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of the City) there to be dealt with as the Law directs.  
That it shall be the duty of the Captain  
or Superintendent of said Watch to Superintend  
and see that the several other Watchmen are at all  
times faithful in the discharge of their respective duties  
and also to report every morning at the Police Office  
in a Book to be kept for that purpose, an account of  
his and their doings, and of the State of the City -  
during the night.

"In Council 4<sup>th</sup> February 1846  
The foregoing Bye Law or  
Ordinance is approved and confirmed  
(Signed) A. D. George."

Halifax 5<sup>th</sup> February 1846

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Pypor, Caldwell, Jennings, Hemmeon, Fairbanks, and Writers, Messrs. Anderson, Cleary, Richardson, Thomson, Sinclair, Black, Hunter, Clarke, Creamer, Billing and Rigg.

Read over Proceedings of 19<sup>th</sup> January.

The Council were summoned to take into consideration the amendments to the Appointment Act likewise to the Act of Incorporation, also to the Sundry Act, the appointment of City Officers - filling up the various Committees, a communication from Fire Department - likewise from Captain Caldwell relative to Engine Hose - a letter from Hugh Hartshorne Esq. on behalf of Thomas Magnard relative to Weighing Machine, the repayment of amount claimed by Halifax Fire Insurance Company, the payment of sundry accounts, and the transaction of other business.

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

Andrew Petcher	10	..	Sir James Skempt	125	..
Gas Company	1	2 6	Hon. W. A. Black	12	10
Wm. Crawford Hon	..	5	John S. Morris	12	10
C. P. Allan	..	14 10	Hon. Enos Collins	12	10
Jacob Currie	30	..	Albion Fire Insurance Company	37	10
John R. Cleverdon	..	5	Governors of Kings College	25	..
Thomas Adams	7	10 3			
James Ham	5	..			
John Hillis	47	3 8			

Read the following Report of Committee on subject of Amendments to Act of Incorporation:-

The Committee appointed to amend and revise the Act of Incorporation beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Council the following suggestions previous to applying to the Legislature for the continuance of the said Act.

Be it enacted That if any person or persons shall take upon himself or themselves to discharge any Civic duties or Offices to which he or they have not been duly appointed by the City Council, or shall on having been appointed thereto continue to discharge the same after dismissal therefrom by the City Council for any dereliction of duty or other cause, such person or persons shall be subject to and liable to pay upon conviction thereof, before the Mayor or Presiding Alderman, a fine not exceeding Ten Pounds

For

— February 5<sup>th</sup> —

for every such Offence exclusive of the Costs of Prosecution, and in case of nonpayment of the fine and Costs pursuant to such Conviction the Offender or Offenders shall be committed to the Common Jail or House of Correction for any time not exceeding thirty days.

And be it enacted That from and after the passing of this Act the attendance of the Mayor at the Police Office or in his absence of the Presiding Alderman shall be from the hour of ten O'clock A.M. until the hour of three O'clock P.M. instead of four O'clock as heretofore.

And be it enacted That it shall be lawful for the said Council of the said City from time to time as occasion may require to pass such Bye Laws, Rules and Ordinances relative to keeping the Water in front of the Steam Boat Wharf and other portions of the Harbour adjoining the City free from Stoppages by vessels obstructing the passages as to the said Council shall seem meet and proper.

And be it enacted That the City Treasurer shall from and after the passing of this Act pay into the funds of the City the 2½ and 10 per Cents hitherto received by him, chargeable upon all assessments which shall remain unpaid after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August and 1<sup>st</sup> day of September respectively in each and every year.

And be it enacted That the returns of all Annual City Officers be made on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in each and every Year, and any Person or persons neglecting to make such returns shall be ineligible to Office for the next year unless a satisfactory excuse be made to the Council for such neglect.

And be it enacted That the six fire Constables appointed by the City Council for each Ward of the City shall hereafter be designated by the name of Assistant Fire Wards instead of fire Constables.

And be it enacted That the fine by the obstruction of the b victima of Five pounds imposed on all Officers nominated and elected by the City Council has no reference to the Offices of City Auditors or Assessors.

And be it enacted That so much of the 34<sup>th</sup> clause or section of the Act of Incorporation as is contained in the sentence from the words "Provided always to aforesaid" be repealed.

And be it enacted That all City Officers shall from and after the passing of this Act be annually chosen on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in each and every year and shall continue in Office until a successor be appointed thereunto.

