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Minutes of City Council,

FOR 1891—1892.

MAY 5TH, 1891.

Thomas C. Allen, Esq., for Ward No. One; Hedley V. Wier, Esq., for Ward No. Two; James T. Hamilton, Esq., for Ward No. Three; John F. Ryan, Esq., for Ward No. Four; Miner T. Foster, Esq., for Ward No. Five, and Charles W. Outhit, Esq., for Ward No. Six, having been returned as duly elected for their respective Wards in the City of Halifax, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, the Oath of Office as Alderman, as well as that of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, signed the roll and took their seats as Aldermen of the City of Halifax in the presence of His Worship the Mayor.

EVENING SESSION.

MAY, 5TH 1891.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this evening, present: His Worship the Mayor in the Chair, Aldermen Mackintosh, Boak, Allen, Keefe, Dennis, Wier, Sanford, Pickering, Hamilton, Sweet, Ryan, McFatridge, Foster, Mosher, Adams and Outhit.

The Council was summoned to swear into office the Aldermen elect, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Hamilton submits two reports from Board of City Works.

Alderman Mosher, Chairman City Prison Committee, submits the report for the month of April; also the Annual Report of that Committee.

Alderman Mosher submits a petition from Benjamin Smith and others, asking that a small license fee be imposed upon persons carrying on the business of boatmen.

His Worship the Mayor submits a draft of an Act entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Acts of 1889, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Power Company, Limited."

Also, a letter from Heber Hartlen, relative to the contract for removal of ashes, etc.

Also a letter from Benjamin Russell, Esq., Q. C., relative to the division of Wards of the City in the new City Charter, now before the House of Assembly.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read Report of Board of City Works relative to accounts of DeWolfe, Son & Co. for Carts, and John F. Kelly for Harness :

MAY 4TH, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day they had under consideration the accompanying bills for Water and Tip Carts and Harness, when it was decided to forward them to the City Council, with the request that as these liabilities were incurred by direction of Council, they will kindly provide the means to pay the amounts :

DeWolfe, Son & Co.....	\$1411 65
John F. Kelly	168 00

J. T. HAMILTON,
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Boak, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read Report of Board of City Works on the unsatisfactory manner in which the Street Railway Company are repairing the streets through which their track runs. Objected to and laid over.

Read petition of B. Smith and others, boatmen at North Slip, complaining of disorderly conduct at said Slip, and asking that a small license fee be charged those carrying on that business. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges to report on. Motion passed.

Read Report Committee on City Prison for month of April :

HALIFAX, April 28th, 1891.

The City Prison Committee met this day at the Prison. Present: Aldermen Rhuland, Dennis, Sanford, Sweet, McFatrige and Mosher, Chairman.

The following accounts are recommended for payment :

R. T. Braine	\$ 16 31
J. E. M. Taylor	4 95
Longard Bros.....	107 96
Nisbet & Drake.....	96 75
Charles Raine	24 25
R. H. Margeson	9 05
A. M. Bell.....	2 35
Wm. Taylor & Co.....	10 80
J. A. Leaman & Co.....	25 20
Henry Carson	7 00

\$304 62

Annexed hereto find statement from Governor and Matron for month of April, 1891.

Also the Annual Report of the City Prison for the year ending 30th April, 1891.

S. MOSHER,
Chairman.

When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the report be received and adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants to pay the accounts therein contained. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Sanford, and on being put is passed.

His Worship the Mayor submits letter from Assistant City Clerk, covering sundry accounts. The same was read. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that said accounts be referred to the new Committee on Public Accounts to report on. Motion passed.

Read Draft of an Act entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Acts of 1889, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Power Company, Limited." To go on the Order Paper.

Read letter from Heber Hartlen, in *re* Contract for Removal of Ashes. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman McFtridge, that the same be taken up with No. 37 on the Order of the Day. Motion passed.

Read letter from B. Russell, Esq., Q. C., relative to the division of the Wards of the City as set out in the new Charter now before the Legislature.

Read an Address from His Worship the Mayor on City Matters:

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen,—Having been requested by the City Council and a large number of citizens to become a candidate for the Mayoralty for the present year, and having been elected by acclamation to that position for the third time. I have to express my acknowledgements for the honor, and also for the generous support and consideration which I have received during the past two years, both from the Council and the citizens of Halifax.

