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City of Halifax
Council Minutes

May 8, 1863

to

February 18, 1867

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present
Alderman Insley, Hill, McCulloch, Dunbar, Meagher, Cockburn, Cagen, Boggs,
Coleman, Peuster, Leahy, Conway, Meynell and Jennings

Ad. Alderman Meynell is appointed Chairman

Read over proceedings of 25th April

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

Alderman Conway in absence of the Chairman
hands in report of Committee of City Prison received.
also report of Committee of Sunders relative to repayment
of old street loan

Alderman Hill Chairman hands in report
received

Alderman Cockburn Chairman hands in
received

Also Report of Committee on printing of Water
Company accounts

The Chairman submits report of Committee of
Also opinion of His Honor the Recorder
relative to Mrs. Jervis claim

Also 2 Communications from Clerk of the
Peace, relative to County assessment and asking a Conference

Also letter from Attorney General relative
to release of prisoners from Rockhead

Read Report of Committee of City Prison
Submitted this day

Committee Room 7th May 1863
Committee of City Prison met

Present Alderman Hill, McCulloch, Coleman, Conway and the Chairman

The following accounts were submitted and examined

1	Boys & Pass	\$8.05	Underkeepers Salaries	
2	Ch. Barnstoa	14.25	Thomas Baker	\$16.76
3	Joseph Darby	14.00	J. Kennedy	15.00
4	John Eden	21.00	J. Mahan	15.00
5	W. C. Selver	14.30	W. Cooper	14.34
6	John Lewis	28.30	Geo Kelly	13.33
7	Richard Lurry	15.60	Ann Wilson	2.00
8	J. McDonald	6.40	Dan Donnaven	4.15
	Cash Purchases of Commissioner	28.33		\$ 93.81 1/2

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A request from the Committee of Streets for the use of Horse Cart and some men to assist in repair of road leading from the prison to the City was considered and granted

It was found necessary to repeat the order to the Governor of the Prison, that no prisoners be permitted on any pretence to have the use of Tobacco in any shape

Alderman McCulloch reported that a portion of the City Prison grounds had been let to Mr. Alex Knight under an arrangement made by Alderman Hill Commissioner for April for fourteen dollars for the season, the arrangement was confirmed, but the Committee expressed the opinion that the field should not be let in future years

The Commissioners with Chairman authorized to employ J. Downman to attend Horse Cart at \$8 per month for the summer season

Alderman Hill Commissioner for March reports having received from Governor of City Prison and sundry forty four dollars and twenty cents and disbursed \$28.33 leaving a balance of fifteen dollars and eighty seven cents which was handed over to Alderman McCulloch, the incoming Commissioner

Res. rel to
paying of

By M. H. Pichey Chairman when the following Resolution is next introduced Resolved that the accounts just read relative to the expenditure of the City Prison including wages to be paid, and that the Presiding Alderman be requested to draw cheques for the same.

Moved by Alderman Conway. Seconded by Alderman Imray which on being put is passed

Res. rel to
City Assessor

The following Resolution is next introduced Resolved that the City Assessor be directed to forthwith commence the valuation of the real and personal Estate in the City of Halifax, liable to a assessment

Moved by Alderman Jennings Seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed

in on
Daxes

Read Report of Committee on Taxes
Committee Room J. May 1863

Committee on City Rates and Poor Taxes met this day present Alderman Conway, Hallister, Hill, Roggs, Meagher the Chairman the Communication from 800 Startshorn, relative to taxes on Property occupied by U. S. Government, together with the opinion of His Honor the Recorder, being read it was

Resolved that the question be referred back to the City Council

Mr. Stirling's letter being read it was resolved that the question of the assessment of the Union Bank together with the letter of the Cashier of the Bank be referred to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion

By Ed. Meynell
Chairman

Read the opinion of His Honor the Recorder, relative to assessment on Buildings hired by the Government

when the following Resolution is introduced Resolved that the City Treasurer be directed to take such steps as to enforce payment for all taxes due by the War Department to the City and incurred by them, on account of renting property from Veterans. Moved by Alderman Conway Seconded by Alderman Jennings

