

The following account is ordered to be paid by Check on City Treasurer.

John Spuy Morris L5.16.0

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved, That the Resolution of City Council of 16 March relative to lighting the City with Gas be adhered to.

Which on being put is passed.

His Honor the Recorder submits a draft of amendments to the Act now before the House of Assembly relative to the Halifax Assessments, where following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the amendments to the effect now submitted by His Honor the Recorder to the Act now before the House of Assembly relative to the Halifax Assessments be introduced to the said Bill, and that the present Committee be requested to attend to the same. Which on being put is passed.

The Council adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock.

A Keith Mayor

Halifax March 26th 1844.

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Story, Starr, Allison Caldwell, Messrs Pryor, Spike, Fairbanks, Sinclair, Black Jennings, Hunter, Heumson, Rhind, Winters and Rugg.

Read over proceedings of yesterday

Read following Petition from Messrs W. Stairs & Co and others relative to stoppage of Drain at North East Corner of Court House:

Halifax 26th March 1844

" Sir, We the undersigned, Individuals occupying business premises in the neighbourhood of the Market Square, beg leave respectfully to call the attention of the City Council to the great and serious inconvenience many of us are subjected to from the stoppage of the Drain or common sewer, in Water Street at the North East Corner of the County Court House, one of the most thronged thoroughfares of the City, and we would, for the information of the City Council, intimate that the lodgment of Water, on both sides of the street owing to the stoppage of the Drain, may in all fairness be considered a Public nuisance and an evil which calls loudly for removal; In conclusion we have earnestly to solicit and sincerely hope that measures will be taken, at an early date, by the City Council, to afford such relief as the case requires.

We are, Sir, Your most Obedt Servants.

To His Worship the Mayor
and the City Council.

(Signed) Wm Stairs & Co
 Geo. L. Son
 John Regent
 Wm. Albro
 Eben Stagner
 William Doyle
 A. & J. M. Wat
 David Gibson
 Tho. Skinner
 Joseph Bennett
 Tho. Sinclair
 J. L. Son & Co
 James Stanford.

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved, That said petition be referred to Commissioners of Streets to report upon as to the amount necessary to put said

Drain in a good and efficient state, and what amount can be obtained from Individuals towards said alteration.

Which on being put is passed.

Read following Petition from John Kline and others relative to North West Arm Road:

To His Worship the Mayor the Aldermen and City Council of the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth:

That your Petitioners are residents within the said City, and respectively belong to Wards numbers five and six on each side of the Main Public Road leading from the Common of Halifax to the Head of the North West arm, and which said road forms the Division line between the said Wards, and is the Main Public Road from Halifax to the various settlements about Harrietsfield and Margarets Bay.

That the traffic on the said Road by Country people and others coming to Halifax with heavy loads is very extensive and increasing and while the said Road is so frequented it is out of the power of the residents of the said Wards to keep it in repair even by the expenditure of all their Statute labor thereon, and the road is now much cut up and requires very considerable repairs.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the City Council will be pleased to take their case into consideration, and grant them a sum of Money to be expended on the said Road for the above purpose between the Blacksmiths Shop at the Corner of the Common and the Head of the North West arm. And your Petitioners shall ever pray &c

Halifax N.S. March 20th 1844.

(Signed) John Siphant	(Sign) Lawrence Rock	George Liffley
" D Deal	" Jeremiah Murphy	Wm Taylor
" John Kline	" John Cooper	John Kline Sen
" Patrick Breunan	" Peter Carroll	Conrad Kline
" John Blood	" James Malachy	James Shotton
" Martin Washington	" Michael Makey	Joseph Cox
" Conrad Deal	" George Cook	Owen Doyle
" Pat. Hurley	" William Lippert	Thomas Toes
" John MacKintosh	" George Lippert	Peter Doyle
" Robert Romans	" John Guley	William Kline
" A. Davidson	" Tho. Waterman Mann	Anthony Kline
" A. Romans	" John Wall	James O'Brian
" Anthony Donnell	" Adam Grace	Joseph Weather
" Richard Deal	" John Walsh	Edmond Sandey
" Joseph Quinn	" Robert Walker	Frederick Warner
		John M. Patridge

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When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the foregoing Petition be referred to the Commissioners of Streets to report upon.

Which on being put is passed.