As we are now commencing a new civic year it is well for us to look carefully into our means and responsibilities, so that we may have an intelligent understanding of our position as a municipality.

The Funded Debt of the City, as you will find in the Auditors' Reports, and as I stated on taking my seat in the Mayor's chair, just a year ago was, at that time, \$2,022,578.46. Since that date additions have been made to the Funded Debt to the extent of \$82,800.00, namely: For Sewerage, \$55,000.00; for Water Extension, \$10,000.00; for widening Campbell Road, \$2,800; for the Dry Dock, \$5,000.00; and for street implements and material, \$10,000.00. The

total amount of the Funded Debt on 1st May, 1891, is consequently \$2,105,378.46.

We cannot disguise from ourselves and the public outside, who have to bear the burden of this debt, that it is beginning to assume formidable proportions, and its further growth, though perhaps unavoidable, must be carefully watched.

At the same time I do not see, how in the face of existing demands, and the constant clamour on the part of citizens for further improvements it is possible for our civic liabilities to remain stationary. Good streets extended and a perfect sewerage, an efficient police, the newest appliances for fire protection and street lighting an abundant supply of pure water—all these are indispensable requisites in any community aspiring to be called a modern city and none of these can be had without money; without indeed a great deal of money.

Since the citizens will have these conveniences, and will have them of the very best, the most that the City Council can do is to see that the citizens' money is properly expended.

In speaking of our funded debt it is well to remember that a large proportion, over \$800,000.00, is for water supply. Of course it is a part of our funded debt for which we have to pay interest and yet it is a part that can scarcely be called a burden. Water, and plenty of it, people must have, and the proportion of the interest which is paid out of the water rates by each family is no more than the convenience is worth to every household. If the City did not own the lakes and provide the water the supply would most assuredly be undertaken by a private company and at a much greater cost, all things being considered.

It is certain no company would provide an unlimited domestic supply and at the same time so vast a quantity of water for fire purposes, as we have at our command at anything like the same cost. As you are aware it is in contemplation to still further increase our water supply and partly readjust the system by an outlay which will probably reach \$150,000.00. Of this expenditure I will merely say in passing that the work is greatly needed, and as a large amount of water debentures is about falling due. I have hopes that the saving of interest in renewing these debentures will enable the City to carry out the proposed improvements without increasing our liabilities.

The demand for extended and more perfect sewerage, led last year to an application to the Legislature for authority to borrow \$400,000.00 for this most necessary purpose; but this amount, spread over a number of years will only be taken up as required and a part of the cost will be levied under the terms of the Sewerage Act upon the owners of property more immediately affected.

The widening of Lockman Street is another improvement imperatively required by the growing traffic to and from the Railway Station on North Street. The negotiations with the Dominion Government relating to the matter being still in abeyance, I am

unable at present to say what proportion of the cost will fall upon the City, but in any event it will be large, and it is one that cannot be evaded.

Still another project, long before the public, and for which an Act of the Legislature has been obtained, is the providing of a suitable Market House. It is not creditable to a City with the standing and pretensions of Halifax, that our market accommodation should be so limited and unsatisfactory. It is quite time some steps should be taken to meet this long felt requirement.

The improvement of the sidewalks is another matter which will cost considerable money and for which Legislative authority has been obtained, but as in the case of sewerage, a part of the cost of constructing sidewalks will be borne by owners of property benefitted thereby.

For some time it has been evident that a new Cemetery would very shortly become indispensable.

I am happy to say that some progress has been made in this matter, and it is one which cannot fail to be generally approved.

The cost in the first instance may be considerable, but it is believed that as it has been heretofore in Camp Hill Cemetery, the annual maintenance will be reduced largely by the sale of lots.

It will be seen, Gentlemen, that we have plenty of work before us, and I can only hope and trust that our united deliberations will result satisfactorily to all concerned.

The great trouble is that our wants increase much more rapidly than our revenues. How to increase our income without at the same time increasing the rate per centum is at present the difficult problem, but as the subject is now being discussed, and will most certainly come before the City Council at an early date, it is unnecessary for me to occupy your time with any suggestions of my own.

