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of the Municipality of the
County of Halifax**

1955



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of the

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

and **SPECIAL MEETING**

of the

Thirty - First Council

of the

MUNICIPALTY OF THE COUNTY

OF HALIFAX

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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. Kervin Smith, M.D., C.M., (Western Area); Dr. Duncan MacMillan, M.D. C.M., (Eastern Area).
Jail Surgeon — Dr. Kervin Smith, 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 — H. E. Veinotte and Charles Mitchell.
Board of Revision and Appeal — Roy Hutchinson, Upper Musquodoboit
James Scriven, West Quoddy
Richard F. Tolson, Bedford.
- 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
Rev. J. MacDonald
Rev. Father Murphy
Mrs. J. Cruikshank
- 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 (1957),
Joseph Maher (1958), 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 Joseph 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, Myers, Davis and Isenor.

WELFARE COMMITTEE — Councillors Ferguson, Cruikshank, Moser, Redmond and Snair.

TRADE COMMITTEE — Councillors Turner, Leverman, Redmond, Williams and Day.

RESOURCES COMMITTEE — Councillors Evans, Archibald, Donaldson, David 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 — Councillors Brown, Isenor and Turner.

FINANCE COMMITTEE — Warden Dowell, Deputy Warden Cruik-

shank, Councillors Naugle, Ferguson, Leverman, Turner, Evans and Burris.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- AGENDA — Councillors Allen and Ferguson.
- ELECTIONS — Councillors Allen, Ferguson and Redmond.
- COMMITTEES RE LANDS — Mr. Allan Duffus, Mr. Edwin C. Baker and Councillor Robert V. Currie.
- JUVENILE COURT — Councillors Burris, Archibald and Settle.
- SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE UNION — Councillors Leverman, Naugle and Snair.
- STUDY POOR RELIEF ACT — Councillors Burris, Allen and Naugle.
- REDISTRIBUTION — Councillors Donaldson, Settle, Leverman, Burris and Snair.
- JOINT COMMITTEE TO MEET CITY & TOWN — Councillors Settle, Leverman and Donaldson.
- SURVEY COMMITTEE — Councillor Settle, Mr. Donald Bird.
- VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES — Deputy Warden Norman Cruikshank, Councillors Allen, Ferguson, Leverman, Naugle, (Alternates) Councillors Burris, Donaldson, Turner, Snair and Currie.
- REGIONAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE — Councillors Burris, Donaldson and Snair.
- COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE — Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle.
- PRINTING AND REPORTING — Warden Dowell and Councillor Allen.
- INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE — Councillor Leverman, Allen and Currie.
- COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH — Councillors Allen, Archibald, Leverman.
- LEGISLATION COMMITTEE — Councillors Settle, Currie and Leverman, Ferguson and Daye.

HALIFAX COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR 1955

| Dist. No. | Name | Post Office Address |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7 | Granville Snair | Black Point |
| 8 | W. J. Dowell | R.R. No. 1., Bedford |
| 9 | Granville Moser | Glen Margaret |
| 10 | Albert Williams | Terence Bay |
| 11 | Walter Brown | Herring Cove |
| 12 | Frederick G. H. Leverman | (Lakeside) Box 561, Halifax |
| 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 | 17 Cuisack St., N. Woodside |

HALIFAX COUNTY WARDENS

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| 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 |
| 1907-1907 | 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 |
| 1938-1955 | W. J. Dowell |

Third Annual Meeting of the Thirty-First Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax

FIRST DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, February 23, 1955

The third 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.

Major Donald Ford of the Salvation Army opened the session with prayer asking divine guidance for the council's deliberations.

The warden delivered his annual address to council as follows:

"TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

Members and Friends:

Once again I have the privilege and pleasure of welcoming you to the Annual Meeting, this being the Third Annual Meeting of the Thirty-first Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

As we meet today, it gives me the feeling that the changes in our County are coming so fast that it bears very little relation to our meetings in the past, except in that we can think over what has been done in that past, and plan better for the future. One thing in particular that we see today practically completed, is the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge which for many years was a dream and which now we can consider a reality. This Bridge not only gives us modern transportation between the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth but also between the east and west parts of our County. While mentioning the Bridge I wish to pay tribute to the late Honourable Angus L. Macdonald and his Government, without whose help we all realize that the Bridge would still be a dream.

During the past few years, we have also made fair advances with respect to supplying services such as water and sewer where this has been physically and financially possible, but when we remember the number of subdivision plans which have passed through the County Planning Board, with the enormous number of building lots shown on those plans, the fact is brought home to us that the water and sewer services which we have undertaken to supply can only be considered as a start. When I mention the recent subdivision plans I am not forgetting the number of residences already built which also require these services, and in this connection will say that I personally feel that these matters are so acute and require so much financing without unnecessary delay, that it would be wise for our Council, in co-operation with the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, with guidance from the Provincial Government, to try and deal with each request which comes before us in a more efficient manner than we have been able to do in the past.

We still have many, many requests for sewer and water, and in many cases they are from the different subdivisions that our Planning Board has dealt with during the past year. If the land awaiting the above mentioned services was fully built on during the next two years I would expect a possibility of new assessment of around five million dollars which would give us a revenue that would justify the expenditures that would be called for.

There appears to be far more to contend with this year than ever before. We are all familiar with the recommendations of Judge Pottier's Report in regard to the necessary changes in all that pertains to our educational methods and consequent costs to our Municipality, but of course before we can be sure of our costs we will have to know how the Report will be dealt with in the Provincial Legislature, but in any case we must be prepared to deal with the matter as soon as it has been dealt with by the Legislature.

There is quite a possibility the interested Municipalities may see their way clear to carry out the long overdue extension and alteration to the Law Courts. The Court House Commission has decided that this work must be attended to as soon as possible. Now it remains for all to work out the details as to costs, division of costs, and then be voted on by each of the three Councils. This matter will undoubtedly come before you at this meeting, or at a special meeting to be called at the proper time. I mention this matter so that all can think it over and be more prepared to deal with it when it is brought before you.

Perhaps one of the most important things we have to deal with is our Hospital Accounts. From checking over the payments one would conclude that of those who use the Hospital, seventy percent of them are indigents. This surely must be wrong. If the seventy percent paid their bill and the thirty percent were indigents then we might conclude that perhaps the situation would be about right, but as it is just the opposite, then we must conclude that it is time we tried some different method of collection. Dealing with this matter to my mind is a **MUST**, and does not permit any delay in the setting up of a different method of collection.

From a standpoint of Revenue, the outlook appears to be very much improved in that we will have the addition of the Gypsum Mine at Dutch Settlement, with its shipping dock at Tufts' Cove; the extension of the Imperial Oil Limited in District No. 28; the new setup of the Irving Oil Company, also in District No. 28; the continuous development or addition to the Fairey Aviation Company Limited in District No. 13. Added to the foregoing industries will be the home building which I feel will have to continue for a long time if our people are to be decently housed, so that I do feel that the outlook for a continual increase in revenue will fully warrant our providing services to those who need them, remembering that the expenditures cannot be accomplished in a short time, so that while our expenditures are going on, so will the development of the new industries and the building of homes be going on, and so the new revenue should be such that in no one year will our rates be affected to any great extent.

There are many other matters that will require the attention of Council. These will be brought before you by reports of the various committees.

If what I have mentioned in the foregoing remarks appeals to you, please give them consideration and deal with them in such

a manner that those who are asking for services will feel that we are doing our best to see that we are giving careful and full attention to their requirements.

W. J. DOWELL, Warden.

The warden also asked council to give its full support to the effort to bring a major paper industry to the Sheet Harbor area.

The application from A. Blenus Morton for appointment as municipal solicitor was read. Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that Mr. A. Blenus Morton be appointed municipal solicitor at the same salary as last year. Carried. The warden congratulated Mr. Morton on the appointment and the solicitor thanked the council saying there had been a big increase in the duties of that position during the past few years.

Councillors Brown and Williams moved that the Nominating Committee be appointed by the chair. Carried. The warden named Councillors Burris, Settle, Snair, Davis and Day as the committee members.

Councillors Naugle and Mosher moved that Mr. Hayes be appointed as reporter for the annual session of Council. Carried.

The warden appointed Councillors Allen and Ferguson as the Agenda Committee.

The tenders for printing the minutes were opened and were read as follows: Halcraft Printing Ltd., \$8.00 per page; Dartmouth Free Press Ltd., \$6.49 per page; Allen Print, \$11.00 per page; McCurdy Print, \$9.00 per page. Councillor Redmond said he was impressed favorably by the tender from Dartmouth Free Press, particularly their promise to deliver the printed minutes within two weeks after the final proof was corrected. Councillors Redmond and Naugle moved that Dartmouth Free Press be awarded the tender for printing the annual reports of Council. Carried.

Councillor Mosher expressed regret that the minutes for last year's Council sessions had not been provided as yet. He suggested consideration be given to production of the minutes on a duplicating machine in the municipal office. The clerk explained the delay in receiving the minutes had resulted from the decision to include minutes of the special council session in the book. Councillor Day said steps should be taken to assure there was no delay this year.

A letter from the Kiwanis Club of Halifax invited the Council to attend the luncheon on Feb. 28. The invitation was accepted with thanks on motion of Councillors Burris and Snair. Councillor Leverman extended Council an invitation from the Armdale Kiwanis Club to attend the dinner meeting March 1. On motion of Councillors Redmond and Ferguson the invitation was accepted with thanks.

A letter from the Salvation Army, asking an opportunity for a representative to appear before Council and also for a grant for the new year, was referred to the Finance and Agenda Committees. A letter from the Callow Invalid Fund asking for a grant was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter was read from the Council of Suburban Ratepayers Associations setting forth its aims, objects and policy. Councillor Settle said the formation of the Suburban Council was a step in the right direction. Any move by ratepayers to solve their problems should receive full support from the Municipal Council. The ratepayers body could be of assistance to the Council as they could speak with some authority on the needs of the areas. Their support in encouraging industrial development of the area should be encouraged. Councillor Davis said that the formation of the Suburban Associations Council should be welcomed. Councillor Leverman said the Suburban Council had taken a positive view of the problems and appreciated the

efforts being made by the Municipal Council to meet the needs of these areas.

Councillors Davis and Settle moved that the Council acknowledge the letter from the Council of Suburban Ratepayers Associations and say that it would welcome their suggestions and co-operation. Carried.

Resolutions from the Town of Lunenburg regarding assessment of ships and from the Town of Yarmouth regarding the Yarmouth - Bar Harbour ferry were referred to the Law Amendments Committee. Letters from the Red Cross, the National Institute for the Blind and the Canadian Federation of the Blind were referred to the Finance Committee.

A resolution from the Spryfield Ratepayers and Community Association asking that a curfew law be enacted for the county was referred to the Law Amendments Committee. A letter regarding subscriptions to the Civic Affairs magazine was referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Naugle moved that Council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, February 23, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Communication from the Town of Yarmouth re Yarmouth—Bar-Harbor Ferry was referred to Law Amendments Committee. A letter of appreciation was received from The George Washington Carver Recreation Association for a \$200 grant approved last year. A letter from the Nova Scotia division of the Community Planning Association of Canada was read commending the Council and the County Planning Board for its efforts to improve planning in the municipality. Request from the Silver Cross Women of Canada for a contribution toward the Book of Remembrance was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter was read from School District 34W Ratepayers Association endorsing a resolution of the Suburban Council of Ratepayers re redistribution of Council seats in accordance with population and requesting action on a super highway through Rockingham and running parallel to Bedford Basin. Councillor Naugle felt the matter of distribution should be considered for the entire county. He recalled that the county had 33 councillors at one time. He said a special committee should be named to consider the matter and recommend to Council. He suggested that population and area be considered. Councillor Leverman suggested it be referred to the Law Amendments Committee. Warden Dowell agreed.

Correspondence from the Department of Public Health re per diem rates to be charged the Municipality for public wards, emergency treatments, outpost hospital treatments and ambulance services was referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of Jailor George Mitchell was read. Councillor Naugle asked if the Municipality receives revenue raised through fines. He was advised that fines imposed under the Criminal Code are paid to the Attorney-General, while fines collected in cases in violation of County by-laws were returned to the Municipality.

Councillors Donaldson and Isenor moved the report of the Jailor be received and filed. Carried.

Council turned attention to the Municipal Franchise Act, copies of which were sent the Councillors recently. The act provides for some changes in polling district regulations. Councillor Redmond said that it has been the custom for each Councillor to appoint one Revisor.

In some rural areas, he said, there is necessity for more due to the distance to be covered. He said that the act provided for up to three Revisors in a district, and he felt a more adequate list would be obtained. Councillor Moser said this was not necessary in every district. Some should have two Revisors. He cited a need for a new list of voters, and was critical of the preparation of voters' lists in previous years. He questioned whether the rate of five cents per name was sufficient to ensure adequate lists. Some persons were not listed in the last municipal elections, he said, and others who had died prior to the drafting of the list were listed as voters.

Municipal Clerk-Treasurer Hattie explained that Revisors under the present regulations make a preliminary list and post it July 22. Any person then has the opportunity before July 29 to have a name stricken from the list, or added to the list. Under the new Act revisors may, if directed by Council, use electors' lists provided for the previous Provincial elections. Councillor Moser suggested that the Assessment Department supply to Revisors a complete list of ratepayers. He was advised that while all persons over 21 years of age are permitted to vote, they might not always be assessed. Women, for example, are not assessed for poll tax, and would not be listed on the roll provided by the Assessment Department.

Councillor Leverman asked what provision the new Act would make for congested areas, and was advised that Revisors would be provided with the lists used in the previous Provincial election or Municipal election, along with an assessment roll of non-residents. This would form a framework for preparation of new lists. Councillor Leverman noted that a new list would mean a house-to-house canvass, and he said that this would be worth more than the present rate of five cents per name.

Councillor Moser asked for a report of the committee which considered election lists some years ago. Councillor Allen, who was chairman of that committee, said the recommendations were presented to Council and to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. That presentation led to drafting of the new legislation. He agreed that the fee for Revisors would have to be increased. Mr. Hattie said that there had been complaints also that people who worked in the city did not have the time to cast their ballots in the County because of the hours of voting, and that they had returned to their homes too late to vote. Councillor Leverman suggested more polling booths to relieve congestion. Councillor Brown said that ratepayers in one section of Spryfield have to travel to Herring Cove to vote in municipal elections.

Councillor Redmond suggested that the hours of voting be changed to permit all ratepayers to cast their ballots. Councillor Moser suggested 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Hattie explained that the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. are set by statute. Councillor Leverman said that all workers cannot get home in time to vote, particularly if they are employed in the city or the town of Dartmouth. Councillor Redmond suggested they be classed as travellers and permitted to vote in advance polls, but he was advised that there is no provision in the act for advance polls.

Councillors Leverman and Evans moved that the matter of municipal elections be passed to a committee of Council for study with recommendations to be brought back to Council at an early date. Carried. Councillors Donaldson and Allen suggested that each councillor appear before the special committee with suggestions applicable to his own district.

Warden Dowell appointed Councillors Allen, Ferguson and Redmond to the special committee.

The report of the Board of Appeal was read.
Councillors Snair and Turner moved the report of the Board of Appeal be received and filed. 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, Myers, Davis and Isenor.
WELFARE COMMITTEE — Councillors Ferguson, Cruikshank, Moser, Redmond and Snair.
TRADE COMMITTEE — Councillors Turner, Leverman, Redmond, Williams and Day.
RESOURCES COMMITTEE — Councillors Evans, Archibald, 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 — Councillors Brown, Isenor and Turner.
FINANCE COMMITTEE — Warden Dowell, Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Naugle, Ferguson, Leverman, Turner, Evans and Burris.

Councillors Burris and Donaldson moved that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Donaldson moved that Council adjourn to go into committee work. Carried.

SECOND DAY — MORNING

Thursday, February 24, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called:

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

Councillor Archibald suggested that the minutes and the list of officers be printed in a separate book as soon as the annual meeting was over with the reports being printed in another book at a later date. Such a plan would provide ratepayers with printed minutes while interest in the council's deliberations were still keen. Councillor Redmond said he believed the plan would be a step in the right direction but that the Council should aim at having the minutes and reports printed in one book without delay. He believed this could be done within a few days after the annual meeting was over if the reports were submitted to the printer without delay. The clerk advised that some delay could not be avoided since proofs had to be corrected before the printing was done. He was confident that there would not be a long delay this year however since the printer had made adequate arrangements to handle the work efficiently. Councillor Moser said he saw no reason to delay printing the complete book since no changes could be made in the minutes or reports after they had been disposed of by Council.

