

when there appeared for the Hon. Mr. Bell of one blank - Mr. Bell is therefore unanimously elected Alderman for Ward No 4.

The City Council then decide that the three Gentlemen's names who have just been elected, should be ballotted for by the Mayor, and as drawn by His Worship should stand on the roll of Aldermen, agreeably to the Act, which course being adopted they stood as follows.

- Edward Allison Esq
- William Caldwell
- Hugh Bell

And these Gentlemen having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, the Oath of Office, as also of a Justice of the Peace, sign the Roll accordingly.

The City Council next proceed to the Election of a Mayor for the ensuing Year, when it is Resolved, That the Election of a Mayor for the ensuing Year shall be determined by Ballot.

The City Council then proceed to Elect a Mayor by Ballot when there appeared for Alderman Keith, Seventeen. Alderman Keith is therefore unanimously elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the ensuing year.

Thos Williamson Mayor

His Worship the Mayor having been requested to leave the Chair.

Alderman Keith is called to take the same, when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved, That a Complimentary address be presented to His Worship the Mayor, Thomas Williamson Esquire, on his retiring from office, and that the following be adopted :-

Thomas Williamson Esquire,

Sir, As the term for which you were Elected Mayor for the City of Halifax is now about to close, we who have thus far been associated with you in the City Council, cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without conveying the expressions of our unqualified approval of your conduct throughout, whilst filling so important an Office.

From the impartial and straight forward course, which has invariably marked your proceedings in the discharge of your varied duties, from the constant anxiety which has ever been manifested in the strict administration of public justice, from your obliging disposition in order to keep up that harmony and good feeling which has invariably prevailed in all the proceedings of the Civic Body, - unanimously call forth our warmest expressions of esteem, both as to your public services and your private worth; and as a Corporate Body would now beg to convey our best wishes for your present and future happiness. Halifax 3 October 1843.

(A. Keith)

October 3^d 1843.

(Signed)	A. Keith, Chairman	} Aldermen		
"	Andrew McKeilay			
"	James Freeman			
"	John Luffus			
"	John Edw Starr			
(Signed)	Edmund Allison	(Signed)	A. Bell	} Common Councilmen
"	William G. Judson	"	Jos. Jennings	
"	William Hony Jew	"	C. West	
"	William B. Fairbanks	"	Adam Heunson	
"	William Caldwell	"	J. Steele	
"	Arch. Sinclair	"	John Winter	

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved, That a Copy of foregoing be presented by the City Clerk to His Worship the Mayor to Mr. Williamson, and that he be requested to appoint a time and place to receive the address, which being put is passed.

A. Keith, Alderman
Alderman Keith quits the Chair, His Worship the Mayor resumes the same.

The City Council next proceeds to the Election of Auditors of the City of Halifax. Mr. George C. Whidden, Mr. C. H. Pelcher, Mr. John A. Lishman, and Mr. William Bell, having been proposed the Ballot is proceeded with, when there appeared for Mr. Whidden Four, Mr. Pelcher, Four, Mr. Lishman Five, and Mr. Bell, Five, when Mr. Lishman and Mr. Bell having a Majority of Votes are duly Elected Auditors of the City.

The City Council authorize the payment of following accounts by Checks on City Treasurer.

James Hawn Quarters Salary as Health Inspector
and keeper of Market £5-5-0

Edward Young, Expenses in the Police Office
for quarter ending 30th September £3-10-3

Mr. Winter, Commissioners of Streets for ward No. 6, having brought to the notice of the City Council an encroachment on the Road leading to the Naval Hospital, caused by property belonging to Mrs. Peeples, and also a Survey and Plan prepared by the Surveyor General, the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That notice be immediately sent Mrs Peeples that the City Council having been satisfied by a Plan submitted to them from the Surveyor General's Office that an encroachment on the Street in front of her premises, consisting of a Bank, also the Garden fence near the Campbell Road to remove the same within ten days, and that in case the same is not done the Commissioners of Streets will be

authorised to remove the same at her expense - which on being put is paid.

The City Council then adjourned:

Thos Williams Esq

Mayor

Halifax 4th October 1843.