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which on being put is passed of voting for the same and 5 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Resolution			against it		
Alderman	Ackhurst	Smay	Alderman	Egan	Coleman
	McCulloch	Conway		Leahy	Bozys
	Hill	Senning		Duntar	5
	Meagher				

Read Communication from W.S. Sterling Esq Cashier of Union Bank relative to Taxes

On Motion the portion of the Report respecting thereto is adopted

Read Report of Committee of Taxes

Read Report of Committee of Public accounts
Committee Room May 4. 1863

The Committee of Public accounts met this day present Alderman Conway, Muznell, Compton, Fallster McCulloch and the Chairman the following accounts were presented for examination

Board of Health	\$209.99
City Water Commission	455.29
City	71.05
	\$736.33

The Committee beg to report that they have examined the above accounts and find them correct and recommend that the same be paid

By Wm Ackhurst, Chairman
when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Committee on Public accounts be adopted and the Presiding Alderman be authorized to draw checks and pay the same

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee on Printing Water

Committee Room May 8. 1863

The Committee of Public accounts have to report for the information of the City Council, that they have ascertained the lowest price of printing the Reports of the Water Commission in the newspapers and in pamphlet form, and refer the Council to the two following tenders to

Patrick Stulger for publishing in the Sun Newspaper forty dollars and for two hundred fifty copies in pamphlet form \$10

Hugh Mackadar for publishing in the Seaside Recorder Newspaper \$30 and in pamphlet form \$4 for hundred copies

Respectfully Submitted for the City Council

By Wm Ackhurst Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the tender of Hugh Mackadar for printing the report of the Water Commission be accepted for publishing in the Recorder only and in pamphlet form

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed

Com. of Public ac^{ts}

be adopted

Com on Printing Water Commission report

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The following Resolution is introduced

Whereas it is desirable for the widening and improving of upper Water Street, a portion of the property opposite Mr O'Neill and Mr Cunard's, should not again be built upon

Be it Resolved therefore that the Committee of Stalls inquire into the title, and have power to acquire the same as may be necessary either by treaty or otherwise for the use of the City

Moved by Alderman Mr DeLoock, seconded by Alderman Bill which on being put is passed

Report of City Property

Read Report of Committee of City Property
Committee Room 7, May 1863

The Committee of City Property beg leave to report for the information of the City Council that on the 21st of May 1863 they advertised by Hand Bills in the City and along the shore, that the Stalls in the Fish Market would be drawn for in the City Court Room on the first day of May at 12 O'Clock noon in the usual manner, and on the day and hour appointed for the drawing of said Stalls the Chairman and Clerk was in attendance in the City Court Room, and immediately called the attention of the Fishermen and others interested to the advertisement when the names of 100 was entered for drawing, as soon as that was complete and about to draw, one of the number got up and asked if it was the intention of the Committee to adhere to the prices which they advertised and set on each Stall, the Chairman informed them that the Committee had unanimously agreed to adhere to the prices as advertised, when they heard this announcement they refused in a body to draw and immediately stood aside

Your Committee consider the price put on each Stall as very moderate for the accommodation of those who deal in the fish business. Say for the very best Stalls on the West entrance 10 in number £5 was asked for each which is under 5/- per day and for the remainder 34 Stalls 4/- each was set or about 1/2 per day

The Committee here would beg to call the City Councils attention to this fact, that the Citizens have to pay a large and increasing tax for the support of this Market namely for repairs - for keeper - for Water Rates, for rags, Brooms, Buckets &c - for sustaining the Slip and it will be necessary for to dredge the dock (so say some of the Fishermen) that they may be able to get in at the Slip. It also would here mention that some extensive repairs will be required on the Building, on the Stalls and on the Floors, and we would here mention that a large portion of the time of the Chairman and Committee which is constantly called upon for the repairs of said Building. Bucket. Hose. Brooms &c and various other matters connected therewith as well as to sustain order and Cleanliness

Your Committee have not the power to let the Stalls on any terms than those described by an Ordinance of the Council

Your Committee would suggest that a clause be added giving the Committee power to let by auction or otherwise as shall be considered best for the public interest - The Market has been kept open for convenience of the Public until the Council shall determine

