

November 16th

"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, Sedgewick, Mac Kay, Spelman Connolly, Mottow, Mc Lellan, O'Connell, Graham, Story and Kiebet

The Council were summoned to proceed with the business standing over and the transactions of other business

Read over proceedings of last Meeting which were confirmed on amendment

His Worship the Mayor submits a Letter from the Managers of Institutions for the Blind in reference to Cemetery Lots

Also a Petition from W. J. Gray Gray in reference to Taxes

Also a Cable Message from 'Maddison' Gordon in reference to Graving Dock

On Motion of Alderman Kiebet seconded by Alderman Mc Lellan The Order of the Day is suspended to read the papers handed in this day

Letter E. D. Maynell Secy. Asylum for the Blind in re Cemetery Lots

Read Letter from E. D. Maynell Secy. Secretary of the Asylum for the Blind in reference to Cemetery Lots being required for that Institution

On Motion of Alderman Macintosh seconded by Alderman Story The same is referred to Committee on Cemetery

Petition W. J. Gray in re Taxes

Read Petition of W. J. Gray in re Taxes

On Motion of Alderman Story seconded by Alderman Spelman The same is referred to Committee on Taxes

of the Day

Council proceed to The Order

Report Committee Public Acs in re Floating debt.

Read Report of Committee of Public Accounts in reference to certain Dr and Cr balance on Auditors Books

Halifax Oct 28th 1881

At a Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts held this date Present Aldermen Macintosh (Shannon) Ganaman and O'Connor

The Committee considered list of balances furnished by Auditor in connection with statement of Floating Debt

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asked for by the City Council and they recommend that the following be written off the City Books

Debtor Balances		Creditor Balances	
Internal Health	\$1298.55	Streets	\$1958.43
City Prison	1421.43	Exhibition 1879	36.63
City Library	29.59	Sanitary etc	269.04
Point Pleasant Park	35.04	Small Pox Hospital	2724.80
Current Interest	2613.99	Oil Lamps	73.52
		Fund for numbering Streets	250.75

Your Committee recommend that the remaining portion of the Bond at Freshwater which stands on the Auditors Books at \$9500 should be reduced to \$6000

Your Committee also recommend that in preparing a statement the following items be increased

Contingent etc from \$780.23 to \$2000 Printing and Stationery from \$260.06 to \$600. Gas and Fuel from \$3592.46 to \$4250.75

Your Committee would call attention of the Council to the fact that a balance of \$4554.70 belonging to the Consolidated Fund is on the Auditors Books while the money has been merged into the Bank account and disbursed for ordinary expenditure

All of which is respectfully submitted
J. G. Mackintosh
Chairman

On Motion of Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Mac Coy The same is taken up & passed by a large vote

Read 1st clause when on Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Story The following

Dr balances are written off viz:
Internal Health \$1298.55
City Prison 1421.43
City Library 29.59
Point Pleasant Park 35.04
Current Interest 2613.99

On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Story The following credit balances are written off viz. Exhibition 1879 \$36.33 Sanitary etc \$269.04 and the following to remain as credit balances Streets \$1958.53 Small Pox Hospital \$2724.80 Oil Lamps \$73.52 Fund for numbering Streets \$250.75 On Motion of Alderman Graham seconded by Alderman Story The clause as so amended is passed

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Read Second Clause as to Band

On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Mac Kay This Clause is adopted as amended 10 Voting for the same and 3 against it and the names being called for appeared thus

For the Motion
Ald Gannolly, Grenaman, Spelman
O'Connor, O'Mullin, Mc Bellan
Smith, Sedgewick Mac Kay
Mackintosh 10

Against it

Read Third Clause in reference

to increase in various items mentioned in said report

On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Story The same are passed

Read Fourth Clause in reference

to Consolidated fund amount when the following resolution No one is introduced

Resol. rel. to Consolidated Fund.

