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most approved system of Horticulture, which by a course of experimental Gardening might be brought to suit our soil & Climate and improve the products of the Province. That the want of General encouragement & support to this Society, has till very lately, cramped its energies, and retarded for a time, its progress, but your Petitioners have now reason to hope that its revival has commenced, the ground for its operation has been fully paid for, and an expenditure in improvements already made, during the past year, to the extent of £300, whilst an order has been forwarded to Great Britain for Fruit & Ornamental Trees for its adornments. That this Society is engaged in an undertaking which when completed, will not only be an Ornament to the City, contributing to the necessities, health and luxuries of life, of its Inhabitants, but, being <sup>the</sup> only Institution of the kind in the County, having no expectation of even the smallest pecuniary profit, and appropriating the whole of its subscriptions and funds, now amounting to about One hundred pounds annually in promoting the public benefit, will it is hoped ere long extend its influence throughout the Province.

That the present exposure of the Garden will require a shelter of Spruce or other ever greens to be planted as a protection on the North side adjoining the Common, which would occupy a large space, and would circumscribe the ground, which the Society would devote to cultivation within much narrower limits. That the extent of the Ground as at present enclosed, is not more than sufficient for an extensive Nursery for Fruit & Ornamental Trees & Shrubs, in addition to those portions required for other purposes & its present form is too narrow to allow of those due proportions in the design & embellishments of the Ground, without which, the expenditure for ornamental & other purposes would in a great measure fail in effect.

That in order to render this Public Establishment of an extent sufficient for the recreation, Health and benefit of all Classes of the Inhabitants of the City, it is very desirable to obtain a strip of land from the Common, lying between the present Garden and the Pond, situated immediately in the rear of it, and by which as your Petitioners believe no injury would be sustained to the Public Property, but on the contrary, the ground being cultivated & improved from out of the Society funds, much benefit would eventually accrue to the Community should it be granted to them.



previous to their plan for fencing and improvements being settled on for Spring operations.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the Commissioners of the Common would be pleased to permit the Nova Scotia Horticultural Society to occupy the said piece of Common Land as described on the annexed plan, or such portion of it as they may think desirable, for the purpose aforesaid under such conditions, as in their wisdom they may deem fit

(Signed) Thomas St Jeffery  
Halifax 10th February 1845. Presdt.

- The Williamson
- Jno Blackmore
- John C Fairbanks
- And<sup>rs</sup> Richardson
- Wm Lawson Junior
- W A Silver
- H. Ince
- L Hartshorne
- John Williamson.

Read the following Report of the Commissioners of Common on same subject:

Halifax Feby 11<sup>th</sup> 1845

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Common held this day, Present, Alderman Ryer, Chairman, Messrs Fairbanks, Black, Hunter, Hemmeon, and Winters

A Petition of the Nova Scotia Horticultural Society praying for a portion of the Common adjoining the north side of the Horticultural Gardens was read by the Chairman when it was

Resolved That a Committee consisting of Messrs Hemmeon, Hunter and Winters be requested to visit the premises and report to the Commissioners their opinion upon the subject.

The Committee having returned and reported favorably on the prayer of the Petition it was unanimously

Resolved, That it be recommended to the City Council to comply with the prayer of the Petition just read from the Horticultural Society of Nova Scotia, and that a lease be granted to the said Society of the part of the Common required, reserving a road of twenty feet in width on the Southern Side of the Pond.

(Signed) Henry Ryer  
Chairman



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When the following Resolutions are introduced:

Resolved, That the Report now read be received and adopted.

Resolved That the Commissioners of Common be empowered to prepare a lease to the Horticultural Society on the payment of five Shillings a year rent, and for such a period as the law directs.

Which on being put are passed.

Mr. Bliss' appeals stand over until next meeting.

The City Council direct payment of following Accounts by Checks on City Treasurer.

Gas Company £3. 14. 6

Ditto 1. 2. 2

Wm. Stairs & son 15. 3

Thomas Parr 1. 0. 0

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved That a Committee be appointed to examine the Act regulating the Survey of Lumber and Report on and what amendments are necessary and that Mr. Spike, Alderman Story, Mayor, Messrs. Hummon and Hunter be that Committee.

The Chairman of Cemetery Committee submits his accounts of receipts and expenditures up to 7th instant agreeably to resolution of Council.

The Council then adjourned.