Councillors Archibald and Burris moved that the minutes and list of officers be printed as soon as possible after council closes and that the reports be printed as soon as possible in a second book.

Councillor Burris said he believed the proposal was a sound one. The ratepayers were most interested in the minutes of the Council's deliberations and the list of officers was of real interest to officials in the Municipality. Councillor Redmond said he doubted a person could read the minutes intelligently without benefit of the reports upon which the discussion was based.

The motion to print the minutes and reports separately was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Ferguson asked Council's opinion as to the date for councillors to pay their annual visit to the county hospital. Councillors Myers and Naugle suggested councillors spend a whole day at the hospital since it would be impossible to adequately inspect the whole operation in less time. Councillors Brown and Williams moved that the annual visit of Council to the County Hospital be made on March 8 and that the roll be called at the hospital at 10 a.m. Carried.

Mr. MacGlashen read the report of the Director of Assessment. Councillor Archibald said the devaluation of certain farm properties in the Musquodoboit Valley area was another indication of a distressing development in this section of the county. Only about 15 per cent of the farmers there were taking advantage of modern farming techniques while the remainder were taking little interest. The problem was accentuated by the continual movement by young people away from the rural areas toward the populated centres where they could enjoy regular working hours and services not available at home. Councillor Leverman said the problem existed in other areas of the Province. Extensive farm holdings in Cape Breton had been abandoned and could be bought at a very low price.

Councillor Donaldson said the assessment department would face a new problem in valuing blueberry barrens. This industry was being encouraged by the province and was growing rapidly. Councillor Archibald asked what had caused the big assessment increase in District 12 and if there had been any industrial development in this area. Councillor Leverman said the growth was due to the construction of new homes and additions. Many people were taking advantage of federal housing loans to move from the City into the County districts.

Councillor Settle noted that no assessment had been given for federal tax-exempt properties. He said that District 14 had been developing over the years in two directions — new homes and farms. The development of housing sub-divisions had placed many farmers in a difficult position. As land near their farms was sub-divided the assessment on the farms was increased so that the farmers had to pay substantial tax increases or sell their properties. Mr. MacGlashen said he would submit a supplementary report to Council on the federal property assessments and poll taxes. On the question of farm assessments, the assessor had no choice under the law but to recognize that the housing developments increased the value of adjacent properties. Several appeals had been made on this point to the assessment appeal board and some adjustments had been made on the grounds that farm buildings would have to be moved before the property could be sub-divided for homes.

Councillor Evans said he believed that zoning regulations might offer a solution to the problem. If a farm was located next to a housing development in a zone set aside for such housing projects, then the assessor could recognize that the farm had a substantial,

potential value as a housing site. If, on the other hand, the farm property in question was in a zone set aside for agriculture then the assessor could recognize that the land would not be used for housing and could make his valuation accordingly. Councillor Redmond said the increased assessment on farm lands in a residential area would tend to drive people off the farms so that they would be broken up into new building lots. Such farm properties constituted sizeable units of land that would be suitable for industrial sites. Residential expansion was a questionable asset unless accompanied by industrial development since homes alone required a big expenditure for essential services. Mr. MacGlashen agreed that the zoning suggestion made by Councillor Evans would be one answer to the problem, but he pointed out it would also have a heavy bearing on the sale price of the lands involved.

Councillor Davis said he felt each farm assessment should be considered on its individual merits. Councillor Naugle warned that any move towards different scales of valuation would threaten the whole system of assessment. The owner of a farm in a developing area held a valuable asset. Councillor Myers said he did not believe any person should be driven from his farm because of a nearby housing development. Councillor Redmond said the Council should take steps to assure the farmer he could retain his farm. He believed the people of the county would agree with this idea. Councillor Moser said he did not believe a piece of property used for farming purposes should be assessed on the same basis as a sub-division site. Deputy Warden Cruikshanks said he believed the assessment department was proceeding on the right basis.

Deputy Warden Cruikshanks and Councillor Snair moved that report of the Director of Assessment be received and filed.

Councillor Williams pointed out that some farm properties had been devalued but fishermen had not received equal consideration despite a depression in the fishing industry. Mr. MacGlashen said fishing equipment was tax exempt. Assessment on properties in District 10 were not high and had not been decreased because highway improvements in the district had held up the value of the land. Councillor Williams said there had been no highway improvements in many parts of the district. Many people had been forced to quit the fishing industry because of conditions. Councillor Myers said a good road did not help the fisherman in his business. Mr. MacGlashen said road improvements did increase land values and the assessment was based on such valuations.

The motion to receive and file the report was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Snair and Leverman moved that council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, February 24, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called.

The report of the Safety Committee was read. Councillors Burriss and Ferguson moved that the report be adopted. Carried. Councillor Leverman noted that the constables had turned into the Municipal office the sum of \$19,581.69 as a result of tax warrants. He asked how this compared with the amount of all bills handed to the constables for collection. The clerk advised that he would present the information at a future session.

Warden Dowell announced that Councillor Leverman had been elected Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Councillor Settle referred to a press report that the City of Halifax is seeking to expand its boundaries to take in parts of Halifax Harbor and the North West Arm. He suggested that Council should be interested in this proposal. Councillor Leverman suggested the municipal solicitor bring in a report on the City's proposal.

Councillors Davis and Settle moved notice of motion be given to the effect that the report of the County Planning Board which involves an expenditure will be dealt with at Friday's session of Council.

Warden Dowell cited the need for office space for Municipal business and for meetings of the Council. He asked for Council's earnest consideration to the report of the Commissioners of the Court House which was to be presented to Council recommending joint expenditure for expansion of the Court House building. Councillor Davis said that the municipal offices are filled to capacity and that the county engineers need additional space.

Warden Dowell asked Deputy Warden Cruikshanks to take the chair.

The Report of the Commissioners of the Court House was read. Councillor Naugle and Warden Dowell moved the report be adopted.

Councillor Burris asked whether the Municipality's debentures finance the program of expansion and be paid by the other bodies concerned. He was advised that this was the procedure according to the Act. Councillor Davis asked what effect the Municipality's share in the project would have in the tax rate. Warden Dowell said the principal and interest on the county's share of \$125,000 would be approximately \$11,000. He said this would amount to only three cents on the tax rate even if there was no increase in municipal revenue. But he said that since revenue will be increasing annually it would have very little, if any, effect on the rate.

Councillor Naugle suggested the plans be placed before Council.

Councillor Redmond said Council had no definite assurance on the amount of office space available to the County unless Council was prepared to rent this space. He agreed more room was needed but suggested Council endeavor to provide municipal office space of its own, thus not be obliged to anyone to pay rents. He noted that the Municipality would have to pay \$125,000 toward the project and then rent the office space.

Warden Dowell said the rent would probably be nominal and lower than could be obtained elsewhere. Councillor Naugle commented that the project would provide office space and a suitable Council Chamber. Councillor Redmond said he did not feel Council should abdicate their position and leave the matter in the hands of any committee. He said it was a matter for full Council.

Councillor Leverman said that even if the County decided to build quarters of its own it would still be compelled to contribute \$125,000 toward the expansion of the Court House. Councillor Naugle, in answer to a question from Councillor Leverman, said the amount of rental had not been agreed upon, but that the rate may be set at the next meeting of the commission.

Plans for the expansion were presented to Council for study.

Councillors Redmond and Moser moved an amendment to the resolution to adopt the report as follows: That the adoption of this report be deferred until such time as an indication can be obtained by the Council as to what rent charged to the Municipality might be,

and as to what arrangements might be made with respect to fluctuations as to future rentals.

Warden Dowell said he felt the matter should be left to Council's representatives on the Commission who would be governed by the Finance Committee and the Law Amendments Committee. Councillor Davis agreed. He said the need for adequate municipal offices was pressing. He suggested the recommendation be approved in its present form.

Councillor Redmond felt that if Councillors decide to leave the matter to the committees and the Commission without first having all the information on rentals then they are abdicating their authority.

Councillor Leverman suggested that arrangements be made for a meeting of the City, Town of Dartmouth and County members of the commission to decide on a rental rate. This could then be presented to Council. His view was shared by Councillor Ferguson.

Councillors Burriss and Turner moved an amendment to the amendment as follows: That the report be tabled until such time as the Court House Commission meets to determine the rental question. The amendment to the amendment carried.

Councillors Moser and Williams moved Council adjourn until 10 a.m. Friday. Carried.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Friday, February 25, 1955

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 Isenor.

The report of the County Planning Board was read to Council. Councillor Redmond said he wished to comment on a statement reportedly made by Councillor Davis to the effect that the Council had tied the hands of the planning board. He felt this reflected on the Council and asked Councillor Davis to explain the basis for the statement. Councillor Davis said he believed the remark had been made at a meeting of the Planning Board and had subsequently been reported in the press. He did not recall the circumstances under which the remark had been made and so was unable to comment on it at the present time.

Councillor Naugle asked if the amount of \$10,900 proposed as the board's budget for the new year was the same as last year's amount. He was advised it was slightly higher than last year's figure. Councillor Myers asked how the money was to be spent and was advised it would cover such items as the engineer's salary and the cost of board meetings.

Councillor Myers asked what was intended in respect to the proposed by-law on television antennae. He was advised the by-law was viewed as a safety measure since improperly installed antennae could cause a fire from lightning. Councillor Settle said it was not intended that inspectors should check all antennae erected in the county. The regulation was viewed as a protection to people and as a warning of the dangers resulting from an improperly installed antennae. Councillor Mosher said he feared the by-law would lead to the appointment of a regular inspector and that the expenses of the board would increase as a result. Councillor Davis said the by-

law would prove its worth if it prevented one disastrous fire. Councillor Naugle said he could see no harm in the by-law although the insurance companies kept an eye on such dangers. Councillor Mosher said he feared the proposal would not stop at a by-law but would lead to appointment of regular inspectors. Councillor Snair said there was a real danger from improperly grounded antennae or from antennae attached to chimneys since many chimneys were unable to support the weight in a wind storm. He believed a by-law would serve as a guide to dealers installing an antennae and would also be a protection for purchasers.

Councillor Day said he also feared the proposal would lead to the appointment of inspectors and that further expense would result. He believed an effort should be made to cut such costs and also the number of board meetings in an effort to reduce expenditures. Councillor Settle said the board faces a heavy agenda at every meeting and that people appreciated the scope of the Board's work. Councillor Ferguson said he doubted that there had been one accident due to television antennae in the county. He did not think the council should alarm people over supposed dangers from television. Councillor Myers said he did not see how the Board could avoid employing an inspector if the by-law was to be enforced. Councillor Snair said he did not propose a hard and fast regulation but that a guide for people installing antennae would be valuable.

Councillor Redmond said the Planning Board should give careful consideration to all factors involved in approving a sub-division. Such factors as protection of lakes suitable for future water supply should not be overlooked. Councillor Davis agreed this was an important problem. The Board could go only so far, however, in setting down regulations. In districts where there was no building inspector the board had to leave such matters as proper sanitation facilities up to the builder.

Mr. Bird, the planning engineer, was introduced to Council. Mr. Bird said the growth and development of the county had been tremendous and he believed the Municipality was facing a boom. The board was playing an important role in this development by co-operating with and co-ordinating the activities of public and private bodies interested in the development. He believed the Board carried a big responsibility and was measuring up to the task. Councillor Archibald asked what standard had been set down for roads before they would be taken over by the province. Mr. Bird advised that the standards were set down by the Department of Highways and that the department's engineers inspected the roads before they were taken over. Councillor Evans asked how wide a sub-division road has to be before acceptance by the highways and was advised it had to be 66 feet wide and a travelled way 22 feet. A house has to be 63 feet from the centre of the road; but the Department of Highways Permit may alter this.

Councillor Snair said there should be closer co-operation between the Board and individual Councillors. In some cases plans were rejected when there would appear to be additional factors worthy of consideration. The Councillor had knowledge of local conditions not evident in sub-division plans which would have a bearing on the individual case. Councillor Davis said the plans were sent to building inspectors and should be available to Councillors. Councillor Redmond said he also believed there should be closer co-operation between the board and Councillors so that the Councillor could answer questions from property owners. This was impossible if the Councillor was not made aware of developments.

Councillor Settle said the planning engineer had been carrying out inspections on the ground so that the Board would be made aware of special circumstances. Councillor Snair said he believed Councillors should receive some notification of the Board's activity as well as the building inspectors since the people turned to the Councillor for information. Councillor Naugle said the Councillor could do little since regulations governing planning were set down. Councillor Davis said the scope of the board's work was such that any effort to keep Councillors abreast of developments on such plans would be very expensive. Councillor Redmond said a Councillor should be advised as to why a plan was rejected so that he could discuss the matter intelligently with the property owner.

Councillor Donaldson pointed out the property owner was advised of the reasons for rejecting a plan. Councillor Snair said the people wished to discuss the matter with the councillor but he could not do so intelligently if he was not aware of the reasons for a rejection.

Councillor Allen said he agreed with the proposal for appointment of full-time building inspectors but he did not agree with the provision that the inspectors not be residents of the area in which they work. He felt this might be considered a reflection on present inspectors who had been giving excellent service. Councillor Naugle agreed that the Council should not bar the appointment of a building inspector because the applicant lived in the district.

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

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday, Feb. 26, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. Deputy Warden Cruikshank presiding. Roll called.

Council decided to hear the reports of the medical health officers before resuming discussion on the County Planning Board report.

Dr. Morrison, Medical Health Officer for Halifax East, presented his report and tendered his resignation. Tribute was paid to his services over the past two years by Councillors Davis, Redmond and Day.

Councillors Davis and Ferguson moved that the report of Dr. Morrison be received and filed. Carried.

Dr. Watt presented his report as Jail Physician. Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that the report be received and filed. Carried.

Dr. Watt then presented his report as Medical Health Officer for Halifax West. Councillors Archibald and Burris moved that the report be received and filed. Carried.

Councillor Moser referred to an article in the Dartmouth newspaper which stated that the Warden would retire. He asked the Warden to confirm or deny the report. Warden Dowell said he wasn't interviewed on the matter and had not announced that he would retire.

Council resumed discussion on the report of the County Planning Board. Councillor Brown asked for a breakdown on the cost to each district if three full-time building inspectors were appointed. Councillor Settle said the approximate costs would be as follows: District 8—\$1,600; District 11—\$640; District 12—\$3,880; District 14—\$2,000; District 27—\$1,600; District 28—\$2,800. Councillor Brown said the building inspector in his district received \$200 a year and he could

not agree to further burden the ratepayers by joining the scheme for full-time inspectors. Councillor Settle said the recommendation of the Planning Board was not designed to force any district to contribute. It was a proposal to be decided by the Councillors.

Councillor Moser said he agreed with Councillor Brown. He said outlying areas can't afford to join the proposal. Councillor Allen noted that while Musquodoboit Harbor was a building district it was not listed in the six recommended districts, and he was advised that this district would continue under present arrangements.

Warden Dowell felt it was necessary to have adequate building inspection, and he urged that qualified men be appointed. Councillor Ferguson said he had heard no complaints of the work of the building inspector in Councillor Brown's district and therefore could not see why that district should have to take on a full-time inspector. The clerk advised that while the inspector was doing good work, his salary is not sufficient to meet travelling expenses. Councillor Ferguson suggested that the matter of salary should be up to Councillor Brown.

Councillor Brown said the building inspector in his district is a capable official. He repeated that District 11 would not join the project. Councillor Davis said that county ratepayers should be provided with adequate inspectors to protect their property values. He said the Board had considered this factor in making the recommendation. Councillor Allen said the inspection was adequate in his district, and that property values were thus being protected. Councillor Currie said this was also the situation in his district where an engineer has been engaged as the building inspector. Councillors Burris and Naugle said they could not vote on the matter since there was divided opinion among the councillors in the districts affected. Councillor Leverman said the County Planning Board is not forcing the proposal on any district. He said it was a matter for the Councillors. They could continue under present arrangements if the ratepayers were satisfied that conditions were good. But, he said, the council had been informed by the medical health officer that there was need for improvement.