On taking into consideration the Bill entitled an Act to continue the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, the following Resolutions are introduced.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and respectfully inform him that the City Council have had under their consideration the Act relative to Weighing and Suspecting of Flour for the City and the desire of the Council that the appointment be placed in the hands of the Council, and solicit from His Excellency his acquiescence in such alteration being made in the Act, the Council having the appointment of all City Officers, and that Messrs. Poyer, Allison, Fairbanks, & Jennings be that Committee.

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder prepare a Bill in amendment of the present Act relating to the Inspection and Weighing of Flour.

That said Bill shall embrace

1st. The investing the appointment of Inspector or Inspectors, Weigher or Weighers of Flour in the City Council instead of the Executive with approbation of His Excellency.

The reduction of the charge of Weighing Flour to one penny per Barrel and establishing the Fee for Suspecting at one penny per Barrel.

The Inspectors and Weighers to be subject to the control of the City Council, appointments to be made annually.

To subject all Flour manufactured in the Province and brought into or offered for sale in the County of Halifax for Sale for Home use or exportation to be suspected.

Resolved, That Messrs. Poyer, Allison, Fairbanks, Jennings and Hunter be a Committee to confer with His Honor the Recorder to prepare said amendments, which being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer furnish the Council with a return of all persons who have not paid their assessments for 1842 & 1843, and the reasons if any why said parties have not paid which on being put is passed. Council directed to be summoned for Friday next at two o'clock, and then adjourned.

Hallifax 29th March 1844

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Gray, McNeilay, Starr, Allison & Caldwell, Messrs Pyper, Fairbanks, Sinclair, Jennings, Heumson, Rhoad, Mules and Clegg.

Read over proceedings of 26th March

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the amendments to the Apprentice Act, also to the Flour Act and the transaction of their business.

His Honor the Recorder submits amendments to the Apprentice Act the Lumber Act, and the Act relative to the Inspection of Hacked Herrings which are read, when following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That the amendments to the various Acts just read be fairly engrossed, and transmitted to the Legislature with a request that the same be passed.

Which on being put is passed.

Various amendments to the Act relative to Inspection and weighing of Flour is read, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Bill now read relative to the Inspection of Flour do pass and that the same be engrossed and given to the Committee of this Council named for that purpose to be presented to the Assembly, which on being put is passed.

The Council then adjourns.

A Keith Mayor

Halifax April 25th 1844

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day
 Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Hoy, McKeilay,
 Starr, Caldwell, & Bell. Messrs Pike, Tuckan, Black
 Jennings, Hunter, McComb, Third Wardens and Rugg.

Read over Proceedings of 29th March.

The City Council were summoned to appoint a committee
 for hearing Appeals relative to City Assessment, to take into
 consideration the report of Committee of City Property, and
 the transaction of other business.

Read following Letter from James Stewart Esquire on behalf
 of the New York Life Insurance Company, Protection Fire Insurance Company
 and Halifax Fire Insurance Company.

Halifax 10th April 1844.

Sir,

On behalf of the New York Life Insurance Company I have
 to call upon the City authorities to restore to that Company the
 sum of £4,412 paid under Protest by their Agent on 11th September
 last. The same have been illegally imposed on such Company
 as Taxes at the rate of 8/5 p £100. On appeal to the
 City Council by the Agent of the Company it was fully explained
 that the profits of the business of this Company in Halifax for the
 preceding Year (1842) did not exceed the sum of £50. yet the
 Agent was compelled to pay £4,412 which at the rate
 mentioned makes the sum of £1000 upon which this Company
 was improperly assessed. Under the Law of 1843 the City
 had only authority to assess the profits of Insurance Companies
 the sum to be ascertained by the profits of the preceding Year.
 The correct sum under that Law would be only 4/2 instead
 of £4,412. The City has therefore improperly received £4 too
 much which in honesty ought to be returned and I trust the City
 authorities will see the necessity of restoring the same to their Agent
 of the Company without delay.

Yours obed^t Serv^t

His Worship

The Mayor, Halifax.

Signed James Stewart
 Jolt. N. Y. L. I. Co.Halifax 10th April 1844.

Sir, I am directed by the Protection Fire Insurance Company to call
 upon the City authorities to refund the sum of £8,814 paid under
 protest by their Agent here on 11th Sept. last. The same having
 been illegally assessed upon such Company as Taxes.

