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# GOVERNMENT

OF THE

# CITY OF HALIFAX,

For the Civic Year . . . 1907-8.

## MAYOR.

ROBERT T. MACILREITH, Esq.

## DEPUTY-MAYOR.

JACOB A. JOHNSON.

## ALDERMEN.

WARD No. 1.—LEWIS ARCHIBALD, 1908.

INGRAM B. SHAFFNER, 1909.

ALFRED WHITMAN, 1910.

WARD No. 2.—WALTER C. MURRAY, 1908.

JACOB A. JOHNSON, 1909.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, 1910.

WARD No. 3.—GEORGE A. TAYLOR, 1908.

JOHN B. DOUGLAS, 1909.

PATRICK J. McMANUS, 1910.

WARD No. 4.—ANDREW HUBLEY, 1908.

JOHN F. KELLY, 1909.

CHARLES R. HOBEN, 1910.

WARD No. 5.—ROBIE S DAVISON, 1908.

GEORGE M. CAMPBELL, 1909.

PETER F. MARTIN, 1910.

WARD No. 6.—CHARLES W. HAYWARD, 1908.

ARTHUR C. HAWKINS, 1909.

GEO. A. MacKENZIE, 1910.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Appointed for the different Departments connected with the Civic Government.

### Board of Arbitration between the City and County.

Sec. 67, Chap. 73, R. S., 1900.  
Appointed by City Council.

Aldermen Hubley, *Chairman of City's Com.*  
Shaffner,  
Johnson,  
Taylor,  
MacKenzie.

Appointed by County Council.

Warden C. E. Smith,  
Councillors Isaac Croucher,  
S. W. Lydiard,  
John S. Flemming.

Appointed by Town of Dartmouth.

Councillors Regan,  
Tobin.

### Committee on Cabs.

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*,  
Aldermen Chisholm,  
MacKenzie.

### Commissioners Camp Hill Cemetery.

Aldermen Murray, *Chairman*,  
Whitman,  
Davison,  
MacKenzie.  
Mr. C. H. Mitchell, 1908,  
*Vice-Chairman*,  
Mr. J. C. Mackintosh, 1908,  
Mr. O. E. Smith, 1908.

### Committee on Charities.

Aldermen MacKenzie, *Chairman*.  
Shaffner,  
Chisholm,  
McManus,  
Hoben,  
Campbell.

### Commissioners of Halifax Common.

Aldermen Taylor, *Chairman*,  
Archibald,  
Chisholm,  
Kelly,  
Campbell,  
MacKenzie.  
Mr. D. A. McDonald, 1908,  
Mr. Edward T. Power, 1908, *Hon. Secretary*.  
Mr. W. R. Powell, 1909, *Vice-Chairman*.  
Mr. Wm. Bishop, 1909.

### Commissioners of County Court House at Halifax.

Acts 1905. Appointed by Town of  
Dartmouth.

Councillor O. R. Regan.

Appointed by County Council.

Warden C. E. Smith.  
Councillor S. W. Lydiard.

Appointed by N. S. Barristers' Society.

Mr. W. B. A. Ritchie.

Appointed by City Council.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Aldermen Murray,  
Hubley,  
Hayward.

### Committee on Finance.

Aldermen Johnson, *Chairman*,  
Shaffner,  
Douglas,  
Kelly,  
Campbell,  
Hawkins.

**Board of Fire Escapes.**

Aldermen Whitman, *Chairman*,  
McManus,  
Hoben.

**Committee of Firewards.**

Aldermen Johnson, *Chairman*,  
Taylor, *Vice-Chairman*,  
Archibald,  
Hubley,  
Campbell,  
Hayward.

**City Health Board.**

Acts 1907. Appointed by City Council.  
Aldermen Archibald,  
Douglas,  
Martin,  
Campbell.

Appointed by Governor-in-Council.

Dr. Murdoch Chisholm, *Chairman*,  
Mr. W. J. Butler.

**Laws and Privileges Committee.**

Aldermen Johnson, *Chairman*,  
Archibald,  
Douglas,  
Hubley,  
Martin,  
Hawkins.

**Library Commission.**

Acts 1907.

Aldermen Murray, *Chairman*,  
Whitman,  
McManus,  
Kelly,  
Campbell,  
MacKenzie,

His Honor Judge Wallace, 1910,

Mr. G. W. T. Irving, 1909,

Mr. James C. Barnstead, 1908.

**Directors of Point Pleasant Park.**

Appointed by Chap. 12, Acts 1873.  
His Worship the Mayor.

Appointed by City Council.

Aldermen Whitman, *Vice-Chairman*,  
Chisholm,  
McManus,  
Hoben,  
Davison,  
Hayward.