Councillors Burris and Moser moved an amendment that the report of the Planning Board be adopted with the exception of the paragraph re building inspectors, and that the councillors of the districts concerned get together and bring back a separate report on the matter to council. Carried.

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

The report of the Special Committee with respect to Juvenile Court was read. Councillor Davis said the suggestion of setting up a Juvenile Court for the County was in the best interests of the young people. He moved that the report be adopted. Councillor Redmond said he would second the motion. He commended the committee for its work. The probation officer could keep contact with the parents and the child, and this, he said, would tend to curb juvenile delinquency and crime in later years. Councillor Leverman asked whether there would be a separate court for the county. Councillor Burris, chairman of the Special Committee, said the Committee's understanding was that it would be an extension of the jurisdiction of the present Juvenile Court. A probation officer and clerk would be engaged. Councillor Settle said the Province will be responsible for the salary of the judge while the Municipality would pay with the Province on a 50-50 basis the other costs of the court. He felt it would set a pattern for all Municipalities in the Province.

Councillor Naugle said he was in favor of the suggestion, but he questioned whether it was possible that costs would rise. The clerk said there was no way of forecasting. It would depend on the number of cases brought before the court. Councillor Leverman asked if the present Juvenile Court Judge handles County cases. He was advised that County cases go before the magistrate with the exception of cases under the the Neglected Children's Act. Councillor Moser said there was a possibility of rising costs. He suggested the matter should receive full consideration. Councillor Burris said the costs would depend entirely on the number of cases. The establishment of the Court and employment of a probation officer might tend to cut down on the number of cases. Councillor Redmond said the costs would increase or decrease depending on the number of cases. He predicted that the present investment would pay dividends with a decrease in crime.

Councillor Snair said the report could not be adopted at this session since a notice of motion would be necessary in reports which recommended expenditure. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the report was present as a policy setting matter. Councillor Redmond said the Council had set up a committee to bring in a recommendation on Juvenile Court. This had been done and now the committee was recommending that a new committee be set up to supervise the establishment of the court. He noted that the committee had not recommended any expenditure. It had listed the costs only. Councillor Naugle said it could be recommended in the Finance Committee report. The Solicitor ruled that a notice of motion was required.

Councillors Davis and Redmond changed their motion to a notice of motion that on Monday, Feb. 28, they will introduce a motion to adopt a report of the Special Committee with respect to the Juvenile Court. Carried.

Councillor Settle asked that a special committee be set up, in accordance with the recommendation of the County Planning Board, to administer public lands. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the committee will be appointed Monday. Councillor Naugle suggested the committee be appointed from the County Planning Board. He said the committee would have to have its duties defined and its powers clarified. He was advised by Councillor Settle that the Planning Board requested that a special committee be named. He said that some sub-dividers were reluctant to present land to the county unless there was a committee or commission to administer. Councillor Naugle said the suggestion was a good one, but he asked whether Planning Act regulations permitted setting up of such a committee. He was advised that the Act did provide for such a committee or commission. Councillor Redmond said it was the intention of the Planning Board that a special committee be named to administer public lands. The committee could recommend to Council if expenditure was needed for improvement of these lands. Councillor Settle said that this was the suggestion.

The Solicitor, who had been asked earlier in the session by Councillor Leverman for a report on the City of Halifax proposal to extend its boundaries to a point in the North West Arm and Halifax Harbor, explained the reason. He said the City boundaries presently extend to low tide mark. The City was proposing to develop an industrial mile by filling in a portion of the harbor in order to acquire land for industry. Councillor Moser said the Provincial Legislature could not approve such legislation. He said that was a matter for the Federal Government. The Solicitor said the Dominion Govern-

ment was concerned only with navigable waters. He said the County should only be concerned if the City's legislation affected the rights of the County. Warden Dowell said the proposed City boundaries may come to an area where the County may decide some time to lay a sewer line.

The Warden announced that he had been in contact with the mayors of the city and Town of Dartmouth re a meeting of the Court House Commission and that this would be held as soon as possible

Councillors Brown and Snair moved that Council adjourn to go into committee work to reconvene at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, February 28, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Councillor Burris was elected to act as chairman in the absence of the warden and deputy warden. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and adopted on motion of councillors Mosher and Williams.

Councillors Davis and Redmond moved that the report of the Special Committee on the Juvenile Court be adopted. Carried.

A petition asking the release of a youth from the County Hospital was referred to the Welfare Committee. A request for a grant to the Halifax County Exhibition was referred to the Finance Committee. A petition from District 27 re street lighting in the Waverley School Section was referred to the Public Services Committee. A petition from residents on School Avenue, Fairview, re establishment of a public highway, was referred to the Public Services Committee. A petition from Middle Musquodoboit asking the street lighting system be re-installed was referred to the Public Services Committee.

Councillors Naugle and Allen gave notice of motion that at a future date they would move a resolution for adoption of the report of the Revenue Committee. The report of the committee was read.

Councillor Mosher said the whole county was assessed under the old system for an expenditure of \$5,000 while the present cost of assessment was \$30,000 and still increasing. The assessors were receiving 10 cents per mile in addition to their salaries and he considered their income was ample for the work done. Councillor Davis urged a favorable consideration of the proposed salary scale for assessors. He believed it was in the best interests of the County to maintain an efficient group of assessors. A levelling-off in costs could not be expected during a period of boom. Only a good assessment department would keep abreast of developments so that no revenue was being lost.

Councillor Redmond said he was not satisfied with the selection of the Committee which went to Ottawa in regard to federal grants in lieu of taxation. He felt a Councillor from the districts most greatly affected should have been named. He did not believe it was necessary that the clerk and director of assessment make the trip. He said he did not oppose salary increases for assessors but did not approve of the piece-meal method by which salary increases were given municipal employees. This system had been long discarded by other governments and was recognized as outmoded. He believed also that the assessor to be hired at a later date this year should be appointed by

the Council rather than by the Revenue Committee. The Council's appointment could become effective at any time felt most desirable. He believed the recommendation to leave the appointment to the committee was another instance of the Council's abandoning its position to a committee. Councillor Naugle said the Council can be proud of the work of the assessment department. Properties had been added to the roll for the first time through the assessors' work. The use of a single standard of assessment had been instituted by the department, eliminating many inequalities. In addition, the work of the department in preparing facts on federal holdings in the County had been largely responsible for the federal grant in lieu of taxation. He believed it was necessary that the clerk and director of assessment attend the Ottawa meeting because they had the facts of the case at their command. The work of the individual assessor had been of a high standard and he believed they were not being paid enough for the work done and might leave the County's employ for more money if some adjustment was not made. Councillor Myers said there had been 54 applications for the position of assessor at the present salary. There would be no shortage of available men.

Councillor Burris asked what effect the establishment of the proposed paper mill at Sheet Harbor would have on the price of pulp paid the small operator. He understood the company was negotiating with the Province for the lease of Crown lands and wondered what the effect of such a development would be on the small operators. Councillor Davis said he believed the price paid for pulpwood would increase as the demand increased. All operators would benefit. The Eastern Shore Development Association, which had played an important role in encouraging the establishment of the new industry at Sheet Harbour, was also seeking to bring other industries into the municipality and he hoped that the association would receive full endorsement from the Council. He invited all councillors to become active members of the association. He said the project should be of keen concern to businessmen in both Halifax and Dartmouth since the resulting prosperity would be felt through the whole area.

Councillor Settle said the matter of federal grants was of keen interest to his district. He feared the government would take over more lands in the future. He commended the work of the committee at Ottawa. He felt some tax revenue should be realized on federally owned homes in the county. Efforts to recover some revenue through tax on personal property had been unsuccessful since the occupants moved frequently and did not establish residence. He said he had confidence in the work of the assessment department. Through the efforts of assessors, much new revenue had been realized through the tax sale of lands of doubtful title. The power to make these sales would not be given the municipality had not the assessment department been of recognized excellence.

Councillor Leverman said the report of the Revenue Committee might tend to be misleading in respect to the salaries paid assessors. He said the five original assessors were now receiving more than the minimum salary and the increase proposed would amount to only about \$100 per year per man. He was pleased also to see that the federal government was considering the use of lands in determining federal grants. Councillor Day said he believed Council should keep close check on its expenditures but he could see no alternative to granting an increase to the assessors. Councillor Williams said five of the assessors were now receiving \$2,800 per year plus 10 cents per mile travelling allowance and he felt this was adequate. If they were not satisfied they should resign. Councillor Myers asked how many

assessors were receiving the minimum salary and was advised it was given new men. He asked for information as to the total income paid assessors including travelling allowance and said the council should strive to cut taxes rather than expand additional revenue to increased expenditures.

Councillor Archibald asked on what basis Crown lands would be leased to the pulp company. Councillor Donaldson said the proposed industrial development would involve an investment of \$10 to \$15 millions and no company would make an investment on this scale without being assured of an adequate supply of raw materials. The present policy of the provincial government was to lease Crown lands allowing two years for the removal of the wood. The company could not operate on this basis and he said that the Hon. Colin Chisholm, Minister of Lands and Forests, had stated that the Province was prepared to grant long-term leases. He believed the company's development program might affect some operators, but there would be an improvement for most operators since the market for pulpwood would increase with a probable increase in price. Today the gross revenue from the Eastern Shore pulpwood industry was about \$1,500,000 whereas under the new program the figure would increase to about \$10 million with a volume increase of 2½ times. Mr. Mac-Glashen said he believed the County could assess lands leased to the company.

Councillors Moser and Snair moved that Council adjourn until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow to go into committee work. Carried.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 1, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

Deputy Warden Cruikshanks asked the special committee on the juvenile court to continue with the program during the coming year.

A petition from Sheet Harbour asking an addition of 14 cents to the rates in Watt Section and Sheet Harbour School Sections for the purchase of fire fighting equipment was referred to the Public Services Committee.

The Council suggested Monday night be chosen for the annual dinner tendered by Mr. Fielding and Mr. Stevens.

Councillors Naugle and Donaldson moved that the report of the Revenue Committee be adopted. Councillors Williams and Myers moved an amendment to the motion that page 5 of the report having to do with an increase in assessors' salaries be deleted.

Councillor Davis said he believed it most necessary that the assessment department be maintained at its present peak of efficiency. He urged that the report be adopted as a whole. The county needed all the revenue available and this would only be realized through a good assessment department. Councillor Myers said there was no shortage of good men willing to work at the present salary. The council must remember that ratepayers could only bear so much of a tax burden. He wanted to know the amount earned each year by the assessors including their mileage allowances. The clerk advised that the mile-

age varied from about \$300 for those working in the thickly populated areas to \$600 for those working in the rural areas. Councillor Myers agreed that 10 cents per mile was not excessive as a travelling allowance. Councillor Davis said he agreed that good men could be hired but it would be most unwise to throw away the experience compiled by the present assessors.

Councillor Redmond said he did not oppose salary increases for assessors but did question the need for another assessor. The preliminary work was finished and now the job consisted mainly of keeping the assessments up to date with the addition of new properties. He believed the present assessors, if they were more efficient because of their experience, could handle the extra work. The saving effected by dispensing with another assessor would more than cover the costs of granting salary increases. Councillor Evans said he agreed that an assessor should be paid a salary in keeping with the work he does but he believed there was no need to hire another man at the present time. The present staff should be able to cope with the increased assessment as their efficiency grew with their experience. Councillor Myers said the whole discussion came down to the question whether assessors' salaries would go up or the tax rates would come down.

Councillors Redmond and Day moved an amendment to the amendment that the section of the Revenue Committee's report dealing with the appointment of an additional assessor be deleted.

Councillor Ferguson said the county had an assessment department as good as any in the province. He agreed that it was not desirable to raise tax rates when it could be avoided but it would be folly to lose trained, efficient assessors because small salary increases were refused. Such a development would be loss to the whole county. He believed the Council could be guided by the Director of Assessment and the Revenue Committee who had all the facts on the situation and had made a study of the needs. Councillor Myers said he knew the people in his district were not ready to pay more taxes. He felt the assessors were being well paid now. The people wanted a levelling-off in expenses. Councillor Ferguson said the ratepayers would suffer if the assessment system collapsed. Councillor Redmond said he did not believe the Council had to leave the decision of hiring a new assessor to the Director of Assessment and the Revenue Committee. He was confident the present staff could do the work. Councillor Ferguson said he admitted he was unable to say whether another assessor was needed or not. He was willing to be guided by the Director of Assessment and the committee who had studied the problem.

Mr. MacGlashen was asked to speak on the matter and he told council he had not recommended the appointment of another assessor without giving the matter careful thought. The growth of Halifax County had been unparalleled and he believed it good business to have more help this year. The department could get along without another man but he could not recommend it. Although the preliminary work had been completed, each assessment had to be checked each year. As to the salary question, he felt it was most desirable to retain the present staff. Councillor Myers asked if it was wise to increase costs when the tax rate was already too high. Mr. MacGlashen said he was confident that the county would enjoy a big industrial boom in the future and it would not be wise to leave the assessment of these new industries in the hands of untrained men. He believed the loss from such a move would more than offset the extra cost involved in hiring a new man and raising salaries. Councillor Donaldson pointed out that the department had the same staff at present as when there were

only 25,000 tax accounts. If the councillors considered the increase in the number of assessments the need for another man became evident.

Councillor Allen told Council Mr. Purcell had been performing a valuable service in preparing maps of the county. These maps had been of great assistance to the Public Services Committee and the County Planning Board. If Council refused to hire a new man, this work would have to be drastically curtailed. Councillor Myers said the cost of assessment had been rising each year. He asked what was the cost of assessment last year and was advised it was \$29,154.71. Councillor Davis asked what recommendation the clerk would make on the matter. The clerk said he would recommend approval of the salary increases and hiring the extra man. He had seen at first hand the excellent work being done by the department. Councillor Allen pointed out that a revenue of over \$700 had been realized through the sale of maps made by Mr. Purcell.

Councillor Archibald said he felt some concern over the proposal to lease crown lands to the pulp and paper company. The county was realizing little revenue from Crown lands and he wondered what the future would hold under the new proposal. The clerk advised that the county could assess the lands leased to the company. Mr. Mac-Glashen said this assessment might mean a revenue of \$10,000 per year plus the assessment on the plant.

Councillor Archibald said he felt approval of the report in so far as it called for full support for the proposed development would involve recommendation of something not understood by many councillors. He favored establishment of industries in the county but not the leasing of crown lands on a long-term basis. Large tracts of valuable woodland were already tied up by other companies and now it was proposed to lease more large areas. He feared the effect of the proposal on the small operator. In addition the proposal would mean the loss of Crown lands built up under a proven policy. If the company acquired large tracts of land it would be able to supply its own needs and would be able to dictate the price to be paid the small operator. Councillor Davis said industrial development had long been halted by people opposed to the development of industrial resources. Prosperity would come when industrial plants were established to develop natural wealth. He was confident the province would assure the resources were being adequately protected. The plan offered an opportunity to develop resources at home rather than ship out the raw materials and buy back the finished product.

Councillor Redmond said he could see the benefit from industrial development but also could see merit in Councillor Archibald's view. The council did not have enough information on the matter to properly determine what stand should be taken. If the company had sufficient holdings to produce its own supply of pulp it would be able to dictate prices to the small operators. Councillor Turner said he favored the industry. He did think assessment on woodlands should not be so high that operations could not be profitable. Councillor Burris said the whole question was open to discussion and he would like to hear the views of Department of Lands and Forests officials. Councillor Naugle said he was confident the province would not lease lands without adequate protection and compensation. It would be unwise to shut the door on industrial development in the county. Councillor Day said he also favored establishment of the industry but could recognize the dangers. He also believed the province would make adequate provisions to safeguard the natural resources before granting leases to the company.

Councillor Ferguson said he had long recognized the need for industrial development in the Eastern Shore area but he was concerned over a statement by the premier that the company would enjoy the advantage of cheap wood in the area to offset the higher costs of electric power. He would like to know what price would probably be paid to the small operators for pulpwood. Councillor Donaldson said market fluctuations made it impossible to give any firm figure but he believed the price would compare favorably with that paid by Mersey Pulp and Paper Company. The new industry would provide a big market for pulp and since an increase in price would probably follow, the small operators would benefit. He said woodlands would not be properly utilized until the lumbering industry was accompanied by a pulp operation so that there would be a market for all forestry products. This development would provide that market for the Eastern Shore area.