Whereas this Council learn with surprise from the Report of Committee of Public Accounts that a balance of \$4500 part of Consolidated Fund has been merged in the Bank Account and disbursed for ordinary expenditure Be it therefore Resolved that such Expenditure is in direct Violation of the Act of last Session that the Treasurer be directed to place the Consolidated Fund on Special deposit to be disbursed to pay off City Debentures only and that the sum so improperly expended be forth with refunded to the Consolidated fund Moved by Alderman Mottan seconded by Alderman Mac Kay which resolution on being put is passed

On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh

seconded by Alderman Sedgewick The report as amended is passed as a whole

On Motion of Alderman Grenaman

seconded by Alderman O'Connor The Order of the Day is suspended to allow Alderman Grenaman Chairman of City Prison Committee to present a Report of Committee on a/c for October 1881 and also Annual Report of Governor of City Prison with Statistics Motion passed

Read Report Committee of

City Prison with accounts for Month of October

Report Committee City Prison

City Prison

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At a Meeting of the City Prison Committee at which were present all the Members of the Committee the following accounts were examined found correct and ordered to be paid

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number 16 th	Moir & Co	\$ 62.10	G. S. Yates	0.75
	G. P. Henry	12.96	H. D. Harrington	102.82
	Theakston & Angwin	11.46	O'Leannon & Co	39.32
	E. Morrison & Co	2.00	L. Connolly	3.50
	Do	2.00		<u>\$ 236.91</u>

On Motion it was resolved to recommend that Underkeeper Gleason and Messenger Muldowney be furnished with overcoats and further resolved that Messenger Muldowney be furnished with three shadrons of coal

Return of Prisoners for October 1887

In Custody Sept 30 th 1887	36 Males	24 Females	Total	60
Admitted during October	21	11	"	32
	57	35	"	92
Discharged during October	22	20	"	42
Remaining in Custody Oct 30 th	35	15	"	50

Respectfully Submitted
 Thos Grenaman
 Chairman

When the following resolution

No 2 is introduced

Resolved that the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign Warrants for the several amounts contained therein in all \$236.91 Moved by Alderman Grenaman seconded by Alderman Mac Coy which resolution on put is passed

Moved by Alderman Grenaman seconded by Alderman Story that the Annual report of the Governor of City Prison be read Motion passed

On the Reading of the report Moved by Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Smith that the Council Adjourn Motion passed

"Council Adjourn"

November 23rd

"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, Heeslin, Spelman, Connolly, Mottow, Smith, O'Connor, Mc Lellan, O'Mullin, Graham Woodill and Kiebet

The Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 16th of Nov. 1881 which were confirmed

Alderman Heeslin, Chairman submits a report from Committee on Rates & Taxes

Alderman Mottow submits Petition of Miss Godfrey in reference to her Taxes

Alderman Kiebet submits a Petition from G. & P. Harley in reference to Taxes

His Worship the Mayor submits a Petition from Elizabeth Richardson in reference to her Taxes

Also a Letter from Robert Boak Esq. in reference to a Coupon lost belonging to a Debenture held by Acadia Fire Insurance Company

Alderman O'Mullin submits a resolution by way of Notice in reference to alterations to License Law

On Motion of Alderman Kiebet seconded by Alderman Heeslin "The Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day

Report Committee Rates & Taxes on Rates & Taxes

Read Report from Committee

Petition A. S. Godfrey in re Taxes

Godfrey in reference to her Taxes on property Barington Street

Petitions Eliza Richardson and

Richardson in reference to Taxes

Read Petition from Elizabeth

Geo Handley in re Taxes

in reference to Taxes

Read Petition from George Harley

On Motion of Alderman Kiebet seconded by Alderman Mc Lellan The report from Committee on Taxes is referred back to said Committee for amendment and also the several petitions read are referred to the Committee to report on

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Letter President
of Acadia Fire
Ins. Co in re
last coupon

Read Letter from Robert Book Esq. President of The Acadia Fire Insurance Company in reference to the loss of a coupon belonging to a debenture the property of said Company

On Motion of Alderman Macintosh seconded by Alderman Mottou The prayer of said Petition to be granted on a Bond of indemnity being given to the City Treasurer

Read Resolution submitted by way of Notice by Alderman O'Mullin in reference to alterations to License Law

Council proceed to "The Order of the Day"

Read Annual Report from Governor of City, Prison with Statistics

Read resolution submitted by Alderman Mottou respecting Assessment, Revenue, Expenditure Board of Works &c (For Resolution see Council Book) (printed)

Moved by Alderman Mottou seconded by Alderman Gannolly

His Worship the Mayor submits a Letter from John Y. Payzant Esq. in reference to Graving Dock The same was read

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Macintosh

"The Council Adjourn"

December 7th

'Afternoon Session'

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, MacKay, Gieselin, Spelman, Gorman, Connolly, Motters, Smith, O'Connor, McCollan, O'Mullin, Graham, Woodill, Stary, Nisbet and McCPherson

The Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 23rd and 29th Nov. and Dec. 2nd 1881 which were confirmed

Alderman Macintosh Chairman pro tem submits a report from The Committee on Tenders in reference to Consolidated Loan

