80	
re Fourth Street and Others .....		5.40	
			178,264.20
			<u>\$1,154,732.34</u>



LIABILITIES

<b>Royal Bank of Canada—Capital Accounts:</b>		
Fairview Sewer .....	\$117,330.96	
Dutch Village Road Sewer .....	21,026.69	
Tufts Cove Sewer Outfall .....	6,166.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 144,524.57
<b>Accounts Payable (Other than below) .....</b>	<b>59,278.33</b>	<b>59,278.33</b>
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<b>Due to Provincial Government:</b>		
Victoria General Hospital .....	11,235.07	
Director of Child Welfare .....	6,497.61	
	<hr/>	17,732.68
<b>Debenture Interest:</b>		
Coupons not presented for payment .....	621.25	
<b>Other Revenue Fund Liabilities</b>		<b>621.25</b>
<b>Due to District or Local Sections:</b>		
For Capital School Purposes .....	7,498.56	
For Snow Removal Fund .....	3,700.33	
For Armdale Service Commission .....	4,084.68	
For Bedford Service Commission .....	8,282.20	
For School Section No. 34 — Ratepayers Association .....	4,183.44	
For Woodside Improvement Commission ..	2,196.43	
For Spryfield Service Commission .....	1,968.85	
For Mooseland Street Lighting Commission	176.06	
For Woodside Sewer .....	102.83	
For Lakeside Street Lighting .....	382.97	
For Rural High School .....	13,342.37	
For District Poor Relief .....	35,389.19	
For District Credits .....	85,251.34	
Municipal School Board—Bonus for Teacher Joint Expenditure Board .....	39,000.00	
Commissioners of Court House re Bldg. Fund	5,568.43	
District No. 7—Capital Borrowings for Fire	9,304.40	
For 1953 Capital School Taxes .....	2,690.87	
	<hr/>	136,101.65
<b>Reserves:</b>		<b>359,224.60</b>
For Uncollectable Taxes (See Contra) ....	143,866.10	
For Hospital Accounts (See contra Accounts Receivable) .....	213,679.73	
For Grace Hospital (See Contra Accounts Receivable) .....	14,315.33	
<b>Special Reserves for Future Expenses:</b>		<b>371,861.16</b>
For Lien Law Expense .....	847.22	
For Board of Revision .....	375.50	
For Elections .....	562.72	
For Revisors Voters Lists .....	700.00	
For Board of Health .....	467.47	
For Bonus for Teachers and Scholarships...	6,000.00	
For Vocational School Capital Purposes...	9,752.75	
For Industrial Committee .....	2,000.00	
Unused portion of 1951 Assessment for School Purposes .....	21,191.45	
Unused portion of 1951 Assessment for Rural High .....	8,716.18	
	<hr/>	50,613.29
<b>Surplus:</b>		
Balance December 31, 1952 .....	128,997.17	
Add Surplus for year .....	21,879.29	
	<hr/>	150,876.46
		<u>\$1,154,732.34</u>

**CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL AND TRUST FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
(EXCLUSIVE OF JOINT EXPENDITURE)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**ASSETS**

<b>General Fixed Assets:</b>		
Office Furniture and Equipment .....		\$ 36,764.87
<b>Halifax County Hospital:</b>		
Farm .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Cattle on Farm .....	4,000.00	
Buildings and Equipment .....	1,149,585.89	
		1,155,085.89
<b>Halifax County Vocational School:</b>		
4% of Capital Cost of \$1,850,155.35.....	74,006.21	74,006.21
<b>District No. 7</b>		
Borrowings for Fire Purposes .....	12,000.00	
<b>District No. 12</b>		
Borrowings for Fire Purposes .....	60,000.00	
Expenditures for Water Utility .....	214,493.66	
Expenditures for Sewer Services—		
Woodside .....	61,771.03	
Tufts Cove .....	36,370.62	
		384,635.31

**TRUST FUNDS**

<b>Deposits</b>		
Eastern Canada Savings and Loan —		
Savings Accounts .....	5,249.01	
Dominion of Canada Bonds .....	400.00	
Royal Bank of Canada—Savings Account..	282.94	
		5,931.95
<b>Tax Sales Trust</b>		
Deposit Royal Bank of Canada — Savings		
Account .....	5,623.96	
Investment — Dominion of Canada 3%		
Bonds 1957 .....	1,350.00	
		6,973.96
		<b>\$1,663,398.19</b>

**CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL AND TRUST FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
(EXCLUSIVE OF JOINT EXPENDITURE)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**LIABILITIES**

**Debenture Debt Unmatured:**

Halifax County Hospital Serial Debentures 1954-1969 .....	\$ 48,500.00
Halifax County Hospital Debentures 1954-1971 .....	316,000.00
District No. 7 Serial Debentures 3% 1954-1961 .....	8,000.00
District No. 12 Serial Debentures 3% 1954-1963 .....	40,000.00
Woodside Water Debentures 1950 .....	92,000.00
Woodside Sewer Debentures 1950 .....	53,000.00
Tufts Cove Sewer Debentures 1951 .....	32,000.00
Tufts Cove and Other Water Debentures 1951 .....	94,000.00

**Other Capital Liabilities:**

Dominion of Canada M.I.A. Act 2% 1954-1970 .....	127,694.98
Long Term Debt, Province of N. S. re Vocational High School .....	71,142.87
	<b>\$ 882,337.85</b>

**Uncapitalized Expenditures:**

Advances to Water Utility, North Woodside	2,752.82
Advances to Sewer Services, North Woodside .....	2,771.03
Advances to Sewer Services, Tufts Cove...	370.62
Advances to Private Services, Tufts Cove and Others .....	5,669.32
Advances re Flawn Subdivision .....	6,071.52
	<b>17,635.31</b>

**Grants by Dominion and Provincial Governments**

For Halifax County Hospital New Wing .....	417,499.98
<b>Investment in Capital Assets (Capital Surplus)</b>	
Balance December 31, 1952 .....	278,224.87
Additions 1953 .....	54,794.27
	<b>333,019.14</b>

**TRUST FUNDS**

For Patients in Halifax County Hospital .....	5,649.01
Appropriation for Capital Purposes for Halifax County Hospital .....	282.94
Lien Law Surplus .....	5,931.95
	6,973.96
	<b><u>\$1,663,398.19</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
(GENERAL SECTION)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**REVENUE**

**TAXATION:**

**Municipal Purposes (including Poor and District Rates)**

Real and Personal Property...	\$377,902.77	
Poll Tax .....	81,998.00	
	<hr/>	\$459,900.77
School Purposes .....		323,280.00
Capital School Purposes .....		336,735.18
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\$1,119,915.95

**Licenses and Permits:**

Dog Taxes .....	6,674.75	
Peddler's Licenses, etc. ....	2,794.00	
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9,468.75

**Investment Earnings:**

Interest — Bank Deposits and Investments .....	6,032.23	
Interest — Tax Arrears .....	12,646.73	
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18,678.96

**Service Charges:**

Commission for collection of District and Capital School Rates .....	19,726.67	
Municipal School Board for Ad- ministration .....	8,000.00	
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\$ 27,726.67

**GRANTS AND RECOVERABLES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS:**

**Federal Government (see Contra) .....** \$ 79,615.00

**Provincial Government:**

In lieu of Income Tax, Bank Tax & C.N.R. Grant .....	16,465.46	
In lieu of Municipal School Fund.....	19,671.00	
In lieu of Taxes N. S. Liquor Commission	695.91	
Department of Lands and Forests.....	2,171.42	
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\$ 39,003.79

**Unclassified:**

Maritime Tel & Tel. Co. Ltd.....	12,577.84	
Transfers from Reserves .....	39,694.66	
Sundry Revenue .....	99.50	
Halifax County Hospital Bonds redeemed..	19,500.00	
Interest on Serial Bonds .....	15,937.50	
Principal Payment M.I.A. Act .....	6,249.97	
Interest Dominion Loan M.I.A. Act .....	2,647.81	
Fines .....	15.00	
Hospital Arrears .....	11,240.04	
Constables Expenses .....	24.10	
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\$ 107,986.42

\$1,402,895.54

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive, Legislative and Administrative