(Attest)

Halifax February 4<sup>th</sup> 1846

(Signed) Henry Pujor Chairman  
J. Jennings  
C. Belling  
Wm. P. Fairbanks  
A. Kemmion  
W. Caldwell.

which on Motion is received and handed over for future consideration.

Add the following Report of Committee on subject of Lumber Act:-

The Committee on the Timber and Lumber Act to whom was referred the letter of the Supervisor relative to certain Amendments required in the Act beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Council two Bills herewith annexed which they have prepared to be laid before the Legislature in their present session should the Council approve of the same.

Halifax February 4<sup>th</sup> 1846

(Signed) Henry Pujor, Chairman  
A. Kemmion  
Chas. W. Cleary  
C. D. Hunter.

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the Survey of Timber and Lumber in the City of Halifax."

"Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the Council of the City of Halifax to make and establish Bye Laws Ordinances Rules and Regulations for the inspection Survey and Admeasurement of Boards Plank Timber Shingles Clapboards Split Work Hoops Staves and Lumber of every description brought to and exposed for sale in the said City as they may from time to time determine to be expedient and suitable to the circumstances of the said City, and to Ordain fit Penalties for the breach of such Bye Laws Ordinances Rules and Regulations not exceeding the sum of Pounds exclusive of the Costs of prosecution to be recovered in a summary manner before the Mayor or Presiding Alderman, and in case of nonpayment of said fine together with the said Costs of prosecution that the said Mayor or Presiding Alderman shall upon conviction have power to commit the Offender or Offenders to the Common Jail or House of Correction for any term not exceeding thirty days.

(And)

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And be it enacted That the said City Council in their discretion may, also provide for the appointment of a Supervisor and all such Surveyors and other Officers for the said City as they may find expedient and proper for the execution of such Bye Laws Ordinances Rules and Regulations and to fix the fees and compensation for their Official duties and services.

And be it enacted That so much of the Acts of this Province as is inconsistent with the powers herein given to the City Council be and the same is hereby repealed. Provided however that this Section shall not take effect until the said City Council have made and established such Bye Laws Ordinances Rules and Regulations and provided for the appointment of Officers for the survey of Timber agreeably to the first and second sections of this Act and until such Bye Laws Ordinances Rules or Regulations have received the approval of the Governor and Council and been duly published as other Bye Laws and Ordinances of said City are published.

when it is

Resolved That the Bill now submitted to the Council relative to making application to the Legislature for power to enable the Council to make a Bye Law relative to surveying of Timber be engrossed and the same handed to  
for the purpose of being laid before the Legislature.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved That Messrs. Pylon, Hemmeon, Cleary, Hunter, Fairbanks, Creamer, Richardson and Thomson be a Committee to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceeds to fill up the remainder of City Officers, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That a Committee be appointed to make enquiries respecting the Complaints made against the Sealers of Leather and report the same at the next meeting of the Council.

which on being put is passed.

Resolved That Messrs. Sinclair, Hemmeon, Black Jennings and Fairbanks be a Committee to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

(The)

The following appointments of City Officers are then made.

Surveyors of Brick & Lime

- Nicholas Wright
- Thomas Louns

Inspectors of Painters work

- George Smithers
- Stephen Studley
- Henry Merrick

Inspectors and Measurers of Masons work

- Nicholas Wright
- Robert Malcom
- Hugh A. McKee
- James Reid

Measurers of Wood

- Jacob Kousner
- John Walker
- Cornelius O'Fallon
- Thomas Riagh

The Council next proceed to fill up the Committees on various matters when the following Gentlemen are appointed to the same.

Committee on Lumber Act

- Alderman Pryor
- Mr. Richardson
- Thomson
- Clary
- Hunter

Committee on subject of City Representation

- Alderman Pryor
- Jennings
- Hemmeson
- Fairbanks
- Mr. Billing

Committee relative to Trucks

- Mr. Clary
- Hunter
- Alderman Caldwell

The following Resolution is next introduced:  
Resolves, That the Committee appointed to carry out the prosecution against Mr. Cophill be discharged from that duty.

which Resolution being put is carried, and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Resolution

- Messrs Pryor Fairbanks
- Caldwell, Clark
- Black Anderson
- Inglis Thomson
- Hunter
- Billing

Against the Resolution

- Messrs Hemmeson
- Cramer
- Richardson
- Rugg
- Jennings
- Hunter

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The Council adjourn until tomorrow at two o'clock.