Alderman Macintosh, Chairman Special Committee on Assessment & submits a Special Report from that Committee

Alderman Gieselin, Chairman submits a report from The Committee on Rates & Taxes in reference to several petitions

Alderman McCPherson, Chairman of The Board of City Works submits report from The Board on the Letter from P. J. Crockett in reference to an encroachment at Chestnut Place

His Worship the Mayor submits a Letter from Messrs Maddison, London explaining their position with W. R. Turner in reference to the Graving Dock

Also a Letter from Thomas J Wallace Esq on the same subject

Also Telegrams, and answers from John Y. Payzant, to Knight W. Gordon on the same subject

Also a Telegram from W. R. Turner addressed to the Mayor

Also a Statement and Letter from City Auditor on the subject of the floating debt as asked for by resolution of Council

Also a Letter from W. H. Kiewell Esq, County Clerk in reference to County Assessment

On Motion of Alderman McCPherson seconded by Alderman Macintosh "The Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

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Report Committee on Tenders for Consolidated Loan

on Tenders for Consolidated Loan

Read Report from Committee

Committee Room

Friday Dec. 2nd 1881

The Committee on Tenders met this afternoon to open Tenders for Consolidated Fund. Present Aldermen Mackintosh, Spelman, O'Connor and McPherson. The City Treasurer also attended.

Moved by Alderman McPherson seconded by Alderman Spelman that Ald Mackintosh act as Chairman Pro Tem passed.

The following Tenders were then opened in the order named

	Amount	Rate
John H. Harvey, Secty, Acadia Fire Ins Co	\$ 5000	1/2
Brenton H. Collins	35000	par
Henry M. Post	10000	1/4
J. S. Mac Donald Esq	4000	1
Do	2000	1/2
J. D. Corbett	10000	1
A. G. Heslin	3100	1
James Fraser	5000	1
Geo Thomson	2000	1/2
J. J. Wylde, for G. Endt Esq	8000	1/2
Do	11000	3/4
Thomson & Bullock	10000	1
Do	10000	1/2
Est of Mrs Bauld	30000	par
Do	20000	1/2
M. P. Black	2400	1/4
W. S. Stirling	4000	1
E. Smith	4000	par
James A. Moore	25000	1/4
Do	25000	1/8
Do	20000	par
P. Thompson	8000	par
E. A. Taylor	3000	1
Geo Esau	10000	1
H. B. Mac Kett, Agent	23.900	1/2
Do	3.000	1/2
D. Conran	26000	1/8
Total offered	<u>\$ 313.200</u>	

As the amount offered was greatly in excess of the sum needed the following allotment was unanimously agreed upon to be recommended to the City Council for adoption

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Recorder for his opinion as to the liability of the Company

All of which is respectfully submitted

A. G. Heeslein
Chairman

On Motion of Alderman

Heeslein seconded by Alderman O'Mullin The said report is received and adopted

Report Board of Works and Recorder in re encroachment Chestnut Place

Read Report from The Board of City Works and His Honor the Recorder in reference to Letter from J. J. Crockett on an alleged encroachment in Chestnut Place

On Motion of Alderman Mac

Pherson seconded by Alderman Connolly The said report is adopted

Read Letter from Messrs

Madison & Company London explaining their position in reference to the Graving Dock Scheme

Read Letter from Thomas J.

Wallace Halifax explaining his position in reference to the Graving Dock Scheme

Read Telegrams from John Y.

Puzzart Esq. to Mr Wright, London in reference to Graving Dock with replies

Read Telegram from W P Turner

in reference to Graving Dock

- Alderman Mac Coy has leave to lay two Telegrams on the Table in reference to Dry Dock from Hamilton to Kinniffle with reply The same are read

Letter Comptroller in re Comptroller Assessment.

Read Letter from H. H. Hissell Comptroller Clerk in reference to sum due on account of Comptroller Assessment

On Motion of Alderman Mack

intosh seconded by Alderman Heeslein The City Clerk is directed to acknowledge receipt of said Letter for the present

Alderman Mac Coy submits a resolution by way of Notice in reference to the Graving Dock Scheme

Alderman Mottos submits a resolution by way of Notice in reference to the same

Letter City Auditor re to Floating Debt.

