

Halifax October 13th 1845, 4 o'clock P.M.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this afternoon
Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Pryor, Caldwell, Jennings,
Fairbanks and Winters. Messrs. Anderson, Richardson, Thomson, Sinclair,
Mignowitz, Hunter, Neumeon, Clarke.

Read the following Letter from Daniel Creamer Esq^r Elected
Common Councilman for Ward Number five.

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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council
Gentlemen,

I have received a Note on the 10th inst signed by the City
Clerk summoning me to attend a Meeting of your Body to be held this
day in order to qualify myself as Common Councillor for Ward No 5.

I beg to state that the nature of my business is such that the
time it would require to perform the duties devolving on me in the Office
would it is feared by my Partner as well as by myself materially
interfere with its interests, and am therefore prepared to pay the
penalty required by Law, if exacted.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Your Obedt Servt

(Signed) Daniel Creamer.

When on Motion the Council adjourn.

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Daniel Creamer having taken and subscribed the Oath of
Allegiance and the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this
day sworn into Office as Common Councilman for Ward No 5,
in the presence of His Worship the Mayor, and signs the Roll
accordingly.

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Halifax October 17th 1845

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Jennings, Fairbairns,
and Winters. Messrs. Anderson, Cleary, Richardson, Rugg,
Thompson, Sinclair, Black, Hunter, Hemmison, Clarke, Creamer,
Billing and Rugg.

The City Council were summoned to Elect an
Alderman for Ward No. 5, and the transaction of other business.
Read over proceedings of 13th October, and of the adjourned
Meeting of same day.

Read Entry of Daniel Creamer Esq. having qualified
himself for Office of Common Councilman.

The City Council next proceed to Elect an Alderman
for Ward Number five, when it is moved by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Thompson that Adam Hemmison
Esquire be Elected Alderman of said Ward, when the
Ballot is proceeded with when there appeared:

For Mr. Hemmison 13

Mr. Clarke 1

Mr. Hemmison is therefore duly Elected Alderman for
Ward No. 5.

✓ Mr. Hemmison having taken and subscribed the
oath of Allegiance, the Oath of Office, and also of that of Justice
of the Peace for the City, takes his Seat at the Board of Aldermen.

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomson be appointed as one of the
Committee on the Weighing Machine in place of Mr. Stoy
which on being put is passed.

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

John Chamberlain	12	6	Duce McDonald	7	10
James P. Troplet	12	6	James Whalen	1	
Joseph Clarke	12	6	Gas Company	1	19 8
John Smith	12	6	James Hare	5	
L. J. Crow	1	5	Jacob Currie	6	3 9
Lewis C. Fennell	12	6			

Read the following Report of the Committee on application of Messrs
Dechezcan and Crow to light part of Granville Street with Gas

✓ "The Committee to whom was referred the annexed application
beg leave to state that they find the number of lights necessary for
said line of Streets are four, placed at equal distances on each
side of road, that said application has been signed by a majority

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of the Proprietors of Houses in said line of Street, and upon making enquiry have ascertained that the Gas Company are willing to Contract for the supply of Gas for said Lamps at the rate of Five pounds Currency for each Lamp, reserving the right not to light said Lamps on Moonlight nights.

All which is respectfully Submitted.

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(Signed) W. Caldwell
" Arch^r Sinclair.

When on Motion said Report is received adopted and directed to be acted upon.

Read following Report of Committee on application of Messrs Will Allan and others to light part of Bedford Row with Gas.

"The Committee to whom was referred the annexed application begs leave to state that they find the number of lights necessary for said line of Streets are four places at equal distances on each side of the road that said application has been signed by a Majority of the Proprietors of Houses on said line of Street and upon making enquiry have ascertained that the Gas Company are willing to Contract for the supply of Gas for said Lamps at the rate of Five pounds Currency for each Lamp reserving the right not to light said Lamps on Moonlight nights.

All which is respectfully Submitted.

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(Signed) W. Caldwell
" Arch^r Sinclair "

When on Motion said Report is received, adopted and directed to be acted upon.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That Mr. Spike be requested to bring before the Council the leading difficulties which at present obstruct him in his occupation as Inspector of Shingles, and what alteration he conceives would be necessary to remedy the evils complained of

which on being put is passed

Read following application from Alexander Davidson and others for lighting Spring Garden and Queen Street with Gas, which on Motion is referred to Messrs. Anderson and Cleary a Committee to report upon.