Halifax February 6<sup>th</sup> 1846

At an Adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Pryor Caldwell, Jennings Kemmeon, Fairbanks and Winters Messrs. Anderson, Cleary, Richardson, Thomson, Sinclair, Black, Hunter, Clarke, Creamer, Billing and Rugg.

Read over proceedings of yesterday.

The following Gentlemen were appointed a Committee to receive Tenders:

Alderman Fairbanks, Messrs Richardson, Creamer, Sinclair, Mignowetz.

Read the several Amendments to the Assessment Act prepared by the Recorder and Messrs Gray and Young, when the following Resolution is introduced Resolved, That the Bill prepared by the Recorder Messrs Young and Gray be submitted to the Legislature which on being put is passed, and the names being called for they stood thus:

— For the Resolution —

Messrs Kemmeon  
Creamer  
Richardson  
Hunter  
Rugg  
Thompson  
Clarke  
Jennings  
Fairbanks  
Billing 10

— Against the Resolution —

Messrs Caldwell  
Pryor  
Black  
Cleary  
Sinclair  
Winters  
Anderson 7

The Council then adjourned.

Halifax February 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

At a special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Pryor, Caldwell Jennings, Hearnson, Fairbanks, and Winters, Messrs. Anderson Richardson, Thomson Sinclair, Black, Hunter, Clarke, Gummer, Billing and Rugg.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the subject of Weighing Machine, repayment of amount claimed by Halifax Fire Insurance Company - communication from Fire Department - Letter from Captain Caldwell relative to Engine House - report of Committee relative to Sealers of Leather - also Committee of City Property - Application from Commissioners of Poor for Bridewell ground - likewise the subject of a General Hospital, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 6<sup>th</sup> February

His Worship the Mayor brings to the notice of the City Council the subject of Broken Stone Establishment when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That Mr. Duvaugy be employed in Trucking Stones to the west of the Artillery Park at the rate of one Shilling and five pence per Ton and that a Contract with sufficient security on his part be immediately entered into which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved That the Commissioners of Streets of Ward No. 6 be authorized to clear the Campbell road in order to render it passable providing that the sum does not exceed the sum of Forty Shillings, and that the same be paid out of the general fund.

which on being put is passed.

The City Council proceed to the consideration of the Weighing Machine

Read Thomas Keating's offer for erecting a Weighing Machine:

Halifax Feby 24<sup>th</sup> 1846.

To His Worship the Mayor and the Members of the City Council.

Agreeably to Notice of a Resolution passed in the City Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant requesting from me the terms of a Lease of the premises the plan of which is before the Board I submit the following Statement:

(To)

— February 27<sup>th</sup> —

To a House in the Upper part of the Yard renting at £14	
do do Lower do do do	16
to car and tear of Scales	10
Rent for yard	35
Shed to be Erected over Scale	6
For forming another Gateway, removing fences out Houses &c	5
Total for Lease p annum	<u>£ 86</u>

Provided the City authorities shall think proper to grant the Proprietor the above sum of £86 p annum he on his part will give a Lease of said Premises, and make all the necessary Preparations. Lease to be 10, 15 or 20 years as the City Authorities may require.

Or Proprietor will find Scales and make all the above alterations according to Plan before the Board, and will bind himself to pay to the City Authorities the sum of Twenty pounds per annum, provided the City authorities will adopt his premises as the only May Market (authorized by the City) and allow him the same fee p Ton for weighing which is now received. Time of Lease may be stated at 10, 15, or 20 years as the City Authorities may require.

Thomas Keating.

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved That the terms proposed by Thomas Keating offering his premises for a May Market and to erect thereon a Weighing Machine which is at all times to be subject to the control and supervision of the City Council and to pay to the City the sum of Twenty pounds per Year for the exclusive use of said Weighing Machine for the weighing of May agreeably to his tender with the exception of the period of Lease, be accepted, and that proper Documents be drawn out binding the said Thomas Keating to keep the said Weighing Machine at his own expense at all times in proper order, and that said Premises shall not be used for any other purpose than as a May Market Weighing Machine and Country Market, and that a Draft of said Contract be submitted to the Council before being executed, and that the terms of Lease be for one year

which on being put is passed.