The following Letter from the Secretary of the Province is this day received:

Provincial Secretary's Office

Halifax 4th October 1843

Sir, Having laid before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor your letter dated yesterday, reporting the Election of Alexander Keith Esquire to the Office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, - and requesting by the direction of the City Council, His Excellency's approval of that Election; - His Excellency is hereby pleased to signify his approval and confirmation of the same; and I am commanded to say that His Excellency will be prepared to administer the oath of Office to the Mayor tomorrow, at the Government House, at one o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Rupert D George

James Mackenzie Esq
City Clerk
to be

Halifax October 5th 1843.

Alexander Keith Esquire, unanimously elected Mayor of the City, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and the Oaths of Office prescribed by Law, was this day sworn into Office as said Mayor in the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor

Halifax October 13th 1843

At a Meeting of the City Council held this day, present His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen McKeulay, Hart, Allison, Caldwell, Bell, Myles, Anderson, Payer, Hoy, Fairbanks, Sinclair, Black, Jennings, Hunter, Heenan, Rhind, Miller and Rugg.

The City Council were summoned to receive the return for the Election of City Councillors for Ward No. 2, to elect an Alderman for said Ward, to select two City Assessors from those elected for the different wards, to appoint the various committees for the ensuing year, to take into consideration a report from the Committee of Finance relative to description of engine required in place of No. 3.

The following answer from the late Mayor to the address of the City Council is read:

Halifax 5th October 1843.

Gentlemen,

The Address with which you have so kindly honoured me coming from those with whom I have been so long and so agreeably associated, calls for my very sincere thanks, and I assure you I fully appreciate the motives which have led to this expression of approbation.

In the discharge of my various duties, the support and assistance so cheerfully rendered on all occasions by the City Council, relieved me greatly, and made those duties comparatively light during the period of my Mayoralty, and on retiring from amongst you, it is exceedingly gratifying to receive such a testimonial as you have honoured me with. My desire when I accepted office was to discharge the duty diligently, honestly, and to the best of my ability - if this object has been attained I am sufficiently rewarded.

I trust that the Harmony that has marked the deliberations of the City Council will continue as hitherto, and that the object of primary importance will always be kept in view - the good of the City and the interests of the Citizens.

I have now only to repeat my cordial and best wishes, remaining, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant
(Sgd) Tho Williamson.

To the Worshipful
The Mayor
Aldermen

and Common Council."

(Read)

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Read Mayor's resignation from the City Council;

Mayor's Office 5th October 1843

Gentlemen,

Agreeably to the Act of Incorporation it is requisite I should notify you of my retirement from the City Council.

I need hardly assure you of my sincere desire that you may go on prosperously, and that the good working of the system, and a gradual improvement in Municipal affairs; will finally overcome prejudices that did, and still may to some extent exist against it.

I have the honor to be,

To the Worshipful

The Mayor

Municipal Council,

Gentleman,

Your Most Obedt. Serv^t

(Signed) Thos Williamson

The Return of Election of City Councillor for Ward No 2 agreeably to the Proclamation of His Worship the Mayor held yesterday is read, and Henry Spike having been returned as duly elected for said Ward, and that Gentlemen being in attendance and having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance and the oath of Office prescribed by Law, takes his seat accordingly.

The City Council next proceeds to the Election of Alderman for Ward No 2, in place of His Worship the Mayor. The Ballot is proceeded with, when there appeared, for Mr Fairbanks, 9, for Mr Story 9. There being an equality of votes the Mayor is called upon to give the casting vote, and having voted for Mr Story, Mr Story is therefore elected Alderman for Ward No 2, and having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance, the oath of Office as also that of a Justice of the Peace, he takes his seat accordingly.