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

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 1, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. Deputy Warden Cruikshank presiding. Roll called.

Major Ford of the Salvation Army addressed Council, thanking the Municipality for contributions and assistance of the past and appealing for continued assistance.

Council resumed discussion on the report of the Revenue Committee. Councillor Naugle suggested the report be considered clause by clause. Councillors Redmond and Day withdrew their amendment to the amendment. Councillors Williams and Myers withdrew their amendment. Councillors Naugle and Donaldson moved the report of the Revenue Committee be considered clause by clause. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Burris moved adoption of Page 1 to the top of Page 3 to the end of the paragraph re construction equipment. Carried.

Councillors Davis and Naugle moved that the five paragraphs on page 3 of the Revenue Committee report be adopted. Councillor Archibald moved an amendment that in view of the long established policy on Crown Lands in this province that the five paragraphs be deleted. The amendment was not seconded and the motion carried.

Councillors Allen and Evans moved that the paragraph re appointment of assessors for the year 1955 be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Day moved that the recommendation of the Revenue Committee re an additional assessor be deleted. Councillor Naugle cited the need for an additional assessor and urged that the recommendation be adopted. Councillor Redmond said the Assessment Department did unnecessary work last year. The Director of Assessment had been taken from his office to go to Ottawa. He was also against the Municipality becoming a training school for assessors from other Municipalities. Councillor Davis reminded Council that the appointment of an assessor had been recommended by the committee, the Director of Assessment, and the Municipal Clerk. Councillors Redmond and Day called for a recorded vote on the matter. Council then voted on the motion that the recommendation of the Revenue Committee re an additional assessor be deleted, as follows: For Districts 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22. Against Districts 12, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. The motion was defeated 11 to 9.

Councillors Donaldson and Burris moved adoption of the remainder of the Revenue Committee report (dealing with the increase in salaries). Carried. With Councillors Williams and Moser wishing to be recorded against.

Councillor Moser recommended that as a saving to the Municipality the Municipal Clerk discontinue mailing of reminder notices re the deadline for tax payments. He said that since it was advertised in the press, it was unnecessary to remind the ratepayers further. The Municipal Clerk said the Municipality had found it a good business policy to remind ratepayers of the tax deadline. It had helped bring tax payments in faster and resulted in savings in the overdraft interest at the bank.

Councillor Leverman asked for council opinion on a suggestion of the executive of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities that the County act as host for a lobster supper for delegates attending the annual convention in Halifax this year. He said the convention would be held four days this year, with one day open for entertainment of the delegates. Speaking in support of the suggestion were Councillors Naugle, Ferguson, Moser, Snair, Evans, Turner and Myers. Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that a committee of three be appointed from this Council to make arrangements with the City and Town of Dartmouth in connection with the entertainment of delegates to the Union Convention in Halifax. Carried. Deputy Warden Cruikshank selected Councillors Leverman, Naugle and Snair as the committee.

Councillor Donaldson informed Council that the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens and the Hon. R. M. Fielding will be hosts to the Councillors at a dinner March 9 at the Lord Nelson Hotel.

Councillors Redmond and Mosher moved that Council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, to go into committee work.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 2, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

An application for a closed section from Ecum Secum district was referred to the Resources Committee.

The amendments to the Poor Relief Act were read by the Clerk. Councillor Naugle said establishment of a county board to administer relief would result in additional costs and he believed Council should investigate what steps could be taken in respect to the matter.

Councillors Naugle and Snair moved that the municipality be exempted from the provisions of Section 23 (1) of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of 1954—The Poor Relief Act—and that money raised for purposes of poor relief be raised and administered by the local poor districts in the same manner as in the past, for the year 1955.

Councillor Moser said the Council was not given an opportunity to voice its opinion on the proposed new legislation. He believed the regulations would be opposed by all members of the Council and the majority of ratepayers. Councillor Burris pointed out the county could be exempted for five years and that period would give an opportunity to make a careful study of the whole problem. He suggested a committee be appointed to make the study. Councillor Redmond said he viewed with alarm the provision that settlement could be established in two years. He believed this measure would lead to increased expenditures.

Deputy Warden Cruikshanks said hospital accounts had not been a major problem when handled on the district level but when they became a municipal charge they had gotten out of hand. Councillor Davis said he believed the hospital accounts should still be a district charge. He did not believe any district should have to carry the burden of hospital accounts from another district. The clerk advised that the accounts had been made a municipal responsibility through legislation. Councillor Evans said he could clearly see the danger of the new poor relief legislation. He referred to cases where newcomers to his district had sought poor relief as soon as they got into trouble. He believed the costs of administering relief would go up when the matter was taken out of the hands of district people who knew the circumstances of the individual cases.

The motion to exempt the County for 1955 was voted upon and carried. Councillors Burris and Allen moved that the matter of the future administration of poor relief under the terms of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of 1954, be referred to a special committee of Council for study and report.

Councillor Naugle said the costs of administration would be increased because of the difficulty of investigating the applications for relief. Other municipalities had tried the county board system and had reported increased expenditures and general dissatisfaction. Councillor Redmond agreed with the need for careful study of the regulations and suggested it might be put into the hands of the Welfare Committee. Councillor Naugle said he believed a special committee could devote its full time to the problem and would reduce the costs of committee meetings.

The motion for the special committee was voted upon and carried. Deputy Warden Cruikshanks named Councillors Burris, Allen and Naugle to the committee.

Councillors Moser and Brown moved that Council adjourn to go into committee work and reconvene at 2 p.m. Carried.

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 2, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m., Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called.

Councillors Donaldson and Redmond moved that Council extend a vote of thanks to the Halifax Kiwanis Club and Armdale Kiwanis Club for their kindness in entertaining Council at two very enjoyable functions. Carried.

Mr. Peter Stewart, agricultural representative for Halifax County, addressed the Council outlining farm conditions in the county. Councillor Moser praised the work of Mr. Stewart and the Department of Agriculture for the assistance offered in farm work in connection with the County Home.

Following Mr. Stewart's report he answered various questions on farm matters. Warden Dowell expressed thanks of the Council to Mr. Stewart.

Councillors Snair and Day moved that Council adjourn to go into committee work and to reconvene at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

SEVENTH DAY — MORNING

Thursday, March 3, 1955

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.

The Warden announced that the dinner to be tendered Council by Mr. Fielding and Mr. Stevens was now set for Monday evening at the Nova Scotian Hotel at 6 o'clock.

A petition from District 27 re fire fighting equipment was read and on motion of Councillors Allen and Ferguson was tabled until such time as a borrowing resolution can be presented in connection with the matter. Carried.

A letter was read from Wellington residents asking Council's support for an effort to have a warning signal installed at the railway crossing there. Councillor Allen said the application for such warning signal had to be made to the railway. If the matter was left in the hands of the Agenda Committee, he would make further investigations into the request. Councillor Myers said he knew from experience that the crossing was a dangerous one. Councillor Naugle said the council should lend its support to the request.

A letter was read from the Armdale Ratepayers Association asking Council to consider a redistribution of Council seats according to population and the possibility of dividing the municipality. Councillor Settle said the letter was an indication of growing feeling in the fringe areas that the present system of representation was inadequate. Councillor Redmond suggested the matter be tabled for discussion Friday. Councillor Allen said a similar proposal had come from School Section 34 residents and had been handed over to the Law Amendments Committee. That committee would be making a recommendation on the matter. Councillor Naugle said there were many factors to be considered in such a proposal. If population was made the sole basis of representation it would work a hardship on the rural areas since no one councillor could adequately represent large areas. He agreed that it was not fair for one councillor to represent a thickly populated district but the size of a district was an important factor.

Councillors Redmond and Evans moved that the letter from Armdale Ratepayers Association in connection with representation by population be tabled until Friday morning session of the Council. Carried.

The solicitor drew Council's attention to the approval of a system of integrated bus and trolley coach services over the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge. Councillor Settle said the Truckers Association at a meeting Wednesday night had expressed deep concern over the proposed increases in rates for both the ferry and the bridge. The truckers said the higher rates would force them to go by highway around the harbour, further aggravating the Bedford-Halifax traffic problem. Councillor Davis said the situation would be very serious. He suggested the Council ask that the matter be restudied. He would like to hear representatives of the Bridge Commission explain the matter to Council. The Warden said he would ask the Secretary of the Commission to appear before Council on the matter. Councillor Naugle said the rates were forcing the truckers to go around the harbour by highway, and that such a development would take needed revenue away from the bridge. Councillor Redmond said county ratepayers had a direct interest in such a development since the county

had guaranteed five percent of any operating deficit and if the rates were too high, then the revenue would drop because the bridge would not be patronized.

Councillors Davis and Evans moved that the Council invite the Secretary and General Manager or some other official of the Bridge Commission to discuss the matter of rates to be charged heavy vehicles so that Councillors could get a picture of how heavy vehicle traffic would be affected.

Councillor Evans said the rate increases for the ferry would have a big effect on truckers. He suggested a representative of the Ferry Commission also be asked to come before Council on the matter. If the Council did not take action it would be neglecting a duty to rate-payers.

The motion to invite Bridge Commission representatives before Council was voted upon and carried.

The clerk outlined proposed changes in The Municipal Act and they were discussed by Council.

Councillors Donaldson and Ferguson moved that the Solicitor examine the proposed Municipal Act and bring back a report on proposed changes to the full council. Carried.

Councillors Williams and Moser moved that council adjourn to 2 p.m. to go into committee work. Carried.

SEVENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 3, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. with Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called. Mr. E. K. Ford, president, and Mr. John Arnett, executive secretary of the John Howard Society, addressed Council, explaining work of the organization and the benefits offered county residents, and suggested some recognition in the form of financial assistance. The society officials answered many questions of the councillors in connection with the work, and Councillors Allen and Davis suggested Council support the society. The Warden expressed thanks of the Council to Mr. Ford and Mr. Arnett for their addresses. Councillor Allen suggested that members of the Welfare Committee attend the annual meeting of the society which was scheduled for this afternoon. Warden Dowell suggested that since some Councillors would be engaged in committee work he would leave attendance up to the individual councillors.

Councillor Settle recalled that at a recent joint meeting of councillors of the County, City and Town of Dartmouth, it was suggested that a committee be formed to study problems of the three municipalities. Councillor Naugle asked whether this committee was in connection with a proposed survey of the metropolitan area. Councillor Davis said the committee was to be formed at the invitation of the Mayor of Halifax, discuss common problems and report back to their respective councils.

Councillor Redmond said the committee would look into problems of the three municipalities. Warden Dowell said the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax had agreed to share in the cost of the survey. The province has promised to contribute and it was up to the County to decide whether to contribute. Councillor Currie said the nine-man committee was to replace the old Metropolitan Commission.

Councillor Davis said the committee would decide whether to revive the old commission or recommend formation of a new commission. Warden Dowell said the old commission was obsolete. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said he understood the suggestion to mean that the nine-man committee would explore the possibility of the three municipalities sharing cost on some projects instead of making individual expenditures. Councillor Leverman reminded that this committee would have to report back to Council before any concrete decision were made. Councillor Davis said there was a growing need for amalgamation of ideas of the three municipalities. This committee would be the medium for such discussion.

Councillors Davis and Donaldson moved that whereas at a joint dinner meeting of the Councils of the City of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax the suggestion was made that each of the three municipal corporations appoint a committee of three, who would meet as a committee of nine to discuss joint problems of the City, Town and Municipality, be it resolved that this Council appoint a committee of three to meet with similar committees of the City, and the Town. Carried.

Council began a study of figures on populations and assessment of each district preliminary to a general discussion on the suggested redistribution of seats tomorrow morning.

Councillors Moser and Williams moved that Council adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. to go into committee work. Carried.

EIGHTH DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 4, 1955

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 Day.

The Warden called for a return to discussion of the proposed redistribution of Council seats. Councillors Naugle and Allen moved that Council go into committee of the whole. Councillor Mosher said he opposed the motion. The Council had nothing to hide. The motion was defeated.

The clerk explained the table of statistics on population and assessment, pointing out that they showed 13 districts had less than three percent of the population so that less than 39 percent of the population had 13 votes in Council. Councillor Settle said the figures showed that representation by population was out of line and it underlined the reasons behind requests for redistribution. Councillor Leverman said he had compiled some figures on the matter that might interest Council. There were now 22 Councillors with a total assessment for the County of about \$48,000,000, or an average of \$2,000,000 assessment for each Council seat. District 12 accounted for 20 percent of the total assessment while District 16, the smallest, had about 6/10 of one percent of the assessment. Both had an equal voice in Council. Seventeen districts had assessments under \$2,000,000, accounting for 40 percent of the total assessment, while five districts had assessments of over \$2,000,000 comprising 60 percent of the total. Twelve districts had less than \$1,000,000. If District 12's assessment was adopted as the yardstick for one Council seat, there would be only 4.9 seats in the council. If District 16 was

taken as the basic unit, the Council would comprise 171 Councillors. If the average of \$2,000,000 per seat was taken then District 12 would have 4.5 Councillors. The twelve districts with less than \$1,000,000 assessment did not have a total equal with that of District 12 alone but they had 12 votes for one for District 12.

Councillor Evans recalled that at one time there were 32 Councillors but a number of districts had been merged to increase the assessment in each new district. Only District 16 and possibly District 7 had not been changed in the merger. People had moved from the city and town into the fringe area, boosting population in these districts. As these districts became thickly populated, people would move out into the more distant districts to boost population there. Councillor Redmond said the demand for more representation for the fringe areas was made in an effort to obtain public services for these people. He said there seemed to be a feeling among some fringe area people that some Councillors were not sympathetic toward their needs for services. All Councillors recognized the need and would not deny the fringe areas their needed services as long as they were ready to pay for these services. He said he would fear for the rural residents if the fringe areas had a majority voice on the Council since the rural residents could then be made to pay for fringe area services. He said the whole County was now carrying a share of the burden for services, including the cost of the engineering department. If the fringe areas did not feel they could get the needed services under the present set-up, the Council would probably approve an arrangement to administer and finance services on a district level. Councillor Leverman said the engineering department had not been a burden on rural areas. Charges were levied for engineering services and in fact the department had shown a profit for the past year.

Councillor Naugle asked what portion of the costs for sewer services had been borne by the County as a whole last year. The clerk advised the County's share had totalled about \$3,000. Councillor Naugle said the County was expected to pay its share for the proposed survey of the metropolitan area, adding that he did not dispute the need for such a survey. Councillor Settle said only three districts had sewer services installed by the municipality and that these districts had paid for 45 percent of the county's share of 50 percent of the cost of the projects. Councillor Davis said the present system of handling services was haphazard. No adequate plans had been made. It was now impossible to tell ratepayers what the probable future costs for services would be. There was a real need for long range planning.

Councillor Burris said a redistribution of Council seats would mean amalgamation of some rural areas. The number of Council seats would be reduced to 12 if a population of 5,000 was taken as the basic unit. The clerk said he had drafted some figures on the basis of 5,000 people per Council seat, which might be of use in Council's deliberations. He said the County could be set up as follows on the 5,000 people per seat basis: Districts 7, 9 and 10, one district; District 8 and part of District 27, one district; District 11, one district; District 12, two districts; District 13 and 28, one district; District 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, one district; District 20, 21, 22, one district; Districts 23, 24, 25 and 26, one district; the remainder of District 27, one district. This would cut the number of Councillors to eleven. Councillor Mosher said no one Councillor would be willing to represent a greatly enlarged district at the present rate

of remuneration. The size of a district should also be considered. Councillor Snair agreed, suggested consideration be given also to assessment.

Councillor Evans said the time had come for the Council to seriously consider if the municipality should be divided into separate urban and rural units, each with its own government. The needs of the two sections of the county had become too different to continue on the present basis. Councillor Settle said he appreciated that redistribution was a difficult problem but he could not agree with a proposal to split the municipality. He was confident some new balance could be established if Council devoted its full attention to the matter. Councillor Burris said he believed the factor of distances should be a primary consideration in redistributing Council seats. Councillor Naugle said he did not believe the County should be divided but was confident some solution could be found. Councillor Turner agreed there was need for more representation for the fringe areas but no one Councillor could adequately represent a district 50 miles long.

