

December 22  
1862

The City Council next proceed to elect Firewards and Fire Constables when the following Gentlemen are elected

Firewards

Ward 1	John D. Nash James B. Smithers Alderman Compton	Ward 4	James Isles Alderman Pauster Mie Kearny Jun
Ward 2	Samuel R. Caldwell Alderman Dunbar James Reeves	Ward 5	Henry B. Reed Peter Hogan Alderman Ackhurst
Ward 3	Thomas Walsh James Duggan W. C. Moir	Ward 6	John Mumford Robert Davis George E. Ritchie

Fire Constables

Ward 1	James Chaddock James Smith James Cordwell Thos Mitchell	Ward 4	Thomas Brackett Thomas Reyno Michael Fowler Peter Clark
Ward 2	William Smlay William Holland George Parker Mie Keating	Ward 5	John Mc Farbridge John Mulrony William Esson John K Bent
Ward 3	Francis Bacon John M Dewolfe Charles Mott Charles Kerr	Ward 6	Peter Arts Brenton Harrington John Flinn John W. Marven

on motion Alderman Ackhurst resigns his office as Fireward and Robert Taylor appointed in his place

on Motion the Council rise

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Donald Fraser is this day sworn into office as Captain of  
the Night Watch in presence of His Worship The Mayor

Jeremiah Connel	Eduard Mc Dade	John Scully
William Hartt	Thomas Cass	John Mulrooney
David Warry	David Redmond	John Sheehan
James Wilson	William Craig	Timothy Burns

are this day sworn into office as Watchmen for the City in presence of His  
Worship The Mayor

December 24

John Romkey . James Syrral . George Pickle  
Michael Mc Grath . Richard Gallagher . John Kelly  
Thomas Evans & Timothy Sumey are this day sworn  
into office as Special Watchmen in presence of His Worship The Mayor

December 26

John Hoare . James Webb & Thomas Reyno are this day  
sworn into office as Sealers of Leather in presence of His Worship The Mayor

December 27

James F Burnham . William Doyle are this day  
sworn into office as Weighers of Hay in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Robert Harris and Daniel McPherson are this day  
sworn into office as Fence Viewers

Henry Spike is this day sworn into office as Surveyor  
of Lumber in presence of His Worship The Mayor

December 29

William Newcomb and John Mooney are this day  
sworn into office as Inspectors of Fresh & Pickled Beef & Pork

John McPherson & James Sutton are this day sworn  
into office as Surveyors of Lumber

1863  
January 12th present

At a Special meeting of the City Council held this day  
His Worship the Mayor Alderman Hill. Compton Jmlay Mr Cullock  
Dunbar Meagher. Ackhurst. Egan. Boggs. Coleman. Freeman. Jallister  
Leahy. Conway. Roche. Meynell. McKay and Jennings

Read over the proceedings of the 22. Dec 1862

The City Council were summoned to appoint a City Assessor  
and the transaction of other business

Alderman McKay Chairman hands in Report of Committee  
of City Prison received

Alderman Conway Chairman reports from Committee of Sunders  
for printing and Stationary received

Also report of Committee of Sunders relative to the £1000  
for Side Walks received

Alderman Meynell hands in a Report from Committee  
of Taxes received

Alderman Mr Cullock hands in a Report from Committee  
on Slaughter Houses received

His Worship the Mayor submits a communication from  
Peter Arts. Fire Constable. also

Annual Statement from Commissioners of Poor. also  
Two communications from Dr Forrester Superintendent of  
Education. requesting permission to be heard before the City Council

Alderman Ackhurst hands in a report of Committee  
of Public accounts. received

Read Report of Committee of City Prison. submitted  
Committee Room. 7. Jan 1863

Committee of City Prison met. present Alderman Hill and  
Mr Cullock Conway & the Chairman

The following accounts were examined and found to be  
correct

Report of Com.  
of City Prison.