As the Law under which the Assessment was alleged to be made only authorizes the profits of Insurance Companies to be assessed to be ascertained by the amount of profits of the preceding year, and the profits of the business of this Company in Halifax for the year 1842 did not exceed £400.00, (as explained to the Committee of the Common Council by the Company's Agent on appeal.) It is clear that at the rate of 8p to £100, the Assessment which their Agent was compelled to pay cannot be upheld. The Company having ascertained that none of the local Insurance Companies have been compelled to pay, think it unjust that their money thus illegally obtained should not be restored. Under these circumstances the City of Halifax has received from this Company £6.14.8 more than can be justified under the objectionable law to which I have adverted and this sum at least ought in honesty to be returned. Money illegally obtained ought to be restored, and I hope you will at once see the justice of returning to the Company's Agent the amount which the Company ought never to have been called on to pay.

I am, Sir, Your Obedt Servt.

To His Worship
The Mayor
of Halifax.

Wm. James Stewart
Jeb. P. F. S. Co.

Halifax 10 April 1844.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company to call upon the City authorities to refund the sum of £8.8.2 paid under protest by their Agent here on 4th Sept^r last, the same having been illegally assessed upon such Company as Taxes. As the Law under which the Assessment was alleged to have been made (altho not disallowed by Her Majesty) has been made the subject of dispatch condemnatory of the clauses touching Assessment of profits of Insurance Companies &c. yet even under those clauses, the sum assessed on the Hartford Company cannot be upheld. Inasmuch as those clauses direct the assessment to be made only on the yearly profits to be ascertained by the amount of profits of the preceding year.

The sum which their Agent of the Company was compelled to pay was a rate of 8p to £100 on the sum of £200, yet the profits of the business of this Company in Halifax for the year 1842 did not exceed £700 as explained by their Agent to your Common Council Committee on appeal. Under these circumstances the

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City of Halifax has received £5.10.5 more than can be justified even under the objectionable Law in question; and this sum at least ought to be returned. Money obtained illegally ought to be restored, and I hope you will at once see the justice of returning to the Company's Agent the amount which he never ought to have been called upon to pay on behalf of this Company

Adieu, Sir, Your obt Servant
 To His Worship (Sqr) James Stewart
 The Mayor of the City of Halifax. Atty of N. F. S. Co.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

"On taking into consideration the application of James Stewart Esq on behalf of New York Life Insurance Company, The Protection Insurance Company and Halifax Fire Insurance Company relative to the amount of Assessments made on them various Establishments, and the same having been considered at a full Council and decided upon, it is therefore Resolved That the said proceedings ought not to be interfered with, and that said amounts are not illegally obtained;

Which on being put is passed unanimously.

On taking into consideration the appointment of the time and the Committee for hearing appeals relative to City Assessments when following resolutions are introduced:

Resolved, That a Committee of the City Council consisting of an Alderman and two common Councilmen shall form a Court of Appeal for the purpose of hearing appeals, and that the said Committee will for the year 1844 meet at the Court House from the 3^d to the 15th July next from 12 o'clock to 2 o'clock each day Sundays excepted.

Which on being put is passed

Resolved, That the City Treasurer shall deliver a notice stating the amount of any persons tax to him or them or leave the same at his her or their place of abode, notifying that the City Council will meet at the City Court House from Wednesday the 3rd to Saturday 15th July to hear appeals from 12 o'clock to two o'clock each day and requiring every person to pay the amount of their respective assessments to the Treasurer at his office in the City of Halifax on or before the 15th inst, and if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to pay the amount of his her or their assessment at that time the Treasurer shall issue his summons to such person or persons requiring him her or them

to pay the same with with £2.10.0 per Centum addition thereto on or before 1st day of September and if the same shall not then be paid the Treasurer shall issue his Warrant of distress with ten per Cent addition to the original assessment and cause the same to be executed, and in case no Property can be found whereon to levy the same, the City Treasurer take such other means as the Law points out for enforcing the payment thereof.

Which on being put is passed.

The following Resolutions are next introduced.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer do forthwith issue his Warrant of Distress against all Defaulters for nonpayment of their various taxes, and make return thereof of his proceedings that the City Council may take such other measures as they may deem necessary.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer make a return of all defaulters by the 30th November in each and every year, which on being put are passed.

Resolved, That the Collector of Road Taxes make return at the next meeting of this Council of all persons who have not paid their Road taxes for years 1841, 1842 & 1843, and further that a yearly return be made by 1st December.

Which on being put is passed.

The following accounts are ordered to be paid by checks on City Treasurer:

Bruce McDonald £7.10.0	James Haw £5.0.0
Donald Torrance & others - 10.0	Gas Company £3.16.4

Resolved, That the damage on the Campbell road caused by the late heavy rains having made the said Road almost impassable, the Commissioners of Ward No 6 be authorised to repair said damage in the most economical manner from the general fund of Commissioners of Streets, not to exceed Seven Pounds.