Read

Read the following Letter from Hugh Hartshorne Esquire:

Halifax 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1845

Gentlemen,

Captain Maynard having been given to understand that the Corporation have it in contemplation to erect Hay Scales in the South End of Gottingen Street near his property, and conceiving that if erected they would prove highly injurious to him, has instructed me to respectfully remonstrate against the carrying into effect such a measure if intended, and at the same time to intimate that he will oppose every resistance which the Law will permit to the erection or continuance of Hay Scales in that place.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant

(sg<sup>d</sup>) H. Hartshorne

Solicitor

Read an Act to be Entitled an Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber and to repeal certain Acts now in force when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Lumber Act as now submitted to this Council be laid before the Committee of the House of Assembly.

which on being put is passed

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the subject of Assessment made on Halifax Fire Insurance Company for 1842 when the following Resolution is introduced:

Whereas Her Majesty's Supreme Court have by a Rule of Court in the case of Halifax Fire Insurance Company vs the City of Halifax decided that the said Halifax Fire Insurance Company are not legally liable to be taxed upon the amount vested by them in England amounting to £10,000 which by said decision entitles said Halifax Fire Insurance Company to have deducted from their assessment for the year 1842 the amount of £15

Resolved, That said sum of Fifteen pounds be deducted from the amount assessed on said Company for City Rates viz £27.10.11 and that the City Treasurer call upon said Company for the Balance £12.10.11 and on nonpayment of said Balance to take such measures as the Law directs to enforce the same.

which on being put is passed

(Read)

February 27<sup>th</sup>

Read the following Communications from the Chairman  
of Firewards:

Halifax 16 January 1846

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose you two Extracts from the  
Records of the Board Firewards under date the 11<sup>th</sup> December  
and 14<sup>th</sup> January. Also a Copy of Report from the Committee  
appointed under a Resolution passed on the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant, to  
take into consideration a more efficient mode of working  
the City Engines at Fires. Also for an amendment to the  
present Act relative to Sweeping Chimnies throughout the City.

All of which I beg leave respectfully to submit for the  
consideration of His Worship the Mayor & City Council.

I have the honor to remain

To  
J. Clarke Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Halifax.

Yours obt<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
(signed) J. Lee  
Chairman  
Board Firewards.

"At a Meeting of the Board Firewards held on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst  
the Committee appointed to confer with His Worship the  
Mayor on the subject of the more efficient working of the  
Engines at Fires beg to Report

That after taking the subject into consideration they have come  
to the conclusion that the most effective aid for that purpose is  
to be derived from the payment of a Body of Men not exceeding  
One Hundred and fifty and that the City authorities be  
requested to place at the disposal of the Firewards a sum not  
exceeding Fifty Pounds for the present year to be called for  
only as required. In order to try the feasibility of this plan.

The Committee also beg leave to bring before the Notice of  
His Worship the Mayor and City Council a better and more  
efficient mode of Sweeping Chimnies throughout the City.

(signed) J. Lee (Chairman)

To His Worship the Mayor  
for the City Halifax.

of the Committee  
Halifax 16 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1846

Extract from the Records of the Board of Firewards  
Halifax N. S. January 14<sup>th</sup> 1846.

At a Meeting of the Board of Firewards held this  
day at the Engine Room: Present, J. Lee, Chairman, Arch<sup>d</sup> Spencill, W.  
G. Anderson, Mr Caldwell, Tho<sup>s</sup> N. Gaspie, John Epton, Dawflaw,  
Came in after the Roll call, John Longard, B. C. Breton, Nye Mignowity  
(James)



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No 5 Engine South West Corner Mason Hall  
 Henry Pryor, Fire Ward } Charles Robson  
 } The. Pauer  
 } John Longway  
 } Jas. Mitchell } Four Assistants

Dock Yard Engine  
 Assistant Fire Ward. Alex. McDonald  
 Joshua Bush

Committee of Management at Fires  
 Joshua Lee, Chairman  
 John J. Sawyer  
 Robert Romans  
 John Longway  
 Robert Richardson

Assistant Committee at Fires  
 John A. Pauer  
 John Cleverdon  
 Wm. J. Solomon  
 Ch. Murdoch

Fire Wards for duty generally

J. McGregor	William Grant
W. G. Anderson	John Fay
Hy. Mignowitz	George Epton
J. W. Merkel	A. L. West
B. C. Brehan	J. M. Chamberlain
Alex. G. Fraser	W. M. Brown
W. A. Silver	

Resolved, That a printed list of the above nomination be published, and that one hundred copies be printed one of which to be sent to all the Firewards and Officers connected with the Fire Department.

(Signed) Jos<sup>ph</sup> Lee

To His Worship  
 The Mayor for the City of Halifax.

Chairman  
 Board Firewards.