There is just one other matter I would like to bring to your notice, and that is in connection with the Poor's Asylum. As you are aware, there are many benevolent ladies who are in the habit of visiting the poor, especially the poor women and children in the Asylum; but such visitors have no power or authority whatever in the management of the institution. It has been suggested, and I think the suggestion a good one, that three or four ladies, more or less, might be added to the Board of Commissioners, and that their advice and experience in the treatment of women and children would probably be found advantageous.

I have only, in conclusion, to thank you again, Gentlemen, for your courtesy and support in the past, and to trust that our relations in the civic year before us may be equally pleasant.

DAVID MCPHERSON, *Mayor*.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the same be received and printed in the Minutes of Council and also in the Annual Civic Report, and that that portion of the Address

referring to the appointment of ladies on the Committee in charge of the Poor's Asylum be referred to the new Committee on Charities. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare an Act for submission to the Legislature, giving the City power to increase the ordinary assessment upon the citizens from \$100,000 to \$130,000. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Foster to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution, No. 2, is then introduced :

Resolved, That the sum of \$1579.65 (fifteen hundred and seventy-nine dollars and sixty-five cents) be taken from Unexpended Balances Account to pay the amount of DeWolfe, Son & Co.'s Account for Water Carts, and John F. Kelly's Account for Harness, said amount to be repaid to Unexpended Balances Account after the Act now before the Legislature authorizing the City to borrow money for this service is passed. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Outhit, and on being put is passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—No. 1.

Alderman Sweet's Notice of reconsideration, in *re* appointment of Assistant City Medical Officer, was withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Boak, that the letter of the Dunn Publishing Company, relative to advertising the City of Halifax in the Summer number of the *Mercury*, be referred to the new Committee on Public Accounts to report on. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that No. 37 on Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

The Mayor retires, and Alderman Mackintosh takes the Chair.

Read report from the Board of City Works on the Tenders for removal of ashes, garbage, etc., with letter from Heber Hartlen on same subject.

April 27th, 1891.

The Board of Works beg to report that at a meeting held this day, they had under consideration the accompanying Tenders for removal of ashes, rubbish, garbage, etc., from the various Wards of the City for the current season, when it was decided to report them up to the City Council for its action.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman*.

When the following resolution is introduced :

Resolved, That the lowest tender for removing ashes and garbage by night be accepted and that this resolution be referred to the Board of Works with liberty to have the ashes of any Ward requiring it removed by day if the Board sees fit. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Foster, and on being put is passed, ten voting

for the same and five against it. Names being called for appeared thus :

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Keefe, Wier,	Aldermen Boak, Allen,
Sanford, Pickering,	Dennis, Hamilton,
Sweet, Ryan,	Mosher.—5.
McFatrige, Foster,	
Adams, Outhit.—10.	

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Foster, that numbers 21 and 33 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read Alderman Keefe's resolution as entered in Minutes of March 19th, 1891, in *re* appointment of additional police.

Read Report from the Police Committee on the appointment of additional policemen. When the following resolution No. 4, is introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the Police Committee be received and concurred in and the City Clerk be instructed to notify the men named therein to appear before the City Marshal to be instructed as to their duties and be sworn into office. Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman McFatrige.

His Worship the Mayor now resumes the Chair.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Mackintosh :

Resolved, That the Report of the Police Committee be referred to the new Police Committee. The amendment on being put is passed, 8 voting for the same and 8 against it ; His Worship the Mayor giving his casting vote for the amendment. Names being called for, appeared thus :

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Mackintosh, Wier,	Aldermen Sanford, Keefe,
Boak, Hamilton,	Pickering, Sweet,
Allen, Dennis,	Ryan, McFatrige,
Adams, Mosher,	Foster, Outhit—8.
The Mayor—9.	

Alderman Foster gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Mackintosh, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourn, 10.06.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10—P. M.

MAY 13th, 1891.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council, called for this evening at the above hour, there were present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Pickering, Sanford, Ryan and Wier.

Moved by Alderman Sanford, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the time for meeting be extended a half-hour, or until a quorum is had. Motion passed.