H. Bell / Mayor



Office of City Clerk  
Halifax 27<sup>th</sup> February 1875

Gentlemen

Whereas the City Council have by a resolution of 23<sup>rd</sup> December last ordered the sum of Four Thousand 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, I have it in Command from the City Council to direct you to proceed and make up said Assessment on the Inhabitants of the respective Wards in the following manner, viz in the most just and equal manner you the said Assessors can devise by an equal Pound rate on the Real Estate whereof said Inhabitants shall be respectively in the occupation or possession regard being had to the value of the rent of said Real Estate, and further according to the ability or capability of any such Inhabitant to pay towards said Assessment, and in making any Assessment on any Banking, Fire, or Marine Assurance Company as to the amount to be taxed or assessed for their ability or capability beyond the Real Estate they shall respectively occupy or be in possession you will have regard to the amount of the actual profit derived by said Company or Association on their business of the preceding year. I have it further in Command from the City Council to inform you that said Assessment must be returned to this Office on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May next.

I have the Honor to be,  
Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt Servant  
(Signed) James S. Clarke  
City Clerk

To Messrs

- Benjamin Dawson
- Edward Albro
- William Pauld Assessor for Ward 1.
- Patrick Mahony " " Ward 2
- Thomas MacKie " " Ward 3
- William Patterson " " Ward 4
- F. W. Clarke " " Ward 5
- John Smith " " Ward 6.



Halifax 4<sup>th</sup> March 1845

At a Meeting of the City Council held this day  
Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Story, McKinlay,  
Starr, Pryor, Caldwell, Jennings, Messrs. Clary, Spike,  
Fairbanks, Black, Sinclair, Hunter, Rhind, Hemmison  
and Winters.

The City Council were summoned to  
take into consideration the subject of introduction of  
Water into the City - a communication from Colonel Calder  
relative to extension of South Street, the Tenders for erection  
of new Fish Market - the report relative to Lumber Act,  
payment of some accounts and the transaction of  
other business.

Read over proceedings of 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Read following communication from Colonel  
Calder on subject of continuance of South Street:

Royal Engineer Office  
Halifax N. S. 17 February 1845

Sir,

Referring to your communication dated the 27<sup>th</sup> August  
1844 enclosing an application from certain Inhabitants of  
this City who have purchased ground for building in the  
vicinity of the old rock called Fort Maspsey requesting  
permission to open Queen and South Streets which pass  
through a part of that Work as originally proposed.

I have much pleasure to acquaint you for the  
information of the parties concerned that the Master General  
& Board by an Order under date the 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo <sup>6/5</sup> have been  
pleased to sanction this application, subject to the proviso  
suggested by the Inspector General of Fortifications.

A Copy of the Board's Order is enclosed also a  
Sketch shewing the fences alluded to in the Inspector General's  
Memorandum.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

To the Chairman  
of the Commissioners of  
Streets, Halifax.

Your most Obedient humble servant.  
(Signed) Pat D. Calder  
Lt Colonel Comd R. Engrs

(Copy)

No 713. Forwarded to the Commanding  
R<sup>g</sup> Engineer in Nova Scotia for his information  
and guidance with reference to his Report No 81.

By Order of the Insp<sup>r</sup> Genl  
(Signed) E. Malton, 15 July 1845.



Office of Ordnance  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1845. <sup>6</sup>/<sub>31</sub>

Sir,

Having laid before the Master General and Board a letter from the Commanding Royal Engineer in Nova Scotia, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October last, with your Report thereon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant enclosing an application from certain Inhabitants of Halifax who have purchased ground for building in the vicinity of the old works called Fort Malsey, requesting permission to open Queen & South Streets (which pass through that work) as originally proposed. I am directed to acquaint you that the Master General and Board sanction a compliance with this application subject to the proviso suggested by you namely that fences be erected by the parties as proposed by the Commanding Royal Engineer, and to his satisfaction, without any expense to the Ordnance.

I have the honor &c  
(Signed) R. Byham.

The Inspector General  
of Fortifications.

Copy of Inspector General's Mem;-  
referred to. Forwarded together with a subsequent explanatory Report, No. 81 dated 16<sup>th</sup> ultimo from the Commanding Royal Engineer for the information and orders of the Master General and Board.

I submit that the request of certain of the Inhabitants of Halifax and of the Chairman of the Commissioners of Streets of that Town Copies of which are enclosed, be assented to, provided they erect the fences proposed by the Commanding Royal Engineer and to his satisfaction, without any expense to the Ordnance.

(Signed) J. W. M.

2<sup>nd</sup> January 1845.



Read following report from Committee of City property relative to Tenders for repairs of Fish Market.