The Council then Adjourned

— October 28th —

according to the present system of measuring. It appears to me that if two or three wharves were appointed for landing all the Coals from Coasting vessels, that the owners of such wharves might well afford to pay a sum into the City funds for the right they would possess. The season is now so far advanced nothing could be done this autumn, because before the Platforms could be imported the frost would be too deep to excavate for the machinery, but it could be done very early the ensuing Spring.

May I beg the favor of your submitting this proposition to the City Council at the next Meeting.

Very respectfully I remain Yours
 To His Worship (Signed) J^{no} Edw. Starr.
 The Mayor.

Read the following Report of Committee on application of Alexander Davidson and others for lighting Spring Garden Road and Queen Street with Gas when on Motion said Report is received, adopted and directed to be acted upon.

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed application beg leave to state that they find the number of lights necessary for said line of Streets are four, placed on each side of the said Streets, two on Queen Street and two on the other Streets, that said application has been signed by a majority of the Proprietors of Houses in said line of Street and upon making enquiry have ascertained that the Gas Company are willing to contract for the supply of Gas & for said Lamps at the rate of Five pounds currency for each Lamp reserving the right not to light said Lamps on moonlight nights.

All which is respectfully submitted
 Halifax Oct 28th 1845. (Signed) Chas^o H. Henry
 Wm. J. Anderson.

The Council then adjourned

Halifax October 31st 1845

George Henderson, John Fidler junr, William Full, John Watt, Thomas Rhind, John Epton, James Chambers, David Starr, William Roche, John Kline junior, and Henry Wilson, having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance and oath of Office prescribed by Law, are this day sworn into Office as Assessors for the City of Halifax, Agreeably to Law in the Presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Halifax Nov: 1st 1845

John W. Rofs disqualification filed this day:

Halifax.

Personally came and appeared before me Andrew MacKinty Esquire, Mayor of the City of Halifax, John W. Rofs of the said City Merchant and made oath and said, That having been elected to the office of Assessor for Ward Number Two for the ensuing Year states that he is not qualified for the said Office as required by Law inasmuch as he this day was not at the time of said Election and is not now seized or possessed to his own use of Real or Personal Estate, or both within the said City, after payment or deduction of his just debts, of the value of Five Hundred Pounds Currency.

Sworn to at Halifax

this 1st Nov 1845

(Signed) John W. Rofs.

Andrew MacKinty

Mayor.

Halifax November 10th 1845

John Gibson having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as Assessor for Ward Number Two vice John W. Rofs disqualified, in the Presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Halifax November 13th 1845

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Payer (altwell), Jennings, Hemmeon, Fairbanks & Winter, Messrs Cleary, Richardson, Thomson, Sinclair, Black, Mignowitz, Hunter, Clarke, Greaves, Billing and Rigg.

The City Council next proceed to appoint two City Assessors to consider the subject of weighing Machine and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 28th October.

The City Council proceed to Elect two City Assessors for ensuing Year. Mr. William Roche and Mr. John Watt having been proposed the Ballot is proceeded with for Mr. William Roche when there appears

For Mr. Roche 15

Mr. Roche is therefore Elected one of the Assessors.

The Ballot is next proceeded with for Mr. John Watt when there appears

For Mr. Watt 16

Mr. Gfow 1

Mr. Watt is therefore Elected the other City Assessor.

Read Report of Committee on Subject of weighing Machine introduced on 28th October last, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That the Report of the Committee be received and lie over for future consideration, and that the present Committee cause Advertisements to be inserted for an eligible Site for a Hay Market, and the creation of the Hay Scales - applications to be submitted for the consideration of the Council.

which on being put is passed.

Read following application of James Malcom and others for lighting that part of Barrington Street between Sackville Street and Blowers Street with Gas which on Motion is referred to Messrs Richardson and Sinclair to report upon.

Read following application from James B. Uniacke Esq. and others for lighting that part of Hollis Street between Lawson's and Binney's corners and Hill's and Government House corners with Gas, which on Motion is referred to Messrs Richardson and Sinclair to report upon.

Read following application from F. W. Clarke Esquire and others for lighting that part of Upper Water Street between Herd's Lane and Cornwallis Street with Gas which on Motion is referred to Messrs Hemmeon and Anderson to report upon.