When the following Resolution is introduced:—

Resolved, that when emergency shall arise at Fires it shall be lawful for three Fire Wardens agreeing thereto, to employ a sufficient body of men to work the Engines and that expense incurred therefor shall be submitted to His Worship and defrayed out of the City funds by a check from His Worship the Mayor upon the City Treasurer.

which on being put is passed.

Read the following Letter from Captain Caldwell, Union Engine Fire Company, addressed to His Worship the Mayor, on subject of Engine Hose - when the following Resolution is introduced:

Halifax 20<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1846

My Dear Sir,

Nearly twenty years since the Halifax Fire Insurance Company presented to this town an excellent Engine which has been in active operation ever since. She is designated No 1 and a better piece of Machinery I never saw, but from age and constant wear many of her hose have become decayed and are no longer trustworthy. I wish to make an application to the City Council for about two hundred feet of new Hose which if granted will have to be imported from England and the probable cost will be from fifty to sixty Pounds Eng. We can avail ourselves of the opportunity which will be afforded by Gentlemen who are going home by the next packet to convey home two boxes or boxes as patterns to the makers and I can have the matter arranged with respect to the importation should you think it requisite to add this as one of the subjects for the City Council at their next Meeting. You will please to do so, and oblige your obt Servt,

(Signed) William Caldwell

To His Worship the Mayor.

Capt<sup>l</sup> Union Engine Company.

Resolved, That the application of Captain Caldwell be complied with in respect to the importation of 200 feet of Hose, and that Messrs Caldwell, Alderman Bygo & Mr. Sinclair be a Committee for carrying out the same.

Which on being put is passed.

Read the following Report of Committee on subject of Sealers of Leather which on motion is received, adopted and acted upon.

Halifax Feby 21<sup>st</sup> 1846

The Committee appointed at the Meeting of the City Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst to make enquiry respecting complaints against the Sealers of Leather met this day Present, A Sinclair, Chairman, Alderman Fairbanks, Jennings, Hermon and Councillor Black. Mr William Grant by request being sworn stated in general terms complaints regarding deficiency of weight in Stamped Sole Leather purchased by him.

The present Sealers of Leather Messrs Maxwell, Mc Murray and Hamilton being also present gave explanations. The Committee beg therefore to Report That no specific charges being substantiated against those City Officers leave their re-appointment to the wisdom of the City Council.

(Signed) A Sinclair, Chairman  
S. Hermon  
William B. Fairbanks  
J. Jennings  
P. E. Black

February 27<sup>th</sup>

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be requested to call the attention of the Sealers of Leather, upon their being sworn into office, to that Section of the Law which requires that all Sole Leather be in a proper condition according to Law, before being Sealed or Stamped by such Searchers or Sealers, and also to the penalty which may be imposed for infringing upon such Laws as are now in force regarding the Searching and Sealing of Leather.

which on being put is passed

On motion William Wiswell, Joseph Macmillan and Thomas Murray are appointed Sealers of Leather -

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That the Twenty five pounds remaining in the Treasurers hands from Mr. Gilbert's donation be applied to the purposes of Stone Breaking

which on being put is passed

The following accounts are ordered to be paid:

Thomas Adams . 11. 6

Palmer Inglis . 12. 6

The City Treasurers return of defaulters for City Rates is laid before the City Council, when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Return made by the City Treasurer of those sums due for Poor and County Rates be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

which on being put is passed.

Halifax March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1846

At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day  
 Present Aldermen Poyer, Caldwell, Jennings, Keenan, Taubank, Winter,  
 Messrs. Anderson, Cleary, Richardson, Thompson, Sinclair, Black, Mynors,  
 Hunter, Clarke, Creamer, Belling, and Rugg.

Read over the proceedings of 27<sup>th</sup> February,

Read over proceedings of 27<sup>th</sup> February - Read also 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
 & 31<sup>st</sup> Sections of the late Amendment to the Act of Incorporation  
 when the following order to the Assessors is read:

Office of City Clerk  
 Halifax 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1846