On taking into consideration the appointment of City Assessors, the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the various assessors returned for the different Wards be summoned forthwith to qualify themselves for the Office to which they have been elected. which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be now granted towards the payment of the workmen for repairs of Young Street, in Ward No 6, as part of Thirty pounds pledged by the City Council to be paid in 1844, which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to the appointment of the various Committees, when the following Gentlemen are appointed:

(Commissioners)

— October 13th —

— Commissioners of Streets —

William G. Anderson Esq ^r	Hon. Mr. Bell
William Story Jr	Adam Hemmison Esq ^r
William Caldwell	John Winters

— Commissioners of the Cemetery —

Hon. Mr. Bell	Joseph Jennings Esq ^r
Henry Payer Esq ^r	William G. Anderson
Edward Allison	William Story Jr
W. B. Fairbanks	Adam Hemmison

— Commissioners of Common —

Edward Allison Esq ^r	William B. Fairbanks Esq ^r
Henry Payer	

— Commissioners of Public Property —

Henry Spike Esq ^r	Joseph Jennings Esq ^r
Archibald Suelan	Adam Hemmison
John C. Starr	Henry Payer
Benj ^r C. Black	David Rugg

— Committee of Public Accounts —

John C. Starr Esq ^r	David Rugg Esquire
Benj ^r C. Black	Charles D. Hunter
Henry Payer	

— Committee to act with Auditors —

Hon. Mr. Bell	Joseph Jennings Esq ^r
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— Commissioners of Bridewell —

Alderman Allison	Alderman Bell
" Story	" McKinday
" Caldwell	" Starr

Read following letter from Chairman of Firewards dated 15th July 1843.
 Halifax July 15th 1843

For
 Your letter of the 7th inst. with the accompanying extracts from the Records of the City Council I duly received. In reply I beg leave to express the regret generally felt in being debarred the utility of so important an Engine. Should a serious fire occur, I fear the want of one in place of No 3 would be attended with serious consequences, not only rendering the Fire department inefficient but obviating the exertions of the Union Company in conveying Water from the Harbour, to central parts of the City. In the disposal of No 3 Engine it was fully expected a new one would have been ordered to supply the vacancy. I therefore beg leave to suggest to His Worship the Mayor the propriety of borrowing a sum adequate, on security, to enable His Worship to carry out so desirable an object with as little delay as possible. If

Deferred until January it is evident, no Engine will be provided until April or May next leaving the City during the hazardous and inclement Season of the Year short of an Engine. I therefore trust His Worship the Mayor will take the importance of this Service under his favorable Consideration and with the advice of his Council, concur in meeting the wishes of the Firewards.

I remain, very respectfully

To James Macke Esq
City Clerk

Your Obedt Servt

(Signed) J. Lee
Chairman

Also one of 2^d October 1843.

Halifax 2^d October 1843

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter I am sorry to inform you that there is no disposition on the part of the directors of the Halifax Fire Insurance Office to contribute in aid of a new Engine, I shall bring the subject before the Stockholders at their annual Meeting. Mr. Scott has also declined. The other Offices are so evasive in their decision, I have given up all expectations. I therefore recommend the cost be taken into consideration and be provided for in the necessary adjustment for the ensuing Year.

Would it not be advisable to borrow a sum for the purpose, the interest for a few months would be no Consideration.

I am, dear Sir, Yours &c

To His Worship

The Mayor City, Halifax.

(Signed) J. Lee.

Also one of 30th September 1843.

Sir, I duly rec^d your letter of 27th Inst. with the accompanying Extracts from the records of the City Council.

In reply I beg leave to inform you, at a Meeting of the Firewards held yesterday to discuss the Subject, a Committee was appointed to take into consideration the purport of your Extract. For the information of His Worship the Mayor I now beg leave to enclose you their report fully on the Subject.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most Obedt Servt.

To

J. H. Clarke Esq., City Clerk.

(Signed) J. Lee.

Halifax 30th Sept. 1843.

Read following Report of Committee of Firewards, relative to description and purchase of New Engine:-

"We the undersigned being a Committee appointed by the Board of Firewards for the City of Halifax, to take into consideration the

— October 13th —

Size and qualification of an Engine in lieu of No 3, — from the best information we could possibly obtain with our own judgment and experience are of opinion, That an Engine of equal Power to No 1, with nine inch chamber, nine inch Stroke of Piston, with three lengths of Suction Hose each six feet, with a suitable branch or director, Also ten lengths of leading Hose forty feet each, is one most approved of for general use. The Engine and materials to be of the best description, the Hose to correspond with the leading Hose of No 1 Engine for general purposes, and more particularly to convey water from the Harbour to central parts of the City. I do recommend the foregoing description of Engine be adopted.