Read Letter from City Auditor with Statement of the Floating Debt of the City of Halifax as asked for by resolution of Council (For papers see file)

On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman O'Connor The same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts

Order of the Day

"Council proceed to consider" The

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On Motion of Alderman
 Mac Coy seconded by Alderman Smith The Adjourned debate
 on Alderman Motters series of resolutions is laid over till next
 Meeting of Council

On Motion of Alderman
 Macintosh seconded by Alderman Mac Pherson item No 6 on
 "The Order of the Day" is taken up

Read the Report of the Board
 of City Works on encroachment at South Steam Boat Dock
 On Motion laid over till next
 Meeting,

Read Second part of a Report
 from Committee on Police in reference to the appointment of Two
 additional Policemen (as submitted 1st Nov. 1881)

On Motion of Alderman
 Woodill seconded by Alderman Mac Pherson

"The Council Adjourn"

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, Sedgewick, Mac Kay, Spelman, Connolly Smith, Mac Gillan, Graham, Woodill, Story, Mac Pherson, and Kiebel

The Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business

Read Minutes of 7th Decr. which were confirmed

Alderman Story, Chairman submits a report from Committee on Science

Alderman Mac Kay submits a Cablegram from Knight London and a Telegram from Bentley Montreal in reference to Dry Dock

His Worship the Mayor submits a Report from "The Inspector of Assessment" giving the decision of the Court of Appeal on several Petitions referred to them

Also The Bonds of the Assistant City Clerk, The City Marshal and The Clerk of Works for approval of Council

Also a Letter from John Taylor Secretary of S. P. C. A. covering a petition in reference to admissions of Boys to "Halifax Industrial School"

Also a Letter from Colonel Aher R. E. in reference to removal of Powder Magazine to Point Pleasant Park

Also a Letter from Mayor Handley H. M. 19th Regt. in reference to Water Rates

Also Letters and printed Circulars from Town Clerk of Edinburgh in reference to International Fishery Exhibition to be held in Edinburgh in April next

On Motion of Alderman Mac Pherson seconded by Alderman Woodill "The Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in

Report Science Committee

on Science submitted this day

Read Report from The Committee

Halifax Decr 12th 1881

The Science Committee met this day Present Alderman O'Mullin, Smith, Mac Kay and the Chairman

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The following persons applied for license and the Committee unanimously recommend that their petitions be granted

Chas. Mac Carthy	Die 2	Hard 2	G. D. Windsor	Die 2	Hard 4
Broseard & Joe Cairn	" 5	" 3	James Desmond	" 8	" 5
G. D. McNeill	" 2	" 4	Michl. Mahan	" 11	" 5

The petition of Thomas Grief is laid over for future consideration

The following resolution was passed unanimously, "That hereafter all applications for licenses shall be filed with the Clerk of License on or before the first day of March in each and every year and that every one selling liquor without license after the fifteenth day of March shall be prosecuted according to law"

Douglas M. Story
Chairman

On Motion of Alderman Story seconded by Alderman Mac Coy The said report is adopted and The Clerk of License is authorized to issue license to parties therein named and the resolution is directed to be published for the information of citizens

Read Cablegram from Wright London and Telegram from Bentley Montreal in reference to Dry Dock

Report Insp-
ector of Assess-
ments

Read Report from The City Inspector of Assessment giving the decision of the Court of Appeal in the matter of several petitions referring to Taxes which were referred to them

On Motion of Alderman Mac Coy seconded by Alderman Mackintosh The said report is adopted and a copy thereof is directed to be sent to the City Treasurer for his guidance

Letter Col. Shere
re removal of
Magazines to
Point Pleasant
Park

Read Letter from Colonel Shere "Royal Engineers" in reference to the removal of Magazines to Point Pleasant Park when the following resolution No one is introduced

Resol. rel to
Magazines
Point Pleasant
Park.

Resolved that a copy of the letter of Col. Shere relative to building a Magazine in the Park Point Pleasant be referred to the Commissioners of said Park for their consideration and that the original letter be referred to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion whether the erection of said Magazine is an infringement of any rights of the City under their lease Moved by Alderman Mac Coy seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed

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Read Letter from John Taylor Secretary of S. P. G. A., covering a Petition in reference to admission and providing for Boys being sent to Halifax Industrial School

Letter Mayor Handley in re Water Rates

Read Letter from Mayor Handley re. No. 1/19 Regiment in reference to his Water Rates (see page 356)
On Motion of Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Nesbit The same is referred to the Board of City Works to report on

Bond various City Officers

Read Bonds with names of Securities of Henry Gnanaman, Asst. City Clerk, Garrett Götter, City Marshall and John B. Johnston, Clerk of Works
On Motion of Alderman MacKay seconded by Alderman Nesbit The same are referred to His Honor the Recorder to see they are properly executed and in due form