Read the following answer from the Gas Company in reply to an application from the City Clerk addressed to the President of the Gas Company requesting him to furnish Contracts on behalf of the Gas Company for the setting up and fixing of Lamp Posts and Lamps and supply of Gas in Bedford Row Spring Garden, Granville Street and Barrington Street [See letter Book for letter to Mr. Uniacke]

Halifax Gas Light Office
7th Nov 1845

At a Meeting of a Board of Directors a letter from J. S. Clarke Esquire City Clerk dated 27th October was read, requiring Contracts for lighting Bedford Row, Spring Garden, Granville Street and Barrington Street

Resolved, That the Company cannot enter into any Contract under the Construction put upon the Provincial Statute by the Corporation of the City at present as payment cannot be insured; they will however put up Street Lamps as heretofore until the Law can be amended.

(Signed) John Freeman
Secretary

Read the following Letter from Mr. Henry Spike Supervisor of Sumbur:

Halifax Nov 6th 1845

His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council

Agreeable to a resolution passed in the City Council dated Oct 17th requesting information on the Inspection of Shingles

In consequence of the decision of the Court by His Honor the Recorder that we could not demand pay for the Inspection of Shingles unless called upon to inspect them, has prevented me from fulfilling this part of my duty.

Most all sell at present without inspection and none have been fined. I returned a number of names to His Worship the late Mayor but no action was taken upon them. And I have inspected several ^{hundred} thousands of Shingles but the owners refuse to pay for inspection, saying they did not wish it. I have also had to discontinue the inspection of Merimichi Shingles the owners or consignees being so opposed to it and in many instances the Shingles have been inferior in size and number in the bundles prescribed by Law taking about five bundles to make a thousand. Since publishing the Act considerable improvement has been made in the manufacture here, being full size and good quality, but they are mostly sold before they reach the Market, the owners are persuaded the quality would not command the price if they were inspected.

In my opinion the alterations required is that all persons selling or purchasing Shingles of any description without being surveyed by a sworn Surveyor of the City should be fined. As regards the Marking I have marked Clear No 1, Mercht No 1 or No 2, and Refuse No 3, and I have made allowance when the bundles were not the full size and marked them accordingly.

I beg leave to call your attention to the Law respecting the Surveying of Lumber; there has been a great deal of dissatisfaction among the Sellers they want a second quality of Mercht as in most all other places that is a quality between the Mercht required by Law and the Refuse to be marked No 2 Mercht which would bear a price accordingly, as in most instances the proportion of Refuse is much greater than Mercht a considerable loss is sustained by the owners as it only brings half price, and the greater proportion of Shipping Lumber is refuse of a good quality.

I remain, Your most Obedt Servt,

(Sign) Henry Spike.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That the foregoing Letter of Supervisor of Lumber be referred to the Committee on the Lumber Act which on being put is passed

The City Council direct that the amount of Assessment made on Mr. Lockyer for the Halifax Hotel amounting to £19-16-8 be reduced to £6-8-4, and that the City Treasurer be requested to receive that amount

The City Council direct that Mr. John Barton be relieved the sum of £1-12-1 from the amount of his Assessment it appearing that said amount ought to have been assessed on Mr. J. L. Starr the tenant in occupation of the premises, and who had left the City.

The Council adjourned until tomorrow at one O'clock.

Halifax November 14th 1846

An Adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Caldwell, Jennings, Hemmean,
Fairbanks & Winters. Messrs Henry, Richardson, Thomson, Sinclair, Black,
Mlynowitz, Hunter, Clarke, Billing and Keeg

Read over proceedings of yesterday.

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

James H. Smith	2	.	.
Jacob Currie	30	.	.
Boyer & Murphy	26	.	.
Joseph Keefer	14	15	.

The following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the usual quantity of fuel be obtained for
the City Offices

which on being put is passed.

The Chairman of Commissioners of Streets submits an account
of Expenditure of £52-17-8 on the various Roads in Ward No Six
when it is moved that said amount be paid to be taken from out
of General funds

which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the sum of Twelve pounds be expended
on the Crampbell Road under the supervision of Commissioners
of Ward Number Six to be taken from out of General funds

which on being put is passed.

Alderman Winters submits two accounts claiming a Balance
of £18-8-3 in favour of Ward No 6, as due by Ward No 5 to Ward
No 6. On motion it is Resolved, That said Accounts be submitted
to Commissioners of Streets to report upon.

which on being put is passed.