1 Charles Barnstoa	23. 00	12 Mrs Keating	4. 56
2 Jor Conway	6. 45	13 P. Sage	4. 50
3 John Dooly	17. 60	14 Jas Butler	45. 00
4 C Appleton	18. 3/2	15 John Hogan Sons	3. 50
5 Mrs Thomas	5. 20	16 Mrs. Con & Morrow	1. 50
6 J. & E. Kenney	8. 00	17 John Hugh	1. 90
7 George Bolton	11. 42	18 Jas Cochran & Co	60. 00
8 A. M. Leach	4. 00	Cash purchases by	
9 J. A. White	9. 00	Commissioner	19. 26
10 W. & Hunter	2. 50		27. 07
11 W. A. Purton	8. 22		

January 19th Salaries of Underkeepers

1862

John Kennedy \$15	Rich Omeara \$15	Thos Baker \$15	254.07
Anne Wilson \$3	Geo Kelly \$13.33	McGeer \$15	45.00
			34.33
			333.40

M. H. Pichey Chairman

where the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the accounts of the City Prison just read be paid, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw a Cheque for the same moved by Alderman Conway. Seconded by Alderman Inlay which on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee of Tenders relative to printing and advertising for the City

Committee Room 30. Dec. 1862

Committee of Tenders met this day present Alderman Egan Meagher Inlay, Odeman, Pichey & the Chairman

110 1	H. W. Blackadar for advertising in Acadian Recorder per square \$	40
2	Croskie & Gourmont per square	23
	Continuance	6
3	Compton per square	24
	Continuance	6
4	Ritchie & Dugger per square	20
	Continuance	5
	Hand Bills per set	
	H. W. Blackadar	30
	Compton do	27
	Shank Farms per Quire	
	H. W. Blackadar	27
	Compton do	30

The Tender of Ritchie & Dugger being the lowest for advertising in Sun Paper tri weekly and the Tender of H. W. Blackadar being the lowest for advertising in the Acadian Recorder weekly paper the Committee would recommend those tenders be accepted they also recommend the tender of H. W. Blackadar for Shank Farms, and that of Compton do for hand bills be accepted. the tender of H. W. McKinlay being the only tender for Stationary they recommend the same be accepted

Jeremiah Conway Chairman

On Motion said Report is adopted

Report of Com. of Tenders for Loan of \$1000

Read Report of Committee of Tenders on subject of Loan for \$1000 for Side Walks

On Motion said Report is adopted

Alderman Compton hands in a Communication from Commissary General relative to giving up the Brick Hospital received

Read Report of Committee of Public accounts Submitted this day

Alderman's Office Dec 29. 1862

The Committee of Public accounts met this day present Alderman Conway, Meynell, Ballister & the Chairman. the following accounts were submitted for examination to

Report of Com. of Public Accs.

January 12th Fire Department

1863 William Ryan 2.60  
 Albn & Co 11.50  
 Gas Co 24.90  
 Phil Stanington 5.30  
 E.W. Chapman & Co 4.50  
 Geo Ashmore Contractor 208.15 \$256.55

City  
 Wages Ross 1.90  
 Jas Burns 5.75  
 Pat Lyons 8.67  
 Robt Burger 12.25  
 Gas City Lamps 2235.04  
 Gas Co. Coat House 82.20  
 R. F. Poome 11.25  
 R. S. Poome 19.50  
 Compton & Co 200.00 2607.19  
 Total \$2863.74

The Committee have to report for the information of the Council, that they have examined the above accounts with theouchers, find them correct, and recommend that the amounts be paid by: William Ackhurst. Chairman  
 The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Report from Committee of public accounts be received and adopted, and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw Cheques and pay the same. Moved by Alderman Ackhurst Seconded by Alderman Leahy which on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee of Taxes Submitted this day  
 Committee Room 2nd Jan 1863

Report of Com. of Taxes.

Committee on Poor Taxes & City Rates met this day present Alderman Meryher, Pruester, Hill and the Chairman  
 By request W. Ryan Mery appeared before the Committee to explain relative to his assessment, when upon taking an affidavit as to the value of his stock &c on the 1st June 1861, and stating that the date of 1862 in his petition was an error, the Committee recommend that an abatement of £1500 should be made on his personal property

The Petition of Miss Wallace was considered, and as this Committee find that she was not the owner of the House in Morris Street at the time of assessment recommend an abatement of £3.14.1

The Petition of James Adgood was considered, but this Committee could not give him any relief

William Calmans petition was read and considered, but the Committee find they cannot grant him any relief

The list of unpaid City Rates for 1861 handed in by the Treasurer was considered, and they recommend that a competent person be appointed by the Council with legal power to collect the amounts therein named, and who should be allowed a Commission on the amount collected

The Petition of W.D. Jollet being left to the Chairman for further investigation, as to the question whether he was a weekly or yearly tenant, such investigation was therefore made in company with the assessor, and we find that petitioner was a yearly tenant, and consequently his assessment is just

Sy. C. D. Merywell  
 Chairman

January 12th A Motion is made that the said Report be adopted to which the following 1863 amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Committee upon Taxes be approved of in so far as regards the appeals on Taxes, and that the remainder of the report be deferred for future consideration

Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Paulester, which on being put is passed

Com. from Revd Mr. Forrester.

