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Cornwallis Ward Nos beg to approach Your Honorable Body and state the great necessity that exists for a main Sewer in said Street that Your petitioners suffer very much by the overflowing of their Cellars by Water, Spring and Fall and also from means to carry off the surface Water ————

Your petitioners humbly suggest that that it is the only way in which they can be relieved from said inconvenience and which very much materially improve the Street ————

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Sig John Fegarty — \$ 1.10.0
 Gen Sutherland — 1.15.0
 James McHue — 1.15.0
 Wm Finlay — 1.0.0
 The Democrat — 1.0.0 \$ 7.0.0

Read Petition of Inhabitants of Albion and Cornish Street for a main Sewer ————

Petition for
 Drain in
 Albion and Cornish
 Streets

Copy) ———— We the undersigned Citizens residing in Albion and Cornish Street Ward Nos. beg to approach your Honorable Body and state that great necessity exists for a main Sewer in Cornish Street. that Your petitioners suffer very seriously by the overflowing of their Cellars with water Spring and Fall and therefore hope that you will take the case into your favorable consideration, and grant such assistance as may be necessary for the completion of said Sewer ————

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen

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Jeffery Mottler —	\$ 2.0.0	Nathaniel Sym —	\$ 0.5.0
Patrick McKee —	1.0.0	McLeod —	0.2.6
W J Woodice —	3.0.0	D. Mitchell —	0.2.6
W J Fanning —	1.0.0	Taylor —	0.10.0
James Wearing —	0.10.0	Smith —	0.10.0
Mr Harrington —	0.10.0	John Connors —	—
Robt Donald —	0.10.0	John Fother —	0.10.0
Dennis Arseny —	0.10.0	Wm Williams —	0.5.0
McNaghra —	0.10.0	W Roberts —	0.10.0
Derelin —	0.10.0	Coleman —	0.10.0
Delaney —	0.10.0	A McLean —	1.10.0
Mr Guinaw —	0.5.0	John Williams —	0.5.0
John Shields —	0.5.0	The Philips —	0.15.0
Wm J. —	—	James These —	0.5.0
Comm Street Ward 5 —	—		<u>\$ 17.0.0</u>

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Read following petition of Inhabitants of
West side of Gottingen Street for a Sewer

Petition for
Drain in
Gottingen Street

(Copy) In consequence of great inconvenience arising
to the inhabitants on the West side of Gottingen Street by a
continual overflow of water from the back grounds, not only
injuring their properties but also rendering the Street almost
impassable from the great quantities of water passing over its
surface, in order therefore to remedy their inconvenience it
is proposed to cut a Drain from the Corner of North Street
on the upper side of Albin's Barn and for accomplishment
of which purpose the sums appended to each name we
promise to pay

Andrew McKindlay	£ 5.0.0	Mr. Cullen	£ 1.10.0
Mr. Humphrey	4.0.0	Henry Washington	Oldby Lane
Mr. McLean	3.0.0	Thomas Brown	3.0.0
Mr. A. Hearn	3.0.0	Peter Kenny	2.10.0
Arthur Anderson	2.10.0	John Dalley	1.10.0
J. S. Smythe	2.10.0	Mr. A. Roche	2.0.0
Patrick Mahan	2.0.0		£ 31.10.0

M. S.
— Street Comf. —
— Ward No 5 —

Read following Petition of Inhabitants
of Lockman Street for a Sewer

Petition for
Drain in
Lockman Street

To His Worship the Mayor and
Aldermen

We the undersigned owners of Property
and residents in Lockman Street Ward No 5 beg to approach
your Honorable Body and state the great necessity that exists
for a main sewer in said Street. That your Petitioners suffer
very much from the overflowing of their Cellars by water
springing and fall and also for means to carry off the surface
water. Your Petitioners humbly suggest that it is the only
way in which they can be relieved from said inconveniences
and which would very materially improve the Street

Subscribed 17th April 1850

By Henry Carlisle
and 21 others

Read following ^{Report} of Commissioners of Streets
on said several applications