The Council then adjourned.

Halifax November 28th 1845

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Caldwell Jennings, Rowman, Foubanks, Muters, Glegg, Richardson, Thomson, Sinclair, Black, Allignosity, Hunter, Clarke, Creamer, Billing.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration Mr. Uniacke's demand against the City in the case of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company vs the City - Report of Commissioners of Streets on application of Arthur W. Godfrey - the payment of accounts against Fire Department - and the transaction of other business.

Read over Proceedings of 14th November.

Read following Bill of Costs in the case of Halifax Fire Insurance Company vs the City, as also the Rule annexed thereto:

Supreme Court Trinity Term 1845

Halifax s^r.

The Halifax Fire Ins. Coy. }
vs } Rule to quash rate
The City of Halifax }

Upon reading the Writ of Certiorari issued at the instance of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company directed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the City of Halifax being the Council of the said City and the return made thereto together with the Affidavit of Richard Peerman the Secretary of said Company upon which the said Writ was granted, whereby it appears that the sum of Ten thousand Pounds belonging to the Halifax Fire Insurance Company and invested in the English funds, was, in the Year 1842 included by the Assessors of the City Ward No 3 as part of the property of said Company liable to Assessment, and the rate having been imposed thereon to the amount of Fifteen Pounds six Shillings and six pence halfpenny which was paid by the said Halifax Fire Insurance Company under Protest to the Treasurer of the City of Halifax.

It is Ordered that the said Assessment so far as the same relates to the said sum of Ten thousand and rate thereupon made, be quashed with Costs and that the said rate so imposed and paid, amounting to Fifteen Pounds six Shillings and six pence halfpenny together with the Costs taxed thereon, be paid by the City of Halifax to the said Halifax Fire Insurance Company

31st July 1845

By the Court

(S^g) J W Ketling

Proy.

A. M. Uniacke Esq

Sol. of the Hal^x fire Ins. Coy.

(Halifax)

Halifax ss. Supreme Court, Trinity Term 1845
 Halifax Inc Inc Comp
 The City of Halifax Costs to Certiorari to quash rates.

	1842 Mich	Retainer 10/- Warrant 1/6 Bail Piece 2/6	11
	10/-	Drafting Special Affid of Mich Term + Copies & Extracts thereto attached	2 10
	30/-	Engrossing Ditts with Copies	2 10
	4/-	Swearing of Notice 3/6	4 6
		Motion for Certiorari	10
	24/-	Briefs & Argument	2 6 8
		Rule for Certiorari	3
		Receipts for ditto	1 6
		Term fee 6/- Recognisance 11/8	17 8
	4/-	Affidavit of Service	2 6
	6/-	Mut Copy	6 6
	1843 Easter	Motion for attachment	10
		Rule nisi 3/-	3
		Affid of Service and Copy of Rule 2/6	2 6
		Rule absolute 3/- Term fee 6/-	9
	Trinity	Term fee	6
	Michs	Term fee	6
	10/-	2 Copies of return on Certiorari with paper annexed	10
	1844	Easter term fee	6
		Trinity Term fee	6
		Michs Term fee	6
	Mich	Motion to quash rate	10
	16/8 1845	Brief on Argument	5 16 8
		Easter term fee	6
		Trinity term fee	6
		Rule to quash rate	3
		Taxing Costs	7 6
		Prothonotary	21 3 6
		2 Notices (printed)	2
		Sheriff	
		Deduct	23 5 6
		Allowed	4 10 4
		Total	18 15 2

Allowed
 (Signed) Brenton Halliburton

When the following Resolution is introduced:
 Resolved, That Mr. Uniacke's Bill of Costs be paid as now
 furnished, with the demand, whatever may be due after being
 legally taxed.
 Which on being put is passed.

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Read the following Letter addressed to the City Council by
Arthur W. Godfrey:

Halifax Nov 18 1845

Gentlemen

Some time in April last I took a Contract for cleaning
the Streets of Ward No 3 this I did with the full intention of doing
every justice to it, but I find it impossible to do so, either to my
own satisfaction or that of the Commissioners of the Ward.

I therefore request that you will take the matter into your favorable
consideration and discharge me from my obligation. In doing
this I am compelled to it from the nature of my employment
which prevent me from giving the matter that attention which
it requires.