Appointed by the Directors.

Mr. George S. Campbell, *Chairman*,  
Mr. Hector McInnes, *Hon. Secretary*,  
Mr. Justice Graham,  
Mr. C. C. Blackadar,  
Mr. Richard G. Beazley.

**Police Committee.**

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*.  
Aldermen Taylor,  
Martin.

**Committee on City Prison.**

Aldermen Hubley, *Chairman*,  
Shaffner,  
Johnson,  
Douglas,  
Hartin,  
Hayward

**Commissioners of Public Schools.**

Appointed by City Council.

Mr. N. V. Gastonguay, 1907,  
Mr. E. F. Doyle, 1907,

Mr. James Halliday, 1908,

Aldermen Hubley, 1908,

Murray, 1909,  
MacKenzie, 1909.

Appointed by Governor-in-Council.

Mr. Arthur S. Barnstead, *Chairman*, 1907,

Mr. John H. Bentley, 1907,

Mr. J. Johnstone Hunt, 1908.

Mr. Thos. J. Egan, *Vice-Chairman*, 1808.

Mr. John L. Connolly, 1909.

Mr. John A. McInnes, 1909.

**Shipbuilding Commission.**

Appointed by Chap. 59, Acts 1901.

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*.

Appointed by City Council.

Aldermen Shaffner,

Johnson,

MacKenzie.

Appointed by Board of Trade.

Mr. George S. Campbell,

Mr. George E. Faulkner,

Mr. W. A. Black.

**Committee on Tenders.**

Aldermen McManus, *Chairman*,  
Whitman,  
Murray,  
Hoben,  
Davison,  
Hayward.

**Committee on City Works.**

His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*.  
Aldermen Taylor,  
Hawkins.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

## Assessment.

Aldermen Murray, *Chairman*,  
Archibald,  
Douglas,  
Hubley,  
Martin, MacKenzie.

## Commercial.

Appointed by City Council.

His Worship the Mayor,  
*Chairman of City's Committee*,  
Aldermen Shaffner,  
Johnson,  
Douglas,  
Hayward.

Appointed by Board of Trade.

Mr. A. M. Bell,  
Mr. G. S. Campbell,  
Mr. G. E. Faulkner,  
Mr. W. J. Clayton,  
Mr. J. E. DeWolf,  
Mr. N. B. Smith.

## Lighting.

Aldermen Hubley, *Chairman*,  
Archibald,  
Johnson,  
Taylor,  
Campbell,  
Hawkins.

## Greater Halifax.

Appointed by City Council.  
His Worship the Mayor, *Chairman*,  
Aldermen Murray,  
MacKenzie.

Appointed by Town of Dartmouth.

His Worship Mayor Williams,  
Councillors White,  
Regan.

## Harbor Championship.

Aldermen MacKenzie, *Chairman*,  
Shaffner,  
Kelly.

## Provincial Exhibition Commission.

Acts 1896; R. S., 1900.

Appointed by Governor-in-Council.

Mr. Justice Longley, *President*,  
Mr. E. B. Elderkin, *Vice-President*,  
Hon. W. T. Pipes,  
Mr. F. R. Trotter, M. P. P.,  
Mr. J. W. Bigelow.

Appointed by City Council.

His Worship the Mayor  
Aldermen Johnson, 1907,  
Martin, 1908,

Mr. Andrew Lamphier, 1909,  
Mr. W. J. Clayton, 1910

Appointed by N. S. Farmers' Association.

Mr. David Logan,  
Mr. R. S. Starr.

ESTIMATES FOR 1907-1908

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE.

GEORGE H. FIELDING.

CITY RECORDER	- - - - -	F. H. BELL.
CITY TREASURER	- - - - -	W. L. BROWN.
CITY AUDITOR	- - - - -	W. W. FOSTER.
CITY CLERK	- - - - -	L. FRED. MONAGHAN.
CITY COLLECTOR	- - - - -	ROBERT THEAKSTON.
CITY ENGINEER	- - - - -	F. W. W. DOANE.
CITY MEDICAL OFFICER	- - - - -	THOS. TRENAMAN, M. D.
CLERK OF WORKS	- - - - -	J. J. HOPEWELL.
CHIEF OF POLICE	- - - - -	JOHN A. RUDLAND.
CHIEF ASSESSOR	- - - - -	S. R. PHELAN.
CLERK BOARD OF HEALTH	- - - - -	JOHN A. WATTERS.
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS	- - - - -	JOHN McDONALD.
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT	- - - - -	EWAN MORRISON.
CHIEF LICENSE INSPECTOR	- - - - -	W. E. MESSERVEY.