Letter Secty. International Fisheries Exhibition

Read Letter from The Secretary of the International Fisheries Exhibition to be held in Edinburgh in April next

On Motion of Alderman MacKay seconded by Alderman Mackintosh The same is referred to His Worship the Mayor to acknowledge and also to confer with the Local Government on the subject

On Motion of Alderman Gnanaman seconded by Alderman MacIsellan "The Order of the Day is suspended to allow Alderman Gnanaman to submit a report from Committee of City Prison and also to allow The Mayor to submit a Petition of Shelburne Waddell relative to Taxes

Report Committee of City Prison

Read Report from Committee of City Prison with a/c for Nov 1881 when the following resolution No 2 is introduced

Resolved That the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to draw Warrants for the several amounts contained therein in all \$358.25 Moved by Alderman Gnanaman seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed

Petition in reference to Taxes of Catharine Vinot

Read Petition from Shelburne Waddell in reference to Taxes of Catharine Vinot (SEE PAGE 346)

On Motion of Alderman MacKay seconded by Alderman Gnanaman The same is referred to the Court of Appeal to report upon

"On Motion"

"Council Adjourns"

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December 21st

"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, Mac Kay, Finerman, Mc Otter, Smith, O'Connor, Mac Gillan, O'Mullin, Woodill and Mac Pherson

The Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of the 14th December instant which were confirmed

Alderman Smith submits a petition from Dennis Driscoll and a number of others against granting License in Grafton Street No 3

Also a Petition from Messrs G & H. Anderson in reference to Taxes

Alderman Woodill in absence of the Chairman submits a Report from Committee of Tenders in reference to Printing, Advertising and Stationary for ensuing year

Also a Petition from James Griffin in reference to his Taxes

His Worship the Mayor submits a Letter from Messrs Mac Donald & Charles McArthur in reference to Dry Dock

Also a Letter from Messrs Henry and Weston on behalf of Mrs. Calgeroon Mearns, of London England in reference to Dry Dock

Also a Letter from Mr. J. B. McArthur in answer to previous communications relative to Taxes of Union Mutual Life Insurance Company

Also Bond of Clerk of License for ensuing year for the approval of Council

Also a Report from His Honor the Recorder on the Letter from Colonel Aher R.E. relative to placing a Magazine in Point Pleasant Park

Also The Bonds of Asst. City Clerk, City Marshal and Clerk of Works approved of by His Honor the Recorder

Also The Report from the Inspector of Assessments on the Petition of Mr. Shelburne Waddell

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Roll prepared by the City Inspector of Assessment for the use of
Reviewers of Electoral Lists for 1882

Also a copy of The Assessment

Alderman McPherson submits
a resolution by way of Notice in reference to obtaining a loan on account
of Water Department

On Motion of Alderman Green-
man seconded by Alderman Mackintosh "The Order of the Day"
is suspended to read the papers handed in this day

Petition Dennis

Driscoll and
others

Read Petition from Dennis
Driscoll and others residents of Ward No Three asking that no license
be granted to Walker and others on Grafton Street

On Motion of Alderman Mc
Pherson seconded by Alderman Woodill The same is referred to the
Committee on License

Petition G & W.

Anderson in re
Taxes

Read Petition from Messrs
G & W. Anderson in reference to their Taxes

On Motion of Alderman Mac-
Kay seconded by Alderman Smith The said petition is referred to the
Court of Appeal

Report Comm-

ittee on Tenders

Read Report from the Committee
on Tenders in reference to Tenders for Stationary Printing and Advertising

Committee Room

December 21st 1881

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council

A Meeting of Committee on
Tenders was held this day Present Aldermen G'Connor, McPherson
Woodill, Mackintosh and the Chairman

The Committee was called to open
Tenders for City Advertising Printing and Stationery supplies for one
year from January 1st 1882

The Committee recommend that
the tender of Blackadar Bros for Printing and Evening Recorder and
Morning Herald for Advertising be accepted

For Stationery the Committee
recommend the tender of Messrs Buckley & Allen being the lowest

Respectfully Submitted

Jos P. Connolly
Chairman

On Motion of Alderman Mack-
intosh seconded by Alderman McPherson The said report is adopted

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Read Petition from James

Griffin in reference to Taxes

On Motion of Alderman

Woodill seconded by Alderman Smith The said Petition is referred to the Court of Appeal