Salaries, Honorariums, Fees, etc.:

Warden .....	\$ 600.00	
Councillors .....	8,262.35	
Committees .....	4,254.30	
Clerk and Treasurer .....	5,000.00	
Office Assistants .....	28,425.35	
Extra Salaries .....	244.38	
Superannuation .....	3,900.00	
Clerk of Licenses .....	100.00	
		\$50,786.38

Assessment Department .....	26,094.31	
Engineer's Department .....	7,450.13	
Auditors .....	1,600.00	
Solicitor .....	1,500.00	
County Constables .....	3,703.33	
Fees to Constables re Dog Tax	3,327.50	
Expenses re Dogs .....	589.52	
Tax Collection Expense .....	70.85	
Commission re Hosp. Collections	3,174.72	
Legal Expenses .....	781.70	
		48,292.06

Office Expenses:

Postage .....	4,971.18	
Printing and Stationery .....	4,909.90	
Service Charges for machines	1,158.35	
Reporting & Printing Reports	1,578.00	
Telephone .....	1,260.56	
Surety Bonds .....	109.60	
Contingencies .....	1,647.95	
		15,635.54

Other General Government Expenses:

Board of Appeal .....	149.40	
Conventions .....	405.75	
Unemployment Insurance .....	509.26	
Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes	37,676.39	
Provision for Future Expenses	1,200.00	
City Market .....	2,000.00	
Town Planning .....	3,016.40	
Veterinary Assistance Board...	2,200.00	
		47,157.20
		\$ 161,871.18

Protection of Property and Persons

Law Enforcements:

Coroners Inquests .....	\$ 407.25	
Correctional Institutions .....	9,210.69	
		\$ 9,617.94

Other Protection:

Bounties .....	978.00	
Sheep Act .....	208.55	
		1,186.55
		\$ 10,804.49

Public Works .....

16,976.43      16,976.43

**Conservation of Health:**

Health Officers—Salaries .....	1,041.53		
Doctors Assistance .....	800.00		
Control of Communicable Diseases .....	8.00		
		<u>1,849.53</u>	1,849.53

**Education:**

Municipal School Board .....	232,000.00		
Bonuses for Teachers .....	104,000.00		
Scholarships .....	400.00		
Equipment Grant .....	360.57		
Schools for the Deaf and Blind	10,560.87		
Vocational School .....	14,474.66		
		<u>361,796.10</u>	361,796.10
Grants to Exhibitions .....		100.00	100.00

**Public Welfare:**

Poor Relief Patients at County Hospital .....	2,662.27		
Orphanages and Children's Aid Societies .....	21,560.49		
Hospitalization — Medical Ser vices, Indigent Sick .....	115,975.41		
Maternity Hospital .....	6,112.00		
Outpatient Treatment .....	607.66		
Insane .....	51,719.76		
Harmless Insane .....	27,519.64		
		<u>226,157.23</u>	226,157.23

**Grants to Hospitals:**

Eastern Shore Memorial Hosp.	500.00		
Musquodoboit Valley Red Cross Hospital .....	500.00		
Twin Oaks Memorial Hospital	500.00		
Children's Hospital .....	500.00		
		<u>2,000.00</u>	

**Grants to Private Charitable Organizations:**

Halifax East Hants Farmers' Association .....	100.00		
Canadian Red Cross .....	400.00		
Canadian National Institute for for the Blind .....	500.00		
Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children .....	200.00		
Salvation Army .....	300.00		
Halifax Visiting Dispensary ..	100.00		
		<u>1,600.00</u>	
			<u>3,600.00</u>

**DEBT CHARGES:**

**Debenture Debt Charges:**

Serial Debentures redeemed		
County Hospital .....	19,500.00	
Interest on Serial Debentures		
County Hospital .....	15,937.50	
Principal & Interest Woodside		
Sewer Debentures — Muni-		
cipality Share .....	2,189.03	
Principal & Interest Tufts Cove		
Sewer Debentures — Muni-		
cipality Share .....	1,722.50	
	<u>          </u>	39,849.03