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Extract from Minutes of Commissioners of
Shelb June 24th 1850

Report of
Com^{rs} of Streets
relative to
foregoing Petition

Having taken into consideration the several
petitions relative to Drains

On Motion it was resolved that as soon as
the different applicants shall subscribe and pay into the
City one half the amount required for the completion of
these drains. The commissioners recommend the City Council
to advance the other half

Resolution
adopting
above Report

When the following resolution is introduced
Resolved that said report be received
adopted and acted upon and that the City will advance
the requisite funds upon an Estimate furnished by the overseer
of the probable amount of the cost, and that the same be
approved of by the City Council, and the amount subscribed
for be certified to have been paid by the Commissioners of the
Ward. which on being put is passed

Petition of
Horticultural
Garden Com^{rs}

Read Petition of Horticultural Garden
Committee when on Motion the same is received and ordered to lie
on the table

Bye Law
Licensed Houses
2nd Time

Read Bye Law relative to Licensed Houses
the second time, when following resolution is introduced

Resolution
Bye Law
to be engrossed

Resolved that the Bye Law just read do
now pass and that the same be fairly engrossed and submitted
to the Council at its next meeting, which on being put is passed

The subject of the removal of Engine at
Masonic Hall stands over on Motion for next meeting

The Petition on subject of new Line of Road
at North West Corn. stands over on Motion for next meeting

The Report of Committee on subject of
assessment for 1849 as entered last meeting p 306 is read

Read following Statement of Committee
relative to amounts due for assessment due for 1849

The Committee

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The Committee on Assessment for 1849
 for which payment is refused, would recommend
 That a compromise be made with the
 following Estates for such sums as the parties may be willing to
 to pay

Estate of John Brown	taxed	£6.3.9	
"	John James Tobin	"	28.3.9
"	John Tucker	"	4.7.11
"	J ^r Almon	"	3.7.5
"	Shafferts	"	0.13.9
"	M ^r Nichl Tobin	"	1.7.6
			<u>44.14.1</u>

That Payment of the following be enforced

W th agent	National Loan Life Ins ^o Co.	£20.7.6	
David Stan	Protection Insurance Co	1.6.2	
	San Life Insurance Co	2.15.0	
W th Praser	United Kingdom Life Ins ^o Co.	20.1.6	
	Union Marine Ins ^o Co	79.2.8	
	Steam Boat Company	24.1.3	<u>147.14.1</u>

That George El Bissett pay upon Real Estate only £1.13.0

That Thomas Murney pay upon Real & Personal
 Estate agreeably to affidavit £1.3.3

That the following be abandoned

Pelican Life Ins^o Co. the having been no profits for Wth Barro affidavit £22.0.0
 Estate J^r Wallace 2.17.11

The above Life Insurance Companies have been taxed
 agreeably to the nett Premiums received, or profits made in their Business
 agreeably to the affidavits of the respective Agents

The Union Marine Ins^o Co on their Dividend
 declared January 1849

By George P Mitchell C^o.

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report be received and
 handed to the City Treasurer to act upon, which on being put
 is passed

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the City Treasurer be authorised
 to borrow the sum of one hundred and two pounds 12/8 to
 enable him to meet the amount required for the payment
 of Engine Horse, which on being put is passed

Read

Report of
 Committee
 rel to Assessment
 due for 1849

Resolution
 said Report rec^d

Resolution
 to borrow £102.12.8
 to pay for Engine
 Horse

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Read following memorial of Inhabitant
of Ward No 5 relative to violation of the Lords Day

Memorial
Ward No 5
violation of the
Lords day

To His Worship the Mayor and The
Honorable the Members of the City
Council

The Memorial of the Undersigned residents
of Ward Number Five of this City Respectfully sheweth

That a large number of idle Boys lost to all
sense of decency and proper conduct make a practice of
assembling in different parts of Ward No 5, and are in the
habit especially on Sunday afternoons and evenings of using
the most obscene language, fighting Stencing Dogs, insulting
passers by &c &c to the desecration of the Sabbath and to the
inconvenience and annoyance of the Inhabitants