Sig. A. G. Hill, Chairman
when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be empowered to let the Fish Market Stalls in the mode they may think best, and that a previous Resolution on the subject of the Fish Market be rescinded

Moved by Alderman Hill seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is now introduced

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Resolved that notice be given to papers advertising for the City that a vacancy has occurred in the department of Gauger of Oil, and that applications will be received at the office of the City Clerk for the purpose of filling up such vacancy until the 16th May inst at 12 O'clock noon

Moved by Alderman Conway Seconded by Alderman Looby which was

being put is passed

Communication
from
Clerk of
Peace

limits

Read Communication from Clerk of the Peace relative to Gaol

Office of Clerk of the Peace
Newport 25 April 1863

Sir

The Sessions have appointed a Committee of Justices to confer with the City Council relative to the extension of Jail limits in Newport and I have to request that you will be pleased to bring the Subject to the notice of the City Council

If the Council should be favourably disposed and appoint a Committee the Justices will be glad to hold a conference and will make the necessary application to the Supreme Court with whom under the Law the power is vested
I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
Stephen Clarke
Jurat of Peace

On Motion Alderman Boggs, Pallister and Hill, are appointed a Committee to confer with the Magistrates

Read Communication from Clerk of the Peace relative to the amount to be assessed on the City for County purposes

On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Public accounts

Letter from
Atty General

Read Letter from the Honorable the Attorney General relative to the release of prisoners from Rock Island

On Motion the same is directed to be acknowledged and the letter referred to the Committee of City Prison for their guidance

The following Resolution is now introduced

Resolved that a Committee of three Aldermen be appointed to enquire into the cause of dismissal of Mr John Scully from the Night Watch

Moved by Alderman Beckhurst Seconded by Alderman Meagher, to which the following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that Alderman Beckhurst have leave to withdraw the resolution relative to the dismissal of John Scully from the Night Watch

Pallister

Moved by Alderman Jennings Seconded by Alderman

A Call of the Council is made at 6 1/4 O'clock

On Motion the Council rise

Call of
Council

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present Alderman
Compton, Loday, Hill, McCulloch, Dunbar, Maher, Ackhurst, Cogan, Roggi, Fallister, Leahy,
Conway, Meynell, Pichey & Jennings

Read over proceedings of May 8th
Alderman Pichey is appointed Chairman

Alderman Hill Chairman hands in report of Committee of
City Property

Alderman Conway hands in Memorial from Mr James Muloney
and others relative to Curriings

Presiding Alderman submits a letter from His Worship
The Mayor dated London 2nd May 1862

Also opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to taxes
assessed on Union Bank

Also a Letter from Alderman Roche

Also a Letter from J. W. Ritchie relative to letting of

Letter of
J. W. Ritchie Fish Market

Read Resolution and amendment thereto as entered last meeting

Read letter from Alderman Roche on subject of dismissal

of John Scully

The amendment was lost Voting for the same and 9 against it

Alderman Ackhurst has leave to withdraw Resolution and
introduce the following:

Resolved that a Committee consisting of an Alderman for each
Ward be appointed to take into consideration the dismissal of John Scully from the Night
Watch, with power to send for persons and papers and report to this Council at its next
meeting of Council

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Ackhurst
which on being put is passed 11 Voting for the same and 1 against it

Committee Alderman Compton, Magher, Ackhurst, Fallister,
Leahy & Pichey

Report of
the Committee
City Property

Read report of Committee of City Property
Committee Room 14, May 1863

The Committee of City Property beg to report for the information of
the Council, that the railing and posts in several places around the Grand Parade is out
of repair, and require several rails and posts to make safe, and that also a gate is required
on the east side to keep out Cattle

Also a large number of Trees is exposed and require to have Wood
guards secured around them to protect from injury

Your Committee has had a Specification prepared
by the City Architect on which they received Tenders

Two tenders has been received one from Mr Alex. McKennie
who offers to do the work in accordance with Specification for Sixty Dollars the other from
Messrs S. Wisdom & Co. who offers to do the same kind of work and in accordance with
the Specification for Forty Six Dollars

Your Committee would recommend that the lowest
tender be received, and that the work be done forthwith

By H. G. Hill Chairman

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Resolved that the Report just read be adopted