8.20 P. M.—Roll called, Present: the above with Aldermen Boak, Allen, Keefe, Hamilton, Sweet, Lyons, McFatridge, Foster, Mosher, Adams, Outhit.

The Council were summoned to appoint the various City Officers for ensuing year, to appoint the Standing Committees for 1891-2. To proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Report of Coal Measurers for month of April, with Annual Report of same for year 1890-91.

Annual Report of measurers of Salt and Grain.

Return of City Collector, of Rates and Taxes collected in April, and return of Water Rates collected same month.

Also cash statement City Treasurer for April.

Also letter from William Roche, relative to the condition of Cornwallis street sewer outlet.

Also letter from A. M. Hemeon, claiming damages for injuries received from a fall on Water Street.

Also resignation of Alderman McFatridge as a member of the Board School Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read Report of Measurers of Coal for the Month of April.

Read Annual Report Measurers of Coal for year ending April 30th, 1891.

Read Annual Report of Measurer of Salt and Grain for 1890-91.

Read letter from William Roche in re condition of outlet to Cornwallis Street sewer.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the letter be referred to the City Engineer for immediate attention, he to make report on same to the Board of City Works. Motion passed.

Read Report of Committee on Charities, recommending the payment of a number of accounts, etc.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 4th, 1891,

The Committee on Charities met this day, Present: the Chairman, Aldermen Pickering, Outhit, Keefe and Lyons.

The following accounts were examined, found correct and ordered to be paid:

Dillon Bros.....	\$505 87
Smith Bros.....	93 27
J. L. Whytal, Jr.....	12 50
Wm. Whiston.....	100 66
Geo. Gregoire.....	31 18
Brookfield Bros.....	30 43
Malcom & Johnson.....	38 93
Longard Bros.....	12 52
	\$825 36

Annexed hereto find statement of the number of persons admitted, etc. Poors' Asylum during the month of April.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. BOAK, *Chairman.*

HALIFAX, April, 30th, 1891.

To the Chairman and Members of the Charities Committee:

Gentlemen,—During the month of April there has been 21 admitted, 4 born, 40 discharged, 6 died.

April 30th.....	152 men
" ".....	125 women
" ".....	13 children.

Total 290

J. W. FLEMMING, *Supt.*

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Boak, that said report be received and adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from A. M. Hemeon relative to injuries sustained by his falling over a pile of dirt on Water Street and claiming damages for said injuries.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the matter be referred to the Board of City Works with His Honor the Recorder to report on. Motion passed.

Read resignation of Alderman McFatridge as a member of the Board of School Commissioners.

Order of the Day taken up.

Alderman Foster withdraws his Notice of Reconsideration in re Report of Police Committee as given at last meeting.

The Council now proceed to elect the various City Officers for ensuing year as follows:

Henry Trenaman, Assistant City Clerk.
 William J. Nisbet, 2nd " " "
 William R. Hamilton, 3rd " " "
 Garrett Cotter, City Marshal.
 James McDonald, Deputy City Marshal.
 John O'Sullivan, Asst. " " "
 Henry S. Rhind, Clerk of License.
 William B. McNutt, Clerk of Works.
 William F. Reilly, Asst. " " "
 John McDonald, Foreman of Street Work.
 Ewan Morrison, " " Water Works.
 Thomas Spelman, Caretaker, City Property.
 Nicholas Meagher, Health Inspector.
 John E. Burns, }
 Rupert W. Languile, } Water Inspectors.
 Nicholas Power, Detective Officer.
 Thomas Trenaman, City Medical Officer.
 Thomas Rhind, Clerk Board of Health.
 John Spruin, Janitor City Hall.
 D. J. Smith, *Supervisor*, }
 James Mitchell, }
 James McDaniel, }
 Maurice McDonnell, } Measurers of Salt and Grain.
 Wm. Fredericks, }
 Richard D'Arcy, }
 John Heenan, }
 Simon Cummins, *Supervisor*, }
 T. B. Shaw, }
 William Pyke, }
 Thomas Isles, }
 Wm. R. Cogswell, } Measurers of Coal.
 Robert Woodill, }
 Geo. Grono, }
 A. J. Smith, }
 James Hutton, Registrar of Cemetery.
 William Murray, Governor City Prison.
 Mrs. Wm. Murray, Matron "
 Robert P. Murray, }
 Daniel E. Keating, } Under Keepers City Prison.
 Wm Higlett, }
 Philip Myers, }
 John Muldowney, Messenger, City Prison.
 J. W. Flemming, Superintendent 'Poors' Asylum.
 A. A. Flemming, Matron, "
 James H. Dow, Engineer, "