**Improvements Assistance Act:**

Principal Payment .....	6,249.97	
Interest .....	2,647.81	8,897.78

**Temporary Debt Charges:**

Exchange .....	228.66	
Discount American Funds .....	14.97	
	<u>          </u>	243.63

48,490.44

**Joint or Special Expenditures:**

Joint Expenditures (Municipal		
Proportion) .....	13,696.95	
Provincial Highway Tax .....	35,222.13	
District Rates .....	71,980.52	
District Poor Rates .....	12,491.16	
Armdale Service Commission..	10,066.13	
Bedford Service Commission...	24,449.72	
Woodside Fire and Street		
Lighting .....	5,757.82	
Ratepayers Association School		
Section 34 .....	3,778.10	
Woodside Sewer .....	2,481.23	
Lakeside Street Lighting .....	665.34	
Spryfield Service Commission..	5,066.04	
Mooseland Street Lighting .....	339.30	
Capital School Tax Levy .....	319,058.79	
Rural High School .....	14,044.60	
Federal Government Grants		
(See Contra) .....	36,421.00	
	<u>          </u>	555,518.83

555,518.83

\$1,387,164.23

15,231.31

Surplus for year .....

\$1,402,395.54

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
FOR THE YEAR DECEMBER 31, 1953

REVENUE

Apportionment of Joint Expenditures:			
Municipality of the County of Halifax.....	\$13,696.95		
City of Halifax .....	36,959.96		
Town of Dartmouth .....	4,990.90		
		\$	55,647.81
Other Revenue:			
Surplus from 1952 .....	13,519.19		13,519.19
		\$	69,167.00

REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET  
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953

ASSETS

Due by Municipality .....	\$5,568.43
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CAPITAL FUND BALANCE SHEET  
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953

ASSETS

Borrowings for Court House 1931..	\$67,000.00		
Borrowings for Court House 1948..	20,000.00		
		\$87,000.00	
Sinking Funds			
1931 Loan Investments .....	48,003.17		
Savings Bank .....	26.84		
		48,030.01	
		\$	135,030.01



STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
FOR THE YEAR DECEMBER 31, 1953

EXPENDITURE

Commissioners of the Court House .....	\$ 8,592.72	
Interest Court House Loan 1931 .....	3,350.00	
Interest Court House Loan 1933 .....	375.00	
Interest Court House Loan 1948 .....	720.00	
Sinking Fund Instalment 1931 Loan .....	1,300.00	
Bonds Redeemed 1948 Court House Loan .....	4,000.00	
County Jail .....	19,054.72	
County Court Stenographer .....	2,085.00	
Juries .....	5,024.15	
Sheriff .....	1,956.00	
Clerk of Crown .....	879.48	
Printing and Stationery .....	2,012.18	
Criminal Prosecutions .....	6,757.03	
County Court Crier .....	1,466.67	
Municipal Treasurer .....	860.00	
Miscellaneous Bank Charges on Coupons .....	165.62	
Registrar of Deeds Consolidating Indexes .....	5,000.00	
		63,598.57
Surplus for Year .....		5,568.43
		<u>\$ 69,167.00</u>

REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET  
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953

LIABILITIES

Surplus .....	\$5,568.43
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CAPITAL FUND BALANCE SHEET  
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953

LIABILITIES

Debentures 1931 Loan due June 1, 1961 5%...	\$67,000.00	
Debentures 1948 Loan due Sept. 1, 1954-1959...	20,000.00	
		\$ 87,000.00
Sinking Funds:		
1931 Loan .....	48,030.01	48,030.01
		<u>\$ 135,030.01</u>

**CONTINUITY OF CURRENT SURPLUS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Balance December 31, 1952 ..... \$128,997.17

**ADD**

Taxes for years 1942 to 1950 Recovered.....	\$13,632.93	
Adjustments of School Poll Taxes.....	842.65	
Hospital Accounts collected for Prior Years.....	18,730.89	
Grace Hospital Accounts collected for Prior Years	812.47	
	34,018.94	
Less Collector's Salary .....	3,000.00	
	31,018.94	
Adjusting County Home Credits for Previous Years		4,825.86
Surplus for year .....		15,231.31
		\$180,073.28