Gentleman,

Whereas the City Council have by a Resolution of 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
 last ordered 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. 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 upon the value  
 of the Real Estate whereof such Inhabitants shall respectively be  
 in the occupation and possession, regard being had to the rental of  
 such real Estate and for settling the value of such real Estate  
 you shall first ascertain by the best method and means in your  
 power either from the rent or rents then actually paid for such  
 real Estate or otherwise when necessary what is or would be the fair  
 bona fide Annual rent of such real Estate and you shall then  
 compute the value of such real Estate in all cases by reference to such  
 rent, calculating such rent as equivalent to ten per Centum or one tenth  
 of the whole value, and further upon such Inhabitants according to the  
 ability or capacity of every Inhabitant to pay and contribute towards  
 said Assessment. And in making any Assessment upon any Public or  
 private Banking Company or Fire or Marine or Life Insurance Company  
 or Association or Joint Stock Company or Body Politic or Corporate  
 whether they or any of them shall carry on business as a  
 Partnership or shall be established by any Statute made in  
 this Province or shall be established in any place out of  
 Nova Scotia, and shall transact their business by any President,  
 Secretary, Manager, Cashier, Agent or any other servant  
 by whatsoever name or title he or they may be called or  
 known as to the amount to be taxed or assessed upon such  
 Banking Company Fire or Marine or Life Insurance Company  
 or Association or Joint Stock Company or Body Politic or Corporate for  
 (the)

the ability or capacity thereof to pay and contribute towards any City or Poor Rates or Assessments beyond the Real Estate they shall respectively occupy or possess you the said Assessors shall have regard alone to the amount of the net profits or income derived by such Banking Company or Fire or Marine or Life Insurance Company or Association or Joint Stock Company or Body Politic or Corporate, and such net profits or income where you the said Assessors cannot otherwise ascertain shall be declared by the President of the Banking Company or Fire or Marine or Life Insurance Company or Body Politic or Corporate, or by their Manager or Secretary Cashier or Agent, or other the principal Officer conducting the business thereof within the City. Such declaration to be made before the Mayor or one of the Aldermen of the said City and in case of neglect or refusal to make such declaration after the party has been lawfully required so to do, then and in such case you the said Assessors shall ascertain and Assess the amount of such net profits or income according to your best discretion and ability. And whereas it may happen that persons shall be liable to assessments in different Sections of the said City, and doubt and dissatisfaction may arise as to the just amount of his, her or their ability or capacity those that are so rateable in different portions of said City shall not be assessed for his, her or their ability or capacity until the assessment on his, her or their Real Estate shall first be completed, and he, she or they shall only be assessed once in each general assessment for his, her or their ability or capacity unless the same shall arise through or by his, her or their being a Shareholder in some or one of the said Banking, Fire or Marine Assurance, Association or Joint Stock Company.

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.

To Messrs

John Watt }  
William Roche } (City Assessors)

- John Frier } Ward Assessor No 1
- William Full . . . . . 2
- Thomas Abind . . . . . 3
- John Epton . . . . . 4
- Davis Starr . . . . . 5
- John Klein } . . . . . 6

I have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt Servant

(signed) James J. Clarke  
City Clerk

(When)

When the following Resolution is introduced :-  
Resolved, That the Order just read be sent to the City and Ward Assessors without delay

which on being put is passed

Read the following Letter from Colonel Calder on subject of Windows in the old Fish Market:

"Sir, Colonel Calder presents his Compliments to His Worship the Mayor and begs to acquaint him that in furtherance of a General order of the Master General & Board of Ordnance it becomes necessary that he report the six Windows in the old Fish Market looking into the Commissariat Premises as an encroachment thereon, in consequence of their interfering with the security of those premises as well as tending to lessen their value.

Should Your Worship consider it indispensable to keep them open the Lt Colonel will request the Board's permission for doing so on the usual conditions namely the payment of 1/6th per annum for each as an acknowledgement of the Board's right to close them up by building against them or otherwise as the Service may require.

Royal Engineers Office  
Halifax N.S. 3 Feb'y 1846."

when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Recorder be requested to furnish his opinion respecting the subject of Colonel Calder's Letter on the subject of the lights in the fish Market.

which on being put is passed.

Read following Report of Committee of Public Property:

Halifax 20<sup>th</sup> March 1846.

The Committee of City Property beg leave to Report, That they have given due and legal notice to the various tenants to quit and give up possession of the same, & sent Notices to said tenants to make offers for renewal of their Leases - At a recent meeting rec<sup>d</sup> said offers most of which are at the same rate and somewhat a lower, but your Committee having rec<sup>d</sup> various offers of a much higher rate they deem it prudent not to make the same Public, and recommend the whole to be let at Public Auction, to be named by the Council and possession given on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May next - which your Committee most respectfully submit

(Sgd) Chas M. Healy, Chairman  
Henry Mignault  
Robt Richardson  
F. W. Clarke  
Edw Billing  
Arch Sinclair "

— March 23<sup>d</sup> —

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Report of Committee on Public Property be received, adopted and acted upon, and that said property be let at Public Auction on the second day of April next for the period of two years

which on being put is passed.