That many of Your Memorialists have
repeatedly witnessed on Sunday evenings between Curards
Wharf and the Dock Yard fight between Soldiers, Sailors
and boys, whereby large crowds are collected and the
neighbourhood disturbed

That many of the undersigned living in
Water Street from the riotous noise and disturbance on
Sunday evenings feel compelled to remain at home for
the protection of their families

In other Cities much larger than our own
Citizens are not disturbed by these scenes and in Boston where
the Population is ten times that of our own order is maintained
on the Lords day

Your Memorialists are by no means desirous
to curtail any of the proper amusement of Youth at proper
seasons, but they trust that Your Honors will adopt measures
to put a stop to conduct which is disgracefull to a civilized
Community

Your Memorialists therefore trust that
Your Honorable Body will give this matter your serious
Consideration and adopt some measures whereby the
evils complained of may be removed

Halifax 5th June 1850

By A L West
and 43 others

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the foregoing Petition be referred to
the Aldermen of the Wards and that they be requested to
obtain the additional assistance of a Special Constable
for the

Resolution
above Petition
referred to Aldermen
of the Ward

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for the purpose, and that the Council will provide for the expenses at the rate of _____ per day and that the Aldermen of the other Wards do the same for a period of two months, which on being put is passed _____

Read following letter from Secretary of Water Company of 111 instant _____

Halifax Water Company Office _____

June 14th 1850

Sir _____

Communication
from Water Coy
rel to use of
Fire Plugs

I have to acknowledge the receipt from you of "Extract from Minutes of City Council of date 31st May last" which has this day been laid before the Board of Directors, and have been requested to return to you the following answer in accordance with their Minutes viz _____

"That neither Mr Shannon nor any of the directors have ever given authority to use the Fire Plugs. Since they were laid & placed under the control of the City Council and that they are willing and desire that parties offending be prosecuted"

Authority has been given to draw water from the plug at the Common only the Property of the Company _____

I have the honor to be

H. Clarke Esq
City Clerk

Yours obed^t Serv^t
J. S. Shannon Secy

Read following Memorial from Inhabitants of Ward No 5 for additional Hydrants _____

Memorial
Ward No 5 for
an additional
Hydrant

The Citizens residing in that part of Halifax comprised within the limits of Ward No Five most respectfully solicit the attention and consideration of the Mayor and Aldermen composing the City Council _____

We have witnessed during the past summer much distress, and some of us have felt severely the privation of a sufficient supply of water - The assurance that the small quantity afforded would be augmented the present summer, has hitherto prevented us from troubling you with our complaints. Your sense of justice will cause you at once to perceive and acknowledge that this large Ward containing one third of the Inhabitants of the City has _____

Not

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not received (in the distribution made) one half the quantity of water to which it is entitled as a fair proportion, and we would be negligent in the performance of that part of the duty of Citizens, which you expect of us, were we to remain discontented and not fairly to place our claims before you, feeling assured that you only require to be informed of "the well understood wishes of the people interested" preparatory to relieving their wants if practicable.

Six additional Hydrants we consider as not too many to ask you for, and suppose that number may be obtained for the small sum of Forty Pounds. It will be found practicable (of which we have no doubt is entertained) that Fire Plugs may be used as Hydrants also, an additional security against Fire may be thus obtained without any expense to the City. The sum paid last year for Pumps we are informed was nearly one hundred pounds.

When we take into consideration the cost of digging Wells, buying pumps, repairing them, cleansing the Wells and that frequently, and the water they yield being impure and unwholesome to drink, and sometimes not to be obtained from them, we must come to the conclusion that in future they may be dispensed with wherever the water from the Lake can be obtained.

With the hope that an application for the six Hydrants or Plugs, may obtain your entire approbation and that you will permit us at your very earliest convenience to have the pleasure of returning you our sincere thanks, while we are gratefull in drinking the pure water from the same.