James Murphy, Asst. Engineer Poors Asylum.
 Daniel Mackintosh, Baker " "
 John H McDaniels, Secretary " "
 William Holland, Lumber Surveyor,
 Jeremiah Barnstead, Sealer of Leather.
 Wm. T. Horton, Fence Viewer.
 J. E. M. Taylor, } Inspectors Painters' Work
 David Roche, }
 Samuel Marshall, } Inspectors Mason Work,
 John Cawsey, }

The following Committees as named by His Worship the Mayor were read, and confirmed as follows :

Commissioners Point Pleasant Park,—Aldermen Allen, Wier Pickering, Foster, Power, Outhit.

Board of Commissioners of City Works,—Aldermen Mackintosh, Keefe, Sanford, Sweet, McFatrige and Mosher.

Commissioners of Halifax Common,—Aldermen Mackintosh, Dennis, Hamilton, Ryan, Lyons, Adams.

Public Accounts,—Aldermen Allen, Dennis, Pickering, Sweet, Foster, Outhit.

Police,—Aldermen Boak, Keefe, Pickering, Ryan, McFatrige, Adams.

Library,—Aldermen Mackintosh, Dennis, Hamilton, Ryan, Lyons, Mosher.

Cemetery,—Aldermen Allen, Wier, Sanford, Sweet, Foster, Mosher.

Sanitary,—Aldermen Allen, Keefe, Sanford, Power, Foster, Outhit

Charities,—Aldermen Boak, Dennis, Pickering, Sweet, Lyons, Adams.

City Prison,—Aldermen, Boak Wier, Sanford, Power, McFatrige, Outhit.

Tenders,—Aldermen Mackintosh, Wier, Hamilton, Power, Lyons, Adams.

Board of Five Wards and Five Commissioners,—Aldermen Boak, Keefe, Pickering, Power, Foster, Adams.

Laws and Privileges,—Aldermen Boak, Dennis, Hamilton, Ryan, Lyons, Mosher

Hacks and Trucks,—Aldermen Allen, Keefe, Hamilton, Ryan, McFatrige, Adams.

Assessment,—Aldermen Mackintosh, Keefe, Sanford, Sweet, McFatrige, Mosher.

Moved by Alderman Boak, seconded by Alderman Keefe, that the City Clerk, in consequence of ill health, be granted two months leave of absence, and that the City Council regret, his continued illness. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that No. 30 on Order of the Day, an Act to provide a Board of Health for the City of Halifax, be now taken up. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Outhit, that the said Act be taken up and considered from clause number one.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Adams. *Whereas* there is now before the Private and Local Bills Committee of the House of Assembly, an Act relating to the Board of Health for the City which was introduced in the Legislative Council without this Council having had an opportunity of examining said Bill or approving of the same, which Bill makes many grave and important changes and confers extraordinary powers on the Health Board and denudes this Council of many of its powers over the streets, sewers, water and other public works of the City.

Therefore Resolved, That the said committee be requested to recommend to the House that the Bill be allowed to remain over until next session, and this Council will in the meantime carefully examine the same and if necessary prepare a Bill for the Legislature.

Further Resolved, That if said committee decline the request of the Council, that the Bill be amended in the following particulars:

1st. That the Mayor be *ex-officio* Chairman, of said Board.

2nd. That the City Medical Officer shall also be the Sanitary Superintendent, and shall give his whole time to the office, his salary not to be less than Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars yearly.

3rd. That sub-Sections A. C. D. G. and H. of Section 11 and Sections 12 and 13 be struck out.