Read Letter from Messrs Mac

Donald & Leharbois of Montreal in reference to The Dry Dock

Read Letter from Messrs

Henry & Weston Solicitors on behalf of Mr & Ageman Mooring London in reference to The Dry Dock

Read Letter from Mr J. B. Ho

Martin, Agent Montreal Life Insurance Company in reference to Taxes of said Company. (On Motion laid on the table)

Read Bonds of William J

Moore Clerk of License for the ensuing year

On Motion of Alderman Mac

Gay seconded by Alderman Woodill The same is referred to His Honor the Recorder

Read Bonds of Asst City Clerk

City Marshall and Clerk of Works as approved by His Honor the Recorder when the following Resolution No one is introduced

Resolved That the whole subject

of the Bonds given to the City of Halifax by its officials be referred to His Honor the Recorder to report upon as to whether the form of bond now in use covers all the duties and liabilities of the several officials as now defined by the Statute and resolutions of Council Moved by Alderman Mackintosh seconded by Alderman Mac Gay which resolution on being put is passed

Read Report from His Honor

the Recorder in reference to the Letter from Colonel Aker R. G. on the subject of building a Magazine at Park (Point Pleasant)

Read Report from The Inspector

of Assessment conveying the decision of the Court of Appeal in the matter of Petition from Shelburne Waddell

Assessors Office

Dec 20th 1881

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen

The memorially Mr Shelburne Waddell has received the attention of the Court of Appeal and considered that the money should be paid back as Mrs Catharine Venott was not the person Rated

Mrs Venott has been Rated for many

Bond Clerk of License

Bonds City Officers

Read in re Bonds of City Officers

Report Insp-utor of Assess-ments

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years in the same House No 36 Falkland Street the Property is Rated as her own and she is Rated there for the current year a Widow not dead but we believe Poor and to her only can the City look for the Rates

Respectfully Submitted

John G Barry

Inspector of Assessments

On Motion of Alderman Mac Gay seconded by Alderman Mac Pherson The Report of The Court of Appeal is accepted and The City Treasurer is directed to refund the amount to Mr Maddell

Resolved in re temporary loans for Water Dept.

by Alderman Mac Pherson in reference to temporary loans for Water Department

Read following resolution submitted

Resolved That the City Treasurer be empowered to borrow from one of the City Banks on the most favourable terms possible a temporary loan of \$50,000 Fifty Thousand Dollars to meet pressing claims and liabilities of Water Department the said loan to be repaid from the Water Rates now being paid in and Resolved That the City Treasurer be empowered to employ one or more temporary collectors to collect Water Rates now due

Moved by Alderman Mac Pherson seconded by Alderman Mackintosh

On Motion of Alderman Mac Pherson seconded by Alderman Mac Gay The Order of the Day is suspended to consider the above resolution Motion passed

After some discussion of the above resolution Alderman Mottow seconded by Alderman Mac Gay requested that the Mayor should ask the opinion of His Honor the Recorder as to the legality of the resolution before the same was put and the Mayor having decided that he would put the resolution first and ask the opinion of His Honor the Recorder afterwards Alderman Mottow then Moved an appeal to the City Council from the ruling of the Mayor which was seconded by Alderman Mac Gay and on the Motion being put Seven voted for sustaining the Chair and three against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For sustaining The Mayors ruling
Aldermen Yennaman, Hesselius
Woodill, O'Connor
Mackintosh, Sedgwick
Mac Pherson 7

Against it
Aldermen Mottow, Mac Gay
Smith 3

The Resolution No Two is then put and passed 7 voting for the same 3 against it and the names being called for appeared thus

For the Resolution
Ald Mac Pherson, Yennaman, Hesselius
Woodill, O'Connor, Mackintosh
Sedgwick, Mac Pherson 7

Against it
Ald. Mottow, Mac Gay
Smith 3

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On Motion of Alderman Mottow seconded by Alderman Sedgewick "The Order of the Day is suspended to allow Alderman Mottow to introduce a resolution in re Graving Dock when the following resolution was introduced

Resol. rel to Dry Dock.