Read the following Extract from the Records of the Commissioners of Streets on subject of employing a second Superintendent of Streets:

Halifax, March 23<sup>d</sup> 1846

"Resolved, That application be made to the Council to employ an additional Superintendent for the Streets to be engaged for six months."

A true Copy

When the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the application of Commissioners of Streets for an additional Superintendent of Streets be complied with, and that they take such measures as they may deem most beneficial to employ a suitable Person for six months

which on being put is passed.

Read following Extract from Commissioners of Streets relative to encroachment of Mrs. Pebles Property in Upper Water Street, when on Motion the same stands over for consideration for tomorrow

The Council adjourn until tomorrow at two O'clock,

Halifax March 24<sup>th</sup> 1846

At an Adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day  
Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Bryn, Caldwell, Jennings, Hemmen  
Fairbanks and Muters. Messrs Anderson, Cleary, Richardson, Thomson,  
Sinclair, Black, Mignault, Hunter, Clarke, Billing and Rugg.

Read over proceedings of yesterday.

The City Council proceeds with the Business standing over  
from yesterday.

Read applications from the Commissioners of Poor for Precinct  
ground when the following Resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the application of the Commissioners of Poor  
for the Precinct ground lie over until next Meeting of the Council  
which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration  
the Extract of Commissioners of Streets on subject of Mrs Peckles  
Encroachment on Upper Water Street, when the following Resolution  
is introduced:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be  
deferred to the next Meeting of the Council, and that His Honor the  
Recorder be instructed to search for Original Grant or any later  
conveyance of Lot of Land now in possession of Mrs Peckles opposite Dock  
Yard Wall, to make Extracts to submit to the Council of such clauses  
as apply to the measurement and description of said property; and  
that His Honor the Recorder inform the Council whether any Law  
exists authorizing the empannelling a jury to value the property in  
question, and at which the City may take it if so disposed.  
which on being put is passed.

Read the following Estimate of Committee of City Property

Halifax 20<sup>th</sup> March 1846

An Estimate to repair the Public Property throughout the  
City of Halifax

To Slate the roof of the Magazine. The Building is 63  
feet Long by 10 feet wide, which will make 22 Squares & 68 feet at  
6/ per square will amount to £67-10-0

The Building a Wall across the Market Slip  
say 509 perches of Wall at 6/6 per perch with  
Materials will amount to £65-8-6

without Materials will amount to 95-8-9

To repair the Exchange Building say repair the  
lower Shops and the floors and Steps of the Main Stairs  
of the Building will amount to 30-0-0

To repair the Upper Fish Market will amount to 10-0-0

£369-2-3

(We)

We the Committee of City Property having examined the state of the various City Buildings recommend that the repairs heretofore mentioned be done, the Committee conceiving it absolutely necessary for the benefit of said Property, and also are of Opinion that the Building of the Wall across the Dock will be of great advantage to the City.

(Signed) Chas McHenry  
 Robert Richardson  
 J. W. Clarke  
 Hy. Meyowitz  
 E. Billing  
 Arch. Fincklan.

When the following Resolution is introduced:-

Resolved, That Specifications be prepared, and the repairs pointed out in the Estimate submitted by the Committee of City Property be forthwith completed by Contracts, and that Tenders for erection of the wall across the Dock be advertised for and submitted to the Council

which on being put is passed.

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

James N. Smith	£2.0.0
Payer & Murphy	10.5.10
Daniel McGuire	6.5.0
Edward Young	3.9.9

Read the following Report of Committee on Tenders:

The Committee appointed to receive Tenders for Work, Materials &c for the use of the City for the ensuing Year beg leave to Report

That they have caused Advertisements to be inserted in the Papers and also posted in Handbills requesting Tenders for the various articles required for the use of the City, and that the following Tenders have been received viz:-

— For Advertising —

Gossip & Coade in the Times	£7.0.0
The Guardian	7.0.0
J. Mearns in the Journal	6.0.0
W. Cunningham Morning Herald	6.5.0
A. J. Ritchie Register	5.5.0
Ritchie & Nugent in the Sun	5.0.0
English & Blackman's Asiatic Recorder	5.0.0