Moved by Alderman Hill seconded by Alderman

McCusick which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Municipal of
Timothy Funn and John Kelly from the Night Watch be referred to the Committee just
appointed to investigate the case of John Kelly

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman

Seahy which on being put is passed

Read Committee's Report on the Water Supply
Committee from April 23 1863

The Committee appointed by the City
Council to consider and amend the present Water Supply have to report for the information
of the City Council, that they have given the whole subject their careful and earnest consideration
Your Committee found that the present tariff fails
to produce the amount required to pay the annual interest on debentures, and the working
expenses of the department, by some five thousand pounds, in addition to this it was found
that the present system of levying the rates, gave general dissatisfaction to the Citizens and
all concerned

The Commissioners met with the Committee and afforded them a large
amount of information, and after examining the present scale of rates, and rates of other Cities
similarly situated with our own, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the
following Scale of Water Rates for 1863

1st $\frac{1}{4}$ per Cent on the assessed value of all Real Estate embraced within the lines where
mains are laid; this Rate is for Protection from Fire

2d $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent on the assessed Rental of all Real Estate where Mains are laid
as a domestic rate for Consumption, but no separate and distinct Dwelling House, while
occupied as such, shall be rated at less than \$4.00 or more than \$24.00 per annum not
including Water Closets or other Extras

3d All Dwelling Houses containing Shops, where the Rent of the whole Building
does not exceed \$200 shall be rated as dwellings

4th All Buildings occupied partly as dwellings and partly as shops where
the whole rent exceeds \$200, shall be rated upon separate valuations to be furnished by
the City assessors

5th Two dollars each on all Livery Shops, where the annual Rent does not
exceed \$200 and one Cent for every dollar of Rent exceeding \$200. (Other) Water Closets
\$.4 each, but not one more than one Closet to be charged to each separate House

6th Urinals \$.2 each but not one more than one Urinal to be charged to
each separate Establishment

Previous Rates.

Steam Engines - For each Horse power up to and not exceeding 10 Horses
\$.3 per Horse, except in special Contract

Breweries & Distilleries

Where the Consumption does not exceed 1000 gallons daily
Breweries or Distilleries, will be charged at the rate of 5 Cents for every 100 Gallons
where the Consumption exceeds 1000 gallons daily the rate will be 4 Cents of 100 Gallons

Report of
Committee of
Water Supply

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Hotels and Boarding Houses

Will be charged the usual rate by tentat with 50 per cent additional
tional except in cases of special agreement

Bakeries

To be charged the usual property and domestic rates with one cent additional per
Pound for each Pound of Flour of average daily manufacture

Horses

not kept for hire \$2 each

Trick & Cab Horses \$1 each

Livery Stables

For each horse kept or fed and groomed on the premises \$2 and 50 Cts
for each vacant stall

Courts 50 Cents each

School Houses & Churches

Not rateable, unless application be made for
the Water, in which cases charge will be made according to circumstances

Manufactories

Manufactories

The Army Navy &c according to agreement
Cases not included or specified in the foregoing to be decided by the Commissioners

Our Committee found that owing to the continued moving
about of a large part of our population from one tenement to another, the numbers
in each house are constantly changing, as the law requires and only admit
of one assessment being made in each year, and the bills for Water are issued every
six months, it will consequently be very easily understood, that an assessment
made in the month of May when the first Bills are issued, will be all wrong in November
when the second issue of Bills take place, and the alteration of some two or three thousand
cannot be otherwise than a source of vexation and annoyance

The Council all perceive that the material alteration
in the Surff, consists in the two first Clauses, the first being a Fire Tax is merely
raised from 1/8 to 1/4 on the assessed value of Real Estate, the principal being
the same as it was before the second being for domestic supply from a head
rate of 3/4 each person to a fixed charge of 2 1/2 on the assessed rental of all
Real Estate

The levying of rates by heads is found to be extremely difficult to
carry out, and in very many instances leans heavily on the poor, and causes great
inconvenience in the Collection, the other clauses are in almost every particular the
same as the Surff for 1862

Our Committee therefore taking every thing into consideration
and of the unanimous opinions that the scale of rates now introduced will be more
just and equitable, more satisfactory to the Citizens, and one that will be much more
easily carried into effect

The Committee felt that it was desirable to arrange such a
scale, as would not require further alterations, at least so far as relating to the
principal involved

all of which is

Respectfully Submitted

William Ackhurst
Chairman

The same is read clause by clause, and on motion the Report
is adopted.