We are also of opinion an Engine of the above quality if imported from London with the necessary materials would cost about Two Hundred and fifty Pounds Currency; if from Scotland it may cost less, and if from the United States, in our opinion the difference of Premium, Exchange and Charges would considerably reduce the sum specified — all of which we beg leave to submit for the Consideration of the Board.

We remain, Sir, your obedient Servants

To
 J. See Coy^r (S^{rs}) Wm Crawford
 Chairman Firewards (S^{rs}) William Caldwell J.M.
 (S^{rs}) John Longard J.M.
 (S^{rs}) Arch Sinclair, Fireward
 (S^{rs}) Andy Richardson Fireward Ward No 2.
 Halifax 30th Sept 1843.

When the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That Alderman Caldwell, Messrs Sinclair & Pryor be a committee to ascertain the expense of procuring from the United States a Fire Engine of the description reported upon by the Fire Department as required for the use of the City and report thereon.

which on being put is passed.

Read following report from Fire Ward Department relative to sinking of Tanks:

Halifax 2^d October 1843

Sir,
 I enclose you a copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Firewards at a meeting held by them on the 29th Sept last. Resolved, That it be recommended to the City Council to cause a Tank to be excavated in Decimber Town near the Engine House of No 4, as soon as one third of the expense shall be realized by the inhabitants, and also That Tanks be sunk in other parts.

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of the City, where they are most required, in order to ensure a supply of water during the dry season."

Saw, fir
You shall sewt

James H. Clark Esq. (Sign) W. M. Silver
Secretary to the Board of
Fire Wardens.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That Messrs. McCune, Winters and Jennings, Spike, Anderson, and Fairbanks be a Committee to take up resolution of Fire Wards relative to Tanks, ascertain the most suitable places for their erection, and if possible the probable expense, and report thereon. which on being put is passed.

Read following Letter from A. Richardson Esquire

Halsfor 30 September 1843

"May it please your worship

The close of the period having arrived which I had to serve as a Fire Warden for Ward No. 2, I beg respectfully to tender my resignation of that office to your worship

Having been selected by the Fire Warden as directing or managing Fire Warden in time of fire, I feel it my duty to act as such, until I have the honor of receiving your worship's approval and permission to retire from that respectable office

I have the honor to be

To His Worship

The Mayor

Your worship's obdt. servant

(Sign) Andrew Richardson

Fire Warden Ward No. 2.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Aldermen and Councilors of each Ward be requested to ascertain the vacancies of Fire Warden in their respective Wards nominate Gentlemen to fill the vacancies and report thereon at the next meeting of the City Council - which on being put is passed.

On taking into consideration the tenders for removing the embankment near the Naval Hospital, the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Ward No. 2 be authorized to have the embankment near the Naval Hospital removed in the most economical manner by contract, and the Council will provide the same. which on being put is passed.

The City Council authorize the payment of following account by Check on the City Treasurer: Adaw Hemmison £9-17-3.

Resolved, That the usual quantity of Fuel be provided for the different Offices, and that His Worship the Mayor draw Checks on the City Treasurer for the amount

— October 13th —

His Worship the Mayor brings to the notice of the Council a communication from the Naval Storekeeper relative to stoppage of some of the drains near the Hospital, and the injury likely to accrue to Government Property when the following Resolutions are introduced:

Resolved, That the Council would carefully abstain in the course of improvement in the Streets from every thing that would in any manner damage the property of Her Majesty, — but that as every inhabitant is subject to the law in these respects, so they conceive are the Officers in Charge of Public Departments, and the improvements necessary for the public benefit cannot be interrupted in consequence of any representation interfering with improvements agreeably to Law.

Resolved further, That a Copy of this Resolution and the Report of Mr. Currie, the Street Superintendent, be sent to Mr. Elliott.

which being put are passed.

The Council then adjourned.