Read following Report of the Commissioners of City Property:

The Committee for Town Property in making their Report to the City Council have to state as follows:

That the Powder Magazine is not in a good state of repair, the Shingling on the roof being imperfectly fastened with Copper Nails of too small a size, is liable ^{in heavy} gales of wind to blow off. The Shingling must be properly fastened with copper, or the roof covered with Slate or zinc. The picket fence round the Magazine is in a rotten and ruinous state, and requires to be replaced with either a new permanent picket fence or Stone wall, a fence also is required from the Magazine to the Campbell road defining the line or

boundary of the property lately purchased, a memorandum being hereto annexed stating the probable cost of the wall and also of the fence, leaving it to the City Council to decide which of the two to adopt, one of which must be done, and also the fence from the Magazine to the Street.

That the Lower fish Market requires new doors, new shutters, new weatherboarding, Slips altered, and a variety of other repairs which will be attended with some expense, but are absolutely necessary.

The most important matter that the Committee has to report upon is the present state and position of the public Docks or reserved Waters. These reserves instead of being used as a benefit to the public are entirely occupied by private individuals for their own interests in many cases, and with a trifling exception contribute nothing to the funds of the City. The Dock between Pauers and Mayors wharves is at present the source of large revenue to the wharves which bound it, vessels enter and upon whichever side the Cargo is landed the charge of Wharfage is paid, entirely depriving the City of its right for the use of the waters. The Committee look upon the matter in a mutual right or benefit, the wharves bounding the public docks would be useless to the proprietors without the water, and the water to the City not the benefit it would be were the wharves not there, consequently they deem that an equal division of the advantages should be made, and the most equitable mode to arrive at in distributing justice to the City the Committee consider would be to let at Public Auction to the highest bidder all the public docks or reserves of water in the City. The public will then receive what is their right, which hitherto has been and is now going into the pockets of private individuals.

The Committee would recommend that the front of the Dock at the upper Fish Market measuring in front fifty four feet and from thence to a line with the Market House forty five feet more should be built up with a permanent Wall, and the Slip leading to the water placed in a state of repair the Cost of which will amount to about the sum according to Memo annexed. The Wall being built a vast quantity of rubbish will be confined, and in a short time the place will be sufficient for landing wood or Coals, the City will thereby derive a revenue from what is now not paying anything, and a place provided for landing paving Stones, Sand &c for City purposes which hitherto has been a heavy tax on the City funds paying to individuals for the use of property on landing such articles for City use.

The Committee also must call the attention of the Council to a public dock at the South end of the City between Messrs. Gray and Shachan. It appears that in reference to the Plan of the City property that a space of about four feet has been built upon this reserve, and the parties having a grapple are not inclined to relinquish the right they profess to hold. This being a matter of very deep importance the Committee must call to it the serious consideration of the City Council. The public Dock at an adjoining Subbank Wharf requires much the same as the one at the upper Fish Market, much rubbish is conveyed there which now without the aid of a Wall to retain it, is washed away. The Committee would therefore recommend that this property also be made useful and profitable to the City.

The Committee in conclusion would recommend that as only one course appears to be open for making the public property as available as possible and as it is necessary that something should be immediately done to give the public full benefit of their rights, and as the property before named is entirely used by individuals for their own benefit, The Committee upon a mature consideration feel that only one course can be adopted, which is to let by Public Auction and give possession on first of May, all the public docks in the City of Halifax to the highest bidders. This course adopted and the funds applied to useful purposes will give our Citizens that benefit to which they are entitled.

(sgd) J^r Edw Starr, Chairman
 " Jos. Jennings
 " A. Keenmeon
 " Henry Pike
 " Rich. Sinclair
 " David Rugg.

A wall round the Magazine 7 feet high, 3 feet at base, 12 feet at top to be covered with flags £65-0-0

a Picket fence around the Magazine 25-0-0

a Picket fence from Magazine to Campbell Road 17-0-0

Retaining Wall for upper fish Market 100 feet in length, four feet at base & 2 feet at top £20-0-0

100 Sons ballast to fill inside to prevent the earth from bulging out the wall 5-0-0 25-0-0

when the following Resolutions are introduced:-

Resolved That the Commissioners of City Property be empowered to treat with Messrs. Sobies for permission and management of

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The property opposite the Ordnance Yard.