Most respectfully

Yours obedt Servt

Sr Joseph Bennett
and 131 others

Read following report of Committee on subject of additional Hydrants

Salisbury June 5th 1850

The Committee to whom the Council referred the subject of granting additional Hydrants for Ward No 5 and for appointing situations where they should be placed in such Wards as require them, met this day

Resolved that Three additional Hydrants be granted in Ward No 5 one of which to be placed at the foot of Cornwallis Street, the other near Eagles Corner Gillingham Street

Report of
Committee
sub. additional
Hydrants

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Street, the kind as may be afterwards determined, in the upper part of the road

All of which your Committee most respectfully submit to the Consideration of His Worship the Mayor, and City Council

L. M. Roche
Chairman

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
Report Com^{tee} of
Hydrants
received

Resolved that the report be received and that the Committee have leave to add to the report one additional Hydrant for Ward No. 5, that two Hydrants be located in Ward No. 6 in such situations as may hereafter be agreed upon, the additional Hydrant in Ward No. 5 to be placed between South and Genish Street in Göttinger Street, which on being put is passed

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolution
Committee
for placing Hoses
near Fire Pumps

Resolved that a Committee of One Gentleman from each ward be appointed to obtain information as to the most eligible places for putting a hose near the various Fire Pumps, the suitable amount it will cost and report thereon, and that they be requested to consult with a Committee of Five Wards on the subject and that Messrs W. G. Anderson, Smithers, Caldwell, King Johns and J. H. Anderson be the Committee, which on being put is passed

Read following resolution of Board of Health relative to the Building of a Hospital on Rock Head Farm

Extract from Minutes of Board of Health

Resolution of
Board of Health
Hospital at
Rock Head
Farm

Resolved that it be recommended by this Board to the City Council to have a Building erected upon Rock Head Farm to be used as a Hospital for the reception of Transient persons who may be brought to the City afflicted with Contagious diseases

True Copy

C. Bolton Secretary

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
Committee rel
to above Resolution

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the resolution of the Board of Health and report thereon and that Alderman Taylor, Mitchell, Braine, Wate, Roche and King be that Committee which on being put is passed, The

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The following resolution resolution is next introduced

Resolution to erect a Shed on Rock Head Farm

Resolved that the Committee in Charge of Rock Head Farm together with Alderman J. Anderson and Mundeck be a Committee to erect a temporary Shed for the accommodation of the Business at Work at the Rock Head Farm for a sum not exceeding thirty pounds that they obtain a specification of said Building and the Estimate for the same, and have the same completed which on being put is passed

Read following Communication from Water Company relative to removal of Hydrant in Ward No. 6 Brunswick Street

Halifax Water Company Office
June 24th 1850

Sir

Communication Water Com's rel removal of Hydrant Ward 6

I have been requested by the directors of the Halifax Water Company to write to you on the subject of the Hydrant in Brunswick Street Ward No. 6. The Directors would like to have the privilege of placing it at the end of their present excavation being at a distance of 40 feet from the site pointed out where it could be put up at once and afford an immediate supply of water to the neighbouring Citizens. If the City Council should agree to this, and take it as one of the Hydrants required to be furnished by the Company, the Directors will be willing to remove it hereafter, if required, to the site pointed out by the returns sent in to the Company when the rock excavation in the Street is completed

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^t Serv

J. J. Shannon
Secretary

Yours
The Mayor

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolution rel to above Communication

Resolved that the application of the Water Company be complied upon condition that the Hydrant be placed down as reported upon and pointed out by the Committee by the 1st day of October next. which on being put is passed

Bye Law Hydrants and Fire Plugs 1st time

Read Bye Law relative to Hydrants and Fire Plugs First time

The following

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The following resolutions are next introduced

Resolution
 to employ a person to
 take charge of
 Prisoners at
 Rock Head

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be
 authorised to employ a person to assist in taking charge of
 the Prisoners at work at Rock Head Farm at the rate of 3/-
 per day, which on being put is passed