Whereas it is desirable that the negotiations respecting the construction of the proposed Dry Dock should be brought to a Speedy and satisfactory termination Be it therefore Resolved that a Committee consisting of Six Aldermen together with His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder be appointed to receive the propositions of intending applicants for the the Dock subsidy and report fully and particularly to this Council at its next meeting Moved by Alderman Mottow seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed

Committee, Aldermen Sedgewick, Heeslin, Mottow, O'Garra, Hoodill and McPherson

"On Motion"
"The Council Adjourn"

December 27th

Quarterly Meeting

At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, Sedgwick, Mac Kay, Connolly, Mottor, Mac Gillan, O'Mullin, Gault, Story, Nesbit and Mac Pherson

The Council were summoned for the transaction of General business

Read over proceedings of Meeting held on 21st instant which were confirmed

Alderman Mac Gillan submitted a petition from Maurice Mac Donnell in reference to his Taxes

Alderman Mac Pherson submits a Petition from Mr P. O'Brien, Band Master 1st Yorkshire Regt in reference to his Taxes

His Worship the Mayor submits a report from The Special Committee in re Graving Dock

Also a Letter from H. A. Wood Esq: nominal Secretary of City of Halifax Graving Dock Company (Limited)

Also a report from His Honor the Recorder on the Letter from Messrs Meagher, Schisholm & Ritchie on the matter of Taxes on Sugar Refinery Company

Also a Report from His Honor the Recorder replying to resolution of City Council in reference to bonds of various City Officers

On Motion of Alderman Mac Pherson seconded by Alderman Macintosh The "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day

Read Petition from Maurice Mac Donnell in reference to his Taxes

Read Petition from Peter O'Brien Bandmaster H. M. 1st Yorkshire Regt in reference to Taxes

On Motion of Alderman Macintosh seconded by Alderman Mac Pherson The same are referred to the Court of Appeal for consideration

Read Report from The Special Committee on the matter of The Dry Dock subsidy

Read Letter from Mr H. G. Bentley in reference to Dry Dock

Petition Ms.

Mac Donnell in re Taxes

P. O'Brien B. Bandmaster H. M. 1st Yorkshire Regt.

Mac Donnell in reference to his Taxes

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seconded by Alderman Mac Pherson

Committee on the matter of The Dry Dock subsidy

Bentley in reference to Dry Dock

Read Petition from Maurice

Read Petition from Peter O'Brien

On Motion of Alderman Macintosh

Read Report from The Special

Read Letter from Mr H. G.

December 27th

Read Letter from Messrs Henry & Weston Solicitors on behalf of E Algernon Moring of London on the same subject dated 21st & 22nd of Dec.

Read Letter from Messrs Thompson, Graham & Tupper on behalf of Messrs Maddison & Co on same subject

Read Letter from Thomas J Wallace, Solicitor Halifax on same subject

Read Telegraph from Wallace to Maddison & Co with reply

Read Letters from A Charlebois of Montreal but now in this City

Read Letter from W. A. Wood nominal Secretary Halifax Diving Dock Company Limited

Read Opinions of His Honor the Recorder on the bonds of various City Officers

Recorder's Office
Halifax Dec 24th 1881

Gentlemen

The form of Bond given by the City Officials is that prescribed by the Seventh Ordinance for the City Treasurer, and I think it sufficient to cover all the duties and liabilities of the several officials as defined by statute and resolutions of Council

You will observe in reference to the 78 Section of the Charter that I am only required to report on the form and regularity of execution of the Bonds which I have done in all cases

To The Mayor
and City Council

Your Obedt Servt
J. N. Ritchie
Recorder

Read Opinion of His Honor the Recorder in the matter of the Letter from Messrs Whisholm, Meagher & Ritchie on behalf of Sugar Refinery Company Limited relative to Taxes

Recorder's Office
Halifax Dec 24th 1881

Gentlemen

Assessment on Sugar
Refinery Company

This assessment has been levied on the Company in respect of a building at the corner of Duke and Hollis Streets rented by the Company and used as an office in addition to their offices

Opinion of Recorder on bonds of City Officers

Opinion Recorder in re Taxes Sugar Refinery Company

1881

December 27th at the Refinery at Richmond The Company claims exemption under Chapter 28 of the Acts of the Province for 1879 which enacts "that any Sugar Refinery to be erected in Nova Scotia by any person or Company and all real and personal property connected therewith and the capital employed therein shall be exempt from all County Rates and other local taxation for a period of twenty one years" and the question is whether the property in question is real estate connected with the Refinery.

As regards the law I am of opinion that statutes exempting any property from taxation are to be strictly construed and the exemption should not be allowed unless it has been so clearly granted as to be free from fair doubt.

In this case I think it very doubtful whether the words of the statute can be so construed as to extend to any real estate not actually connected with the refinery itself any other view would enable the Company to have warehouses and offices in any part of the province, without limit, free of taxation which in my opinion the Act does not contemplate.