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The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that after passing of this Resolution the City Night Watch, shall commence their duties as Night Watchmen at Seven O'Clock P.M. in place of Eight O'Clock as at present until otherwise ordered by this Council and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Captain of the Watch

Moved by Alderman Conway Seconded by Alderman Reynolds which on being put is passed

Letter from His Worship the Mayor

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor dated London 2 May 1863 See letter on file

Read letter from Chairman of Commissioners of Water Supply relative to a further loan

Office of Commissioners of Water Supply
Belfast 17 June 1863
Sir

At a late meeting of the City Council an annual report of the Commissioners of Water Supply was adopted embodying their suggestion to borrow £20,000 for operations during the present year but no further action was taken at that time

I have now to request that the City Treasurer be instructed to issue advertisements and take tenders for the money

In order to avoid trouble to the City Treasurer and to make the payment of interest correspond with the Debentures already issued it might be well to advertise for half the sum required say £10,000 to be payable on 1st July of the current year and the remaining half on £10,000 on 1st July 1864

Alderman Leahy
Presiding Alderman

John A. Bell, Chairman

When the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the letter of Chairman of Water Supply be approved of, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the sum required by the Board to continue the work

Moved by Alderman Compton Seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed unanimously

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the sum of four hundred dollars be added to the Recorder's Salary from the 1st January 1863 in lieu of all legal services rendered by him, exclusive of those strictly belonging to his office as Recorder

Moved by Alderman Compton Seconded by Alderman Egan, which on being put is passed

Res. 2
£400 added to Salary of His Honor the Recorder

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder re assessment

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to assessment on the Union Bank

Recorder's Office 11 May 1863

After giving my best consideration to the communication of Mr Sterling Esq. Cashier of the Union Bank relative to taxes, which was sent to me for my opinion by Resolution of your honorable body of the 8th Inst I respectfully submit

That it is unnecessary for me to make any comment on the conclusion to which Mr Sterling has arrived respecting the reserved funds of the institution under his management. I must content myself with observing that the law makes it imperative

imperative

1863 imperative upon the assessors to accept and adopt the valuation of the agent Manager
 May 15th or Cashier of Companies. the 30th section of the assessment act of 1860 now in force
 reads thus " Whenever a person, Company or Corporation to be assessed, shall
 deliver a sworn statement in the form required by this law, the assessors shall accept and
 adopt the valuation sworn to " Wm Sterling acting as Cashier of the Union Bank
 has delivered a Sworn Statement in the form required by that law, and his attention was
 called to what was deemed to be an error by the City assessor, but he has not thought proper
 to alter the statement, and the assessors in the language of the section already quoted
 must " accept and adopt " his valuation. I know of no existing law by which a question
 can be raised and tried to test the accuracy of Wm Sterling's affidavit, in my opinion
 the return made by that Gentleman is final, and decisive, and upon it and it
 alone, the Bank must be assessed.

I hope I shall not be thought to exceed my duty under
 your resolution, if I take the liberty to add that the assessment act requires amend-
 -ment in several essentials I have the honor to be &c
 To His Worship
 The Mayor &c
 Wm Sutherland
 Recorder.

On motion the Bank rise

Swearing in
 S. C. Parsons
 Keeper of
 Hospital

May 20th

Philip Parsons is this day sworn into office as Keeper
 of the City Hospital, in presence of Alderman Jennings
 Presiding Alderman

Met

Joseph Conroy is this day sworn into office as City
 Constable

Matthew Mornsey is this day sworn into office as
 Special Watchman in presence of Alderman Jennings

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May 25

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present
Alderman Hill Dunbar, Mcagher, Ackhurst, Egan, Poggas, Leahy, Conway,
Roche, Meynell & Jennings.