Deputy Warden Cruikshanks said the time had arrived when the interests of the rural and urban areas were no longer one. He believed the possibility of dividing the County should be explored. He could see no geographic difficulty to such a move and felt it might well be placed before the central committee to be set up for the metropolitan area. He suggested the fringe areas set up their own organization to handle public services and that they be financed on the local level. It was unreasonable to ask rural districts to pay for urban services. Councillor Davis deplored a tendency of some Councillors to be concerned with district matters only, forgetting their responsibilities as Councillors for the whole county. Development in any part of the County would benefit the municipality as a whole. Councillor Ferguson said every Councillor recognized the problems facing the fringe area. The problem could not be solved in a single discussion by Council. It might be necessary in the end to divide the County. He believed Councillors did recognize their responsibilities to the County as a whole.

Councillor Evans asked if it was possible to set up two administrative bodies for two sections of a County without a division of the municipality. The clerk advised it was not necessary to have two administrative bodies within the County as Area Rates are provided for under the Municipal Act which could accomplish the same thing. Councillor Redmond said the Council would still set the rates in such a dual system and could force rural areas to pay for urban services. The Solicitor suggested that the problem might be met by establishment of a metropolitan commission with real powers.

Deputy Warden Cruikshanks said the question of division had received new support with the tabling of the Pottier report. The standards of urban area schools would probably be higher than those for rural schools, with resulting higher costs. Councillor Naugle said he did not support division of the County. He felt there should be no change now, particularly since the effects of the Pottier report was not yet known. Councillor Evans said he hoped there would be a substantial improvement in the standards for rural schools. Now these schools were in poor condition and the children were suffering as a result.

Councillor Naugle suggested the Hon. Mr. Fielding be asked to address Council on the subject of redistribution and division.

Councillor Myers moved that Council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

EIGHT DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, March 4, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m., Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillor Redmond moved that discussion re distribution of representation be tabled until after the Public Services Committee Report comes before Council.

Councillors Naugle and Snair moved an amendment that a special committee be appointed to go into details of a redistribution and report back to Council. Councillor Naugle suggested the report could be presented at a special session of Council. Councillor Myers said District 12 should have two more Councillors. He reminded Council that Woodside was granted representation some years ago as the result of a similar petition. Councillor Naugle said this suggestion was for more seats in three districts. Councillor Leverman said he was not in favor of passing the matter to a committee unless a report was brought back at the present session. Councillor Naugle said he would add that to his resolution. Councillor Moser said he agreed District 12 should have more representation. He said a committee had been appointed some years ago but had died. He was reminded that the committee was disbanded by decision of Council. Councillor Moser said the committee should have a report for the present session. Councillor Redmond said that Armdale Ratepayers' Association had associated public services and redistribution as allied topics and he felt Council should deal with them in the same manner.

Council then voted on the amendment by Councillors Naugle and Snair that a special committee be appointed to go into all details of a redistribution and report back to Council at this present session. Carried.

The preliminary report of the Public Services Committee re School Avenue was read. Councillors Leverman and Naugle moved adoption of the report. Councillor Ferguson said the people of School Avenue were asking for a loan to correct a predicament. Council should not hesitate to approve the proposal. Councillor Donaldson asked if the rate of interest on a loan to be granted the residents had been set. He was advised that the rate would be whatever it cost the Municipality. Councillor Davis saw the recommendation of the Public Services Committee as a means of solving a difficult problem, and urged full support.

Council voted on the resolution. Carried.

Councillor Leverman and Warden Dowell expressed thanks to council for co-operation in this matter.

Warden Dowell named the following committee to consider the distribution proposal: Councillors Donaldson, Burris, Snair, Settle and Leverman.

Councillor Naugle asked if arrangements could be made with the Department of Highways to grant Councillors authority to issue a permit to truckers in special cases to permit their vehicles to use roads during the closed season, providing the road would not be endangered. He said that days when the roads are frozen, trucks could use the roads without causing damage. Councillor Donaldson said he doubted whether the department would permit such a request

Councillor Settle said the department will relax controls on certain days.

Warden Dowell suggested that Councillors Naugle, Turner, Settle and Donaldson bring the matter before officials of the Department of Highways.

Councillor Ferguson admitted that closing of roads presented problems to some truckers, but he felt it would be useless to ask the department to lift controls. Councillor Naugle said he was not suggesting that the regulations be overruled. He said there were certain days when roads would not be damaged. He said the closing of the roads was not intended to tie up business.

Councillor Myers noted that on the first day the roads were closed, truckers on the Eastern Passage road were fined \$500. He suggested a day of grace should be granted by the department.

Councillors Moser and Williams moved Council adjourn to go into committee work, to reconvene at 10 o'clock Monday, March 7. Carried.

NINTH DAY — MORNING

Monday, March 7, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Minutes of Friday's sessions were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Brown and Naugle.

An application for a tax rebate from an Armdale resident was referred to the Revenue Committee. A letter from the City Manager regarding the metropolitan area survey was referred to the Public Services Committee. A communication regarding Civil Defense was referred to the Safety Committee. Petitions from District 13 asking for street lighting was referred to the Public Services Committee.

A petition was read from Wellington residents asking Council's support for its request to have a warning signal installed at the local railway crossing. Councillor Allen said he had contacted the CNR superintendent and was advised that the request should be forwarded to the Transport Commission. Mr. Embree and Mr. Roscoe, representing the Wellington ratepayers, were introduced. Mr. Roscoe said he knew from personal experience the dangers at the crossing. Many families lived in this area and about 90 children were crossing the tracks daily. Mr. Embree said 15 regular trains and a number of extras moved through the crossing daily. Councillor Naugle suggested that a request be made for an overhead bridge at the crossing. Councillor Allen said the ground would not be suitable for such a bridge.

Councillors Allen and Burris moved that the Council endorse the request of ratepayers of School Section No. 44, District 27, for a warning signal at the railroad crossing in that district and that the Council forward this request to the Board of Transport Commissioners for immediate action. Carried.

Commissioner Maher read the report of the Municipal School Board. Councillor Davis said he hoped the whole system of bonuses to teachers would be abolished if a new salary scale, based on the Pottier report, was instituted. Commissioner Maher said this was the view of the board and it was understood by the teachers' union. Councillor Moser said there seemed to be some confusion as to site for the

proposed rural high school in Halifax West. He thought the school should be built on a site along the St. Margaret's Bay Road rather than in the urban area. Such a site would be more central and land would be readily available. Commissioner Maher said 75 percent of the children who would be attending such a school live in the urban areas and it would not be sound economy to transport them out of the area to a school.

Councillor Naugle said the Eastern Shore area had great need for a rural high school. It was very costly to send county students to high school in Dartmouth. The ratepayers were being asked to pay continually increasing taxes for education but seemed to be getting little in return. He felt there should be no move to further increase expenditures until the legislature had an opportunity to deal with the Pottier report. Commissioner Maher said the board had not forgotten the needs of the Eastern Shore area but the effect of the bridge on population trends had obscured the picture somewhat. As to the proposed new bonus for teachers, the board recognized it was not a cure for the present situation but hoped it would keep some of the teachers in the schools. Councillor Davis said a citizens' committee was presently investigating the possibility of a rural high school for the Eastern Shore area.

Councillor Evans stressed the need for a rural high school in the Eastern Shore area, saying there was a steady increase in the number of pupils but no real sign of an early start on the school. Plenty of suitable sites were available. Councillor Settle asked the board to press with full vigor for the establishment of the rural high school for the eastern section of the county. Councillor Redmond contended the board had neglected the eastern section. The board's reports did not stress the equal necessity for a rural high school in the Eastern Shore area as in the western part of the county. He felt the time had come for a major effort in this direction.

Councillor Naugle said he believed the Council would not be unreasonable in asking the province to make a move in respect to teachers' salaries before a new bonus was granted. Councillor Moser agreed there should be no new expenditures pending action on the Pottier report.

Councillor Redmond asked how the teaching equipment, provided under a grant from the Council, was distributed. Inspector Silver said the equipment was distributed according to greatest need. Some schools still need the equipment and it was hoped the Council would see fit to continue the grant for another year.

Councillor Ferguson said the education system had been deteriorating for some years in the county. Whenever the question came up, both the government and the Council inclined to believe the situation was not too serious until they came up against the hard fact that the education system had hit rock bottom. When the School Board recommended new bonuses for teachers it was with the hope that it would hold some of the teachers in the school, but it was recognized that the bonus was no real cure to the present situation. He recognized the need for rural high schools but first emphasis should be on good teachers.

Councillors Snair and Naugle moved that in view of the fact that the report dealt with an expenditure of money, the matter be deferred until Wednesday morning. Carried.

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

NINTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Monday, March 7, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m., Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called.

Council decided to appoint Municipal boards and committees.

Re Board of Appeal: Councillors Turner and Ferguson moved re-appointment of James Scrivens; Councillors Burriss and Isenor moved reappointment of Roy Hutchinson; Councillors Allen and Settle moved reappointment of Richard F. Tolson. Councillors Donaldson and Naugle moved that nominations cease for members of the Board of Appeals. Carried.

Councillors Moser and Allen moved that the same members be appointed to the Municipal Building Board as last year, namely Mr. A. Thompson, Glen Margaret; Mr. Ernest Barrett of Sackville; Mr. A. T. Fredericks, South Woodside. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that George S. Dickie of Middle Musquodoboit be appointed as a member of the Halifax—East Hants Veterinary Board. Carried.

Councillors Settle and Ferguson moved that Mr. Thomas Bollong of Pope's Harbor and Mr. Donald Turner, Westphal, be appointed as members of the Veterinary Board in the remaining portion of the County. Carried.

Councillors Donaldson and Allen moved that nominations of voting delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities be made from the chair. Coucillor Myers said this should be done from the floor. He said the Council was represented by the same Councillors each year. Warden Dowell said that the delegates were not the same each year. Council voted on the motion. Carried. Warden Dowell said he would name the delegates Wednesday.

Councillors Leverman and Burriss moved that there would be no half-yearly meeting this year as required under the terms of the Municipal Act. Carried.

Councillors Burriss and Turner moved the following notice of motion: 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 \$60,444, and the Treasurer is authorized to use such overdraft to defray ordinary expenses of the Municipality for the coming year.

Councillors Evans and Naugle gave notice of motion that they would move 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 the provisions of Chapter 711, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, for the year 1955, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such loan.

Councillors Moser and Leverman moved Council adjourn to go into committee work to reconvene at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning at the Halifax County Hospital. Carried.

TENTH DAY — MORNING

Tuesday, March 8, 1955

Council met at the Halifax County Hospital at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Ferguson and Snair moved that Council adjourn until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in order to make the annual inspection of the hospital and to provide the treat to patients. Carried.

ELEVENTH DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, March 9, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of Monday's sessions were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Evans and Isenor.

A letter from the Town of Dartmouth regarding the Gaston Road Sewer service was referred to the Public Services Committee. A letter from Middle Musquodoboit ratepayers respecting street lighting was referred to the Public Services Committee.

A letter from the Minister of Education regarding the vocational high school was read to Council. Warden Dowell said he believed the Council should approve the increase in the County's contribution to the school. Councillor Redmond agreed saying the school had proven its worth and it would be poor economy to neglect needed repairs. The salary scale for teachers at the school had to be maintained at a level comparable to that paid in the City of Halifax. Councillor Evans asked if the county's proportion of pupils at the school was selected on an area basis, so that all districts would be equally represented. The warden advised the pupils were selected on the basis of aptitude for the courses offered and that the whole area served was treated as one unit. Councillor Ferguson said the school had given valuable training to many county pupils and he thought the needed increase should be approved.

Councillors Naugle and Snair moved that the municipality approve of contributing the sum of \$1,200 toward extraordinary expenditures that are facing the Board of the Halifax County Vocational High School with respect to repairs to the building and increases in salaries. Carried.

Council then returned to discussion of the Municipal School Board's report. Councillors Ferguson and Leverman moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Naugle said he would support the recommendation for a new bonus for teachers but he still believed the county had been imposed upon. It was not right that the county should grant bigger bonuses while the province took no immediate action. Councillor Moser said he opposed in principle the whole bonus system since it amounted to open bidding for teachers between the school sections. Councillor Leverman said he agreed the bonus system was undesirable and pointed out that the Pottier Report had proposed the bonuses be eliminated. He said the proposed new bonus was less than that asked by the teachers but they were willing to accept the board's recom-

mendation. The bonus was no real solution to the problem but it might keep teachers in the schools until the Pottier Report was dealt with.

Councillor Moser said expensive schools were being built in many school sections while good teachers were not available to staff the new buildings. The emphasis should be on more and better teachers. Councillor Naugle said he believed the teacher situation could be eased if more school sections were consolidated. He believed the whole question of consolidation could be better handled by an independent body set up for that purpose.

The motion to adopt the report of the Municipal School Board was voted upon and carried.

Inspector Silver was invited to address Council and he reviewed briefly the history of consolidation in the county, saying the consolidated schools had proven their ability to improve education standards and that the board was encouraging such consolidations. Councillor Redmond pointed out the Pottier Report had recommended the whole Municipality be established as one school section administered by the Municipal Board. Councillor Burris suggested the whole question be set aside until the special meeting of Council to discuss new legislation based on the Pottier Report.

The report of the Welfare Committee was read and Councillors Ferguson and Snair gave notice of motion that they would move for the adoption of the report at Thursday morning's session.

Rev. Mr. Jefferson, chairman of the Visiting Committee, read that committee's report to Council and re-iterated the recommendation that separate staff quarters be built at the County Hospital. Councillor Davis noted the lack of radio facilities at the Hospital and suggested such a system would improve the morale of patients. Mr. Jefferson said a number of patients had their own radios and there were pianos in the recreation rooms. Warden Dowell pointed out a radio fund had been started a few years ago but nothing had been done about it recently. Councillors Settle and Ferguson paid tribute to the Dartmouth Kiwanis Club for entertainment provided patients.

Councillor Naugle endorsed the recommendation for separate staff quarters saying it would be a sound financial investment and would help to keep good staff at the hospital.

Councillor Leverman gave notice of motion he would move for the adoption of the Public Services Commission report at a later session of Council.

Councillors Evans and Isenor moved that Council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

ELEVENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 9, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. Warden Dowell presiding. Roll called.

The report of the Finance Committee was read. Councillors Leverman and Turner moved adoption of the report.

Councillor Moser said some County taxpayers can't afford to pay increased hospital rates. These people often stay away from hospital because they can't afford to pay the bills. The committee should investigate rising hospital costs. Councillor Day agreed the \$9 rate was too high. He said there should be an insurance plan to cover county residents. Councillor Redmond said appointment of another constable to collect hospital accounts was unnecessary. He said the commission

proposed for this constable as an incentive might bring unnecessary pressure on poor people and pensioners who could ill afford to pay their bills. He agreed the \$9 hospital rate was too high. He said the present collection agency could look after hospital bills. He said he could not support the committee's recommendation.

Councillor Davis said he feared the effect unpaid hospital accounts will have on the municipal tax rate. The County had tried many means of collecting hospital accounts. This suggestion appeared to be sound. He said hiring of an additional constable would be a wise investment.

Councillor Day said that people in his district are willing to pay hospital bills, but the \$9 rate was too high. Councillor Myers said the constable would have the authority to sue. He saw a danger that old residents would lose their homes.

Mr. Hattie said the County had a deficit last year of \$20,910. This deficit came entirely from hospital accounts. The Municipality was billed for \$194,373 in hospital accounts last year and only \$73,000 was collected. He said the tax rate would have to increase unless there was a substantial decrease in the amount of hospital debts. The recommendation of the committee was to hire a constable for a year on a trial basis. The \$9 per diem rate is set by statute, he said, and the Council had no voice in the matter.

Councillor Redmond said that people in the County are not receiving the medical attention they should have. He said a new constable will create a fear in ratepayers and keep them away from the hospital if they are unable to pay their bills. He agreed that people who own homes and cars should pay their own bills. Councillor Day said he agreed. He said some people may die because of lack of treatment if they do not enter hospital.