"The Committee to whom was referred the improvement of the lower Fish Market, having met this day Saturday, the twenty second day of February 1845, to open the tenders received for said improvements, legally to the advertisements in the public newspapers; according with the resolution of the City Council. To find the tender of Mr Thomas McKie annexed hereto to be the lowest, and recommend its acceptance by the City Council.

The Committee further recommend that the stalls in the new market be covered with slabs of Freestone which will cost about one pound fifteen shillings for each stall.

(Signed) Jno Edw. Starr  
Chairman."

When the following resolution was introduced.

Resolved that the report just read be received and adopted with the exception of the covering of the stalls, that the Commissioners of City Property be requested to obtain the expense of covering the stalls with lead, slates, or free stone and report thereon. that the Commissioners be requested to have the necessary and proper agreement entered into with Mr. Thomas McKie agreeably to contract and tender, and that they be empowered to have the foundation completed in such manner as they may deem most advisable for the interest of the City by Contract.

which on being put is passed.

Read the following Report of Committee relative to Lumber Act.

"The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the act for the surveying of Lumber this day met, and having taken into consideration the said act finds that sufficient authority be given the Supervisor and Surveyors of Lumber to survey Shingles and beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Council. the following resolution adopted by the Committee.

Whereas the survey of Shingles has been hitherto much neglected whereby great profits have been practised upon the Public

Resolved that the Supervisor of Lumber be desired to call the attention of the Public to the Tenth clause of the Act passed in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of William 4<sup>th</sup> to regulate the Survey of Lumber and Shingles: which on motion is recorded and adopted



The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the subject of introduction of Water into the City.

The following report of the Committee appointed to report on the above subject is read. When the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the report just read, be received adopted and published for the information of the Citizens, and that it be stated that the Heights Levels & are taken from Plans prepared by Mr Charles W Sambantes Civil Engineer

which on being put is passed

\* The Committee appointed by the City Council to examine the plans and drawings be submitted by Mr. Sambantes, for the introduction of water into the City of Halifax be to report.

That they have carefully examined his plans, with respect to heights distances, &c and likewise the localities of Long Lake which is intended as the Main Reservoirs from which the supply is to be drawn. That Lake is upwards of two miles in length containing an area of about 130 acres of surface, and forms itself a complete natural basin surrounded principally by high granite rocks with an outlet at the south end, from which a constant stream is running towards Herring Cove over which an embankment would require to be thrown, by that means, the water of the Lake would be raised about 20 feet above its present level, and thus turning the course of the stream into what is called the Chain of Lakes, between which a drain of some depth would require to be cut a distance of about 1600 feet. This could be done at a small expense as it is principally through loose stones and earth with little or no solid rocks through which drain the surplus water thus accumulated in Long Lake by the embankment, would be thrown into the Chain of Lakes which at all times would yield an abundant supply to the whole City, even in the driest weather, - providing the water is properly secured by the embankment or other natural fissures which at present may exist upon the uncovered surface.

As the distance of the nearest Lake to Gottingen Street is about three miles the water would require to be carried that length in pipes not less than ten or twelve inches in diameter. Pipes of different sizes in addition to the above would require to be laid through the City to the extent of at least ten or twelve miles, and your Committee conceive it necessary that they should be placed at least three

feet



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feet under the surface, in order to be secure in some measure from the effects of the frost from the great extent of pipes thus required, and a variety of other expenses which cannot at present be ascertained. Your Committee are fully of opinion that it would require a Capital of at least from Twenty to twenty five thousand Pounds in order to put this desirable and most important undertaking into effective operation. but before any steps are taken it would be necessary that the whole should be protected by some wholesome Legislative enactment in order that security and Confidence, at least to a certain extent, might be secured, and whether it may be undertaken by a Company or otherwise, your Committee feel confident that it would ultimately form a very profitable investment, besides producing innumerable advantages to the City, which at present cannot be foreseen to the full extent. Should such a Company be formed under proper Legislative restrictions your Committee unanimously recommend that a specific sum should be assessed and annually paid over by the City Council to such Company for certain Privileges to be granted. From the advantages which it would thus confer on all Classes of our Citizens, in affording a constant and abundant Supply of good water at all seasons, and which in a great measure would do away with the heavy annual expenses hitherto incurred in the different branches of the fire department, without taking into consideration the great facilities which would be afforded in the event of fires taking place, to which all wooden Cities are constantly subjected.

(Signed) Andrew MacKinlay  
 Jno Edw Starr  
 John Winters  
 W Caldwell.