These Officials, as well as the Mayor, have their apartments in the City Hall.

Chief Fire Department, P. J. BRODERICK, Office, Bedford Row Engine House.

Assistant City Engineer	1500 00
Sanitary Engineer	800 00
Subsidiary Water Department	1500 00
Water Inspector	750 00
Chief of Works Department	1500 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5250 00</b>

## ESTIMATES FOR 1907-1908.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure as finally passed by the City Council, for the Civic year ending 30th April, 1908.

### GENERAL ASSESSMENT.

SALARIES.	PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.	LAST YEAR'S ESTIMATES.
His Worship the Mayor .....	\$ 1000 00	
His Honor the Recorder .....	1200 00	
The City Treasurer .....	1500 00	
The City Clerk .....	1300 00	
Assistant City Clerk .....	1000 00	
Stipendiary Magistrate .....	2000 00	
City Engineer .....	3000 00	
Assistant City Engineer .....	1600 00	
City Auditor .....	1500 00	
Collector of Rates and Taxes and four Sub-Collectors	4000 00	
1st Clerk in Collector's Office .....	800 00	
2nd " " .....	800 00	
City Assessor .....	1400 00	
Two Assistant Assessors at \$1,100 each .....	2200 00	
Registrar of Voters .....	200 00	
Janitor City Hall .....	800 00	
City Medical Officer .....	1000 00	
Clerk of Works Department .....	1200 00	
Stenographer .....	600 00	
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers .....	1000 00	
Superintendent of Water Department .....	1200 00	
Water Inspector .....	728 00	
License Inspector .....	1100 00	
Librarian Citizens' Free Library .....	475 00	
Assistant Librarian .....	350 00	
2nd Assistant Librarian .....	250 00	
Plumbing Inspector .....	800 00	
Electrician .....	1200 00	
	\$34203 00	\$33078 00

*Less—Charged to Water Department.*

Assistant City Engineer .....	\$1600 00	
2nd Clerk Collector's Office .....	800 00	
Superintendent Water Department .....	1200 00	
Water Inspector .....	728 00	
Clerk of Works Department .....	1200 00	
	5528 00	



*Charged to Sewerage.*

Part Salary of Stenographer.....	\$ 300 00	
Superintendent of Streets and Sewers.....	1000 00	
		1300 00

*Charged to Various Appropriations.*

License Inspector (License Fund).....	\$1100 00		
Librarian and Assistant Librarians (Library)	1075 00		
Plumbing Inspector (Board of Health).....	800 00		
		2975 00	
			9803 00 9578 00
			\$ 24400 00 \$23500 00

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and maintenance .....	32000 00	30000 00
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## ROCKHEAD PRISON.

Governor and Matron .....	1200 00	
Underkeepers, 4 at \$510.00.....	2040 00	
Messenger .....	510 00	
Maintenance .....	\$1650 00	
Less probable income from Broken Stone..	400 00	
	1250 00	
		5000 00 5500 00

## DEPARTMENT OF CITY WORKS.

Cleaning Paved Streets .....	5000 00	
Streets .....	25000 00	
Internal Health.....	17000 00	
Maintenance of Sewers.....	500 00	
Teams and Stables .....	5000 00	
Fuel .....	1100 00	
Telephones .....	264 00	
Lighting City Hall .....	856 00	
Lighting Streets .....	22000 00	
Insurance .....	1000 00	
City Property.....	2500 00	
Maintenance of Baths.....	200 00	
Preparing Official Plan .....	500 00	
Inspection of Electric Wiring .....	500 00	
		81420 00 72234 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Maintenance .....	41600 00	33468 00
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ESTIMATES FOR 1907-8.

Board of Health .....	\$4000 00	
" for deficit salaries, 1906-7.	850 00	
" extra grant by Council for legal adviser.....	100 00	
		4950 00
Court of Appeal from Assessments .....		300 00
One-half subsidy to Dry Dock, 18th year .....		5000 00
Superannuation Sergt. Joseph McNally, one year ..		167 13
" Chief John O'Sullivan, one year ..		297 14
" Sergt. John Baker, one year .....		148 57
" Sergt. Leahan, including amount paid 1906-7.....		346 66
" W. F. MacCoy, including amount paid 1906-7.....		1150 00
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty .....		200 00
		<u>\$208475 50 199512 63</u>

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

9th payment on loan for Public Baths (\$8,000) .....	800 00	
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	48 00	
6th payment on loan for Duke of Cornwall (\$3,000).	500 00	
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	10 00	
6th payment on loan deficit Provincial Exhibition 1900 (\$3,300) .....	550 00	
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	11 00	
5th payment on loan deficit Provincial Exhibition 1901 (\$4343.94) .....	421 53	
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	127 46	
5th payment on loan for house Public Gardens (\$4,000)	388 07	
Interest on balance of same unpaid at 4% .....	117 38	
2nd payment on loan for various purposes (\$22,300).	4400 00	
Interest on balance of same at 4% .....	616 00	
		7 44
City Hall Debentures, \$25,000 at 4% .....		2125 00
" " \$25,000 at 4½% .....		
Halifax and South Western R. R. Land Damages, Debentures, \$46,000 at 4% .....		1840 00

CONSOLIDATED FUND 1882.