Councillor Leverman said the Finance Committee budgeted last year for \$100,000 for hospital accounts. The figure was \$20,000 higher. He said the County could expect further increase this year, and reminded that the higher the hospital accounts go the higher the tax rate will have to be raised. He felt employment of a man to collect back bills would be a proper step. If this were not done then Council would have to agree to budget for about \$150,000 for hospital accounts this year.

Councillor Burris said the committee recommendation was a move to cut hospital accounts. He said that in his district many people who were able to pay hospital accounts did not because there was no pressure brought upon them. The time has come when the Municipality must take action to collect. Warden Dowell said he agreed with the committee recommendation providing the right man was hired. He did not want to see undue burden on people who could not afford to pay bills. Councillor Redmond reminded that a collection agency handles hospital bills for the Municipality. He was told that the agency takes over bills only when the County has failed to collect itself. Councillor Redmond said he agreed men with cars should have to pay along with others who spend lavishly. Councillor Settle asked how much the collection agency turned in to the Municipality last year. He was advised that between \$10,000 and \$12,000 was turned in.

Councillor Redmond moved an amendment to the motion that the section of the Finance Committee report dealing with the appointment of a constable be deleted and that all hospital accounts be turned over to a collection agency after the hospital has turned the accounts over to the Municipality after 60 days. His motion was not seconded. Mr.

Hattie reminded Councillor Redmond that if this were done the County would be paying 25 per cent commission on all hospital bills. Last year the County had collected \$73,000 itself.

Councillor Naugle said that adding to the tax rate was protecting those people who refused to pay hospital accounts. He felt some action should be taken to collect. The constable could be guided by the Councillor in each district. The county is now close to \$400,000 in arrears in respect to hospital accounts. The county could not afford to add \$150,000 each year to the hospital account budget.

Councillor Davis said if this report is defeated councillors would have to answer to the ratepayers to explain why these accounts were allowed to get out of hand. He urged support of the recommendation. Councillor Snair said the County is lax in permitting a bill to go two years before passing it to an agency. He said the appointment of a field man was a good suggestion.

Councillor Ferguson said he was not in favor of higher hospital rates. He said the system of collection proposed by the V.G. Hospital would not help the county to a great extent. He said that the constable would not place any hardship on any ratepayer that had intentions to pay his bills. Councillor Moser suggested two constables be named, one to do the collection, the other to ensure good treatment at the hospital. He said he had heard criticism of the treatment. Councillor Isenor agreed the county should try to collect more hospital bills. He felt the poor people were doing their best to pay, while the majority of the debts were incurred by working people.

Constable Evans asked whether the constable would put pressure on poor people or old people. He said the constable would have the authority to sue, and he feared many people would lose their farms. Mr. Hattie said the Municipality is the body that decides to sue. The constable would make a report on each case, and the Municipality would decide whether to take action. The Councillors would be consulted before any court action was taken. Councillor Evans said he had filled out a list of hospital accounts for his district last year, along with recommendations. He asked if the collection agency had collected any of these bills. He was advised that some had been collected, and that the others were still in the hands of the agency.

Councillor Brown said he was in favor of the county collecting tax bills, but he feared the constable would cause pressure among poor people. Warden Dowell said the municipality is human and would deal with each case in a humane way.

Councillor Williams said he was in favor of appointing the constable providing the right man was named. He said that many people who owe hospital bills are owners of television sets and cars. He was against the steps taken by collection agencies but he felt the people who can pay should be made to pay. He hoped the Finance Committee would name the right man, one who would weigh all the factors. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said he was pleased to hear the collection agency had turned in between \$10,000 and \$12,000 last year. He said this report recommended that the collection agency continue collecting old bills, while the constable looked after current accounts.

Council voted on the motion. Carried.

The report of the special committee re highways to the Halifax County Hospital was read. Councillors Leverman and Evans moved the report be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Myers said he had been advised by the contractors that the road would not be rebuilt as far as the barns on the hospital

property. Councillor Leverman said he had checked this with the Highways Department and this was not the case.

The report of the commission on redistribution was read.

Councillor Davis said the report was a comprehensive study on an important matter. He saw the need for complete redistribution but not of what he called mutilation of the county system. This would happen if suggestions of one or two of the committee were adopted. He said suggestion three was the answer to the needs of the fringe area, and he moved that recommendation No. 3 be adopted.

Councillors Donaldson moved that the report first be received for consideration. This was seconded by Councillor Snair. Carried.

Councillors Donaldson and Snair moved that each part of the report of the committee be dealt with separately. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Settle moved that paragraphs one and two, dealing with division of the county and present distribution, be approved. Carried, with Councillor Redmond being recorded against.

Councillors Williams and Evans moved that the suggestion of the Committee on Redistribution with respect to a council of 11 members not be approved. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Evans moved that the suggestion of the Committee on Redistribution with respect to a council of 22 members not be approved. Carried.

Councillors Davis and Donaldson moved that the third proposal of the Committee on Redistribution, of a council of 26, be approved.

Councillor Redmond said that suggestions one and two would cause mutilation of the Council, but so would number three. He felt that within a few years the fringe areas would be bringing more demands for expenditures on the outlying areas. He said he would not support the motion. Councillor Naugle said there should be no change in the present set up except for the addition of a second councillor for District 12. Councillor Leverman said that was unfair on a population basis. Councillor Naugle said he did not set up the seats. Councillor Leverman replied that he was aware Councillor Naugle did not set up the seats, but Councillor Naugle was on a committee which three years ago was formed to consider redistribution and had not brought in a report. He said it was unfair to the 17,000 residents of District 12. Councillor Redmond said that was why he did not favor the first suggestion of the committee. He said the ratepayers are entitled to fair representation. The time has come for division of the county into two Municipal units. The fringe areas then would be free to join the city or town, or form a town of their own.

Councillors Naugle and Redmond moved an amendment that the third suggestion of the committee on redistribution be not approved, but that the Council remain as it is, with the exception of one additional councillor for District No. 12. Councillor Leverman said that was very unfair. Councillor Davis reminded that the ratepayers had asked for fair representation, especially in the fringe areas.

Councillor Snair asked if ratepayers of District 8 had asked for more representation. Warden Dowell said there had been a request. Councillor Settle said the committee tried to relieve the unfair system. People have demanded better representation. He felt suggestion No. 3 was the one which would satisfy the greatest number of people. Councillor Moser said that with three councillors in District No. 12, the present councillor's hands will still be tied. Councillor Leverman said the suggestion was that the new councillors not be assigned to any specific area of a district until after the 1958 elections.

This would give ratepayers and councillors time to decide whether the councillors should serve at large. He said the committee's report was subject to consideration by the ratepayers. It had been drafted in three days, whereas the previous committee had taken three years and still hadn't presented a report.

Councillor Settle said he agreed with Councillor Leverman that councillors at large was not perhaps the best system, but that could be decided by the councillors and the ratepayers. Councillor Burris asked if Councillor Settle would prefer to have two councillors at large in his district, or a split in his district. Councillor Settle said he favored one councillor in each part of his district (14 D-14G). He said his district could be easily divided. Councillor Burris asked if the district were not divided would Councillor Settle prefer dual representation. Councillor Settle said he would prefer two councillors, based on population, as compared to other areas. Councillor Archibald said Councillor Settle did not appear to be anxious to have a second councillor in the district. He suggested the matter of opening a new seat in District 14 be dropped until next year. Councillor Settle said he was in favor of the second councillor, reminding that he had signed the report.

Councillor Naugle said the councillors knew how large their districts were before they ran for election. Councillor Leverman said he asked for three councillors in District 12 three years ago, and was still asking. Councillor Leverman asked for a recorded vote. This was also the wish of Councillor Redmond.

Councillor Donaldson asked Warden Dowell whether he thought a second councillor was needed for District 8. The Warden said he was satisfied under the present system, but the ratepayers had requested more representation, and he would go along with their wishes.

Councillors Evans and Ferguson moved an amendment to the amendment that the third suggestion of the Committee on Redistribution be not approved, but that the Council remain as it is, with the exception of two additional seats for District 12.

Councillor Leverman said his was unfair in some respects. If this were approved District 12 would get three councillors and the other districts would remain the same. On the other hand if it were defeated District 12 would have no more representation either. Councillor Donaldson said he agreed with Councillor Leverman. If it applied to District 12 it applied to the other districts.

Councillor Ferguson said he was guided in seconding the amendment to the amendment, to the stand taken by Councillor Settle and Warden Dowell. There would be no hardships placed on the districts represented by Warden Dowell and Councillor Settle if no more seats were added there. On the other hand if District 12 was given two more seats, the wish of the ratepayers' would have been satisfied. Councillor Evans said that was also his feeling. He said the Councillors representing Districts 8 and 14 appeared to be undecided.

Council voted on the amendment to the amendment, which was defeated.

Council voted on the amendment to the motion. Voting for the motion were districts 28, 26, 25, 24, 19, 17, 15, 10, 9. Voting against were Districts 23, 22, 21, 20, 18, 16, 14, 13, 12, 11, 8, 7. The amendment to the motion was defeated.

Council voted on the motion, to approve the third suggestion of

the committee. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Williams moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

TWELFTH DAY — MORNING

Thursday, March 10, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the tenth and eleventh days' sessions were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Burris and Turner.

Councillor Allen, speaking on the counter-petition regarding fire protection for his district, explained that some Beaverbank residents felt they would not benefit and were asking to be excluded. He asked that the matter be tabled until he could introduce a borrowing resolution on the matter.

Councillors Ferguson and Snair moved that the report of the Welfare Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Naugle asked that further consideration be given to the proposed construction of separate staff quarters at the county hospital. Councillor Burris said he felt the plan had a good deal of merit but he believed a careful study should be made and the facts presented to Council before any decision is made.

Councillors Leverman and Redmond moved that the matter of staff quarters at the Halifax County Hospital be referred to the Welfare Committee to bring back estimates and blueprints at a future meeting of Council.

Councillor Evans said he hoped the committee in its deliberations would consider what could be done to have higher government authority care for children at the hospital. Councillor Ferguson said the committee had the matter under study and had met with provincial health authorities on the problem. Councillor Archibald asked if there was hope that the children would be housed in a separate institution or if it was proposed that the children be placed in a separate section of the county hospital. Councillor Ferguson advised that it was hoped the children would be cared for in a separate institution.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Leverman asked if any progress had been made in securing adequate dental services for the patients. Councillor Ferguson said the committee had the matter under study but had been unable to make arrangements because of the cost factor. Mr. Smith, invited to address Council, said hospital staff members now occupied 89 beds in the hospital. He believed the biggest advantage in separate quarters would be the improved morale of staff members. He believed it would help in securing and keeping good workers. In addition the space used for staff quarters at present could be used to house more patients adding about \$500 per week to hospital revenue. As to dental services, the matter had been discussed with a number of Dartmouth dentists but no arrangement had been made because the committee felt the fees asked were too high.

Deputy Warden Cruikshanks asked if the committee proposed to use a portion of the proposed staff quarters building for children at the hospital. Mr. Smith said attempts had been made to segregate children in the past but they had not proven too successful. The

present system of placing children in different wards had proven best.

Councillor Settle pointed out that the school section in which the hospital is located was once paid a grant in lieu of taxation but it had been discontinued. If the new staff quarters were built it would probably mean more children living in the section increasing the burden upon the schools. He suggested consideration be given to renewing the grant. Councillor Ferguson agreed that study should be given to this matter.

Councillor Davis asked if regular education or recreation facilities were offered children at the hospital. Mr. Smith said there was no regular program. Children showing definite improvement were transferred to the school at Truro. Councillor Davis said some serious consideration should be given to what steps might be taken at the county hospital in this respect.

Councillor Naugle and Brown moved that Council adjourn to go into committee work and reconvene at 2 p.m. Carried.

TWELFTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 10, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Warden Dowell explained that at a recent meeting of the Court House Commission, the commission had decided that the county should contribute a service charge in lieu of rent for quarters in the proposed addition to the building.

Councillor Leverman and Evans moved the following resolution, which was carried.

WHEREAS certain improvements are necessary in the existing Court House facilities at Haliifax, Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the offices of this Municipality which are located in such Court House are handicapped because of lack of space;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Municipality approve in principle the expansion of the existing Court House facilities, provided that the total expenditure involved is not more than \$750,000 and that the joint expenditure share of this capital expenditure is not more than \$500,000, and that this Municipality's share, at the rate of 25%, is not more than \$125,000.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when said improvements have been completed and additional quarters have been provided, that this Municipality tender to the Commissioners of the Court House at Halifax, annually, an amount of \$3,000 as a service charge;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special legislation be sought at the present session of the House for this Municipality to issue bonds up to an amount of \$500,000 so that the improvement program can be carried out as rapidly as possible, providing that the Council of the City of Halifax and the Council of the Town of Dartmouth agree to accept this proposal of the Commissioners of the Court House with respect to improved facilities to the Court House Building.

Councillor Donaldson asked if thought had been given by the Municipality to building offices of its own. Warden Dowell said that under joint expenditures the County would still have to contribute to the expansion program of the Court House Building. Councillor Don-

aldson said this makes the County liable for \$125,000, plus \$3,000 in lieu of rents, plus 25% of maintenance.

The preliminary report of the Finance Committee re estimates was read. Councillor Moser objected to the County paying a bounty on wildcats. He said that last year the Province of Nova Scotia had turned down a request for a split in the bounty fees. He felt the County was protecting the animals which come under the Lands and Forests Department. He charged that some people from neighboring counties were bringing snouts into the Municipal Office and being paid. Councillor Day said he could not agree. He said that wildcats destroy farm animals and bounty paid means some revenue to County residents. Councillor Moser said the County should discontinue paying any bounty. Mr. Hattie said that if residents of other counties were bringing snouts into the Municipal Office for payment after killing the animal outside the county, then Justices of the Peace may not be taking affidavits properly. Councillor Moser said he understood this was being done. Councillor Ferguson said discontinuance of the bounty would cause more harm than good. He said that the County and Province split the \$40 bounty for bear. Other animals on which the County pays bounties are a menace to farm animals. He felt there should be proof that people were making false affidavits if this were the case. Councillor Redmond said farming would be impeded if wild animals were not kept under control.

Councillor Moser said the ratepayers are not satisfied that they should have to pay bounties on animals which come under Government jurisdiction. Councillor Naugle felt it would be unwise to discontinue bounties. He stressed the need for a bounty on bears. Councillor Myers reminded that the county taxpayers get the bounty. Councillor Burris said the bounty benefits most areas. He urged no change in the policy. Councillor Turner said he was surprised that a councillor from a rural area would make a suggestion that the bounty be discontinued. Councillor Williams said that while a bounty is paid to protect farm animals, there is nothing to protect a fisherman's nets. He said shark and dogfish take a terrific toll. He felt the bounty should be cancelled on all animals on which the government does not match the bounty.

Councillors Moser and Williams moved that the by-laws of the Municipality be amended by deleting subsection B, C and D, Section 6 of Chapter 13, which deals with payment of all bounties other than on bears.

Councillors Turner, Day and Redmond called for a recorded vote. Voting for the motion, Districts 7, 9, 10, 11. Against: Districts 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28. The motion was lost.

Council began study of the preliminary recommendations of the Law Amendments Committee. Councillor Snair objected to a suggestion that dog licence fees must be paid before the first day of June and a levy of \$1 be imposed for late fees. He said that the dog owner would be penalized if the constable was late in collecting licence fees. Councillor Naugle suggested the deadline be set back another month. Councillor Donaldson said it would be in the interests of the constable to be late in collecting since he would receive more commission. Councillor Archibald said the deadline should be set back to July. Councillor Donaldson said that as a member of the committee he had never seen the recommendation before. He was advised that this was discussed while he was at another committee meeting. Councillor Settle felt the deadline should be extended. Councillor Burris said

the people should not be penalized if the constable was late in making collections.

Councillors Naugle and Redmond moved that Section 1 of the report of the Committee on By-laws be changed to read in the third line of Section 1A, the 30th day of June, instead of the 1st day of June. Carried.