The following Resolution is also introduced:

Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be a Committee to report upon the limits for which it is intended to bring the Water into the City—how many fire-plugs would be required and what number of Fountains may be deemed necessary from which the Poor can obtain Water, or any other information that can bear on the subject, that Aldermen MacKinlay, Starr, Stoy, Caldwell and Pryor, Messrs Winters, Sinclair and Heusman be that Committee.

which on being put is passed.



Read Letter from Mr. Andrew Richardson on above subject which stands over for future meeting.

The City Council next proceed with Mr. Bliss's appointment for 1844, when following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Appointment upon Mr. Bliss be reduced to £2200-0-0-

which on being put is passed

Read the following Report of the Committee of City Property relative to the Sale of Property opposite the Ordnance:

Halifax 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1845

To His Worship the Mayor

for, The City Property near the Ordnance being advertised for sale on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April next agreeably to a Resolution of the City Council. The Committee wish to know whether the said Property shall be sold in one parcel or divided according to the present tenements

The Committee would recommend the removal of the Hay Scales to some more convenient spot for the Country People, and which your Committee think will enhance the value of the Property now advertised to be sold.

(Signed) J<sup>no</sup> Odw Starr Chairman  
" Arch<sup>l</sup> Sinclair  
" Henry Spike  
" Chas<sup>l</sup> M. Cleary  
" John Rhind

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the property opposite the Ordnance be sold in separate tenements, reserving the right of the City to the use of the Beam belonging to Weighing Machine, and also the right of removing the same at any time.

which on being put is passed.

The following accounts are ordered to be paid by Checks on City Treasurer.

Mr James Kempt	£125. 0. 0
W. A. Black	12. 10. 0
John A. Morris	12. 10. 0
Hon. C. Collins	12. 10. 0
Albion Fire Insurance Co.	37. 10. 0
Governors of Kings College	25. 0. 0

The Act for lighting the City with Gas is not taken up when the following Resolutions are introduced:

Resolved, That an Act be passed authorising the City Council to make such Bye Laws and Ordinances as (they)



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They may deem necessary for lighting such parts of the City with Gas as may make application to the Council for the same.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on Mr. Amick with the Bill and a Copy of the foregoing Resolution, that Mr. Fairbanks, Aldermen Peyer and Jennings be that Committee.

Which on being put are passed.  
The Council then adjourned.

Wm. A. Bell Mayor



Halifax March 24<sup>th</sup> 1845.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen MacKenlay, Starr, Poyer, Messrs. Clary, Anderson, Spike, Fairbanks, Black, Sinclair, Rhind, Hemmison, Rugg and Winters.

Read over proceedings of 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The City Council proceed to the appointment of Constables for Ward No 1, when the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved, That one of the Police Constables be appointed Constable for Ward Number One, and that he be required to remove into said Ward.

to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the Council do now proceed to fill up the vacancy of Constable for Ward Number One by appointing another Constable in lieu of Mills dismissed.

which amendment being put is lost.

The original Resolution is next taken up and on being put is lost. The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved, That one of the Police Constables be appointed to discharge the duties of Ward Constable for Ward Number One and that his residence in said Ward be for the present dispensed with.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That Police Constable Hazabrook be the Constable to perform the duty pointed out by foregoing Resolution.

which on being put is passed.

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

Daniel McGuire £6.5.0

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Whereas on reference to the Act concerning the Common of Halifax by 9<sup>th</sup> Section it is enacted that the Commissioners by and with the consent and approbation of the Governor and Council to lease or improve lands such lots or portions thereof as may be deemed expedient therefore

Resolved, That the Resolution of City Council of 17<sup>th</sup> February last relative to the lease to the Horticultural Society be transmitted to the Secretary of the Province, with a request that he lay the same before the Lieutenant Governor and Council for their approval.

which on being put is passed.



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A Petition from William Bates and others relative to Drains in Victoria and Albert Streets is read which on motion is referred to Commissioners of Streets.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That, on the sale of the public property near the Ordnance, now about to take place a Pledge be given that the Scales be removed within fifteen months from the day of sale.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Common be authorised to allow any persons to remove such Stone rubbish, or other matter from the Common as the said Commissioners may deem proper, which is not required by Commissioners of Streets.

The following persons appointed Fire Constables  
For Ward No. One, Charles Robinson & Francis Stevens Jun.  
For Ward No. five, Henry Hill.