Alderman Jennings is appointed Chairman

Read over Proceedings of 15th May

The City Council were summoned to take up
matters standing over from last meeting, to receive a communication from Commissioners of
Water Supply, and the transaction of other business

Alderman Ackhurst hands in Report of Committee on
dismissal of Mr John Scully

The Chairman hands in communication from Commissioners
of Water Supply relative to suspension of Mr Muir

also communication from Mr Muir on same subject

Alderman Conway presents petition from Thomas Saunders
and others for a lamp in Maitland Place

Alderman Conway hands in award of Arbitrator
in the case of the Fair Property

Read communication from Chairman of Water
Supply relative to suspension of Mr Muir and

communication from Mr Muir on the same subject

see letters on file

when the following Resolution is introduced

Having had the Correspondence between the Commissioners
of Water Supply and the Superintendent of Water Works "Mr Muir" and on enquiry of the
Directors of the Water Company, in whose employment Mr Muir has been, receiving from them
the highest testimonials of their perfect confidence in the well tried, ability, skill, prudence,
honesty and efficiency in every way for the peculiar duties of his Office.

Be it therefore Resolved that the Commissioners be
requested to retain Mr Muir in the Service of the City as Superintendent of the Water
Works.

Moved by Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Poggas
to which the following amendment is introduced

Committee set
to suspension
of Mr Muir

Resolved that a Committee be appointed consisting
of a Member from each Ward, for the purpose of investigating the cause of the
suspension of Mr Muir Superintendent of Water Works, and that they report to this Council
at an early day as possible, and that the different Reports, be referred to said Committee together
with all letters which passed between the Superintendants and the Commissioners of Water Supply

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Hill which amendment
on being put, there appeared for the same 5, against it 5, and the Chairman on being
called upon for his casting vote, gives it in favour of Amendment

The Resolution is therefore lost Committee Alderman Hill
Dunbar, Egan, Fallister, Conway & Meynell

On motion a Committee is appointed to confer with the
Director of the Temperance Hall relative to the lectures of Dr Page

Committee Alderman Meynell, Egan & Dunbar

Read award of Arbitrators of land on upper Water Street
and report of Committee of Streets on the subject

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May 22nd

Report of the
Committee
of Streets

Sturbs Office Halifax 29 May 1863

The Street Committee beg leave to report for the information of his Worship the Mayor and the City Council

That agreeably to the Resolution of Council 8. May 1863 in the matter of a property owned by Mr George Snider in Water Street. they made the proper enquiries, and consulted with His Honor the Recorder, and found that the City had no claim to the said property, and that it only could be acquired by purchase

your Committee had an interview with Mr George Snider, and it was mutually agreed that the matter should be left to arbitration, and Jeremiah Northrup, James Duggan & Matthew Lounas Esquires, were appointed Arbitrators. Bonds were accordingly Executed, and the above named Gentlemen proceeded to the work - and have handed in their award, which we now enclose, and which the Committee trust will be approved by the Council

John M. Cullock. Chairman

Halifax N.S. May 13. 1863

Report of
Arbitrators

The Arbitrators appointed to assess the value of a certain piece of land belonging to and now in possession of Mr George Snider, the same being required by the City of Halifax for the widening of and making improvement in Upper Water Street in the City before mentioned. have duly considered all the circumstances and advantages in connection therewith have determined as follows, that is to say, that for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy five pounds to be paid on or before the 1st day of June 1863 to the said George Snider, he shall Relinquish for ever all claim to that portion and quantity of the land outside of a line to be drawn from a point 11 feet 6 inches to the Westward of the present Southern line or boundary to a point 9 feet 0 inches to the Westward of the present Northern line or boundary, and shall not make any further claim now or hereafter for any work already done or hereafter to be performed in connection with the Change of line of Street or for any other thing in connection with the transfer of the said Property to the City

M Lounas
Jeremiah Northrup
James Duggan

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the award of the arbitrators be approved of and that the sum of Seventy five pounds be paid George Snider being the amount of said award, and that the Presiding Alderman be authorized to draw a Cheque for the same

Moved by Alderman Conway Seconded by Alderman Roche which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the sum of three pounds fifteen Shillings be paid to the Arbitrators for their award in the case between the City of Halifax and George Snider, and that the Presiding Alderman be authorized to draw a Cheque for the same