\$786,000 at 5 per cent .....	39300 00
<i>Less :</i>	
½ year on \$100,000 maturing 1st July, 1907.....	2500 00
	<u>36800 00</u>
\$1,143,700 at 4½ per cent .....	51466 50
1,037,890 at 4 per cent.....	41515 60
67,000 at 3½ per cent.....	2345 00
5,000 at 4 per cent (broken period).....	50 00
	<u>132177 10</u>

## LESS CHARGED TO WATER DEPARTMENT.

\$153,000 at 5 per cent .....	\$ 7650 00		
679,000 at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent .....	30582 00		
214,000 at 4 per cent .....	8500 00		
10,000 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent .....	350 00		
		<u>47142 00</u>	
			<u>\$47142 00 85035 10</u>

## CONSOLIDATED FUND 1905.

\$226,000 at 4 per cent. 12 months .....	\$9040 00		
264,600 at 4 per cent. 8 months .....	7055 70		
		<u>16095 70</u>	
Int. from 1st Jan. to 30th April on \$61,800			
at 5% .....	\$1030 00		
Int. from 13th Sept. to 30th Dec. on \$14,200			
at 5% .....	207 00		
Int. from 5th Nov. to 30th Dec. on \$32,600			
at 5% .....	271 00		
		<u>1508 70</u>	
			<u>17604 40</u>

*Less:*

Int. on \$120,000 at 4% unexpended portion of loan.	4800 00		
		<u>12804 40</u>	

## SINKING FUNDS.

Under Chapter 65, Acts of 1898 .....	200 00		
" " 51, " 1902 .....	3000 00		
" " 54, " 1903-4 .....	5000 00		
" " 49, " 1905 .....	1300 00		
" "60 & 65, " 1906 .....	4385 00		
		<u>13885 00</u>	
			<u>468573 75 435630 78</u>
Add 1 per cent. for short collection .....			<u>4685 73 4356 30</u>
			<u>473259 48 439987 08</u>
Less from unexpended balances .....			<u>5000 00 5000 00</u>
Total .....			<u>\$468259 48 \$434987 08</u>

## Retiring Message His Worship the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, April 30th, 1908.

*To the Members of the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—I propose that this final communication to you on the eve of my retirement from the position of Mayor shall take the form of a review of the administration of civic matters during the last three years.

When as an alderman I had a seat in your honorable body it became my duty as Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts to submit the yearly estimates on two occasions, and, as will be seen on reference to the Council proceedings of that time, I endeavored to make the work to be performed fit the tax rate of that day.

On entering upon my duties as Mayor in 1905, and some time previously thereto, I realized that if Halifax was to advance, a policy of improvement and progress must be followed. I further realized that such improvements meant expenditure of money, and that increased taxation on real estate and personal property must be avoided as far as possible. It therefore became necessary to look elsewhere for the increased revenue required. In concluding my first Message to the Council as Mayor, I expressed the hope that we might be able at the end of our term of office to look back upon "something accomplished, something done" for the progress and good government of our City.

The policy therefore followed in considering the various improvements required by the City has not been to try to force the cost within a certain prearranged rate of taxation, but, on the contrary, to regulate and fix such rate of taxation according to the improvements deemed necessary. As the general policy guiding me was apparent to the ratepayers during my first year of office, and as they on two subsequent occasions expressed their confidence in that policy by electing me by acclamation, I am satisfied that the time has come, in the City of Halifax, when the civic government will no longer be justified or receive the endorsement of intelligent people because it has kept down the tax rate, but, on the contrary, will be judged by the amount of work in new improvements, and in the keeping up of old improvements that it has accomplished, even if the rate of taxation does rise, with this limitation that the people should have received in results the full equivalent of the money spent in taxes. To slightly modify the language of a Mayor of another city in addressing his Council,—“In making up the estimates of current expenses for the past three years, which estimates became the basis upon which the rate of taxation was based, the needs of the various departments of the City government were primarily considered, and such amounts were allowed for each as were necessary in order to carry out those improvements found to be indispensable despite the fact that by doing so the tax rate would be slightly raised. The City of Halifax is growing, and