Wm. Keith Mayor

Halifax November 6th 1843.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen McHenry, Allison & Caldwell. Messrs Pyor, Sinclair, Spoke and Rugg.

The City Council were summoned to elect two City Assessors, to take into consideration a communication from Fire Department relative to lighting the Engine House with Gas, — also the necessity of a lamp post — to elect two Firewards for Ward No 2, — the payment of several accounts, — the means to be adopted for enforcing the amounts due by the Banking and other Associations.

The City Council adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Wm. Keith Mayor

Halifax November 7th 1848

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day, Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen M. Sinclair & Allison. Messrs Mayor, Spike, Fairbanks, Sinclair Black, Hunter, Hummer, Rhine, Winters and Rugg.

The City Council proceed to the business for which they were summoned yesterday, and having taken into consideration the collection of two assessments for the City for the present year, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That Messrs William T. Silver and Thomas McKie be the City Assessors for the present year agreeably to the Act of Incorporation. which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the communication from Fire Department relative to erection of a Gas Light at the Engine House, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Board of Fire Wards be requested to cause a Gas Lamp to be erected at the South West corner of the Engine House, either by the erection of a Post, or in such other way as they may think most beneficial.

The Subject of lighting the Interior of Engine House stands over for a future meeting.

The City Council next proceed to elect two Fire Wards for Ward No 2 in place of Charles W. Hill and Andrew Richardson, Esquires, Resigned. when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That Thomas Adams and Thomas R. Gessie Esquires be elected Fire Wards for Ward No 2, in place of Charles W. Hill and Andrew Richardson Esquires resigned, which on being put is passed.

His Worship brings to the notice of the City Council the subject of the amounts due by the different Banks and other Associations, and that the City Treasurer is desirous of receiving instructions as to how he is to proceed.

The following Resolution is introduced,

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed forthwith to institute actions against the Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of British North America, Union Marine Insurance Company, Albion Fire Insurance Company, and Halifax Fire Insurance Company, in the name of the Corporation, for the amount taxed or assessed upon said Banking and other Associations for the City Assessments made upon them respectively for the present year. And further that as the City Council as well as the said Associations are desirous of having the question settled whether these establishments are liable to be rated beyond their profits of the preceding year, or upon their Capital. It is understood no objection is to be taken for not issuing a Warrant of Distress in the first instance if they can legally do so, and should this arrangement not be entered into the City Treasurer do without further delay issue his Warrant of Distress. which on being put is passed.

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— November 11th 1843 —

The following Accounts are directed to be paid by Checks on City Treasurer.

Archibald McCullough	£7. 16. 0
John Mline	14. 15. 6
Jacob Curry	30. 0. 0
Little	4. 8. 0

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved, That the Salary of His Worship the Mayor for the present Year be Three Hundred Pounds.

Which on being put is passed.

The Council then adjourned.

Wm. Smith Mayor

Halifax November 11th 1843

William A. Silver and Thomas McKie having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law are this day sworn into Office as City Assessors for ensuing year agreeably to Law, in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Halifax November 10th 1843.

William Bell and John Leishman having taken the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office prescribed by Law are this day sworn into Office as Auditors of the City, in the presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Halifax November 24th 1843.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day, Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen McKinlay, Starr, Allison, Caldwell & Bell. Messrs. Richardson, Poyer, Spike, Fairbanks, Sinclair, Black, Jennings, Neumeon, Rhind & Muters

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration a Petition from the Messrs. Constables, also report of Committee of Public Accounts.

The following Report of Committee of Public Accounts is read:

We the undersigned a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the City submitted, do Report that we find the same correct, with vouchers for all the expenditures certified by the proper authorities. On examining into the said accounts this Committee have found many items charged at much higher prices than if said Articles had been procured by Contract, and would therefore recommend to the City Council that in future all materials such as Boards, Planks, Paints, Nails and many other articles, as well as Mechanics and Laborers Wages, should be supplied and done by Contract so that when any repairs, or workmanship are required for any of the City Departments, proper places may be appointed by the City Council, where they may be obtained, and which this Committee conceive will be much more satisfactory than heretofore.

Halifax, N.S. 24th November 1843.