Resolved, That the Committee of City Property cause the Shingles on the Powder Magazine to be properly secured, and that they also have a Picket fence erected around the Magazine, and on the line thence leading to the Campbell road. The picketing to be contracted for.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty pounds be granted to build retaining Wall at the upper fish Market, to repair the Wharf, and for purchasing a sufficient quantity of ballast to fill in the inside space, under the directions of the Commissioners of City Property; and that the lower fish Market be also repaired according to the Report of Commissioners of Town Property.

Resolved, That all the public Docks in the City of Halifax be advertised to let by public Auction for a term of three years to the highest bidders, and that the Committee of City Property be authorized immediately to carry the object into effect, reserving at the same time the right of the City to use the same for any City purposes.

Resolved, That the Committee of City Property be requested to obtain a plan or Specification of Work necessary to be done at the Fish Market / Market Wharf / and report thereon.

Resolved, That the subject of the Dock near the Steps in Lower Water Street be left to the Committee of City Property to report upon.

Resolved, That the sum of Forty pounds be granted for the completion of Hurds Lane to be taken from out of general fund of Commissioners of Streets, which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw checks on City Treasurer for the various demands passed by the City Council in December last, and assented on the City, which on being put is passed.

The City Council then adjourned.

Wm. M. M. Mayor

May 1st 1844 - Adam Heumeon and Benjamin O. Black Esquires appointed by His Worship the Mayor a Committee of City Council to act with the auditors in examining the City Treasurer's accounts for year 1844, agreeably to Act of Incorporation.

Halifax May 30th 1844.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Boy, Caldwell, Messrs. Anderson, Ryan, Spike, Fairbanks, Sinclair, Black, Jennings, Hunter, Heumeon, Shier & Winters.

Read over proceedings of 25th April -

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the report of Commissioners of Streets relative to North West arm road - Resolution of Fire Wards relative to Sweeping of Chimneys and repairs to Engine House - Letter from Committee of Sun Fire Company - Letter from A. Scott Agent of Ocean Fire Insurance Company - the payment of appraisement of injury done George Turnbull's House during the Fire on the 5th Instant, the payment of various accounts & the transaction of other business.

The subject of North West Arm road, is adjourned until next meeting.

Read the following communication from Chairman of Fire Wards on subject of Sweeping of Chimneys, and also repairs to Engine House.

Dear Sir

Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 25th 1844

I beg leave to enclose you for the information of His Worship the Mayor and City Council the following resolutions passed at a meeting of the Fire Wards held at the Engine House on the 20th Inst.

Resolved, That it is expedient to alter the Doors of the Engine House agreeably to the enclosed Specification.

Resolved, That it is expedient to alter the Belfry on the top of the Engine House for the reception of the new Bell presented by the Sun Fire Company to the City.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the City Council that the Sweeping of the Chimneys of the City be divided into three districts: viz

- Wards Nos 1 & 2 1st district.
- " " 3 & 4 2^d ditto
- " " 5 & 6 3^d do

And that the same be advertised to be let for one year under such restrictions and regulations as to the City Council shall seem most advisable.

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Resolved also, That it is expedient to paint the exterior of the Engine House, also the large room, the passage and the doors in the interior.

The Chairman would suggest, to His Worship and Council with respect to this resolution it will not be possible to receive tenders for the alteration of the Belfry as much unforeseen work will be requisite which cannot at present be specified.

To
James Clarke Esq
of Halifax

I have the honor to remain

Your obt Servt

Jno Lee

Chairman Fire Ward

when the following resolutions are introduced:

Resolved, That the Boards of Fire Wardens have the Belfry altered and such other alterations and repairs to the Engine House be done and performed in the best mode, and the most economical manner they can devise by Contract or otherwise and that the alterations and repairs at the Engine House, Mass. Hall, be also included which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the sweeping of the chimnies of the City be divided into three divisions, agreeably to suggestions of Firewardens, and that the Firewardens be requested to carry this Resolution into effect under such rules and regulations as they may think most beneficial for the interest and safety of the City which on being put is passed.

On taking into consideration the application of James Fortune as Inspector of Pickled Fish and Gauge of Oil, the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That for the present no further appointments to City Offices take place.

Which on being put is passed.

Read following letter from Committee of Sun Fire Company, as also resolution accompanying the same, when following Resolution is introduced:

On reading the letter from the Committee of Sun Fire Company as also resolution accompanying the same and the reply of His Worship the Mayor, the following Resolution is introduced and passed unanimously: Resolved, That the kindest acknowledgements of the City Council are due and tendered to the members of the Sun Fire Company for their very handsome present to the City of an Alarm Fire Bell which at once evinces the kind feeling of that highly respected and very serviceable body of Citizens "the Sun Fire Company" in the safety of the City, and that a Copy of this

Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Sun Fire Company.