For Printing

	Blankets		Handbills	
J. Munro	2/3	p quire	2/1 1/2	p set
Gossip Hall	2/3		2/6	
English & Blackadar	2/		3/	
Wm. Cunnabell	2/		2/2	
James Power	1/10		2/3	
Ritchie & Nugent	1/9		2/	

For Lumber

	Pine		Spruce		Hemlock		Scantling	
	Mer.	Refuse	Mer.	Refuse	Mer.	Refuse	Sawed	Un-sawed
J. & J. A. Bauer	55/	32/6	47/6	30/	35/	25/	12/6	10/6
Thos. Adams	80/	40/	55/	27/6	37/6	25/	7/6	12/6

For Iron Work

	Iron	Steel	Wrought	Cast	Sheet	Plate	Flange	Angle	Channel	Truss	Beam	Column	Roof	Truss	Beam	Column	Roof	Truss	Beam	Column	
John Martin	4	8	1	7	8	4	1/2	2	1/9	5	9	7									
Matthew Young	5/10	5		3		3															
Mitchell & Taylor	3 1/2	5	7 1/2	3	7	3 1/2	1/3	2/	7		4										
B. Smithers	5 1/2	3 1/2	7	5 1/2	7	2 1/2	1/	2/6	7	4	5	1/									
S. Caldwell	5 1/2	3 1/2	6		7	5 1/2	10	2/	7	3	5	7									

For Ironmongery

	Shovels		Spirks		Lent Nails		Wrought Nails						
	Devon	Steel pointed	16	16	16	16	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Black & Brothers	15/	20/	3 1/2	3	7 1/2	7 1/2	3 1/2	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	11		
Albro & Co	15/	21/	3	3	8	7 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	11	3 1/2		

For Wheelwrights work

	Wheelbarrows	Shovel handles	Sawed dills	Pick axes + Sledge handles	Hammer handles	Fitting
D. Stevens & son	23/	8	1/	7	7	3

For Stationery

	Pott paper	Poolscap	Quills	Steel pens	Ink powder
C. M. Kenzie & Co	15/	23/	6/6 to 8/6	5/6 to 10/	11/ p doz

and other articles in proportion as may be seen on reference to the Tenders.

Your Committee therefore have to Report that the Tenders of the following persons are the lowest viz:

- For Advertising, Messrs Ritchie & Nugent in the "Herald" and Messrs English & Blackadar "Acadian Recorder"
- For Printing, Messrs Ritchie & Nugent
- For Lumber, Messrs J. & J. A. Bauer.
- For Iron work, Mr Samuel Caldwell
- For Ironmongery, Messrs Albro & Co
- For Wheelwrights work, Messrs D. Stevens & son.
- For Stationery Messrs C. MacKenzie & Co

They therefore recommend that the said Tenders be accepted. All of which is respectfully submitted - Halifax March 5<sup>th</sup> 1846.

(Signed) William B. Fairbanks, Chairman.  
 Daniel Creamer  
 Robert Richardson  
 Arch. Sinclair.

— March 24<sup>th</sup> —

When the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved, That this Report just read of the Committee for examining Tenders be received, adopted and acted upon

which on being put is passed.

Read the following Report of Committee on subject of City Treasurer's returns of Taxes for 1845:

The Committee of Public Accounts to whom was referred the returns made by the City Treasurer of those sums due for poor & county rates for the Year 1845, beg leave to Report, that they have carefully examined said Returns and find the amount of Assessments, exclusive of that on the Banks & Insurance Companies, uncollected up to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1846, is £257.7.10 - from this sum your Committee are of opinion that about £40 will yet be realized, leaving a Balance of £217.7.10 due by very poor persons and by parties who have left the Province.

The amount assessed on the Banks and Insurance Companies remaining unpaid is £152.0.6

Halifax March 23 1846.

(Signed) B. E. Black, Chairman

Daniel Creamer

Chas McLeary

Edw Pettig

C. D. Hunter

James Thomson

The following Resolution is next introduced:

Resolved, That Patrick Connors be summoned to appear before the Mayor and Alderman of the week to enquire into the reasons how his assessment has not been paid, and Report the same at the first Meeting of the Council

which on being put is passed.

Read Petitions of John Roach and James O'Donnell on subject of their Assessments, when on motion said parties are relieved.

The following Resolutions are next introduced:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer furnish the Council with Statements of Assessments now due by the various Banks and Insurance Offices, whether suits are pending for the same the offers made by said Establishment, and also all other suits now pending in Her Majesty's Supreme Court for Taxes unpaid from 1841 to December 1845

which on being put is passed

(Resolved)