If it is thought desirable to have this question settled by the Court no doubt the Company would agree to state a case to be submitted.

Your Obedt Servt
J. A. Ritchie
Recorder

On Motion of Alderman Mattow seconded by Alderman Sedgewick a copy of the opinion of His Honor the Recorder is directed to be sent to Messrs. Lisholms, Meagher and Ritchie with a request that they will reply thereto as early as convenient.

The following resolution No 1 is next introduced

Resol in re
Graving Dock
deposit &c

Resolved That His Worship the Mayor be authorized to execute and deliver to Messrs. James Wright a document similar in its terms except as to times and dates and except as controlled by this resolution to that given to Mr. W. R. Turner in relation to the subsidy in aid of a Dry Dock on his depositing with the Mayor the sum of \$2000 to be forfeited to the City of Halifax if the agreement is not entered into and the balance of the \$25,000 deposit paid within forty days. The deposit of \$2,000 to be made within forty eight hours Moved by Alderman Mattow seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed.

The following resolution No Two is next introduced

Resol. rel to
Dry Dock.

Resolved That a Committee of Six Members of this Council with His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder be appointed to settle upon the terms of agreement between the Council and James Wright in reference to building Dry Dock Moved by Alderman MacKay seconded by Alderman McPherson which resolution on being put is passed.

1881

December 27th

Committee Aldermen Mac Gay, Hesselin, Mottow, O'Connor.
 On the member for Ward Five being named it was moved by Alderman
 Harlett seconded by Alderman Connolly that Alderman Graham
 be chosen for ward five in amendment it was moved by Alderman
 Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Mottow that Alderman Woodill be
 placed on said committee which amendment on being put was lost and
 the original motion passed Alderman McPherson was then elected
 for Ward Six

On Motion of Alderman Meech-
 intosh seconded by Alderman McPherson The Order of the Day is
 suspended to allow Alderman Mac Gay to introduce a resolution to
 rescind a resolution of last Meeting in reference to borrowing funds for
 Water Supply. The same was read and not being seconded

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"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Macintosh, Mac Kay, Spelman, Hoesslein, Grenaman, Mottaw, Smith, O'Connor, Mac Isellan, Graham, Story, Kiebet and Mac Pherson

The Council were summoned to consider business connected with the Bank account

Read over proceedings of the Meeting held on the 27th December inst which was confirmed

His Worship the Mayor having explained his reasons for calling the Council on this day hands in summons and Informations with restraining Order from The Supreme Court in re Attorney General vs The City of Halifax to shew cause in Equity

Also a Letter covering Memorandum of an agreement from H. G. Pitcaethly, Cashier Halifax Banking Company in re Coupons

Also two Letters one dated 29th Dec. and the other dated 30th Dec. 1881 in reference to the account with the Halifax Banking Company

Also a Letter from The City Treasurer explaining the present state of the consolidated Loan as deposited in Halifax Bank

Read Letter from The City Treasurer to the City Council in reference to present state of the consolidated loan at The Halifax Bank

Letters H. G.

Pitcaethly Cashier of Halifax Banking Co Bank Account in re Bank acc

Read Letters from H. G. Pitcaethly dated 29th & 30th Dec. 1881 in reference to

When the following resolution No one is introduced

Resolved That the Mayor and City Treasurer be empowered to enter into an agreement with one of the City Banks on the best terms possible for the purchase by the Bank of the Coupons now becoming due from the respective holders thereof said Coupons to be certified by the Treasurer and held by the Bank against the City until sufficient Water Rates have been collected to pay them off with interest Moved by Alderman Macintosh seconded by Alderman O'Connor

Moved by Alderman Mottaw seconded by Alderman MacPherson That His Worship the Mayor be requested to send for and ask the City Treasurer to attend at this Meeting of City Council Motion on being put is passed & Voting for the same 3 against it

Resolved in re Water Coupons

1881

December 31st

The City Treasurer having attended as requested On Motion of Alderman Graham seconded by Alderman Macintosh he is requested to take a place at the left of the Mayor's Chair to answer any questions and give explanation of the present condition of Bank account

. After which the Resolution No one is put to the Council and passed unanimously

The following Resolution No two

is next introduced

Resolved That the Mayor and Treasurer be instructed to demand the balance of the consolidated Fund Loan now on Special Deposit in the Halifax Banking Company and if the same be refused that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to take the necessary steps to recover the money Moved by Alderman Macintosh seconded by Alderman Mottow which resolution resolution on being put is passed unanimously

On Motion of Alderman Smith

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