On taking into consideration the application of Archibald Scott Esqr Agent of Suna Insurance Company relative to the amount of Assessment made on that establishment and the same having been considered at a full Council and decided upon. It is therefore Resolved that said proceedings ought not to be interfered with, and that said amount is not illegally obtained.

which on being put is passed

Read following Report from Fire Wardens and others relative to injury done to the property of George Turnbull in Albemarle Street on the second instant

Halifax May 7th 1844

We whose names are hereunto subscribed Firewardens of the City of Halifax do hereby Certify that we gave directions to the Firemen to unroof the House situate at the corner of Duke and Albemarle Streets belonging to Mr George Turnbull, and we further Certify that the said House was not on fire when we gave the order, but that the order was given by us for the stopping and preventing the further spreading of the fire, and that the same did not ^{take} fire during the carrying of such orders into execution.

(Sigs) William Storey Junr Esqr; Henry Pypa, Firewarden; (Sigs) Robert Romans, Firewarden; (Sigs) Robert Richardson.

City of Halifax May 7th 1844.

Gentlemen, William Storey Junr Esquire one of the Aldermen and Justices of the Peace for the City of Halifax, Henry Pypa, Robert Romans and Robert Richardson Esquires, three of the Firewardens of said City having duly certified to me that they gave directions to the Firemen to unroof the House situate at the corner of Duke and Albemarle Streets belonging to Mr George Turnbull and that the said House was not on fire when they gave this order nor did the said Building take fire during the carrying of such orders into execution and that said orders was given by them to stop and prevent the further spreading of the fire, You are hereby required to procure and make a valuation of the damages sustained by said George Turnbull arising from such orders, and that you make return of your proceedings upon oath to the City Council at its next quarterly meeting, to wit, the 24th day of June

Messrs James Ives
Alex Bain
Peter Grant

I am, Gentlemen, Your Obedt Servant
(Sigs) A. Keith, Mayor

(The)

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The undersigned being requested by His Worship the Mayor for the City of Halifax to examine and ascertain the injury done to the House belonging to Mr Turnbull, Albemarle Street, by order of four of the Aldermen for the City of Halifax to stop and prevent the further spreading of the Fire, do report as follows:

2 Pairs Sashes and Frames 8x10 Glass
 6 . . . inside Facings

1 Common Window 6 panes 8x10

12 yards Lath and Plastering

1/2 Square boarding and Shingling in front of House

7 panes Glass 7x9

1 Sq^r Shingling in roof

100 sup feet in Rafters and rafters made good

To Cost the sum of Ten Pounds five Shillings & two pence

Examining and reporting 10^s each 30^s

10th May 1844.

(Sign) Alex^r Bain

Sworn to before me

Peter Grant

A Keith, Mayor

Jas Jones

When the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds five Shillings for injury done George Turnbull's premises during the fire in Albemarle Street on the second instant as valued and reported upon, - as also the sum of One pound ten Shillings Inspectors fees, be paid by Checks to be drawn by His Worship the Mayor on City Treasurer, to be taken from out of contingent vote

which on being put is passed.

Read following letters from J. B. Uniacke M^rg^t Hartshorne Esq^r and from Mr Edward Duckett, relative to Water lots: -

"To the Worshipful Alexander Keith Mayor of the City of Halifax, Sir

I enclose a placard advertising certain Docks or Water reserves to be let by Public Auction on the first day of May next and among the number the open dock between Paines and Stagnis wharves - Messrs Paine having retained me to prevent such disposition of said Water property I therefore give you notice that on the retention of Messrs Paine I prohibit the exposure by Auction of the Dock between Paines and Stagnis wharves and will institute proceedings for redress if persisted in by the City authorities.

I have the honor to be your Obedt Serv^t

(Sign) James B Uniacke

29 April 1844

To the Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Halifax
Halifax 1st May 1844

Gentlemen, I am instructed on behalf of John Haynes Esquire of Dartmouth to protest against and to forbid any lease being made by the Corporation of the City of Halifax of a Dock lying between the wharf and property of the said John Haynes on the north and the wharf and property belonging to the heirs of Pepples on the South and also of another Dock lying between the wharf and property of the said John Haynes on the South and the wharf and property of Bowers on the north both which Docks are advertised to be let at Public Auction this day by your direction. And I am further instructed to say that the said John Haynes will avail himself of all legal means to prevent the occupation of the said Docks or either of them in any manner that shall be prejudicial to his rights as the owner of the adjoining property and will contend that no right or title to the said Docks or either of them or to exercise any acts of ownership or control over the same or either of them is vested in the Corporation of the City of Halifax.