I am, Gentlemen, Your most Obedt Servt
Arthur W. Godfrey
To the Mayor,
Alderman & Common Council
of the City of Halifax

Also the Resolution of the Commissioners of Streets on the same subject:

"Read a letter from Arthur W. Godfrey addressed to the
Council, requesting to be relieved from his Contract for cleaning
Ward Number three, which being submitted to the Commissioners
of Streets it was

Resolved, That the same be referred to the
Council for its decision thereon."

when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the application of Mr Godfrey to annul his contract
under the peculiar circumstances be complied with upon condition
of his giving up all demands against the City he may have for
cleaning said Streets up to this date, but this is not to be considered
as a precedent on any future occasion
which on being put is passed.

Read the following Report of Committee on Public Accounts on
Fire Ward accounts:

Halifax November 28th 1845

At a Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts held
this day, Present, Messrs Cleary, Thomson, Black, Hunt, Creaner
& Billing - Mr Black having been appointed Chairman - the
following Accounts were examined, for expenditure on account
of the Fire Department, including Pumps and Wells for the
Year ending November 1845, which being found regularly
Certified, have been approved of, and the Committee recommend
the same to be paid.

(Robert)

Robert Richardson	51	15	8 ¹ / ₂
Thomas Hollway	20	10	3
W Caldwell J ^r on	21	17	6
R. Motter	17	19	.
Amos Pedlar	.	17	6
Thomas Towns	.	12	6
David Calder	19	18	11
D. Stevens J ^r on	2	17	.
James Williams	4	15	6
George Smithers	2	10	0.
Benj: Smithers	30	4	3
William Merrick J ^r on	.	10	.
Cornelius Sullivan	7	3	7 ¹ / ₂
John Smithers	.	8	9
Finlan & McLean	60	5	9 ¹ / ₂
John Longard	4	10	9
Henry Spike	.	4	.
James Reid	2	10	.
			<u>£ 950 - 7 - 9</u>

The Accounts of William M Donald Keeper of Bridewell, having been examined, the Committee find the following Balances due him viz:

For the month of July	21	6	6
" " " August	15	17	5 ¹ / ₂
" " " September	20	10	9
" " " October	20	9	8
			<u>£ 78 - 12 - 5¹/₂</u>

Amounting in all to Seventy eight pounds twelve Shillings and four pence half penny ending 31st October 1845, which appears to be correct.

(Signed) P. C. Black, Chairman.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Report just read be received, and that the accounts therein stated be paid.

which on being put is passed

Read the following Report of Committee on Public Property approving of several accounts:

Halifax November 28th 1845.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Public Property held this day for the purpose of examining apts against the City Property,

The following Apts were examined viz:

(William)

William Mackay	\$2.00
J. Soregard (See apt in Prod Department)	16.9
G. Smithers	12.6
	<u>\$39.3</u>
	<u>2.12.6</u>

which were approved of and the Committee recommend that the same be paid

(Sign) Charles M. Cleary
 " Henry Mignowitz
 " Robt Richardson
 " F. W. Clarke.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That said Report be received and said Accounts therein stated be paid.

Read Mr. Cleary's Report on the subject of lighting the Court House with Gas which on Motion stands over.

The following Resolutions are next introduced:

Resolved, That Mr. Thomson be placed on the Committee appointed to obtain the opinion of two legal Gentlemen on the subject of the Appointment Act in place of Alderman Hoy who has left the Council.

To which the following Amendment is introduced:

Resolved That this matter stand over until next meeting of the Council, when the whole matter be again brought up and considered.

which amendment being put is lost, the original Resolution is then put and passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved, That the Committee upon the subject of obtaining the opinion of two legal Gentlemen as also that of the Recorder, in the matter of the Appointment be released from further action in the business.

To which the following Amendment is introduced:

Resolved, That the Committee be requested to take immediate action upon the matter referred to them.

which amendment being put is passed the original Resolution is therefore lost and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Amendment — Messrs Merrimon, Creamer, Clarke, Richardson, Thomson, Mignowitz, Hunter, Jennings, and Fairbanks 9

Against the Amendment — Messrs Billing, Cleary, Winters, Sinclair, Black, Caldwell & Pryor 7

The following Accounts are ordered for payment by Checks on the City Treasurer:

(Scrij)

Halifax December 17th 1845

John Hall and William Rich Esquires are this day
sworn into office to perform their duties as City Assessors according
to the best of their judgment and to make a fair and impartial
Assessment of the City, in the presence of His Worship the
Mayor

Halifax December 22nd 1845

At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this
day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Caldwell,
Jennings, Hemmison, Winters, Messrs Cleay, Richardson, Sinclair,
Black, Hunter, Creamer and Billing

Read over proceedings of 28th November 1845.