Read Communications from Rev W. Forrester of St and St Old on subject of Education

A Motion is made that the Rev Gentleman be heard before this Council, to which the following amendment is introduced

Having heard the letters from the Rev Dr. Forrester read. Be it Resolved that the Council will be happy to receive any communication on the subject of Education, or any proposal he may have to submit to the Council

Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Imray which on being put is passed

On motion Friday next at 3 o'clock is the hour appointed for the Rev Gentleman to address the Council

The City Council next proceed to the order of the day and the appointment of a City Assessor

Read application of Mr Cross and John L Barry. the votes are taken. when there appeared for John L Barry 17 votes and for Augustus L McCain 1 vote. John L Barry is therefore elected City Assessor for one year

On motion the Council rise

John L Barry is Elected City Assessor one year

January 14th

John L Barry is this day sworn into office as City Assessor for the ensuing year in presence of His Worship the Mayor

William Caldwell is this day sworn into office as a Weigher of Hay in presence of His Worship the Mayor

John McDonald for Ward No 6 and James Seddy for Ward No 3 are sworn into office for their respective Wards to which they are appointed

Coratia Sullen for Ward No 5 and Thomas Pushee for Ward No 4 are sworn into office as Fire Constables for their respective Wards

January 16th 1863

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Compton, Inlay, Hill, McCulloch Dunbar, Meagher, Akhurst, Egan, Boggs, Coleman, Ferneman, Paalster Conway, Roche, Meyner, Pritchey and Jennings

Read over proceedings of 15. Jan.

The City Council were summoned to receive Dr. Forrester's address, and the transaction of other business

Dr. Forrester addresses the Council. Subject Education

Dr Forrester addresses the Council on the subject of when the following Resolution is introduced

Having heard the dissertation on Education by the Rev Dr Forrester Resolved that the thanks of this Council be given to the Rev Dr for his very eloquent and instructive address moved by Alderman Roche. Seconded by Alderman Jennings which on being put is passed unanimously

The Council proceed to Elect Fire Wardens and Fire Constables

The City Council next proceed to Elect Fire Wardens and Constables to fill vacancies by persons disqualified when the following Gentlemen are appointed

John McDonald and Edward Longard are appointed to fill the office of Fire Wardens for Ward No 6

James Luddy is appointed Fire Ward for Ward No 3

Edgar Dodson is appointed Fire Constable for Ward No 2

J. P. Woodbridge is appointed Fire Constable for Ward No 3

Horatio Sellon is appointed Fire Constable for Ward No 5

Thomas Bushel and Frederick Bosson are appointed Fire Constables for Ward No 4

Douglas M Storey and Peter Brush are appointed Fire Constables for Ward No 6

On motion Joseph Murphy is relieved from the office of Ward Assessor. He being Captain of No 1 Steam Fire Engine

Alderman Ferneman is appointed Presiding Officer to hold the Election to fill the vacancy

Report of Special Com. on Slaughter Houses

Read Report of Special Committee on Slaughter Houses on motion the same lays over for next meeting of Council

On motion the Council rise

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His  
Worship the Mayor. Alderman Compton. Hill. McCulloch. Dunbar. Magher.  
Ackhurst Egan. Funneman. Conway. Roche. and Pichey

Read over proceedings of 16th Jan 1863

Report of Com. of  
City Property. of City Property

Alderman Hill Chairman hands in a Report of Committee

Alderman McCulloch Chairman hands in a Report of  
Committee for amending the laws

Alderman McCulloch, Chairman hands in a Report  
of Committee of Streets on Mess Northrup and others communication relation to Side  
walks

Petition of J. Costen

Alderman Ackhurst hands in petition from J. Costen

Alderman Magher. Chairman hands in a report of Committee  
of Hacks & Trucks with draft of Ordinance

Memorial from  
J. G. Craigen

His Worship the Mayor hands in Memorial from J. G. Craigen  
Clerks of Streets - also