**DEDUCT**

Furniture and Equipment .....	7,196.47	
Appropriation County Hospital Capital .....	3,984.49	
Cash Suspense .....	184.68	
Town of Dartmouth .....	17,831.18	
	29,196.82	
		\$150,876.46

**CONTINUITY OF INVESTMENTS IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

**CAPITAL SURPLUS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Balance December 31, 1952 .....		\$278,224.87
Additions to Office Equipment .....	\$ 7,196.47	
Additions to Plant and Equipment Halifax County Hospital .....	3,984.49	
Serial Bonds .....	19,500.00	
Principal Payment M.I.A. Act .....	6,249.97	
District No. 7 Fire Bonds Redeemed .....	1,000.00	
District No. 12 Fire Bonds Redeemed .....	4,000.00	
North Woodside Water Bonds Redeemed .....	2,000.00	
North Woodside Sewer Bonds Redeemed .....	2,000.00	
Tufts Cove Sewer Bonds Redeemed .....	2,000.00	
Tufts Cove and Others, Water Bonds Redeemed...	4,000.00	
Province of Nova Scotia Vocational High School Long Term Debt — Portion Paid Off .....	2,863.34	
	54,794.27	
		\$333,019.14

## STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAXES PAID AND OUTSTANDING BY DISTRICTS FOR 1953

District Number	1953 Taxes Paid in 1953	1942-1952 Taxes Paid in 1953	Total Taxes Paid in 1953	1953 Taxes Outstanding	1945 - 52 Taxes Outstanding	Total Taxes Outstanding
7 .....	\$ 45,740.00	\$ 5,742.06	\$ 51,482.06	\$ 6,025.29	\$ 3,539.92	\$ 9,565.21
8 .....	91,985.35	13,771.90	105,757.25	16,689.26	10,603.61	27,292.87
9 .....	27,297.92	5,760.42	33,058.34	7,037.61	4,552.58	11,590.19
10 .....	14,263.80	5,975.42	20,239.22	8,564.01	5,263.17	13,827.18
11 .....	27,588.92	8,931.46	36,470.38	13,749.07	6,722.87	20,471.94
12 .....	236,647.54	68,615.32	305,262.86	89,098.73	40,677.13	129,775.86
13 .....	22,082.07	3,631.90	25,713.97	8,763.04	4,501.71	13,264.75
14D .....	57,616.92	14,847.59	72,464.51	20,162.94	8,050.49	28,213.43
14G .....	22,369.28	11,158.09	33,527.37	19,666.23	5,944.51	25,610.74
15 .....	4,790.16	1,123.43	5,913.59	1,063.73	884.23	1,947.96
16 .....	3,202.36	1,184.11	4,386.47	4,192.46	11,351.22	15,543.68
17 .....	11,640.54	2,755.32	14,395.86	2,509.68	2,269.61	4,779.29
18 .....	10,054.65	2,498.55	12,553.20	2,342.60	2,400.85	4,743.45
19 .....	12,713.54	2,985.85	15,699.39	2,901.83	2,522.25	5,424.08
20 .....	8,637.72	2,426.82	11,064.54	2,723.99	3,434.07	6,158.06
21 .....	20,639.99	4,019.77	24,659.76	5,255.05	4,780.75	10,035.80
22 .....	7,891.64	4,375.01	12,266.65	4,150.20	3,632.00	7,782.20
23 .....	29,994.91	3,923.45	33,918.36	6,290.71	4,556.23	10,846.94
24 .....	12,909.24	4,752.62	17,661.86	4,624.02	3,913.73	8,537.75
25 .....	9,590.73	3,166.09	12,756.82	3,896.63	3,879.59	7,776.22
26 .....	6,297.67	2,270.88	8,568.55	2,454.76	1,362.20	3,816.96
27 .....	82,950.26	16,194.63	99,144.89	22,998.98	12,924.44	35,923.42
28 .....	104,443.97	9,440.59	113,884.56	10,248.52	5,817.03	16,065.55
	<b>\$871,299.18</b>	<b>\$199,551.28</b>	<b>\$1,070,850.46</b>	<b>\$265,409.34</b>	<b>\$153,584.19</b>	<b>\$418,993.53</b>