4th. That all bills shall be paid by warrant of the Mayor, as heretofore, and the expenditures and vouchers to be audited as other City accounts. Which amendment on being put is lost six voting for the same and nine against it. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Outhit,	Aldermen Mosher, Foster,
Adams, Ryan,	Lyons, McFatrige,
Pickering,	Sweet, Hamilton,
Sanford,	Wier, Allen,
Keefe—6.	Boak—9.

A second amendment. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Boak, that the Act be considered from clause six, was on being put passed, eight voting for the same, seven against it. The names being called for, appeared thus:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Boak, Allen,	Aldermen Keefe, Sanford,
Wier, Hamilton,	Pickering, Ryan,
Sweet, McFatrige,	Foster, Adams,
Lyons, Mosher—8.	Outhit—7.

Read Clause 6. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the said clause be amended to read as follows:

The said Sanitary Superintendent shall be at the time of his

appointment a duly qualified Medical Practitioner who has made and who shall make the subject of Sanitary Science a special study. He shall also fill the position of City Medical Officer, and shall receive an annual salary not to exceed \$2,400 in full for all services he may render the Board and City Council, and shall devote his whole time to the duties of the office, and remain in office from year to year unless a majority of the members of the Board shall within one month after their appointment in any one year by resolution remove him; provided always, however, that he may be removed at any time for cause sufficient in the opinion of the Board to justify his dismissal by a majority vote, one week's notice of the cause having been first given him in writing. Which on being put is passed, eight voting for the same, seven against it. Names being called for, appeared thus:

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Aldermen Adams, Ryan, Sweet, Pickering, Sanford, Wier, Outhit, Keefe.—8.	Aldermen Mosher, Foster, Lyons, McFatrige, Hamilton, Allen, Boak.—7.

Read clause 7. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that said clause be amended by adding the words "By the Council on the recommendation of the Board" at the end of said clause. Motion put and passed.

Read clause 8 with sub-sections, A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said clause do pass. Motion passed.

Read clauses 9, 10, 11, 12 which on being put were passed.

Read clause 13. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that this clause be struck out, which motion on being put is passed, 9 voting for the same 5 against it. Names being called for appeared thus:

For the Motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Keefe, Wier, Pickering, Ryan, McFatrige, Mosher, Foster, Adams, Outhit—9.	Aldermen Boak, Allen, Hamilton, Sweet, Lyons.—5.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the remaining clauses of said Act do pass. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, that the Bill as passed by the City Council be sent to the Committee of Local and Private Bills with a certificate that it has passed the City Council, and that the Bill be approved by the Legislature. Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that No. 12 on order paper be taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 12, report of Special Committee on Widening Lockman Street. When the following resolution is introduced:

Resolved, That the Act for widening Lockman Street be amended in the Local Legislature by authority being given the City Council to proceed with the widening of said street, provided the Dominion Government does not take over the blocks from North to Cornwallis Streets or any portion thereof within six months for railway purposes. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Mosher, and on being put is passed.

Alderman Pickering gives notice of reconsideration in *re* appointment City Medical Officer.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that Alderman Foster be appointed on the Board of School Commissioners in place of Alderman McFatridge, resigned. Motion passed.

The following resolution was next introduced:

Resolved, That the Order of Council in *re* sewers being built in their turn be suspended to permit the sewerage construction in Water Street to be proceeded with.

Further resolved, And the Engineer is hereby instructed to proceed with the construction of the necessary sewerage in Water Street, thus enabling him to proceed with the paving of said street at an early date, as ordered by this Council. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Sanford, that said resolution do pass, if found correct by His Honor the Recorder. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Council Adjourn. Motion passed.

10.50. Council adjourn.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10—P. M.

MAY 19th, 1891.

At a special meeting of the City Council called for this evening at the above hour, there were present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Mackintosh, Sanford, Wier, Adams, Power and Sweet.

Moved by Alderman Mackintosh, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the time for meeting be extended twenty minutes or until a quorum is had. Motion passed.

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, with Aldermen Allen, Keefe, Pickering, Ryan, Lyons, McFatrige, Foster, Mosher.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Power, Chairman, submits report from the Committee on Tenders.

Alderman Sweet, chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Public Accounts.

Alderman Mackintosh submits a petition from property owners on Pleasant Street, asking for Sewer.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

A letter from His Honor the Recorder *in re* Water Street sewer.