On motion the Council adjourns until 3 O'clock.

Halifax December 22nd 1845 3 O'clock.

At an Adjourned Meeting, present, His Worship, the Mayor, Aldermen, Messrs Caldwell Jennings Kemmison and Winters, Juribanks -

Messrs Anderson, Cleary, Richardson, Sinclair, Black, Magnowicz, Hunter, Clarke, Creamer, Billing and Rugg.

Read Statement and Accounts from Commissioners of Poor of Expenditure for past year and amount required for ensuing year.

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

The Committee of Public Accounts beg leave to report, that they have examined the several Accounts laid before them by the City Clerk for expenditure on account of the City for this Year, and which being Regularly Certified by those under whose sanction these debts were incurred, and the said Accounts being in the opinion of the Committee, correct recommend their being paid.

The Committee are gratified at being able to inform the Citizens that the balance in the hands of the City Treasurer, and the probable amount to be collected from the last Assessment, are fully sufficient to pay all demands against the City to the 31st December 1845.

The Committee have to announce to their fellow Citizens that an increase on last year's Assessment of £500 will be necessary to meet the Expenditure of the ensuing year, and in doing so feel it their duty to show them the cause of this additional demand, and were it not for these unavoidable claims, your Committee feel pleasure in stating the Assessment would be less this, than that of last year.

The Bidwell Establishment up to April last has been supported by the County, but has recently been thrown upon the City, at an estimated yearly expence of £250, which with £169.0.10 advanced from the month of May to November last forms part of the amount to be assessed for 1846.

And further an additional sum being required for the Fire Department to meet the probable expenditure for Tanks which the City Council have in contemplation to make during the ensuing year, they recommend the sum of £200 to be placed in the Estimate for that most important object.

All which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) B. C. Black, Chairman
C. D. Hunter
James Thomson
Daniel Creamer
E. Billing
Chas. M. Cleary.

As also the Statement of Amount to be Assessed on the City for the ensuing Year:

Statement shewing amount of Balances unpaid for 1845 - Amount of Accounts presented for payment, and the Estimate for 1846.

<u>Balances unpaid for 1845</u>				
Salaries of Public Officers due 31 st Dec ^r 1845.	388	15		
Constables one month	34	3	4	
Overseer of Streets to ditto	30			
Health Inspector & Keeper of Markets	5	5		
Under Keeper of Fish Market	6	5		
Keeper of Powder Magazine 6 months	10			
Premium of Insurance on County Court House	20		1194	8 11
Amount due Commissioners of Poor			700	
— Deduct —				
In hands of City Treasurer	338	9	9	
Probable amount to be collected from Assessment of 1845.	855	18	7	1194 8 11
— Demands presented for payment —				
English & Blackadar for Advertising	1	17	6	
Robert Motta work done at Water Closet in Court House	2	10		
Desherau for Stovepipe &c for Court House	7	6	9	
James Ives Carpenter work to Fish & Meat Markets, Magazine & Court House	38	5	11	
Mr Caldwell for work done for Meat Market	1	5		
Joseph Hoade Printing Blanks & Advertising	8	13	6	
William Merrick for Glazing at Court House & painting Mayors Room	9	11	6	
Henry Mignowitz Carpet for ditto	4	18		
Benjamin Smithers Blacksmiths work for Prison	2	10	6	
W. A. Black Esq Interest to 1 st May 1846	41	12		
C. MacKerquh Stationery	21	10	6	
A. J. Ritchie Printing &c	18	8	7	158 9 2
— Estimate for 1846 —				
Amount required for Poor			1200	
— Pensions —				
John Siddell Esquire	250			
D. S. Clarke Esquire	300		550	
Carried Forward				1900 9 2