(Signed) J. W. Starr

" B. E. Black

" C. S. Neuter

" Henry Poyer

When on Motion it is Resolved, That the Report just read be received and adopted, and as far as practicable carried into effect.

The account of J. H. Crofskill amounting to £15.10.0 is next introduced by the Chairman of Public Accounts, and on examining the same the Committee recommend that ten pounds be paid said J. H. Crofskill in full for his account, which amount the City Council direct to be paid to said J. H. Crofskill, and no more.

The following accounts submitted by the Committee of Public Accounts for payment are ordered to be discharged by Checks on City Treasurer.

Robert Richardson	19	1	11	Andrew McPoyor	1	17	0
"	3	7	2	John Epton	13	9	6
Wm. Caldwell son	16	13	0	Henry Hill	6	12	11
"	6	4	4	Bruce McDonald	5	.	.
Thomas Holloway	143	8	6	John Smithers	1	7	6
Robert Motton	24	4	.	Casely & Smithers	.	16	.
John Longard	.	12	6	Geo. Smithers	2	5	.
Sinclair & McLean	47	2	3	"	20	19	3

		Accounts against the City	
Henry Spike	8	William Merrick	1 12
John Robinson	1 3	James Butler	12 6
W. B. Stephenson	15	Blackst Brothers	1 6
" " "	12	C. H. Belcher	10 4
D. Stevens & son	2 7	Gas Company	5 6 4
John Longard	10 1 3	William Holmes	2
James Williamson	5 10 6	William Jost	1 5
Jacob Curry	9	Joseph Clarke	1 5
William Fraser	3 3 6	John Silver	12 6
William Findlay	1 15	Edward Young	1 17 6
Wm. Furnishell	7	Felix King	12 6
J. M. Proffhill	11 3	J. Seftell	12 6
John McGregor	3 5	Thos. Prughton	12 6
<u>Accounts against Commissioners of streets</u>			
D. Stevens and son	4 10		
B. Smithers	8 5 3		
John Smithers	6 14 7		
William Furnishell	1 13 9		
Thomas Boggs	4 15 10		
Richard Marshall	3 10		
Georg Smithers	10 6		
Jacob Curry	1 10		
A. & S. West	10		
John Willis	7 6 10		

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the Council disapprove of any City Officer receiving salary, devoting his time to other Public Services than those to which he has been appointed, and will not hereafter sanction any claim for remuneration made for services unconnected with his particular Office.

which on being put is passed.

Petition from Ward Constables for increase of salary is read, which on motion is dismissed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That in future all City Officers be appointed in the Quarterly Meeting in December instead of March, and that all applicants for said situations leave their applications at the Office of City Clerk, on or before 20th December next.

which on being put is passed.

The Council then adjourned.

W. M. Keitt Mayor

Naligar December 2^d 1843.

At a Meeting of the Ward Assessors held this day in the Mayor's Room agreeably to Notice for the purpose of Electing Ward Assessors for the several Wards, the said Assessors proceeded to the Collection by Ballot, when the following Persons were chosen for

- Ward No 1 Charles M. Cleary
- " " 2 Thomas C. Kinnear
- " " 3 William M'Agry
- " " 4 Robert Romards
- " " 5 William J. Woodill
- " " 6 Henry Nelson

When the said Assessors were severally sworn to perform their duties as such Ward Assessors according to the best of their Judgment, and to make a fair and impartial assessment of their respective Wards.

L. M. M'Kibby
Acting Alderman

December 7th 1843. Thomas R. Gaspie having taken the Oath prescribed by Law is this day sworn into office as Fire Ward for the City (Ward No 2) in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

December 24th 1843. Henry Inglis sworn into office as Special Constable for the City in the presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Halifax December 26th 1843.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Storr, McKinlay, Starr, Allison, Caldwell, & Bell. Messrs Anderson, Payer, Spiker, Fairbanks, Sinclair, Black, Jennings, Hunter, Neumeier, Rhine, Winters & Rugg.

Read over Proceedings of 24th November.

The subject of J. M. Crofskill's demands against the City is again brought to the notice of the Council, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings be paid to Mr. J. M. Crofskill, in full for his demands against the City up to this date.

which on being put is passed.