The Council then

Read the following Report of Committee H. Bell / Mayor  
relative to Fire Plugs and Fountains:

The Committee appointed by the City Council to enquire into the number of Fire Plugs that would be necessary at present for the City the distance for extending the water, the number of public fountains &c beg to Report, That your Committee after fully considering the distance necessary to convey the water are fully of opinion that it would require to extend from North to South Street, and likewise from Gellingew Street on the upper part to Water Street on the lower, that there ought to be twenty five fire plugs at varied distances as circumstances might require and three public fountains in each Ward, in order that the poorer classes might have an abundant supply, and as stated in a previous Report a special Assessment would be made yearly and handed over to the Company which your Committee conceive would come in the place of the heavy annual expenses incurred for the support of Pumps and wells.

(Signed) Andrew McKinlay  
Chairman.

The Council then adjourned.

H. Bell  
Mayor



Halifax April 18<sup>th</sup> 1845

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Story, Starr, Poyer, Caldwell, and Jennings. Messrs. Cleary, Anderson, Spike, Fairbanks, Duclaux, Rhind, Kemmeon, and Winters.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the propriety of purchasing a site for a Bridewell - the Tenders for cleaning the streets, the subject of the Sale of the Property opposite the Ordnance, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 24<sup>th</sup> March

The following Report of Commissioners of Streets relative to Tenders for cleaning of the same, is read:

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Streets held on the first day of April the following Tenders for Cleaning the Streets were opened, viz:

—Ward No 1—

William Bates	15.10.0
James Donolly	15.0.0
Edward Dillon	16.10.0
Jeremiah Kennespy	12.0.0 (declines)
John Cahill	12.0.0 (declines)

—No 2—

John Walsh	22.0.0
Edward Nancy	18.10.0
William Neville	18.0.0
William D. McIntosh	16.10.0
Michael Howley	15.0.0 (declines)

—No 3—

George Cook	35.19.0
John A. Kline	30.0.0
Michael Hays	30.0.0
Arthur W. Godfrey	20.5.0 (declines)

—No 4—

Thomas Monaghan	32.0.0
John Kline Junr	28.0.0
John Murphy	23.10.0
John Edw. Starkey	21.0.0
William Coleman	20.0.0 (declines)

—No 5—

John Bayer	17.10.0 (declines)
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—No 6—

Lawrence Conley	10.0.0
Thomas Bayer	7.10.0 (declines)

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The Tenders of Jeremiah Hennesey and John Cahill for Ward No 1, being equal it was Resolved, That they be required to re-tender for the same.

Jeremiah Hennesey having declined, doing so the Tender of John Cahill is therefore the lowest.  
(Sgd) William Story Junr  
Chairman

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That the Tender of John Cahill for cleaning the Streets of Ward Number One, Michael Howley for Ward No 2, Arthur W. Godfrey for No 3, William Coleman for Ward No 4, John Bayer for Ward No 5, and Thomas Bayer for Ward No 6 be severally accepted they giving Security for the diligent and faithful performance of said duty.

which on being put is passed

Read return of Sale of Premises opposite Ordnance Property:

Sale of City Property on Thursday the 3<sup>d</sup> April 1845.

viz: The Building in front of Ordnance Wall as follows:

front 25 ft No 1 Division	Inc Duffus	£575-0-0
24 <sup>ft</sup> 8 <sup>ins</sup> . 2	ditto	575-0-0
23 . 2 . 3	ditto Ch <sup>d</sup> B. Naylor	575-0-0
		£ 1725-0-0

Halifax 5<sup>th</sup> April 1845.

Daniel Starr  
Auctioneer.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

"The premises opposite the Ordnance Property having been disposed of at Public Auction agreeably to Resolution of City Council, and the Bye Law or Ordinance made to legalise the disposal of said property to the following persons, viz: the North and centre premises to John Duffus Esquire for Five Hundred and Seventy five pounds each, and the South premises to Mr Charles B. Naylor for the sum of Five Hundred and Seventy five pounds, and whereas the title of said property is vested in the Heirs of the late Messrs Johns, that application be made to Messrs Johns to have a Conveyance of said property drawn out conveying said property to said Messrs Duffus and Naylor and that the demand against said property due the Messrs Johns be laid before the City Council to enable the Council to pay off their demand against the City.

which on being put is passed.



Read the following Communication from Church Wardens of St Georges Parish enclosing Resolution of Vestry on Subject of St Johns Burial Ground, Three Mile House.

Halifax March 25<sup>th</sup> 1845

We beg to enclose you a Copy of a Resolution passed at a Special Vestry of St Georges Parish on the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst. respecting the Burial Ground of St Johns Chapel at the Dutch Village.