I am Gentlemen, Your Obedt Servt
(sgd) W. Hartshorn
Solicitor.

To the Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Halifax

Having observed by a Public Notice that the Corporation of this City propose to let by Auction for a certain period a dock usually known as Pepples Dock. As the Agent for that property I hereby protest against any such attempt without the consent of the owners thereof.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Obedt Servt
(sgd) C. Duckell

Halifax 1st May 1844

The following Lease drawn by His Honor the Recorder is read, When the following Resolution is introduced:-

Resolved, That the foregoing Lease be tendered to the tenants, as introduced by the Recorder.

which on being put is passed.

The following Accounts are ordered to be paid by checks on City Treasurer

James M. Smith	£2.0.0
Alexander Ogden	17.17.0
Alexander Davidson	1.10.0
Gas Company for City	3.3.0
Ditto Engine House	3.12.0

— May 30th —

The following Resolution is next introduced.

The Recorder having expressed his wish to be absent.
Resolved, by the consent of the Honorable the Attorney General
and by the request of His Honor the Recorder, that the Honorable
the Attorney General be applied to in case any important
legal opinion may be required in the Recorder's absence, and
that Samuel Gray Esquire be, by the like request, also appointed
to act in assisting His Worship the Mayor and Acting Alderman
during said absence.

Which on being put is passed.

The Council then adjourned

A. Keith Mayor

Halifax June 21st 1844.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day,
Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Story, Caldwell,
Messrs. Pryor, Sinclair, Black, Keenman & Shiers.

Read over proceedings 30th May 1844.

The Council adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock

A. Keith Mayor

Halifax June 25th 1844

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present
His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hoy, McKeilay, Starr & Bell
Messrs Sinclair, Black, Jennings, Hunter, Keenon, Shins, Winter
Read over proceedings 30th May 1844.

The following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That in giving to Mr Bennett a lease of the reserved
Water between Bauers & Hayners Wharves, an indemnity be also granted
by the City Council to protect Mr Bennett against any damage
he may sustain by suits at Law being brought against him.

Which on being put is passed.

Read Report of Commissioners of Streets relative to North West Arm
Road, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That the Sum of Forty pounds be granted from funds of
Commissioners of Streets to be placed at the disposal of Commissioners of
Streets for Ward No. 6, to repair the North West arm road commencing at
Bridge leading to Dutch Village.

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the Sum of Ten pounds be placed at the disposal of
the Commissioners of Streets for Ward No. 6, to repair the Road from Fresh
Water Bridge towards Point Pleasant, provided that the like sum be
expended on said Road by the Commissioners from the funds of said Ward
which on being put is passed.

Read following Report from Commissioners of Streets relative to Road
North Side of Dock Yard.

The Commissioners of Streets beg leave to Report that a
favorable opportunity now occurs of rendering essential service to the
Road to the North of the Dock Yard Gate, and at the same time of
protecting the Wall enclosing Her Majesty's Naval Yard and
premises. The Vice Admiral has obligingly consented to have the
refuse Stones now removing from the Wall which is being rebuilt,
placed on the side of the Road where the Commissioners may direct,
by which means a covered Drain may be made with only
the expense of the labour and the covering Stones. In this
way the Road may be completed and the Naval Wall protected.
As such an opportunity is not likely again to occur, the Com-
missioners would strongly recommend that a sufficient sum to
accomplish that work should be granted from the City funds.

Halifax 25 June 1844.

(Signed) H Bell, Chairman

Read following Letter from A. Elliott Esquire, Naval Storekeeper, on the
same Subject;—

(Halifax)

Halifax Yard, 19th June 1844.

Having laid before Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam your letter of the 17th Inst. Proposing to take the refuse Stone arising from the rebuilding of the Wall of the Naval Yard at present in progress for the purpose of building a covered drain along the Wall to the North of the Gate, the Vice Admiral being fully impressed with the advantage that would result from such a work being carried into effect, has desired me to state that the Stone and rubbish will be at the service of the Commissioners as far as they can be rendered available, and will be laid down at such places as may be considered most convenient for the purpose, in the event of the City Council affording their sanction.