Re regulations covering motorboats, Councillor Davis asked whether there had been complaints from residents of lake shore areas. He said it would be difficult to muffle a motor so that it could not be heard for 300 feet. Councillor Day said the law seemed ridiculous. Councillor Allen said there had been some complaints. Boat owners had stripped the muffler from their craft to give more power. People were being disturbed through the night. Councillor Leverman said this applies to sport and commercial fishermen. They would be held up in bringing in their catch. Councillor Myers agreed. He felt the by-law went too far. Councillor Brown said fishermen cannot muffle their motor to meet with the by-law.

Councillors Donaldson and Turner moved that Section 2 of the By-Laws Committee report, being an amendment to Chapter 9 of the by-laws, be deleted. Councillor Burris suggested the regulation could be qualified to state that the regulation would be in effect where there are houses bordering the lake. Councillor Leverman said this would prohibit people from fishing on Sunday if they use a motor. Councillor Ferguson said this would be a hardship to sport and commercial fishermen.

Council voted on the motion. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Currie moved that Clause 3 of the Report of the Law Amendments Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Settle and Leverman moved that Section 4 of the Law Amendments Committee report be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Myers asked for an explanation of reports that the Department of Transport had adopted regulations prohibiting building within 5,000 feet of a runway. He was advised that this was not law yet. There had been accidents in the United States and Central Canada bringing jet aircraft into runways over rows of houses. Councillor Myers said there are 300 homes within the property of the airport at Eastern Passage. Three districts, because of the regulation, were restricted from building in certain areas. Councillor Leverman explained that the County Planning Board had been advised that federal monies under the National Housing Act would not be available for sub-divisions built within 5,000 feet of any runway. Councillor Myers said the Government would have to expropriate the land. Councillor Leverman agreed. Councillor Settle said it would be dangerous for anyone to build too near a runway.

Councillor Williams moved that this Council recommend to the Provincial Government that sub-section H of Section 8 of Chapter 185 of the Revised Statutes of 1954 be deleted as a qualification of a Municipal Councillor. The section stipulated that any person convicted of having liquor for sale was barred from seeking municipal office. He felt it was unfair to first offenders. He said the Government had not put a time limit on the regulation. Councillor Ferguson said he could not agree. He felt the County Council should be kept on a high plane. This amendment would open the doors to all bootleggers to sit in Council. There was no seconder for the motion.

The report of the Resources Committee was read. Councillor Naugle said a notice of motion would be necessary since it involved

expenditure of money. Councillor Burris said the Council had already approved a part of the Finance Committee report without notice of motion. He asked that since the area of the Halifax-East Hants Veterinary Assistance Board had been enlarged in Hants County, whether their share of the expenditure would advance. There was no definite report on this matter. He was advised that the County's share would not be changed.

Councillors Evans and Settle moved that the report of the Resources Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Moser and Snair moved that Council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

THIRTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 11, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The report of the Municipal Collector was read. Councillors Snair and Turner moved that the report be received and filed. Councillor Naugle asked the Collector if he could suggest ways in which the percentage of collections could be improved. Mr. Bensted said close follow-up on overdue taxes along with tax sales should improve the collections. Councillor Redmond asked what amount of taxes had been realized through tax sales. Mr. Bensted said the exact figures were not immediately available but it would be approximately \$4,000. The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that the report of the Court House Commission be adopted. Carried.

Council then discussed proposed legislation in respect to the School Avenue loan and the lien laws. Councillors Donaldson and Turner moved that Council approve the proposed legislation regarding School Avenue as amended. Carried. Councillors Burris and Currie moved that the Council approve the proposed legislation amending Sections 22 and 28 of Chapter 100 of the Laws of Nova Scotia, 1954. Carried.

It was announced that a representative of the Bridge Commission could appear before Council Monday to discuss proposed tolls. Council agreed to invite the representative to appear Monday.

The clerk advised that a large number of paid debentures had been accumulated at the Municipal Office and asked that permission be given to dispose of them. Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that whereas there is in the Municipal Office an accumulation of debentures issued by the Municipality, and coupons that have been paid in accordance with the terms of the debentures and as no useful purpose can be served by filing them away as they occupy much valuable filing space, be it therefore resolved that the Municipal Treasurer be authorized and instructed to destroy the said paid debentures and relative coupons, after tabulating the particulars of

same; they to be destroyed by the Treasurer in the presence of the Warden or Deputy Warden, the chairman of the Finance Committee and the Auditors of the Municipality. Further resolved that the Treasurer attest to the said destruction of these debentures and coupons by statutory declaration, a copy of which is to be recorded in the minutes of the Council and further that a certificate be obtained from the Auditors to the effect that they will no longer require same and authorize the destruction of same. Carried.

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

Councillor Donaldson said a major industrial development was planned in his district and if the project was undertaken he would like that area to be made a building district. He asked if council could make some provision to cover this situation. The Solicitor said he did not believe the Council could pass a resolution to create a building district, contingent upon some possible future event. Councillor Ferguson suggested the matter could be covered at a special session of Council during the summer.

Councillor Settle said there was a move afoot in Dartmouth to have the town's boundaries extended to take in a portion or the whole of Albro Lake Road. He said the County would be vitally interested in such a development. Councillor Naugle pointed out the County's water mains came along this road and he doubted if the town could take over the road without the County's consent. Councillor Settle said the proposal that the boundary be fixed along the centre of the road would not affect the water mains. Councillor Leverman pointed out a similar situation existed with respect to the City and Dutch Village Road. Here the City's boundary was along the centre of the road but the County was not affected. It was a matter of agreement between the City and the Highways Department as to the maintenance of the road. Councillor Settle said the department had refused to do work on the Albro Lake Road in the past and that town residents along the road were asking that the boundaries be extended and that an agreement be reached to maintain the road. If the town limits were extended to take in the whole road, then the County's water mains would be affected.

Councillors Naugle and Settle moved that the matter of a proposed change in the boundary line between Dartmouth and the County at Albro Lake Road be referred to the Public Services Committee for study. Carried.

Mr. MacGlashen submitted statistics on exempted property and poll taxes. Councillor Allen pointed out that the railroad enjoyed heavy exemptions and suggested an effort be made to obtain some revenue from these properties. He was advised past efforts had not been too successful. Councillor Leverman asked what was the policy in regards to exemptions on church halls. Mr. MacGlashen said exemptions were granted where the revenue for the hall was less than \$100 per year. Most church halls were exempted.

Councillors Snair and Naugle moved that the statistics regarding tax exempt property and poll taxes be added to the report of the Director of Assessment, already filed. Carried.

Councillors Snair and Leverman moved that Council adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

THIRTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON.

Friday, March 11, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

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

Councillor Archibald asked how much the Municipality has spent on water and sewer and if the utility is paying its way. The Clerk said that \$501,000 had been invested, plus more work which has been under progress since the special session of Council September 15-16, 1954. The water utility last year had a \$7,000 surplus. There were no arrears in sewer payments. Councillor Redmond recalled that a few years ago loans were made by the Municipality to individuals in North Woodside for water and sewer services. He asked how these payments were being made. The Clerk advised that the loans will be paid back on a 30-year basis. Some are up on payments, while there are a few cases where payments have fallen behind.

Councillor Myers objected to newly-appointed members of committees being asked to sign the reports and recommendations of the previous committee. He felt the old committee should sign the reports. The Warden agreed. Councillor Leverman said Councillor Myers was right, but he pointed out that when a new committee was appointed, the old committee was disbanded. He said the answer to the problem was to have the reports prepared before the new committees were named. Councillors Davis, Settle, and Redmond agreed. Councillor Redmond suggested the by-laws be amended to the effect that committees be appointed as close to the end of Council sessions as possible. Councillor Settle felt this would avoid confusion. Councillor Naugle said the system had been tried and it meant that two committees gave reports on the same matter.

Councillor Myers, speaking on the petition re street lighting at Eastern Passage, noted that 45 names on the petition couldn't be made out, and another 85 names were those of people not in the school sections concerned. He said that the canvassing committee was now preparing a new list which would be presented to Council. He suggested that since the petitions have to be presented within 10 days of the opening of Council, that this petition not be dealt with at this session. Councillor Leverman asked for a ruling from the Solicitor. The Warden said the by-law could be suspended with the consent of the whole Council. Councillor Davis suggested that since there will be a revision of the petition that the petition be held over until Monday to permit Councillor Myers time to investigate the signatures. Councillor Myers said the new petition is not before Council yet. The Solicitor ruled that under the by-laws the amended petition could not be dealt with at this session.

Councillors Leverman and Allen moved that that portion of the last paragraph of the Public Services Committee Report beginning at "although we may say" be deleted. Carried.

Council voted on the motion to adopt the report of the Public Services Committee. Carried.

Council began study of the Act relating to the County Court House for Halifax County. Councillor Leverman asked if it was proposed to present this act to the Legislature without first having

approval of the expansion program by the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth. The Solicitor said he did not think it could be presented without agreement by the City and Town.

Councillors Leverman and Redmond moved that legislation with respect to an Act relating to the County Court House for Halifax County be approved, and presented to the Legislature after approval by the City and Town. Carried.

Council began study of an Act to authorize the Municipality to enter into agreement with the Town of Dartmouth for the construction of a main trunk sewer.

Councillor Davis said the trunk sewer would open up vast new areas for development and would prevent pollution of the Dartmouth Lakes. Councillor Myers said that under the Act a sub-divider would have 10 years to pay for the services. If a depression occurred, the County would take over the land and the sub-divider would be driven into bankruptcy. Councillor Davis said the proposed agreement was a long sought solution to the problem of sub-dividers. Councillor Myers said there should be industry to warrant construction of new homes in the area to be served by the sewer. He said he feared a day of layoffs and there would be many homes but few jobs. Councillor Davis said there was in the vicinity of \$60,000,000 of industrial development on the eastern side of the County. He felt that should answer Councillor Myers' fears. This industrial development would attract new industry. Councillor Myers said the industrial development at Imperial Oil plant would only mean about \$5,000,000 in wages. After the plant was built there would be layoffs. Councillor Leverman suggested Council continue study of the Legislation. Councillor Naugle said the \$400 per lot as recommended in the Public Services Committee report would be a wise system. The sub-divider who was making the profit on the land should contribute to the sewer costs. Councillor Redmond said the committee's recommendations were in line with suggestions he had made at the special session of Council in September. He said it was a step in the right direction.

Councillors Leverman and Davis moved that the proposed legislation with respect to the main trunk sewer be referred back to the Solicitor for redrafting. Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Brown gave notice of motion that on Monday they would move a temporary borrowing resolution for \$300,000 for water installations on both sides of the harbor.

Councillors Ferguson and Settle gave notice of motion that on Monday they would move a temporary borrowing resolution of \$75,000 with respect to sewer installation.

Councillors Allen and Burris gave notice of motion that on Monday they would move a temporary borrowing resolution of \$15,000 regarding fire fighting equipment for District 27.

Councillors Naugle and Leverman gave notice of motion that on Monday they would move a temporary borrowing resolution to an amount of \$75,000 for the county's contribution to an overall survey.

Councillors Leverman and Naugle gave notice of motion that on Monday they would move a temporary borrowing resolution to an amount of \$500,000 for improvement and expansion of Court House facilities.

Councillors Myers and Williams moved that Council adjourn to reconvene Monday at 10 a.m. Carried.

FOURTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, March 14, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

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

Councillor Moser said he had built up a good balance in his district and poor funds through the efforts of a good Poor Board. He objected to regulations to change the time period required to establish residence saying it would mean an increase in expenditures.

The proposed amendment to the by-laws respecting building permits was read. Councillor Leverman said under the old by-law a man planning to establish a business had to get only the approval of people living along the street within a distance of 1,000 feet. The new by-law would enable property owners within a radius of 1,000 feet to object. Councillor Davis said he saw a danger that one person could stop a man from establishing a business even if all other people in the area favored the plan. Councillor Moser agreed, saying there should be some provision to cover this situation. Councillor Naugle said some precautions were needed but one person should not stop a development favored by most people. He thought the person planning the project should need only a majority of the ratepayers to consent.

Councillors Leverman and Snair moved that the proposed change in the by-law with respect to sub-section 2 of Section 2 of Chapter II part I be amended by adding the words "the majority of" between the words of and all in line five thereof. Carried.

Councillor Moser objected to the costs of court actions under building regulations being a county charge. He suggested the Council take a careful look at any proposed new regulations to assure the rights of the property owners were protected.

Councillors Donaldson and Burris moved that Sub-section 2 of Section 2 of Chapter II, Part I—Building Permits—of the by-laws of the Municipality be approved as amended.

The proposed regulations governing mobile-home parks was read. Councillor Leverman said the regulations should not bar any property owner from allowing visitors to park their trailers on his property. Councillors Moser and Day agreed. Councillor Myers objected that unnecessary restrictions were being put in the way of some trailer court operators. Councillor Allen said the proposed regulations were designed as a guide for a person opening a trailer camp and it was not intended that they should interfere with the rights of ordinary property owner. Councillor Moser said regulations were needed to tax transient residents who live in a school section for a short while, send their children to school, and then pay little or no taxes.

Councillor Redmond agreed there was need for some regulations governing trailers adding that he appreciated the difficulty facing the Law Amendments Committee in drawing up a proper by-law. Councillor Settle suggested a time limit of 30 days be included in the regulations so that those who parked for a lesser period would not come under the regulations. Councillor Leverman said a time limit of this sort would not cover the persons who stopped at a reg-

ular trailer camp for a short period. Councillor Moser suggested the regulations should be confined to commercial trailer courts operated to obtain revenue. Councillor Naugle said there should be some tax on trailer owners since they often sent their children to school and enjoyed other privileges. Councillor Evans said such a tax should be the responsibility of the property owner who permitted a trailer to be parked on his land.

Councillor Evans moved that Council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

FOURTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, March 14, 1955

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

The Warden introduced Mr. Burke and Mr. Egan of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, who discussed with Councillors matters pertaining to the bridge operation, rates and tolls, etc. Both officials stressed that the rates are set by the Public Utilities Board and would be subject to change depending on the revenue received. Mr. Burke and Mr. Egan were thanked on behalf of Council, by Warden Dowell.

The report of the County Board of Health were read. Councillors Leverman and Donaldson moved that the report of the County Board of Health be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Industrial Committee was read. Councillors Burris and Brown moved that the report of the Industrial Committee be received and filed. Carried.

Council began study of the proposed by-law re television and radio installation. Councillors Myers, Day and Moser said the by-law was too difficult to understand, and that an inspector would have to be engaged to ensure that the regulations were adhered to. Councillor Davis said the by-law was intended to prevent death and destruction through faulty construction of antennae. Councillor Naugle suggested the by-law should be laid over until a special session of Council. Councillor Redmond said Councillors had not had sufficient time to study the text. Councillor Allen, as chairman of the Law Amendments Committee, said the committee was instructed by Council to bring in a regulation. If Council did not approve, it could vote not to adopt it. Councillor Leverman said the committee was instructed to bring in a recommendation which could guide rate-payers in the safe installation of TV antennae. He thought this by-law was too technical. It carried a penalty of thirty days in jail. He did not think that a jail sentence was the wish of Council.

Councillors Myers and Moser moved that the proposed by-law with respect to TV and radio antennae be not adopted by this Council.

Councillor Leverman asked whether this by-law was prepared by the Solicitor, by the Committee, or was it a copy of a by-law in force in some other municipality. The Solicitor advised it was patterned after a model by-law supplied by the Nova Scotia Fire Marshal. Councillor Naugle suggested the by-law was worth study. He said the county would have to have a by-law of this type.

Councillor Davis and Naugle moved that the proposed by-law referred to the Law Amendments Committee to be rewritten into a condensed form and presented to the next special session of Council.

Councillor Snair said he agreed with Councillor Leverman that the general public should have some guide. He felt this by-law would be of no assistance to the ratepayers. He noted that while he was a member of the Committee, he had never seen the draft before it was presented to Council.

Council voted on the amendment, which carried.

Council turned attention to the matter of the report of the committee on municipal elections, relative to polling stations, revisors and boundaries.

Councillors Naugle and Leverman moved that Council adjourn to go into committee work to reconvene at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Carried.

FIFTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 15, 1955

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

The report of the Committee on Jury Lists was read and adopted on motion of Councillors Turner and Burris.

The reports of sanitary inspectors for Districts 12, 14G and 20 were received and filed on motion of Councillors Leverman and Burris.