We have the honor to be,

Yours

Your most Obedt Servts

The Mayor  
of Halifax.

(Sign) Wm H. Roach } Church Warden,  
C. H. Belcher } St Georges Parish.

In Special Vestry of St Georges Church 18<sup>th</sup> March 1845.

Resolved, That it is not the wish of the Corporation of Saint Georges Church, that the Burial Ground at St Johns Chapel at the Dutch Village within the limits of this Parish should be used as the general place of Interment for the members of St Georges Congregation unless at the special request of deceased persons or their families, and that the Rector Church Wardens and Vestry will endeavour to encourage the Interment of the Dead at the New Cemetery.

A True Copy from the Records

(Sign) Edw Proune  
Clerk of Vestry.

Read the following Extract from Minutes of Commissioners of Streets on Subject of Johns Street:

Halifax April 12<sup>th</sup> 1845

Judge Bliss and others interested in Johns Street appeared before the Board and proposed to advance Fifty Pounds for one or two Years without interest to be laid out upon said Street, when it is Resolved, That the proposition be recommended to the City Council.

Estimate of Amount of Labour expended on Johns Street Contract for a Stone Drain £10.0.0

Contract with Mr Powder to fill up part of 65.0.0

Difference paid by Judge Bliss of Contract to deposit earth on Street } 25.0.0

Expended by the Sheriff when building 20.0.0

Expended by Peter Lynch Esq of agreement with Contractor } 10.0.0

The summit of the bill has been reduced by Mr. C. Collins removing Earth from an Excavation } 36.6.0

200 feet long by 33 feet wide, average depth 3 feet }  
of 6 yards. 4. } £166.6.0



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When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That thirty pounds be given from the general fund of the Commissioners of Streets towards completion of Tobin Street, the said amount to be expended under the direction of the Commissioners of Streets for Ward Number one.

which on being put is passed.

Read following Letter from the Secretary of the Province relative to Horticultural Society's lease:

Provincial Secretary's Office  
Halifax 10<sup>th</sup> April 1845

for

I am Commaunded by the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint you for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council that His Excellency in Council has had under consideration your letter to me dated 31 March and has been pleased to approve of the intencion therein expressed on the part of the City Council to lease to the Horticultural Society a portion of the Common adjoining the North side of the Garden.

I have the honor to be

for,

James S. Clarke Esq  
City Clerk.

Your most obedient servant  
(Signed) Rupert D. George.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to draft a lease to the Horticulture Society of that portion of the Common to the Northward of the Garden.

The following resolutions are next introduced

Resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of regulating the stands for Carters, and Messrs Cleary, May & Caldwell be that Committee

which on being put is passed.

Resolved that the Resolutions passed by the Council at a meeting of the Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March last relative to allowing Parties to remove Stones and rubbish from the Common be rescinded, as all "Stones and other materials therein will be required by the Commissioners of the Common for the purpose of filling up the pits made by the Commissioners of Streets in obtaining gravel for the Street.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the Committee of Cemetery be authorised to proceed with the work necessary to put the walks and  
(Ground)



Ground in good order, and to expend a sum not exceeding Twenty five pounds for the purpose.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor in his Memorial to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor relative to the water lots at present in the possession of the City, includes an application for all Water lots to the South of Fresh Water Bridge and North of the Hospital.

which on being put is passed.

Read the following Letter from John Edward Starr Esquire on the Subject of the Weigh Scales:

Halifax N.S. 2<sup>d</sup> April 1845

To His Worship the Mayor,

I beg to offer to the City Council to import from England and erect on the Campbell Road, near the corner of the Naval Hospital, a good and sufficient Platform for weighing Hay or any heavy articles provided I be allowed to receive the same fees as are now charged.

The present platform near the Ordnance can be removed to the lower part of the City which will prevent the central parts of the City being encumbered with loads of Hay, and any Cart or sled required to be weighed back to ascertain the nett quantity can be done on the Platform at the South end, if it be convenient for the owner to come to the north

I remain, Sir, with respect,

Your obt. Servant

Jno Oduw Starr.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the foregoing application be referred to a Committee to report upon, and also that they be requested to obtain information as to the most eligible place for the erection of the present weighing machines and any other matter connected, and that Messrs Cleary, Hay, Caldwell, Hunter, Kemmeon and Winters be that Committee

which on being put is passed.

The City Council direct payment of the following Accounts by Checks on City Treasurer.

Bruce McDonald	7	10	.
William How	.	7	.
English & Blackadar	..	15	..
James Ham	5	.	..
Edward McDade	2	2	6
Gas Company	20	.	..