From myself I have to observe that it would be a great convenience if you would be kind enough to communicate the decision of the Council at the earliest possible period in order that I might obtain the necessary sanction to certain repairs of the wall at the part alluded to being proceeded with either before, or simultaneously with the building of the drain.

I am, Sir, your most obediently humble servant.
 To the Hon^{ble} Mr. H. Bell
 Chairman of the Commissioners of Streets. —
 Signed, A. Elliott
 Naval Storekeeper

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the Commissioners of Streets respecting making a covered Drain to the North of the Dock Yard Wall be adopted and that the work be performed in the manner that may be deemed most economical and advantageous by the Commissioners and that the necessary funds will be provided by the Council — which on being put is passed.

~~Resolved, That the same Instructions be placed at the disposal~~

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That as the long line of Wall leading from the South end of the Dock Yard Wall to the North end of the Hospital makes the road very dark and lonely at night and causes much danger to travelling in Carriages and on foot, that a Memorial be presented to Sir Charles Adam the Admiral of the Station praying that Government may erect a line of Gas Light Posts along the said length of Road.

which on being put is passed.

Mr. Sinclair submits Letter, Invoice and Bill of Lading from Tilley relative to Engine intended for use of City

Read following Report of the Commissioners of City Property:

In accordance with the Resolutions passed at the last meeting of the City Council on the 25th April. The Commissioners advertised and let by Public Auction, all the Public docks in the City of Halifax. The Chairman also applied to Messrs Tobias for the release of the property opposite the Ordnance and in the meantime to increase the rents of the premises to which they at once access to. Notice should therefore be given thro' Messrs Tobias to the present occupants to give up the premises at the end of the year, or submit to an increase of rent.

The Commissioners beg to annex a Specification for repair and improvements at the Lower Fish Market which they recommend to be done. The Municipal Corporation is anxious to proceed - H.C.

The Commissioners also report that the Strip of four feet built upon by Mr Story is very apparent, and would urge the immediate attention of the City Council to give the public the right they decidedly have to one of the most useful pieces of water in the City - They also report that Miller's Wharf also encroaches to a great extent on the Public Dock at the foot of Morris Street which must be removed and would recommend that active measures be brought against the trespassers in both cases.

Halifax, 25 June 1841

- (Sgd) Jno Edw Stair, Chairman
- " A. Hume
- " Arch Sinclair
- " B. Black
- " Jos Jennings

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the foregoing Report, as far as repairs to Fish Market be adopted, and that the Commissioners of City Property be requested to advertise for Tenders and have the work done as early as possible.

Which on being put is passed

The subject of Ordnance property to be brought forward next Quarterly Meeting.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the Recorder of the City with a Committee of the Council be requested to examine into the legal right of the City of Halifax to claim the Strip of four feet as reported by the Commissioners of City Property being built upon by Mr Story, and that Mr Miller be requested to remove the encroachment of his wharf on the Public Dock at foot of Morris Street, - that Messrs Stair, MacKewen & Black be that Committee which on being put is passed.

The City Council then adjourned.

A Keith
Mayor

June 29th 1844. J. C. Dauphiney sworn into office as Inspector of Pickled Fish and Guager of Oil for City of Halifax.

July 1st 1844 - Archibald McIntosh sworn into office as Inspector of Pickled Fish and Guager of Oil for City of Halifax.

Halifax July 3rd 1844.

Present, His Worship the Mayor, Messrs Poyer and Anderson.

The following appeals were heard this day and determined upon as follows:

Name	Page	Amount of appeal	Amount to be paid by other	Amount confirmed	Remarks
Hill Estate of	23	23 16 8			for Council
Conroy Patrick	22	11			
Smithy Owen, tenant, to pay			11		
Schmidt Miss	49	1 2		1 2	
"	40	11		11	
Bygby Robert F.	15	2 4			
this is Robert S. Bygby			2 4		
"	18	2 7 8		2 7 8	
Blackmore Robert	84	2 11 4		2 11 4	
McLaughlin Richard	70	5 6		3	
Wm. Hogan tenant to pay			2 6		
Smith James	21	7 4			
this is Robert Smith who is to pay			7 4		
"	46	14 8		14 8	
Craigie Edward	40	2 5 8		2 5 8	
this is Mrs Craigie	46	18 4		18 4	
Wood James	13	14 8		14 8	
Williamson John	15	4 8		4 8	
Jones Charles	1	4 8		4 8	
"	1	1 9 4			
Abdill Kirk to pay for James Kelly			14 8		
			14 8		
"	1	1 16 8		1 16 8	
"	1	3 9 8		3 9 8	