The following Report of the Committee on Public Accounts is read:

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of examining the City accounts have to report that they have found them correct and Satisfactory.

The Committee are happy to state that they find the financial affairs of the City in a much more favorable state than at the conclusion of the last year. The amount in the hands of, and apt to be received by the City Treasurer being sufficient to pay off the various contingencies provided for in the appropriation of 1843, and notwithstanding in the estimate for 1844, Four hundred pounds is entered for the purchase of a new Engine, and an extra sum of Two Hundred pounds allowed for the repairs of City property, they have to congratulate their fellow Citizens that the sum to be appropriated for 1844, is Two Hundred and fifty pounds less than the sum for the present year.

The Committee cannot close this report without expressing their pleasure in bearing testimony to the correctness of the accounts kept by the City Clerk, the arrangement of which has made the inspection very easy and satisfactory.

Halifax 22^d December 1843

(Signed) Jno Edw Starr, Chairman.

" Henry Payer

" R. E. Black

" C. D. Hunter

" David Rugg

(Statement)

Statement showing amount of Balances unpaid for 1843 the amount of Accounts presented for payment, and the Estimate for 1844

Balances due for 1843

Salaries of public Officers due 31 December 1843	388 15 .	
" " Constables 2 Months	81 13 4	
" Jacob Perry, Overseer of Streets	30 . .	
" Health Inspector and Keeper of Markets	5 5 .	
" Underkeeper of Fish Market	6 5 .	
" Keeper of Powder Magazine 1/2 Year	10 . .	
Premium of Insurance on Court House	20 . .	541 18 4
Amount due Commissioners of Poor	580 . .	580 . .
<u>Deduct</u>		<u>£1121 18 4</u>
Amount in hands of City Treasurers	185 12 10	
Probable amount to be collected from payments of 1843	636 5 6	1121 18 4

Amounts presented for payment

William Summell	35 5 4	
J. S. Thompson	2 16 4	
James Ives	11 3 .	
William McKay	3 17 6	
John Meurs	10 . .	
A. W. McKinlay	15 18 1	
Robert Motton	2 12 6	
John Spuy Morris	5 16 8	
Elsie Hoade	. 10 .	
W. A. Black Esq, one year Interest on £889.12.0 from 1 st May 1843 to 1 st May 1844	53 7 6	
George Smithers	43 11 5	
Fielding & Ulman	1 5 .	
Johnston & Stirling	24 10 .	210 13 4

Estimate for 1844

Amount required for the support of Poor 1200 . .

Pensions

John Liddell Esq	250 . .	
D. S. Clarke	300 . .	550 . .

Salaries

Mayor	300 . .	
Recorder	200 . .	
City Clerk	300 . .	
City Marshal	80 . .	
Assistant City Clerk	125 . .	
<u>Am^t Carried Forward</u>	<u>£1005</u>	<u>£1960 13 4</u>

December 26th

Amount Brought Forward		£1005	1960	13	4
3 Police Constables	£80	240			
5 Ward Ditto	£50	250			
Keeper of Markets and Health Inspector		20			
Under Keeper of Fish Market		25			
Keeper of Powder Magazine		20			
Overseer of Streets		120			1680
<u>Fire Department</u>					
For Engines		200			
Pumps & Wells		200			
Purchase of New Engine and for Tanks		400		800	
Repairs of Public Property				500	
Contingencies				300	
Treasurers Commission				201	18
				<u>£5441 15</u>	
<u>Deduct</u>					
Probable amount of fines fees &c in Police Office		450			
and Mayor's Court					
Rents of City Property		711	15	1191	15
				<u>£4250</u>	

(Signed) Jno Edw Starr
Chairman.

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts just read be received adopted and published which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty pounds shall be assessed or levied on or be collected or raised from the City for and towards the necessary expenses of the City for the year 1844, and agreeably to a Statement this day laid before the City Council which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Whereas the City Council have by a Resolution of this days date ordered and directed the sum of Four thousand two hundred and fifty pounds to be assessed or levied on, or be collected or raised from the inhabitants of the City for and towards City purposes for the ensuing year, The City Council direct that the City Clerk give notice to the City and Ward Assessors to make said Assessment on the Citizens of the respective Wards agreeably to Law, and that the said City Assessors return the same to the office of City Clerk on or

before the 20th day of May next. - which on being put is passed.