(The)



— April 18<sup>th</sup> —

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Whereas at a recent meeting of this Council a Committee was appointed to wait on the Legislature and obtain an Act to authorize the City Criminals to be committed to the Provincial Penitentiary and whereas said application has been refused and the dilapidated and wretched condition of the present Establishment is such that it becomes absolutely necessary that a new House of Correction or Prison should be built, and whereas a piece or lot of Ground at the North End of the City known as Rock head containing about Forty Acres, can at present be purchased on very advantageous terms, viz: Two Hundred Pounds, which in the opinion of the Council it is very desirable to obtain and which would be a very eligible situation for a Prison or Jail, therefore

Resolved, That said piece of Ground be purchased that a Deed be taken in the name of the City of Halifax for and on behalf of the City.

to which the following Amendment was introduced:

Resolved, That the subject of the purchase of Property from Mr Daniel Mitchell be postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

Which amendment being put and three appearing for it and eleven against it, said amendment is lost: and the names being called for stand thus:

— For the amendment —

Mr. Winters  
" Story  
" Spike  
" Caldwell (11)

— Against the amendment —

Mr. Starr  
" Hemmeow  
" Rhind  
" Rugg  
" Anderson  
" Jennings  
" Fairbanks  
" Cleary  
" Sinclair  
" Pryor  
" Black (11)

The original Resolution is then put, and there appearing eleven for it, and four against. Said Resolution is passed and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Resolution. Messrs Rhind, Rugg, Anderson, Jennings, Starr, Fairbanks, Hemmeow, Cleary, Sinclair, Pryor & Black 11  
Against the Resolution — Messrs Winters, Story, Spike & Caldwell 4



The following Resolution is next introduced:

Be it further Resolved, That to enable the City Council to complete the purchase of said property the City Treasurer be requested to borrow the sum of Two Hundred pounds payable in twelve months on the most advantageous terms.

Which on being put is passed, and the names being called for, they stood thus.

<u>For the Resolution</u>	<u>Against the Resolution</u>
Mr. Poyer	Mr. Winters
" Fairbanks	" Story
" Hammeon	" Spike
" Cleary	Caldwell (4)
" Rhind	
" Sinclair	
" Rugg	
" Black	
" Anderson	
" Jennings	
" Starr (11)	

The following Petition from Inhabitants in Spring Garden is read, when the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved That the sum of Fifteen pounds be advanced from the general fund of the Commissioners of Streets towards finishing a Public Drain in the neighbourhood of Spring Garden the said amount to be expended under direction of Commissioner of Ward number one when the sum of Twentyn pounds ten shillings is paid in by the Inhabitants of that Street.

Which on being put is passed.

To His Honor the Mayor

Aldermen and Common Council of

the City of Halifax.

The Undersigned, subscribers, Residents in Spring Gardens Humbly pray that Your Worshipful Court will take into your serious consideration the Evils that at present Exist in a Public Drain in that neighbourhood in an unfinished state, in consequence of which the Cellars of their dwellings are rendered useless. They have set opposite to their names the sums they are willing to contribute and beg Your Worshipful Court will appropriate whatever sum may be further required for the completion of said Drain in Brunswick Street unfinished Eighty two feet, in Rotterdam Street Two hundred feet and in Dresden Row One hundred feet.

(Sigs)



Samuel Story	1	"	"
Andrew Bennett	1	"	"
Peter Smlay	1	"	"
James Pennaly	1	"	"
J.E. Smlay	1	"	"
William Pillion	1	"	"
John	1	"	"
John Gibbon	1	"	"
George Henderson	1	"	"
John Doyle	"	15	"
Peter Grant	"	10	"
George Grant	"	10	"
Henry Pryor	2	"	"

The Council then adjourns

W.C.

A. Bell / Mayor

Halifax 21<sup>st</sup> April 1845

✓ Peter Snelling, John Bayer, Thomas E. Lovett, John Lithgow  
 Samuel Head and John Stairs, having taken the oath prescribed  
 by law on this day sworn into office as Cost and Highways for  
 the City of Halifax

✓ Philip Letson and Henry Voth having taken the oath prescribed by  
 law on this day sworn into office as Fence Viewers for the City of  
 Halifax

Halifax 25<sup>th</sup> April 1845

✓ James Reid Having taken the oath prescribed by law on this  
 day sworn into office as Inspector and Measurer of Masons Work  
 for the City of Halifax.