Resolution
 Broken Stone to
 Comm^{rs} of Street

Resolved that the Broken Stone belonging to
 the Bridewell Establishment, as likewise the Stone breaking fund
 be disposed of to the Commissioners of Street for the different Wards
 in equal proportions at the rate of one penny half penny per
 Bushel, and that the Keeper keep a distinct account of the same
 which on being put is passed

Resolution to
 survey Road
 from Kline's to
 A. W. Lane Bridge

Resolved that application be made to the
 Surveyor General to have the line of Road surveyed from the
 Farm belonging to the late Mr. Kline to the Bridge at the Head
 of the South West Arm, which on being put is passed

The Council adjourn until tomorrow at
 Ten o'clock

Henry Taylor
 Mayor
 J. P.

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen M. Anderson, Laidlaw, Mitchell, Braine, Smithers, Cabot, Watt, Caldwell, King, Mundick, John Roche, Ruby and J. H. Anderson

Read over proceedings of yesterday

The following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Committee of Fire Flugs and Hydrants have authority to make arrangements with the Water Company, to make the new Hydrants to answer the purpose of Fire Flugs, which on being put is passed

Read Bye Law relative to Licensed Houses a Third Time, when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Bye Law just passed be transmitted to the Secretary of the Province requesting the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Council which on being put is passed

Read following communication from Water Company City Assessors

Halifax 24 June 1850

Gentlemen

In consequence of the very unsettled state of the weather and the impracticability to complete the assessment within forty five days the time limited by the Law, and having now completed Ward No 14 and as the Council is empowered to extend the period. We have to request that the City Council will be pleased to make the assessment returnable on the 24 July next one month from this date by which period we will be enabled to return the same

By Patrick Mahony

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Resolved that the Application of the City Assessors be complied with and that the period for making the return of assessment for this year be extended to the 24th July next, which on being put is passed

Read following Letter from Mr. Harbours Relative

Resolution Bye Law Licensed Houses

Communication from City Assessors for Extension of time

Resolution City Assessors time Extended

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June 25 Relative to introduction of water into the City from Peck Wick Lake

Halifax June 24th 1850

H. Henry Poyer Esq
Mayor of the City of Halifax
Dear Sir

Letter from
C. W. Fairbanks
Introduction of
Water from
Peck Wick
Lake

You will please tender to the members of the City Council my most grateful thanks for the certificate they have granted me. Permet me to suggest the utility of appointing a committee of the Council to examine certain plans relating to the introduction of a supply of water into this City from a large lake called the Peckwick lake, which lies west of Halifax the Half way House on the Windsor road. The lake is about 2,000 acres in area and perhaps 300 feet above the level of the tide. I consider this project worthy of the serious attention of the City Council. The day may come when the City authorities may desire to have in their hands the control of a supply of water. The Peckwick lake is ungranted and if found available as a fountain head it would be the duty of the City Fathers to take the proper steps to prevent the lake becoming the property of any Company or private Person.

This project may at the first sight appear to be a visionary one. I would ask some of the present members of the Council to remember the manner in which they treated me when I suggested them to consider the plan which now supplies this City with water. Do they not regret their sad want of forethought would it not be better did the water works belong to the City. The expenditure of a few pounds will enable you to decide what you should do in this matter.

I would wish you to understand that I shall expect to be paid for any services I may render you in my professional Character

I am
Yours truly
Charles W Fairbanks
Civil Engineer

Resolution
Com^{te} appointed
to take above
Letter into
Consideration

When the following resolution is introduced
Resolved that a Committee of three Aldermen be appointed to take into consideration the above letter and report thereon to the Council which on being put is passed

M^r. Alderman Roche having submitted the following statement and resolution relative to forming a
existing

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June 25 a sinking fund to pay off the debt of the City

Notice having been given of determination to move a resolution in the City Council, that a sum annually appropriated as a sinking fund until the debt of the City for which the interest is paid by assessment on the real and personal estates of the Citizens be paid of