A letter from the City Engineer on Water Street sewer.

Also Letter from Clerk of Works *in re* appointment of Chairman Board of City Works.

Also Letter from A. B. Mitchell in reference to assessment on property Nos. 12 to 20 Buckingham Street.

Also resignation of City Engineer.

Also an application from J. W. Chandler for the position of City Engineer, *pro tem*.

Also letter from Isaac Sallis *in re* appointment of John Kempt as overseer of street cleaning.

Moved by Alderman Keefe, seconded by Alderman Mackintosh, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers handed in. Motion passed.

Read Report of Committee on Tenders *re* loan of \$25,000.00 for street paving.

May 18th, 1891.—The Committee on Tenders met this p. m., present Aldermen Mackintosh, Wier and Power.

The tender of J. C. Mackintosh, offering to loan the City \$25,000.00 and give 97.55 for four per cent. stock certificates, was read and on motion recommended for acceptance.

Alderman Power was elected chairman of the Committee on Tenders at said meeting.

When the following resolution No. 1, is introduced: *Resolved*, That the tender of J. C. Mackintosh of 97.55 for \$25,000 paving loan at 4% interest per annum be accepted, and that stock certificates be issued for the amount of \$20,000.00 as called for by advertisement. Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Pickering and on being put is passed.

Read report from the Committee on Public Accounts, recommending the payment of sundry accounts for printing, stationery, &c.

The Committee on Public Accounts beg to report as follows:

Having examined the following certified accounts, they recommend them for payment, viz:

A. & W. MacKinlay, for stationery	\$211 07
T. C. Allen & Co., "	1 10
Morning, Herald Printing and Publishing Co., for printing Minutes	205 51
Court of Appeal, total as per estimate	300 00

When the following resolution, No. 2, is introduced: *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Public Accounts be adopted and His Worship the mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts mentioned therein. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Pickering and on being put is passed.

Read letter from His Honor the Recorder *in re* Water Street sewer.

Read letter from the City Engineer on same subject. When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the report of the City Engineer *in re* Water Street sewer, be concurred in and that the same be referred to the Board of Works to carry into effect under resolution of Council passed at its last meeting. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Sanford and on being put is passed.

Read letter from W B. McNutt, Clerk of Works, informing the Council of the appointment of Alderman Mackintosh as Chairman of the Board of City Works. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the said appointment be confirmed by this Council. Motion put and passed.

Read letter from A. B. Mitchell, Agent, relative to assessment on property 12 to 20 Buckingham Street. Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that the same be referred to the Committee on Assessment with His Honor the Recorder to report on. Motion passed.

Read resignation of E. H. Keating of the office of City Engineer. When the following resolution is introduced. *Resolved*, That the resignation of the City Engineer be accepted to take effect in one month from date, and that the City Clerk advertize for applications for the position of City Engineer for a fortnight, and that the Board

make any temporary arrangements for any engineering work in the meantime. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Foster, which resolution on being put is passed.

Read application from J. W. Chandler for the position *pro tem* of City Engineer.

Read petition from J. R. Lithgow and other property owners on Pleasant Street, asking that a sewer be built in said street between Pleasant and Morris Streets. Moved by Alderman Mackintosh, seconded by Alderman Allen, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works to report on. Motion passed.

Read letter from Isaac Sallis, *in re* the appointment of John Kemp as overseer of street cleaning. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Wier, that the same be referred to the Board of City Works to be considered with the previous letter of Mr. Sallis on same subject. Motion passed.

Order of the Day is next taken up.

Alderman Pickering's notice of reconsideration *in re* appointment of the City Medical Officer.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Power, that said appointment be now reconsidered, which motion on being put was lost, four voting for the same and ten against it. Names being called for appeared thus:

For the Reconsideration

Aldermen Allen, Pickering,
Power, Ryan.—4.

Against it.

Aldermen Mackintosh, Wier,
Keefe, Sanford,
McFatrige, Lyons,
Foster, Adams,
Mosher, Sweet.—10.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Pickering to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that Alderman Sweet be Deputy Mayor for ensuing year. Motion passed.

On motion items No. 22, 23, 34 and 35 were struck off the Order of the Day.

Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Lyons to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

When the following resolution is introduced: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Laws and Privileges with His Honor the Recorder be instructed to make all necessary arrangements for bringing into force the Act passed the present session of the Legislature in reference to the treatment of Inebriates with power to make arrangements for a temporary home if considered necessary by the committee, and to report to this Council what steps should be taken for providing a permanent home and officials, and the monthly charge to be paid the

City for the keep of inmates under the Act. Moved by Alderman Lyons seconded by Alderman Pickering, which resolution on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Lyons, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Sweet to introduce a resolution. Motion passed. When the following resolution is introduced. *Resolved*, That this council affirm its views as expressed in previous resolutions as to the importance of improved railway facilities for the City of Halifax and the extension of the Intercolonial railway to Cornwallis street and the erection there of freight sheds, and it also expressed its sense of the great necessity that exists for freight accommodation being provided for the Windsor and Annapolis railway at some point nearer to the business portion of the city than the present freight shed at Richmond; and in view of the fact that the amendment to the act for widening Lockman street provides that an answer be given by the Dominion Government before the first of November next, as to whether it will take over the whole or any portion of the blocks between Cornwallis and North streets for railway purposes, this Council, by memorial or other suitable means, would respectfully urge upon the Dominion Government to take the matter into consideration and give to this city the railway facilities so greatly needed. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Mosher, which resolution on being put is passed.

The following resolution is next introduced: *Resolved*, That copies of the resolution be forwarded to the members of the City and County at Ottawa with a request that the same be laid before the Honorable the Minister of Railways and the other members of the Dominion Government and that the subject receive an early and favorable consideration and that a copy be also sent to the Board of Trade for its information. Moved by Alderman Lyons, seconded by Alderman Mackintosh, and on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Power, that No. 25 on the Order of the Day be taken up. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Sweet, that No. 30 on Order Paper be taken up and considered with No. 25. Motion passed.

Read No. 25 as follows: *Resolved*, That the system hitherto in vogue of dividing the street appropriation into wards be discontinued, and that the amount provided for that service in the estimate remain intact and that all repairs shall be ordered by the Board of Works and that said Board shall be held responsible for any expenditure made on behalf of said service. Moved by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Power and on being put is lost, 7 voting for the same and 7 against it, His Worship the Mayor giving his casting vote against the resolution. The names being called for appeared thus:

For the Resolution.	Against it.
Aldermen Lyons, Power, Pickering, Sanford, Wier, Allen, Sweet.—7.	Aldermen Mosher, Adams, McFatrige, Ryan, Keefe, Foster, Mackintosh.—7. The Mayor.

Read No. 30 as follows :

Whereas, The present method of apportioning the appropriation for Street Services to the various Wards, and the present system of control, ordering of work and supervision of the same has proven otherwise than satisfactory in their results.

Therefore Resolved, That the practice of dividing the appropriation with the several Wards, and the expenditure, ordering of work and supervision of the same by the representatives of the Ward, be and is hereby ordered to be discontinued, and that in future the appropriation for Street Service shall remain intact for the general repairs of the Streets and Sidewalks of the City, and only shall it be drawn against by order of the City Engineer (subject in all cases to the approval of the City Council) who alone shall advise what repairs are necessary and who shall order and supervise all work done therein.

Further Resolved, That the City Engineer shall hereafter report to the City Board of Works (for the concurrence of the Council) before making of the estimates in each year the necessary repairs and work required to be done on the Streets and sidewalks and the estimated cost of the same, and it shall be the duty of the Council to provide an amount in the estimates, consistent with the reported requirements by the Engineer (such as have been approved by the Council.) The City Engineer shall be held responsible by the Council for the repairs and condition of the Streets and Sidewalks.

Further Resolved, Should legislation be required for the carrying into effect the foregoing resolution, His Honor the Recorder is hereby instructed to prepare an Act to be submitted to the Legislature at its next session for enactment. Moved by Alderman Pickering, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, which resolution on being put was lost.

Alderman Lyons gives notice of reconsideration of Alderman Sweet's resolution *in re* Street Expenditure.

Moved by Alderman Mackintosh, seconded by Alderman Pickering, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

10.20. Council adjourn.