Halifax 26th April 1845

Stephen Studley and Henry Merrick, having taken the oath prescribed by Law, are this day sworn into Office, as measurers, and inspectors of Painters work.

Halifax 28th April 1845

Adam Burroughs having taken the oath required by Law is this day sworn into office as one of the Coat and Hoppers of the City.

Halifax 2nd May 1845

Thomas O'Beamish having taken the oath of Office is this day sworn into Office as weigher and Inspector of Pickled Beef and Pork

Halifax 2nd May 1845

Joseph Hamilton Thomas Mc. Murray, and William Miswell having taken the oath of Office, on this day sworn into Office as Sealers and weighers of Leather.

Nicholas Wright having taken the Oaths of Office is this day sworn into Office as Surveyor of Brick and Lime and Inspector and Measurer of Masons work

Halifax 2nd May

William Jamieson for Ward Number four and Henry Hill for Ward Number five, having taken the oath prescribed by Law, are this day sworn into Office as pie Constables of the City of Halifax.

Halifax 1st May 1845

Archibald Sinclair and Henry Mignowit Esquires are appointed by His Worship the Mayor agreeably to the Act of Incorporation to Act with the City Auditors in examining the accounts of the City Treasurer &c.



Halifax June 5th 1845

At a Special Meeting held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Story, Mackenzie, Starr, Pyer, Caldwell and Jennings, Messrs. Cleary, Spike, Pombouts, Black, Sinclair Hunter, Mignowitz, Rhind, Hemmeon, Rugg and Winters  
Read over proceedings of 18th April.

The Council were summoned to appoint a Committee for hearing appeals relative to City Assessments, the pendency for Bridewell establishments, Petition from Messrs. Mc Payall and Richardson relative to rent of Exchange Buildings - from Samuel King and others, City measurers using at Dartmouth, - also of William Mills - the payment of several accounts, and the transactions of other business.

On taking into consideration the appointment of the time and Committee for hearing appeals relative to City assessments, the following Resolutions are introduced.

Resolved That a Committee of the City Council consisting of one Alderman and two Common Councilmen shall form a Court of appeal for the purpose of hearing appeals, and that the said Committee for year 1845 meet at the Court House from the 9th to 19th July next from 12 O'clock to 2 O'clock each day, Sunday excepted

which on being put is passed

Resolved that the City Treasurer shall deliver a Notice stating the amount of any Person's tax to him, her or them or leave the same at his her or their place of abode, or place of business, notifying that the City Council will meet at the City Court House from Wednesday the ninth to Saturday the nineteenth day of July to hear Appeals from 12 O'clock to 2 O'clock each day, and requiring every Person to pay the amount of his or their assessments to the Treasurer at his Office in the City of Halifax on or before the 1st August, and if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to pay the amount of his or their Assessment at that time, the Treasurer shall issue his Summons to each person or persons requiring him, her or them to pay the same with Two pounds ten shillings per cent addition thereto on or before first 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.

Which on being put is passed.



His Worship the Mayor brings to the notice of the City Council the subject of the Bradwell Establishment which by a recent Act of the Legislature becomes a City Establishment, and the necessity of making provision for the same, when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be authorised to borrow the sum of Two Hundred Pounds for and towards the support of Bradwell Establishment, to be repaid in fifteen months. Which on being put is passed.

Read following Petition from Messrs. McDougall and Richardson on subject of rent of Exchange Building

To His Worship the Mayor  
Aldermen and City Council.

The Memorial of John Richardson and John McDougall both of Halifax

Respectfully sheweth. That they became sureties for James R Parr for the rent of the Exchange Coffee House for four years ending the first of May A.D. 1846.

That said James R Parr lately absconded leaving a balance of twenty three pounds five Shillings and seven pence due to the Corporation for rent to first of May instant, and being largely indebted to each of Your memorialists in private accounts. That Parr paid about Sixty pounds for the Gas fittings in the building which are now held by your Memorialists under an attachment. That Your Memorialists will be heavy losers by the said Parr, and are desirous of being discharged from further liability to the Corporation in respect of said rent, and respectfully beg to be allowed to surrender the remainder of the Lease with the Gas fittings to the Corporation, on their being permitted to take the proceeds of the property distrained, and by which arrangement Your memorialists consider the City will not sustain any loss. Your Memorialists trust that considering the great hardship of their case, this proposal will meet with the favourable consideration of the City Council

Halifax 9th May  
A.D. 1845  
John Richardson  
John McDougall

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolved. That the foregoing Petition be referred to the Committee of City Property to report upon. Which on being put is passed.