Resolution and Statement of Ald Roche rel to Sinking Fund

Sufficient time having elapsed for each member of the Council to give the subject his attention, and to form an opinion as to the advantage and practicability of relieving the Corporation in this way from the liabilities which their predecessors have imposed on them. It will not perhaps be deemed too confident an assumption, to suppose they would all wish the debt removed, and the Corporation maintained economically, and independantly on its own resources

This object the advantage of which is acknowledged but the practability of which at one time appeared doubtful, a recent event has almost compelled us as prudent managers of fiscal affairs, to adopt immediately

The sum of Three Hundred per Annum will be required for the Pension funds in the future assessment

It is proposed to transfer this with one hundred pounds added, making the sum of Four Hundred Pounds, in the next and future Estimate, with which to commence paying off the oldest Stock Certificates and so to continue until the whole are discharged

In accordance with these views I will ask leave to move the following resolution

Resolved that the sum of Four hundred pounds be henceforth annually appropriated, and paid from the general funds of the City of Halifax to the Creditors of said City holding Stock Certificates until the whole be redeemed

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the resolution introduced by Mr Alderman Roche relative to forming a sinking fund lie on the table for the future consideration of the Council which on being put is passed

Resolution above Statement lies on the table

Henry Poyser
H. Poyser

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman H. G. Anderson, Lavalan, Mitchell, Pranic, Tom McKib, Smithers, Cabot, Matt. Caldwell, King, Mordoch, Taylor, John Kiche, Jennings, King and W. Anderson

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the report of the Committee on Subject of a Hospital, the appointment of a City Delegate relative to the Eastern Rail Road, and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 25th June

Read following Report of the Committee on the Subject of a Hospital

Report of
Committee on
Subject of
Hospital

The Committee to whom was referred the Recommendation of the Local Board of Health respecting the erection of a Hospital, beg leave to report, that they have given to the Subject their most serious consideration, as they believe it to be one in which the interest of their fellow Citizens are deeply involved and also a matter well calculated to excite the sympathies of all those who have compassion for the afflicted

It has long been a reproach to Halifax that no Institution has been provided for the reception of those poorer Classes of our population when suffering from sickness, other than that afforded at the Poor Asylum, and that when contagious diseases have been introduced, there has been no Building ready for the reception of those diseased

The want of such accommodations has heretofore on several occasions, been the cause of much distress and loss of life in the Community, for had there been a suitable place available, where medical and other aid could have been at once obtained disease would have been nipped in the bud, and in numerous instances, its progress would have been checked and the malady confined to those with whom it originated, instead of being allowed to spread its direful ravages through the City

The amended act of Incorporation authorizes the City Council to appropriate from the General Funds of the City, a sum not larger than £500 in any one year for the purpose of providing a Hospital and suitable accommodations, for sick inhabitants of the City, in case of the introduction or spreading of any infectious disease

As sound policy dictates the propriety of being prepared beforehand for such an emergency, as that contemplated by the Act: Your Committee earnestly recommend that

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That immediate measures be taken to commence the erection of a plain and comfortable building, of sufficient size to accommodate from 80 to 100 persons and that the sum of \$450 at the least be expended thereon in this, and a similar amount next year, as by the expenditure of \$400 the City will become entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury the sum of \$200 which has been guaranteed by a resolution of the House of Assembly, so soon as the former amount has been raised for the purpose of a Hospital —

With such a Building at their disposal the Local Board of Health could at once provide accommodation for any who might unexpectedly be brought to our shores affected with contagious diseases, and would likewise avoid a comparatively useless outlay of money in hiring and fitting up temporary Hospitals, an item of cost which is by no means unimportant, when circumstances make such an expenditure necessary —

In the cost incurred in providing for sick immigrants, the Board of Health would have a just right to claim reimbursement from the Legislature, and if the charges were not exorbitant, there is little doubt, but that a Grant would be passed, for the sum demanded —

As Rock Head Farm has been suggested as a suitable site for the Building, your Committee have turned their attention to this point, and although they are of opinion that it would be a desirable location if no better could be procured, yet, owing to its distance from the City proper, they would prefer a more central situation, and with this view, they therefore beg to recommend as a more eligible situation, the plot of ground, bounded on the East by the Power Road, on the South by Bush Street, on the West by Summer Street, and on the North by Morris Street, containing Eight Acres and seven tenths. This site is much nearer to the thickly settled and business portions of the City than Rock Head Farm and is at the same time sufficiently isolated and distant from the residences of the Citizens. The situation is airy and pleasant and as both it and the surrounding grounds form a portion of the Common, no fear need be entertained that the immediate vicinity will ever be blocked up with Houses —

If the Council should approve of this Report and action be taken upon it, it will be desirable that in fixing the site (let that be where it may) and obtaining a plan for the Building, due regard be had to the probability of its enlargement at a future day. That the City of Halifax

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Halifax will eventually possess a Hospital in some measure commensurate with its importance as a Seaport Town and the extent of its population is beyond a doubt. The projected Building should then occupy such a position and be so constructed, that wings might be added to it, when the necessary means can be obtained; or it might be so planned that at some future time (which it is to be hoped is not far distant) it would itself form one of the wings of a spacious General Hospital, such as the Citizens of Halifax would have just reason to be proud of —

Respectfully Submitted
To: John Naylor Chairman
George P. Mitchell
John King
Melrose Wharne
John Vane
W. Roche not present with etc

Committee Report
July 13/1856

Report received

When the following resolution is introduced —
Resolved that the report just read be received and acted upon, to which the following amendment is introduced —

Resolved that the report just read be received and acted upon, with the exception of the site, which amendment being put is lost. No voting for it and fifteen against it —

The original resolution is then put and passed —

The following resolution is next introduced —

Resolved that the same Committee be empowered to carry into effect the foregoing report, plans and specification for the erection of the Building, and submit the same to the Council —

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the propriety of appointing a Delegate on the part of the City to proceed to Portland, when the following resolution is introduced —

Resolved that the City Council appoint a Delegate on the part of the City to attend the Convention in Portland on the 31st Instant, for the purpose of considering the best means of promoting a line of Railroad from the frontier of the United States to Halifax, which on being put is passed —

Resolution to appoint a Delegate to Portland

Resolved

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Resolution
A Mayor Mayor
Delegate

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be the Delegate Chosen by the City Council to carry out the foregoing resolution, which on being put is passed unanimously

The Petition of W. S. Almon and others relative to a continuation of a line of Road on the East side of the North West Arm is taken up when the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
rel to Road
East Side N W
Arm

Resolved that the Petition of W. S. Almon and others for the continuation of a line of Road on the East Side of the North West Arm, be referred to His Honor the Recorder to report upon, whether if the City Council issue an order agreeable to 28 Section of 13 Victoria Chapter 4. they will not be compelled under the original act 5 William 4th Chapter 69 to carry out the completion of said Road, which on being put is passed

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the removal of the Engine House at the Masonic Hall, when the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
rel to Engine
House at Masonic
Hall

Resolved that the Board of Fire wards be requested to appoint a Committee to select a site for said Engine House and report thereon to the Council, which on being put is passed

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration the practicability of making the Fire Plugs and Hydrants available for both purposes, when the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
rel to Combining
Fire Plugs with
Hydrants

Resolved that Mr Alderman Mundock be appointed a Committee to ascertain whether it is practicable to alter the Fire Plugs and Hydrants in such a way as to be made to answer for both purposes, and the probable amount is will cost for each, which on being put is passed

Read following letter from Mr Henry G. Hill for Blue Clay to be taken from the Common
Hill
July 11th 1850

Letter from
H. G. Hill
for Blue Clay
from Common

Having a large contract to execute for Government. I respectfully beg to request that you will be pleased to obtain permission for me to be allowed to take
as many

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as many loads of Blue Clay from the Common. (which I cannot obtain permission elsewhere) to make tight my dam and I will engage to put three loads of earth in place of every two loads of Clay which I remove. and you will oblige

Wm Henry Poyer Esq
Mayor of the City of Halifax

Your humble servant
Henry G Hill

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolution
granting H G Hill
Blue Clay from
Common

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Common be permitted to comply with the request of Mr Henry G Hill (not exceeding twenty five loads) he giving an additional undertaking on his part to comply with conditions set forth in his letter. which on being put is passed

Notice to be given for applications for
situation of measures of Wood

Read following communication from the
Secretary of Water Company relative to Fire Plugs and Hydrants
being completed

Halifax Water Company Office
July 9th 1830

Communication
from Water Compy
Fire Plugs &
Hydrants
Completed

Sir I have the honor to inform you by order of the Board of Directors that the whole number of Fire Plugs and Hydrants contemplated by the act viz 18 Hydrants and 25 Fire Plugs were laid down and that the keys of those Fire Plugs which have been recently completed will be handed in to the City Authorities this day

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant
G. S. Shannon Secy

Read following report of the Committee
relative to Peck Hook Lake

Report of
Committee rel to
Peck Hook
Lake

Halifax June 25th 1830
A resolution having passed the City Council this day appointing a Committee to take into consideration the letter of Charles Faulkner Esq and report thereon The Committee proceeded to the Surveyor Generals Office and there obtained the following information
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Lake Pockwock is ungranted. The minimum price for a Grant is ten pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence

The Lake is seventeen miles in a direct line from the Centre of the City. It is four miles in length and of an average breadth of three quarters of a mile. The Water is deep. Half of this lake is in the County of Hants, the remainder is in Halifax County. The length of Pipe to bring it to the City would probably be seventeen miles. The land to Home at Dutch Village is pretty level

The Committee now beg to place this information before His Worship the Mayor, and the Council awaiting their instructions, to procure a Grant if they deem it proper to do so, or otherwise

They take the liberty to recommend that immediate application be made for the Grant

Your obedient Servt
S^r W. Roche
W. Caldwell
Wm. Johns

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that a Grant of the Pockwock Lake be obtained and of the land under the same, and also for a Portion of Land adjoining the same, and that the Committee be requested to obtain the same without delay, which on being put is passed

Resolution
to obtain a Grant
of Pockwock
Lake

On Motion the following amounts having been approved of by Committee of Public accounts is ordered to be paid by Checks on City Treasurer

Halifax July 15th 1830

The Committee of Public Accounts met this day Present Alderman Caldwell, Mitchell, Ring Naylor and the Chairman

Report
Committee of
Public Accts

The following accounts were submitted for inspection, which having been duly examined we recommend be paid

The City Clerk's Exp Disbursements for Police Court	£ 12. 11. 5 ¹ / ₂
The City Bridewell Balance April	6. 19. 3 ¹ / ₂
ditto May	13. 16. 2
ditto June	25. 19. 3 ¹ / ₂
Gas Co Account - for Police Office	3. 3. 0
	£ 62. 9. 2 ¹ / ₂

S^r W. Roche
Chairman

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Read following report of Committee on Subject of affixing Hoses to Fire Plugs

Report of Committee affixing Hoses to Fire Plugs

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of obtaining information as to the most eligible Situation for placing hoses near the various Fire Plugs and the probable cost of the same beg to Report that with respect to the first inquiry your Committee are of opinion that there will be no difficulty, but with respect to the second and most important the probable cost for a hose and branch for each Fireplug will be the Committee believe about \$300. a sum they do feel justified in recommending to the City Council at the present time to grant, as the Citizens have had to pay a large amount the present year for Hoses, and the Engines require all they have to keep them in a state of efficiency. Your Committee further beg to state that in their opinion if the proposed plan could be carried out, it would be an improvement on the present system, all of which your Committee beg to submit for your consideration

Signed W. G. Anderson Chairman

Waldwell

Mr Johns

Mr King

S. H. Anderson

Ben Smithers

Salisbury July 15th 1850

When on motion said report is received

Petition of P. Grant for Drain Ward 1 Lie on Table

Read Petition of Peter Grant and others for a Drain in Ward No one, when on motion said Petition is received and ordered to lie on the Table

Henry Fenger Mayor
J. P.