Hon. Mr. Bell Chairman of the Committee of Council appointed to act with the Auditors in the examination of Treasurer's accounts up to 1st November having stated that these accounts together with those of the City Clerk, and their respective vouchers had been examined and found correct whereupon it is

Resolved, That said report be received.

Read Letter from Thomas Adams Esquire Maling in his excuses for not serving in the Office of Fire Ward for Ward No 2, which excuse being accepted, the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That Gilbert N. Smith Esq. be appointed Fire Ward for Ward No 2 in place of Thomas Adams Esq. whose excuse has been accepted.

which on being put is passed

The City Council adjourns until tomorrow at two o'clock.

A. Keightley Mayor

Halifax December 27th 1843.

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Stoy, Starr, Allison
Caldwell, & Bell. Messrs Anderson, Spike, Fairbanks, Sinclair,
Black, Jennings, Hunter, Hummer, Rhind, Winters and Rugg.

Read over proceedings of yesterday

His Worship the Mayor brings to the Notice of the City
the Subject of Stones to be supplied for the use of Bridewell
where the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That the Stone required for Bridewell be given out
by Contract and that they be deposited in the Bridewell yard
there to be weighed and that His Worship the Mayor will appoint
one of the City Officers with the Overseer of Bridewell to attend
to the same.

Which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to make the appointment
of City Officers for ensuing year.

The following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the usual appointments of Surveyors of Lumber
be deferred until March next and that application be made
at the next session of the Assembly to amend the present
Act regulating the Survey of Lumber.

Which on being put is passed.

The following appointments are made

— Clerks of Market —

Francis Stevens junr Michael McKenna

— Inspectors of Pickled Beef and Pork —

Thomas McBeanish John Parker.

— Surveyors of Brick and Lime —

Nicholas Wright Thomas Lowndes.

The City Council adjourn until tomorrow

Wm Keith Mayor

Halifax 28th December 1843

An adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day
 Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Story, Starr, Allison,
 Caldwell, Bell - Messrs Anderson, Pryor, Spike, Frutkin, Sinclair,
 Black, Jennings, Hunter, Heumason, Rhind, Winters and Rugg.

Read over proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. Hunter on Motion is added to the Committee for inspecting
 and reporting upon the Weigh Scales.

Read returns from Supervisors of Salt & Grain and of Coal
 The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved, That in future all Supervisors and when no Supervisor
 all Persons appointed to fill any of the City Offices shall each
 and every year before the Quarterly Meeting in December furnish
 for the information of the City Council a return of the articles
 Inspected or measured by him or them, and for whom
 which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the appointment of Measures of Salt & Grain be
 deferred, and that a Committee be appointed to enquire into
 the manner in which the respective Measures have discharged
 their duties and report thereon.

Which on being put is passed, and that Alderman Allison,
 Messrs Story, Rugg, Winters, and Heumason be that Committee.

The following appointments are next made:

Dealers of Leather

Joseph Hamilton
 George Anderson
 Thomas Mc Murray
 William Maxwell

Surveyors of Brick & Lime

Nicholas Wright
 Thomas Lounds

Inspectors of Pickled Fish & Gaugers of Oil

Timothy Connors
 Francis Parrott
 Archibald McIntosh
 John Roxby
 George Little
 Edward Sturmy
 Dennis Hefferman
 John Sargent
 Thomas Shea
 Thomas Graves

Inspectors of Pickled Fish & Gaugers of Oil

J. E. Dauphinee
 William Berg
 Alexander Adams
 Thomas Wilson
 Joseph McGill
 William Horrell

Measures of Coal

William Holland
 John Stirling
 Joseph Findlay
 Dennis Curran
 Malcom Douglas
 John Connell
 Patrick Connors
 J. O'Brien (Fuel Yard)
 Samuel King
 Henry Inglis
 Patrick Corcoran