The proposed legislation re an agreement between Halifax County and the Town of Dartmouth respecting the construction of a main trunk sewer was read. Councillor Myers asked if it was proposed to charge property owners, when the sewer passed their property, even if they did not intend to sub-divide their lands. He was advised the charge would be levied on sub-dividers. Councillor Davis said one property owner should not be permitted to block a sewer service development when others approved the project. Councillor Myers said it would not be right to force a man to do something to which he was opposed. Councillor Leverman pointed out any person interested could make his objections when the matter came before the legislature.

Councillors Leverman and Davis moved that the proposed legislation re "An act to authorize the Municipality of the County of Halifax to enter into an agreement with the Town of Dartmouth for the construction of a main trunk sewer" be approved for presentation to the Legislature. Carried.

Council returned to discussion on proposed regulations for mobile home parks. Councillor Myers asked if it was proposed to apply the regulations to trailer parks already established or to new establishments only. He believed the regulations would make it impossible for some present parks to continue operations if forced to conform to all regulations. Councillor Naugle said the owners of existing parks would have to comply with the regulations in respect to such matters as sanitation facilities but it was not the object of the regulations to force a man from business. Councillor Myers said he believed the operators would want to comply with the more important regulations but might not be able to meet all the requirements. It was pointed out that Council could make adjustments where necessary.

Councillors Allen and Cruikshank moved that the proposed by-law regarding mobile home parks be approved. Carried.

Councillors Allen and Burris moved the following resolution:

THAT WHEREAS petitions have been circulated amongst the resident ratepayers of School Section 39 (including old School Sections No. 85), 40, 41, 42, 89 and 90 in District No. 27 of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, petitioning the Council of the Municipality to establish an area rate of \$.25 per one hundred dollars of assessment on the above School Sections and also petitioning the Municipality to sell its Bonds or Debentures to make available to the said School Sections the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing Fire Fighting Equipment and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

AND WHEREAS counter petitions have been received from the resident ratepayers of School Section No. 42 and 90, asking that these School Sections be not levied on for the purposes above described:

NOW BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax shall raise the necessary sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), either through Temporary Borrowing powers or through the sale of Debentures as Council may deem fit, for the purpose of acquiring or purchasing Fire Fighting Equipment and materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor for School Sections No. 39 (including old School Section 85), 40, 41 and 89 in Polling District No. 27, Municipality of the County of Halifax;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an area rate of \$.25 per one hundred dollars of assessment be established in School Section No. 39 (including old School Section No. 85), 40, 41 and 89 in District No. 27. Carried.

Councillors Allen and Burris moved the following resolution:

\$15,000.00 DISTRICT NO. 27—FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT—

"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 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 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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of providing Fire Fighting Equipment in accordance with the provisions of Section 123 of Chapter 185 of the Revised Statutes 1954—The Municipal Act—in No. 39 (including Old School Section No. 85), 40, 41, and 89 in District No. 27 of the Municipality of the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue debentures and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), 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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum to be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as will raise the sum or 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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);

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 4½% per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold." Carried.

Councillors Leverman and Brown moved the following resolution:
\$390,000.00 for Water Installations on both Eastern and Western Sides of the Harbour

"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 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 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for the purpose of installing Water Mains in areas adjacent to the Town of Dartmouth and 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum to 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00);

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 4½% per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold." Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Settle moved the following resolution:

\$75,000 for Sewer Installations

"WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Act 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 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 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 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purpose of extending sewer mains adjacent to the Town of Dartmouth and 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 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), 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 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum to 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 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);

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 4½% 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 Leverman moved the following resolution:

\$75,000.00 — SURVEY

"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 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 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 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purpose of the Municipality of the County of Halifax paying its share of an Engineering Survey of the entire Metropolitan area of the Municipality of the County of Halifax and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements or plant being requisite or possible therefor

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debenture and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), 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 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act such sum to 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 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (75,000.00).

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 4½% per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold." Carried.

Councillors Moser and Leverman moved that Council adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

FIFTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Councillors Leverman and Turner moved that Council go into

committee of the whole.

Councillors Leverman and Turner moved that Council reconvene from committee of the whole.

Councillor Myers said he was against Council meeting in closed sessions.

The Warden asked that roll be called. Roll called.

Councillors Leverman and Turner moved that Chapter I, Sec. 9 of the by-laws of the Municipality be amended to read \$500 instead of \$350 in the second line thereof, and to become effective in 1955. Carried.

Councillors Moser and Settle gave notice of motion that they would move that Council reconsider the amendment to Chapter I Sec. 9 of the by-laws at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that a Legislation Committee be appointed to support the Clerk and Solicitor in legislation being put before the Nova Scotia Legislature and to assist where necessary with general legislation. Carried.

Councillor Settle and Warden Dowell suggested that with consent of Council that their districts be divided in accordance with addition of additional councillors. Councillor Moser said this was his suggestion when the matter was discussed at a previous session, and that Councillor Settle and Warden Dowell had decided against it. Councillor Leverman suggested this could not be done at this time since Council had approved a recommendation that the additional Councillors serve as Councillors-at-large until prior to the 1958 elections. Warden Dowell agreed that this was the case.

Council turned attention to the appointment of Medical Health Officers.

Councillors Davis and Redmond nominated Dr. Duncan MacMillan for Halifax East. Councillors Leverman and Brown nominated Dr. Kevin Smith, as the Medical Health Officer for Halifax West as well as Jail Physician. Councillors Evans and Davis moved that nominations cease.

Councillors Davis and Evans moved that Dr. Duncan MacMillan of Sheet Harbor be appointed as Health Officer for Halifax East at a salary of \$500, and that Dr. Kevin Smith be appointed Medical Health Officer for Halifax West at a salary of \$500 and as Jail Physician at a salary of \$300. Carried.

Reappointment of Council's representatives to the nine-man committee of the City of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth, County of Halifax to discuss common problems, Warden Dowell named Councillors Settle, Leverman and Donaldson to the committee.

Warden Dowell appointed the special committee to administer public lands as follows: Allan Duffus, Bedford; Edward Baker, Armadale, and Councillor Currie.

Reappointment of voting delegates and alternates to the convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, Warden Dowell named the following: Councillor Allen, alternate Councillor Donaldson; Deputy Warden Cruikshank, alternate Councillor Burris; Councillor Ferguson, alternate Councillor Turner; Councillor Leverman, alternate Councillor Snair; Councillor Naugle, alternate Councillor Currie.

Councillor Naugle said he was on a special committee to prepare a program for the convention, and that he would be willing to decline nomination as a voting delegate if any councillor wanted to take his place. Councillor Myers said Councillor Naugle was on the voting

delegates list for the past 18 years. He took exception with the what he termed "continuous appointments", and other councillors should be named. Warden Dowell said this was incorrect. Councillor Leverman was appointed this year because he was a member of the union executive committee. He suggested that Council could appoint the delegates from the floor. There was no suggestion from Council to this effect.

Councillor Redmond suggested that the special committee re public lands should be called the Parks and Public Lands Improvement Committee. Council agreed.

Warden Dowell reminded Council that one technical representative and a councillor was to be named to the special committee on the Metropolitan Survey. He named Planning Engineering Donald J. Bird and Councillor Settle to the committee.

Councillors Burris and Turner moved that the voting delegates to the Union convention be paid \$10 a day, as for committee work, and registration fees — and further that the registration fee be paid for any other member of the Council who wishes to attend the union convention this year. Carried.

The Clerk advised that the five-member visiting committee to the County Home, was by statute to be composed of three men and two women.

Councillors Leverman and Cruikshank moved that Mrs. Pettipas and Mrs. Cruikshank be appointed. Carried. Councillors Redmond and Day nominated Rev. P. C. Jefferson; Councillors Settle and Redmond nominated Rev. J. D. N. MacDonald; Councillors Redmond and Ferguson nominated Rev. Father Murphy; Councillors Redmond and Day moved that Rev. P. C. Jefferson, Rev. J. D. N. MacDonald and Rev. Father Murphy, St. Peter's, Dartmouth, be appointed as members of the Visiting Committee at the County Hospital. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Brown moved that the County Planning Board be appointed by the chair. Councillor Myers moved an amendment that the board be appointed from the floor. His motion was not seconded. The motion carried.

Warden Dowell named the board as follows: Councillors Settle, Leverman, Allen, Davis, and Commissioners R. F. Tolson, Bedford, and Erland H. Croft, Spryfield.

Warden Dowell appointed the Regional Library Committee as follows: Councillors Burris, Donaldson, Snair.

Councillor Moser suggested the county representatives on the Court House Commission be appointed by the chair. Councillor Myers said he would move that resolution. The County members were named as follows: Warden Dowell (by statute), and Councillor Naugle.

Warden Dowell reappointed the Printing and Reporting Committee as follows: Councillor Allen and Warden.

Councillor Turner moved that Council sit until 5 p.m. and end sessions tonight. Councillor Leverman said the Public Services Committee had scheduled a meeting for 4.30 and that it was impossible to complete Council's agenda before that time.

Council asked Warden Dowell to appoint the Industrial Committee.

The Warden appointed the committee as follows: Councillors Leverman, Allen and Currie.

The Warden appointed the County Board of Health as follows: Councillors Allen, Day, Leverman, Ferguson, Archibald.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillor 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 hereby authorized to use such overdraft to defray ordinary expenses of the Municipality for the coming year. Carried.

Councillors Evans 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 the provisions of the Highway Act, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia (1954) and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such loan. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Turner moved that the reports of the Visiting Committee for 1954 be received and filed. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Currie moved that Dr. Malcolm be re-appointed as Medical Health Officer at the County Hospital for the year 1955. Carried.

Councillor Evans asked if the salary of the doctor had been revised. He was advised that the salary had been increased by vote of Council from \$3,000 to \$3,500.

Councillors Redmond and Day moved the following motion, which carried:

THAT as a means of expediting the transacting of the business of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the County Hospital of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the Water Utility of the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Salary Accounts of the Municipality of the County of Halifax;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that any officers or employees of the Municipality who have been authorized to sign the cheques of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the County Hospital of the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Salary Accounts of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, in any capacity, may, and are hereby authorized to adopt and use the Mechanical Cheque Signing Device for the purpose of affixing the signature of R.G. HATTIE, TREASURER, of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, to cheque drawn upon the depositories of the funds of the Municipality in all of the above mentioned Accounts.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Royal Bank of Canada is hereby authorized and directed to honor, pay and charge to the Accounts of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, County Hospital of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the Water Utility of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, any and all cheques signed and completed in the manner hereinbefore described with the facsimile signature of which specimens or impressions are furnished to it with a certified copy of this resolution, regardless of howsoever or by whomsoever the said facsimile signature or impressions are affixed." Motion carried.

Councillors Leverman and Snair moved that Municipal Collector Harry Bensted be authorized by this Council to be a signing authority for the Municipality of the County of Halifax along with the Municipal Treasurer, R. G. Hattie, and that this resolution cancel all previous signing authority. Carried.

Councillor Myers asked whether the Municipality was going to continue to pay a \$3,000 pension and a \$2,500 salary to Mr. Martin

Archibald this year, or was consideration being given to appointment of a younger man to take his place. He suggested the job should be opened to a younger man. Councillor Moser said the salary was reduced last year from \$3,000 to \$2,500. He praised the work of Mr. Archibald, but said a younger man should be engaged.

Councillors Redmond and Day served notice of motion that they will ask Council to consider tomorrow the position now held by Mr. Martin Archibald.

Councillor Myers said that in fairness to younger ratepayers, M Archibald should resign. Councillor Redmond said Council has the right to dispense with the services of any employee of the Municipality. Councillor Burris said the matter should be discussed now without notice of motion. Councillor Archibald suggested that since there was a notice of motion that Council continue with its regular agenda. Councillor Davis suggested Mr. Hattie, in his capacity as manager, should be asked if he had any recommendations to make regarding Mr. Archibald. Councillor Redmond said that this would be taking power away from Council and putting it in the hands of the Clerk. Councillor Moser said it was unfair to ask Mr. Hattie. He felt the Council should engage a man to replace Mr. Archibald.

Councillor Williams said the appointment of Mr. Archibald was a one-year appointment. He was advised this was not so. Councillor Williams said ratepayers were questioning Council's wisdom in pensioning off an employee and re-engaging him again. He felt it was a reflection on the ability of young ratepayers. Councillor Naugle asked if every appointment had to be made by Council. He said that Mr. Archibald's work was bringing much revenue into the County treasury. He suggested it would be no saving to release Mr. Archibald, engage a younger man, and find inexperience would cost loss of revenue. Councillor Myers reminded that Council had pensioned Mr. Archibald six years ago and rehired him. He said it had been a mistake.

Councillor Williams asked that the report of Mr. Archibald's work be presented to Council tomorrow.

Councillors Leverman and Naugle moved that Council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

SIXTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 16, 1955.

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 Isenor.

Councillor Moser called for reconsideration on yesterday's motion to increase the salaries of Councillors to \$500 per year. Councillors Moser and Day called for a recorded vote on the following motion, adopted Tuesday: That Chapter 1, Section 9 of the by-laws of the Municipality be amended to read \$500 instead of \$350 in the second line thereof and to become effective in 1955. The vote was taken and recorded as follows: For—Warden Dowell and Councillors Davis, Currie, Brown, Evans, Allen, Ferguson, Myers, Leverman. Against—Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillors Settle, Redmond, Day, Isenor, Burris, Naugle, Archibald, Snair, Williams and Moser. The Warden declared the motion defeated.

Councillor Redmond called for discussion as to the position now held by Mr. Martin Archibald. He paid tribute to the services ren-

dered the County by Mr. Archibald. He pointed out he had resigned six years ago saying he was too old to carry on. Since that time Mr. Archibald was superannuated and then returned. He felt that re-appointment was not justified. It was not economically sound to pay a salary of \$2,500 a year to collect taxes of \$4,000.

Councillor Naugle suggested the matter of hiring or discharging staff members should be left in the hands of the Municipal Clerk. He said the County could not hire a man with Mr. Archibald's ability and experience at the salary paid him. Councillor Myers said it was not sound business to re-hire a man after he was superannuated. Councillor Moser said Mr. Archibald received a pension of \$3,000 a year plus a salary of \$2,500, which was more than he received when he was Municipal Clerk and Treasurer. The report on lien law sales, prepared by Mr. Archibald, was read to Council. The clerk pointed out Mr. Archibald at the time of his retirement held three positions, Municipal Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, and he had retired from two of those positions only. He was receiving a salary of \$6,000 when he retired. He said Mr. Archibald had substantially increased the number of tax sales conducted by the County and he doubted it would be possible to hire another man to do the work at a comparable salary, without long training.

Councillor Davis said it was good business to retain the services of Mr. Archibald. He felt any change would lead to increased expenditures. He felt the results from Mr. Archibald's work were satisfactory. Councillor Myers said he had nothing but respect for Mr. Archibald's ability. He said the ratepayers were opposed to the rehiring of a man after he has been superannuated. Councillor Williams said Mr. Archibald had said five years ago he was too old to carry on and that situation had not changed. He said the work of conducting lien law sales was carried out mainly by the Solicitor and the Director of Assessment. He suggested Mr. Archibald should submit his resignation.

Councillor Leverman said he was opposed to the principle of rehiring a man after he was superannuated. He said there was considerable opposition to the rehiring of Mr. Archibald. He believed, however, that Mr. Archibald had rendered long and faithful service to the Municipality and should receive every consideration. He said he believed Mr. Archibald intended to submit his resignation effective June 1 and asked that the motion be tabled until the Warden had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Archibald at noon and report back to Council at the afternoon session. Council agreed.

Councillors Leverman and Burris moved that the report of Mr. Archibald re lien law sales be received and filed. Carried.

Warden Dowell appointed the Legislative Committee as follows: Councillors Settle, Currie and Leverman.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax adopt Daylight Saving Time to coincide with the dates as adopted by the City of Halifax. Carried.

Councillors Burris and Day moved that Council appoint the District and Municipal Officers as recommended by the various councillors up to date for Districts 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 Burris and Naugle moved that the financial statements of the Municipality of the County of Halifax for 1954, together with the exhibits re taxes paid and outstanding and various district balances, be adopted. Carried.