Amount Brought Forward		1900	9	2
— Salaries —				
Mayor	300			
Recorder	200			
City Clerk	300			
City Marshal	80			
Assistant Clerk	125			
2 Police Constables @ £50.	100			
3 Ward ditto £50	150			
Keeper of Market & Health Inspector	20			
Under Keeper of Fish Market	25			
Keeper of Powder Magazine	20			
Overser of Streets	120			
City Assessors	15			
Copying Assessment	7 10	1622	10	
— Fire Department —				
Pumps & Wells	200			
Engines	150			
For Tanks	200	550		
— Bidwell —				
Amount advanced from June 1895 to November	119	10		
" for its maintenance for ensuing Year	250		369	10
Amount required for Maintenance of Watch to 1 st May			200	
Repairs of Public Property	500			
Contingencies	366			
Treasurer's Commission	225 15	1091	15	
— Deduct —				
Probable Amount of Fines, Fees &c in Police Office and the Mayor's Court	500			
Rents of City Property	741 15	1241	15	
Amount to be Assessed		£4500		

When the following Resolutions are introduced.

Resolved That it having been brought to the notice of the City Council the expediency of Establishing a Nightly Watch, that a Bye Law or Ordinance be forthwith prepared and submitted to His Excellency for carrying out the same.

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be included in the Estimate of the ensuing year for the maintenance and support of the Watch

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved That the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts as also the Statement of amount to be assessed on the City for the ensuing year be received adopted and published, which on being put is passed.

Resolved That the sum of Four thousand five hundred 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 1846 and agreeably to a Statement this day laid before the Council, which on being put is passed.

Whereas the City Council have by a Resolution of this day ordered and directed the sum of Four thousand five hundred 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 City Assessors return the same to the Office of the City Clerk on or before the 20th May next.

which on being put is passed.

Read a Letter from the Chairman of Board of Fire wards dated 27th November 1845. [See file of November 1845]

Read following Extract from Minutes of Board of Fire wards of 26th November 1845:

At a Meeting of the Firewards held on Wednesday evening the 26th November 1845 Present, Joshua Lee Chairman, Conrad West, John O'Connell, John Longard, Daniel Starr, Robert Richardson, Thomas W. Gaspie, Henry Mignowit, Will Caldwell, Aick Sinclair, Robert Romans, Will G. Anderson, Henry Pryor, John J. Sawyer, & John McGregor.

The Chairman submitted an Abstract of the Public Accounts for the Pumps, Wells, and Engine department for the past Year, amounting in the whole to £258.7.9 as per annexed Statement

Resolved, That the City Council be requested to appoint immediately six Special Constables for each Ward to serve for the ensuing Year and that their names be returned to this Board as soon as practicable

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be applied for to be expended in sinking four new Tanks, the sum of Two hundred Pounds for the Pumps and Wells, and the further sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds for the Engine Department, making together the sum of Five Hundred and fifty Pounds.

A True Copy

John McGregor Secy.

Read Letter from Chairman of Commissioners of Poor of 10th December 1845 [See file of December 1845]

Read General Abstract of Statement of Commissioners of Poor for past year [See file of December 1845]

Read following Estimate of Commissioners of Poor for 1846

Estimate

The probable expenses for 1846	£2400-0-0
Repairs to the Buildings supposed to be	250-0-0
Contingencies	275-0-0
	£2925-0-0

From which deduct the estimated receipts

Transient Poor	£600-0-0
10 per Cent for the support of the Poor	400-0-0
To be received from the City Treasurer	600-0-0
School Grant	25-0-0
Casual receipts	100-0-0
	1725-0-0

The sum the City is to be assessed for the support of the Poor the ensuing year £1200-0-0

(signed) Wm. W. Allan
Chairman Board of Comrs

Halifax 21 October 1845

Read following Report of Committee of City Council to Act with Auditors: "We the undersigned being appointed to meet with the City Auditors to examine the City Clerks and City Treasurers accounts from 1st May to 1st Nov 1845 beg to report that having carefully examined the same with all the vouchers connected with the various departments found all to be perfectly correct. But beg to observe that of the amount of Assessment £4000 for the present year there remains £1529-11-7 not collected of which the Treasurer expects to collect about £1000 the sum which is doubtful will amount to about £600 to which we beg to call the attention of the City Council.

(signed) Arch Sinclair
Henry Mignowitz

Halifax N.S. 21st Dec 1845

When following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved that the Report just read be received and entered upon the City Records, and it appearing that there is a very large arrears of Assessments for last year, Be it therefore Resolved, That the City Treasurer be requested forthwith to enforce the collection of all sums now due as far as practicable, and make a return of all persons who have not paid their respective

(assessments)

Appointments and the reasons therefor, by the first day of February next.

which on being put is passed.