Moved by Alderman Conway Seconded by Alderman Richey which on being put is passed

On Motion the Council rise

1863

June 2nd

At a special Meeting of the City Council held this day
Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Hill, Sturley, Dunbar, Meagher, Adkins,
Egan, Pegg, Coleman, Hauster, Leaty, Conway, Roche, Mayne, Jennings
McCullough & Compton

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

Read over proceedings of 22nd May

Alderman Conway Chairman hands in Report of Committee
of Readers received

Alderman Egan hands in Report of Committee on
Muir's suspension received

Alderman Mayne hands in Report of
Committee on slaughter houses

Address to
Her Most
Gracious
Majesty
Queen Victoria

Read address to Her most Gracious Majesty pre-
sented through the Duke of Newcastle in London by His Worship the Mayor

To Her Most Gracious Majesty
Queen Victoria &c

May it please your Majesty

The Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Halifax, as the representatives of their fellow Citizens, beg to approach
your Majesty with the expression of those feelings of loyalty and attachment to your
Majesty's throne and person, which animate all classes alike of your Majesty's subjects
in the Province of Nova Scotia

Altho we form but a remote part of the Empire
we consider it our highest honor to be numbered among the Subjects of your Majesty's
benificent rule, and to be interested in all that affects the welfare of the Empire, whether
for good or evil

In no part of your Majesty's widely extended dominions was
there felt a deeper or more unfeigned sorrow than in the loyal Province of Nova Scotia
when it pleased the Almighty Disposer of events, to remove from the scene of his
lofty and patriotic labours, that noble and lamented Prince whose memory is
enshrined in the hearts of the people, in every portion of the empire, however remote.

We now beg to approach your Majesty with the humble expression
of our sincere gratification on the occurrence of that auspicious event which has united
His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with a member of the Royal House of
Denmark, and which we earnestly pray may be a solace to your Majesty in your deep
affliction, and confer an alloyed happiness on the illustrious Prince and his Consort
and as in duty bound &c

on behalf of the Mayor Corporation
J. Carant Hill Esq
Mayor

Downing Street 12th May 1863

Sir

Answer

I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ulto, and to acquaint you that the

1863 June 2ⁿ Congratulatory address to the Queen which you enclosed has been submitted to her Majesty, who was much gratified by the expressions which it contained of loyalty and attachment to her Throne and person

Yours Obedient Servant
G. P. Elliot

Report of Committee on Mr. Muir's Suspension

Read Report of Committee on Mr. Muir's Suspension
Tuesday 20th May 1863

The Committee appointed to investigate the misunderstanding, which had occurred, between the Commissioners of Water Works and the Superintendent of the same beg to report as follows

The Committee finding that all the facts of the case had been already in detail before the Council, considered that the most judicious object they could devote themselves to would be to effect an amicable arrangement of the matter, by which so important a Branch of the public service as the Water Works (which has hitherto progressed so satisfactorily) would be in no further danger of interruption or delay

Some Members of the Committee who have had verbal communications with the Chairman of Commissioners, and also with the Superintendent of the works understanding their willingness to arrange matters it was concluded to send for those gentlemen separately

The Chairman of Commissioners at once acceded to the proposal of drawing up a document defining the position and duties of the Superintendent as well as the terms by which his services are secured

The Superintendent on being sent for declared as his opinion the same would be satisfactory or more so to that effect

The Committee throughout the business, have been anxious to maintain the full authority of the Commissioners on the one hand and to secure the continuance of the services of an efficient public servant on the other

The Committee on submitting their report trust the Council will approve of the same, and by their sanction of the above put a termination to the present difficulty

John Egan Chairman
On motion said report is adopted

Read Report of Committee of Tenders

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Committee Room, Halifax 30

Committee of Tenders met this day present Alderman Smlay, Meagher, Egan and the Chairman when the following Tenders opened for the purpose of taking up old Street Advertisers

- Mr. A. Roche President of St. Maries Insurance Co £500 + 5%
- Mr. Norman Umiacke £500

as both these tenders were equal the Committee would beg leave to refer the matter to the City Council for their decision

all of which is respectfully submitted
Scumiah Conway
Chairman

On motion the tender of Mr. Umiacke is accepted