Quarterly Return of Clerk of Licences. also

Despatches from the Duke of Newcastle to His  
Excellency the Lieut Governor, acknowledging the receipt of the address  
to Prince of Wales and answer thereto

Downing Street 2<sup>d</sup> January 1863

My Lord

I have the honor to request that you will acquaint  
the Mayor and Corporation of Halifax that their address to the Prince of Wales  
which was enclosed in your Despatch No 106 of the 11<sup>th</sup> ultimo has been forwarded  
to His Royal Highness  
Lieut Governor

By Newcastle

The Right Honorable  
the Earl of Mulgrave

Buckingham Palace January 2<sup>d</sup> 1863  
Lieutenant General Knollys has had the honor of  
laying before the Prince of Wales, the address of the Mayor & City Council of Halifax  
and he has been commanded to express the pleasure His Royal Highness has  
experienced at receiving the address.

for Ward No 6

Morton G Black is next appointed a Fire Ward

for Ward No 3

Joseph Croskell is appointed Fire Constable

Thomas McCulloch and J. M. Mergeson are  
appointed Fire Constables for Ward No 6



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Read Report of Committee of Hacks & Trucks

Committee Room, Caucus July 12. 1863

The Committee on Hacks & Trucks

met this day and adopted the following Resolutions

Report of Com. of  
Hacks & Trucks.

Resolved that every Licensed Cabman within the City upon being applied to at any time between sun set and sun rise shall without delay put himself or driver and Cab at the disposal of the party so applying under a penalty not to exceed four dollars

also be it Resolved that any Licensed Cabman within the City engaging to be at any place within the limits of the City at any hour whether by day or night, and neglecting to be punctual in complying with said arrangement, shall upon conviction of said neglect be liable to a fine not to exceed four dollars unless it can be proved that a more serious loss has been sustained by the party or parties requiring his services, in which case he shall be liable for such damages as the law may allow and also for said fine

John Meagher Chairman

Read Ordinance relative to the same a first time  
Read the same a second time

Read Report of Committee on Slaughter Houses

The Committee to whom the petition of the inhabitants of the various Wards of the City, against the allowing of Slaughter Houses to remain within the limits of the City was referred

Report of Committee  
on Slaughter Houses

do leave to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council

That they have duly considered the application of the petitioners and find that the existence of a Slaughter House is a nuisance to the whole neighbourhood in which it is situated, and that much of the sickness at that time so prevalent in the City, had its origin in some of the pestiferous localities around several of the more extensive Slaughter Houses within the bounds of the City, many of which are placed near the dwellings of the poorer classes, and in the most densely populated localities and that the absence of drainage and other sanitary precautions, render their removal a measure of the first necessity for the preservation of the public health and the prevention of disease.

The Report of the City Medical Officer Dr. Jupper clearly points to the Slaughter Houses as a source of disease and refers to the taint and infection of the atmosphere in places at such a distance from the scene of operations, as renders it impossible to permit places so detrimental to the health of the Citizens to remain within the bounds of the City, longer than it is possible to provide for their removal, so that greater evils than those that have arisen from this cause may be averted.

The Committee beg to state that on the fullest consideration of the interests of the parties who will be affected in their business relations by any change in the situation of Slaughter Houses, and the claims of the People to protection from injury from any cause which can be traced to so tangible a source as that arising from the existence of Slaughter Houses, are of opinion that they should be removed, either into a suitable Building erected for the purpose, where proper arrangements under the most approved system can be organized, so as to secure cleanliness, and the inspection of Animals brought to the Shambles, so as to prevent diseased Cattle from being used as food, or they may be removed without the limits

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 Limits of the City leaving it to individual enterprise to provide for the requirements of the trade - or an act may be obtained and a place provided where the same supervision may be exercised as would be had within the City limits under the existing law in order to require information of a practical description, the Committee decided to inspect the various localities around the City that were considered to be available for the purpose of erecting a Public Slaughter House on, so as to secure the desired conditions requisite for such a business, and on a minute examination of the various localities referred to are of the opinion that there are only two sites available and convenient for the erection of a Public Slaughter House, viz at Richmond near the Narrows, where a suitable building might be erected on piles over the water, and where the swift current and the tides would carry off all the offal and keep the place sweet and clean.

Over the site of the Tannery owned by the heirs of the late St. Leger on the shores of Peaford Basin, between the 3 & 4 Mile Houses, on this site there is ample room for the erections of barns for shelter, and a fine stream of water could be retained and a conduit constructed extending through the Culvert in the RR Road to the Basin through which all the offal could be run, and a constant flow of water being kept up the utmost cleanliness might be maintained. Cattle landed from the Prairie at the four mile house or at Richmond Station would only have a short distance to travel from either station - or the Authorities if that site was chosen, might be prevailed upon to construct a station opposite the site.

These suggestions are submitted because the Committee felt that to recommend the removal without supplying any other information would only cause delay, and as they are not wedded to any scheme, but desire to remove a public nuisance in as speedy and effectual manner as possible.

They are further of opinion that in view of the lateness of the season and the time required to perfect the necessary alterations, the Council should fix a day, on which every Slaughter House in the City, should be closed and the buildings removed or converted to other uses, so as to make it impossible for any of them to be used as formerly.

It is also recommended that application be made to the Legislature to repeal the act given leave to any person or persons to erect Slaughter Houses in any part of the City, except the City decide to erect a Public Slaughter House within City limits for which a special act should be prepared.

The Committee beg leave to recommend the 1. May 1863 as the day on which all the Slaughter Houses within the limits of the City should be finally closed as by that time sufficient preparations could be made to carry out the change recommended or such of them as may be approved by the Council without injury to the persons concerned in the trade.

The Committee consider that the subject is comprised in the following propositions, the decision of which would simplify discussion and test the opinion of the Council.

First Shall the existing Slaughter Houses be closed on the first of June

Second. Shall it be left to private enterprise to provide for the wants of the trade outside the limits of the City if not shall a Public Slaughter House be erected

Thirdly Shall the necessary buildings be erected within or without City limits

Fourth in what locality

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The details of management and provision for the erection of the Building and necessary fees to be paid, are subjects of detail that do not enter into the affair until the Council shall decide whether public or private effort is to provide the Building that will be required should the Council approve of the suggestions contained in the report  
By John McCulloch. Chairman

Read Communication from W. A. Hendry relative to a Site for Slaughter Houses

Com. from  
Mr. Richards.

Read Communication from Mr. Richards on the subject ofodorizing Animal Substances

Mr. Richards being present addresses the Council on the subject

On Motion the thanks of the Council is unanimously tendered to Mr. Richards for the valuable information imparted by him to the Council

The following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that all the Slaughter Houses in the City shall be closed on the first day of June and that all the Proprietors of said places be notified of the same

Moved by Alderman Egan seconded by Alderman Conditon which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to consider the regulations necessary for the management of a Public Slaughter House, and to confer with any private parties who may be disposed to enter the Erection of a Public Slaughter House, on the most convenient site they can find suitable for that purpose within the City limits

Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Poche which on being put is passed.

On Motion the former Committee on Slaughter Houses are requested to carry out the objects of the foregoing Resolutions

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the City Architect be directed to furnish this Council with plans and specifications of a City Slaughter House on some modern system and the probable cost thereof, without delay, under the direction of the Committee just appointed  
Moved by Alderman Conway and seconded by Alderman McCulloch which on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee of Streets Submitted this day

Streets Office Halifax 2 July 1863

The Street Committee beg leave to report that having received the two accompanying letters from Messrs Northrup & Sons and John Parker Junr. asking for Granite Curbing, Sand & Gravel, upon the same terms as other Citizens are supplied they passed the following Resolution

Resolved to submit the Letters of Messrs Northrup & Parker to the Council and request that a Resolution be passed giving the Committee power to extend the limits from West Corner in Buckingham Street to Argyle Street thence along the East side of Argyle Street to Leeds Street

on Motion said Report is adopted By J. M. Cullough Chairman on Motion Council adjourn

Report of Com  
of Streets.

February 6th  
1863

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day  
Present His Worship The Mayor. Aldermen Compton. Smlay. McCusock Dunbar  
Magher. Ackhurst. Egan. Pogg. Coleman. Greenman. Leaky. Conway. Roche  
Meynell. Pichey and Jennings

Read over proceedings of 2nd February

The City Council were summoned to take up the business  
standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business

Alderman Ackhurst Chairman hands in Report of  
Committee of Public accounts

Petition of George  
Mitchell & others

and others for a drain in Spring Gardens

Alderman Smlay hands in petition of George Mitchell  
of B.C. Cakes on motion the Alderman has leave to withdraw the same

Alderman Pichey Chairman Reports from Committee  
of City Prison

His Worship The Mayor hands in 2 Communications  
from Chairman of Water Commissioners

Alderman Jennings hands in draft of an act for the  
further restriction of Wooden Buildings within the City

Read report of Committee of City Prison  
Committee Room 4th Feb 1863

Report of Com.  
of City Prison

At a Meeting of the Committee of City Prison held this  
day the following accounts were examined and found correct and are now recommended  
to the City Council for payment "See Report on file". Amounting to £448. 13.  
when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report of Committee of  
City Prison be received and adopted and His Worship The Mayor be authorized to draw  
Checks and pay the accounts contained in the report. Moved by Alderman Ackhurst  
Seconded by Alderman Jennings, which on being put is passed

Report of Com. of  
Public Accts.

Read Report of Committee of Public accounts  
Alderman's Office Feb 5th 1863

The Committee of Public accounts met this day present Alderman

Conway. Compton. Meynell and the Chairman

City	\$ 1093. 09
City Property	4. 50
do Market House	32. 82
Job Market	3. 52
	1136. 91

The Committee Report that they have carefully examined the vouchers representing  
the above amounts, and find them correct and recommend that they be paid

The Committee respectfully call the attention of the Council to the system of  
advertising. this item of Expenditure is very large, and in order that proper Economy  
may be exercised they would strongly recommend, that in future no advertisements  
be published in any papers, but those advertising for the City by Contract unless the law  
requires otherwise

The Committee also beg to call attention to the mode of Reporting  
the Proceedings of the Council. they do so in consequence of an account for a  
Quarters Salary to the Reporter for that service

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The Committee are of opinion that inasmuch as there is no provision in the Estimate for the Reporters Salary. the Office was virtually abolished, and therefore cannot recommend the payment of the account.

Sir W. Aekhurst "Chairman"

Resolved that the Report of Committee of Public accounts be received and adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw checks and pay the same  
Moved by Alderman Aekhurst. Seconded by Alderman McCulloch  
which on being put is passed

On motion the account of the Reporter be handed to the Committee of Public accounts to report upon

The following Resolution is next introduced

Whereas for several years past no application has been made by this Council to the Representatives of the City in the Provincial Legislature for this City's proportion of the money granted to the County for the making repairs and improvement of the Roads therein

Therefore be it Resolved that the Committee of Streets be instructed to hold a Conference with the Members elected by the Electors of Halifax to attend to their interests in Parliament, and the County Members of Halifax, in order that such distribution be made of the Provincial Grant to the County as they may agree upon, to be expended upon those great Roads which commence at the centre of this City, and connect with the great Roads of this County and other Counties of this Province

Moved by Alderman Pocke. Seconded by Alderman Dunbar  
which on being put is passed

Read Communications from Chairman of Commissioners of Water Supply of 29th & 30th Jan'y.

Com. from Chairman of Commissioners of Water Supply

By the 15. & 19th Sections of the act relating to Water supply, it is required of the Commissioners, that the amount which may be needed to make good any deficiency in the assessed rates, to meet the yearly interest due on debentures shall be submitted to the City Council in writing on or before the first Monday of February in each year. in order that such deficiency may be included in the estimate for the current year

In accordance with the law I have therefore to inform your Worship and the City Council that it will probably require fifteen hundred pounds in addition to the income from Rates to meet the requirements of the present year that is from 1. July 1862 to 1. July 1863

I may remind your Worship that the Council was well aware there would be such deficiency, as will appear from the Report of the Special Committee 11. Dec 1861

For various reasons, it was deemed advisable at that time to make the rates as low as possible, and it was with this view the Committee recommended and the Council agreed to include one thousand pounds in the general assessment for the past year, as this was not done, and as we had no power to increase the rates, the deficiency remains unprovided for, and to this must now be added a proportionate deficit for six months for the present year. The amount expected from the assessment, has been realized, but as I have intimated, it was not in the power of the Commissioners, without the consent of the City Council to levy larger Rates, and thus obtain more from that source

I can well understand why the proposed contribution of £1000 was not included in last years assessment, no doubt it was thought the assessment would be sufficiently large without it, but as it is quite probable the same motives will prevail upon the minds of the Chairman of Public accounts in making