Read the following Report of the Committee of City Property:

"The Committee of City Property met this day for the purpose of visiting said Property, and having performed that duty beg leave to submit the following Report

"The Powder Magazine they find being roofed with shingles is, in their opinion, very unsafe and recommend the same to be covered with Slate or zinc to make it secure from fire, and also that the sum of Five pounds be given to Commissioner of Streets for Ward No 6 to repair the Road leading to said Magazine which is in an almost impassable state.

"The upper Fish Market they find, to be put in a tenable condition, will require some repairs say to the amount of Fifteen to Twenty pounds.

The Exchange and the Shops under the said Building will require considerable repairs, the floors being very bad as likewise the doors &c

"The Committee next examined the Meat Market and recommend to the Council that the same should be enlarged by extending it further to the westward so as to accommodate the country people with their vegetables, and that a roof be put over the whole.

"Your Committee beg leave most particularly to call the attention of the Council to the Building of a Wall across the Dock to the South of the Steam Boat, and North of what is called the Market Wharf, which wall will in their opinion cost about from £50 to £100, and before the end of the year 1846 the City will have a piece of ground which can be appropriated as a Market, and be worth at least £750 or £1000, and which will tend in a great measure to remove the present incumbrance to the Passage leading to the Steam Boat Wharf and said Slip.

All which the Committee most respectfully submit for the consideration of the Council.

Halifax 9th Dec: 1845.

(Signed) Chas McHenry

J. Belling

Arch^d Sinclair

J. W. Clarke

Robert Richardson

Henry Mignowitz.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the report just read be received, and that the Committee of City Property be requested to obtain Plans and Estimates for said work and report thereon to the Council which on being put is passed

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

- Gas Company 7-3
- Ditto 2-5-0
- Paul McGuire 6-5-0

The following persons appointed Fire Constables for ensuing Year.

Ward No 1 -

- John Bauer
- Charles Robson
- Thomas Bauer
- John Fay
- Lewis Jacob
- James Mitchell

Ward No 2 -

- William Grant
- Hugh Syle
- James Fenerty
- John Yonmans
- Patrick Walsh
- Joseph Mier

Ward No 3 -

- Peter Morisey
- Adam Reid
- Ja M Chamberlain (sick)
- Alex McPat (sick)
- Joseph Whidden
- John Mc Kay (Bij)

Ward No 4 -

- John Stevenson
- George Epton
- John Longard Jun
- Charles Murdoch
- James Isles
- W. J. Coleman

Ward No 5 -

- Ser. Northup
- Joseph Milward
- William Merry (sick)
- James Scott Jr.
- A. L. West
- William Brown (sick)

Ward No 6 -

- Henry Wilson
- John Silver
- Alex. McDonald
- Joshua Brush
- David Faulkner
- John T. Longard

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow.

Halifax December 23^d 1845.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Pryor, Caldwell, Jennings, Kemmer, Fairbanks and Winters. Messrs. Cleary, Richardson, Thomson, Snelcar, Black, Mignault, Hunter, Clarke, Billing & Rigg.

Read over proceedings of yesterday.

The following Appointments are made.

— Clerks of Market —

Francis Stevens

Zebina S. Hall

— Weights & Inspectors of Pickled Beef & Pork —

Thomas Ott Beamish

John Parker

— Measurers & Weights of Salt & Grain —

John Kelly

John Jennings

Thomas McEann

John McKay

William Robt

James Sull

John Martin

Ambrose Keating

— Jurymen of Lumber —

Henry Spike

William Lovell

Enoch Wesswell

William Henderson

Thomas Mills

McPherson

James Sutton

— Measurers of Coal —

William Holland

John Shirling

Joseph Friday

John Connell

Patrick Connor

Samuel King

Henry Inglis

Thomas Neville

James Fuller

— Goat & Hog Reeves —

Amiack Chipman

Noratio Dickson

William Forsyth

Benj^r. Salter

McPartridge Jun^r

Charles Silver

On Motion it is

Resolved, That those persons who have this day been appointed to City Offices and who reside out of the City, that unless they return within the limits of the City by the first May next they will without further notice be dismissed from Office.

which passed unanimously.

Resolved, That the appointment of those Officers from whom no returns have been received be delayed until the next Meeting of the Council.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved!