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MINUTES

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

HALIFAX, N. S.

FOR THE

CIVIC YEAR 1912-1913.

FREDERICK PENNINGTON BLIGH, Mayor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, City Clerk.



Minutes of City Council.

CIVIC YEAR 1912-1913.

FREDERICK P. BLYGH, Mayor.

Office of City Clerk, City Hall, May 2nd, 1912.

Frederick Pennington Bligh having been on the 1st day of May, 1912, by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, publicly declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1912-13, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor he was on the 1st day of May, inst., sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, at Government House, by subscribing and taking the Oaths of Allegiance, of Qualification and of Office, in the presence of Aldermen R. V. Harris, Hoben, Martin and Upham and Aldermen-elect J. C. Harris and Dennis and the City Clerk.

And that upon the said 1st day of May he was sworn as a Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax before the City Clerk.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,

City Clerk in and for the City of Halifax

ALDERMEN.

Office of City Clerk, City Hall, May 2nd, 1912.

Robert Morrow, Merchant, for Ward Number One; Robert McConnell Hattie, Journalist, for Ward Number Two; William Dennis, Publisher, for Ward Number Three; Robert Francis Keltie, Marble Worker, for Ward Number Four; John Clifford Harris, Contractor, for Ward Number Five and Philip Anthony Gough, Veterinary Surgeon, for Ward Number Six; having been on the 1st day of May, inst., by the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, publicly declared duly elected Aldermen of the City of Halifax for the terms for which they were respectively elected, I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Alderman they were each and severally sworn before His Worship the Mayor by subscribing and taking the Oaths of Allegiance and of Qualification and the Oaths of Office of Alderman and of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax and signed the Roll of Aldermen, as follows:—

Robert Morrow, on the 1st day of May, A. D., 1912.
Robert M. Hattie, on the 2nd day of May, A. D., 1912.
William Dennis, on the 1st day of May, A. D., 1912.
Robert F. Keltie, on the 2nd day of May, A. D., 1912.
J. Clifford Harris, on the 1st day of May, A. D., 1912.
Philip A. Gough, on the 1st day of May, A. D., 1912.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,
City Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

Council Chamber, City Hall, May 10th, 1912.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen J. C. Harris, Morrow, Martin, Hines, Hattie, Hawkins, Gough, Dennis, Clarke and Upham.

Moved by Alderman Hawkins seconded by Alderman Martin, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30. Roll called. Present, the above named, together with Aldermen Whitman, R. V. Harris, Connolly, Gates, Scanlan and Keltie.

The Council was summoned "to appoint committees and city officials, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business."

His Worship the Mayor reads and submits an address to the Council.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

Mayor's Office, May 10th, 1912.

To the Members of the City Council:—

*Gentlemen:—*On taking up the work of Chief Magistrate of this City, I desire to thank my fellow citizens of all classes and creeds for the confidence reposed in me, so abundantly testified by the fact of my receiving the largest majority of votes ever accorded a Mayor in the history of Halifax; and I trust that my administration of civic affairs during the ensuing year may in some measure at least justify this confidence.

Amongst many matters that might be profitably and appropriately dealt with in beginning another year of civic life, permit me to mention two or three, which to my mind are most important.

Our civic debt on April 30th, 1911, (excluding water debt) was \$3,331,215.00, being 17 1-3 per cent. of real estate assessment of \$19,219,350.00, and 13 1-7 per cent. of both real and personal assessment, which is \$24,604,750.00, and at the end of the year just closed, namely:—April 30th, 1912, this percentage has been substantially increased. The percentage of debt to taxable property is larger than is allowed by law in any City of the United States or Canada where a statutory limit is fixed, and is actually larger than in most cities in Canada or the United States.

The recently elected Mayor of Montreal was elected on a platform pledge to a reduction of civic debt from 15 per cent. to 12 per cent. of real estate assessment. Our rate of assessment is about 2 per cent. on the assessable valuation (which valuation in my judgment is quite high enough) and you are aware that we have eminent authority for the statement that anything beyond 2 per cent. is, to say the least, a dangerous rate for civic assessment. Consequently I urge upon the members of Council the utmost economy in administering civic affairs and making estimates for current and next year, and I am compelled to say that I shall not hesitate to use any veto power I possess to check any expenditures not absolutely necessary in the City's best interests.

Our needs are growing and must be met. We have a larger city territorially, than any City in Canada for its population, and this makes our problem all the more difficult; and it will be impossible with the growing demands upon the civic exchequer, and a comparatively stationary income, to make ends meet, unless new sources of revenue can be found. This Council can do no more effective service for the City than in succeeding in obtaining some substantial increase in our revenue from sources as yet undiscovered and untapped.

A partially unsuccessful attempt in obtaining an increase in our revenue from the Halifax Electric Tramway Company was recently made, and doubtless in the near future this Company, exercising a practically exclusive public franchise, will be obliged to pay an additional substantial sum into the city exchequer, which will enable us to do many things we are now obliged to leave undone for lack of funds. We cannot tax real estate a fraction more. It is paying the limit; in fact, is practically bearing the whole burden of taxation, and many of our business houses are justly complaining of the taxation they are obliged to pay in competition with cities whose taxation is more favorable to business houses. We therefore cannot get from real estate or merchandize any further revenue, but must look in other directions for other sources of income. Our citizens must realize that we cannot continue to increase expenditure in paving and improving streets, building and maintaining sewers, giving better fire and police protection, more brightly lighted streets, and generally improve our conditions as we would wish until we get more revenue, and until that time they must only "grin and bear it," and not captiously criticise the City Council and civic employees.

Sometimes an enquiry at the City Hall would save many a citizen's temper being aroused, and give much needed information; and what might often be regarded as civic maladministration would be found quite otherwise.

I cannot impress upon the Council too strongly the importance of urging the claims of Halifax upon the Federal authorities for greater railway and terminal facilities at this port and for other desirable improvements. It is true the Board of Trade is doing good work along this line, but as the body representing all classes of the citizens of Halifax we have, and should have, peculiar influence in obtaining from the "powers that be" what our City is legitimately entitled to and long been kept out of. A thoroughly alive committee should be appointed to take this matter up; and as I do not believe in the multiplication of committees, I would suggest that the incoming Commercial Committee might fill the bill, and if the Council saw fit to add the Mayor to this committee, in reference to this particular subject, I shall be very pleased to use all the influence I possess in furtherance of the attainment of their objects.

In my opinion the laws and ordinances of our City are generally honestly enforced, but complaint has been made to me since my taking office that Sunday liquor selling is prevalent. I believe that those making this charge are at least partially mistaken; but I pledge the Council and citizens, as Chairman of the Police Committee, that instructions for the suppression of Sunday liquor selling will be given, and it will be seen that these instructions are vigorously enforced.

I enter upon the duties of my office at a time of special interest in another respect to the citizens of Halifax. The patriotic undertaking of the Canadian Club, on behalf of the people of Nova Scotia, to erect on the shores of the beautiful North West Arm, a tower to commemorate the convening of the first representative assembly in this Province, which met in Halifax in 1758, has now been successfully consummated, and our citizens will, I am sure, anticipate with the greatest possible pride and satisfaction the visit of H. R. H. the Governor General to Halifax on the 14th and 15th August, when His Royal Highness will take a leading part in the dedication of this memorial for the public use for which it is intended.

I congratulate this storied City on possessing this notable landmark, marking as it does the historical precedence of Nova Scotia in the matter of self-government, and also, of perhaps greater significance, the evidence which it affords to the Empire and to the world that in the hearts of the people of Canada and the outer Empire there is a deep and unalterable attachment to the British Crown and an abiding sense and appreciation of the great boon of self-government.

With the assured co-operation of all the members of our Council, I bespeak a successful civic year; and might I be permitted to ask the gentlemen of the "Fourth Estate" to be a little less critical of our civic rulers, and a little more generously disposed towards, at least, their good intentions, and I am sure our year will be crowned with success.

I ask for, and know I will obtain, your hearty support in an expeditious attention to public affairs; and at Council meetings that you will assist me in the maintainance of order and the rules of debate, which I shall endeavor to enforce in their spirit rather than in the letter, yet endeavoring to shut off too long-winded discourses in which, perhaps, I was an offender myself when occupying an aldermanic chair.

F. P. BLIGH. *Mayor.*

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:—

Reports (3) Committee of Fire Wards on various matters, by Alderman Martin, Chairman.

Report Special Committee on Market Site, by Alderman Gates, Chairman.

Report Charities Committee for April, by Alderman Gates, for Chairman.

Report Tenders Committee, by Alderman Martin, Acting Chairman.

Reports (2) City Health Board, covering accounts, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

Reports (2) Laws and Privileges Committee, by Alderman R. V. Harris, Chairman.

Reports (2) City Prison Committee, by Alderman Hawkins, Chairman.

Report Special Committee re ownership of a certain horse at the City Prison, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

Petition for repairs Pepperell Street, by Alderman Dennis.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:

Letters "The Financial News" and Board of Trade re visit of British Financial and Commercial Delegation.

Letter Lord Mayor of Bristol, England, re delegation to attend opening of Memorial Tower.

Letter Provincial Secretary, re funds for LeMarchant Street School.

Mayor Chisholm's appointment of Special Committee re ownership to certain property at the City Prison.

Reports City Auditor and City Solicitor re insurance policies Nova Scotia Car Works.

Letter Typographical Union re representation on Library Commission.
 Letter F. J. Tremaine in re claim of late Governor Murray of certain property at City Prison.
 Resignation of F. P. Bligh of his seat as Alderman for Ward Number Two.
 Assignment by P. A. Gough, V. S., of a certain contract with the City.
 Letter School Board re 1913 Convention of Summer School of Science.
 Applications of City Officials for reappointment.
 Circular letter re China Famine Relief Fund.
 Application Academy of Music for renewal of theatre license.
 Application Charles Russell for license for a shooting gallery.
 Applications Jacob Withrow, J. Frank Crowe and St. Mary's T. A. & B. Society for renewal of moving picture show licenses.
 Cash Statements City Collector, Rates and Water Rates, for November and December, 1911 and January, 1912.
 Reports (2) Police Committee.
 Report City Engineer re widening Cunard Street.
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 His Worship the Mayor's nominations of Committees.

REFERENCE OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

Read letters "The Financial News," London, England, and the Halifax Board of Trade, re proposed visit of a delegation of British financial and commercial men.

BRITISH COMMERCIAL DELEGATION.

THE FINANCIAL NEWS,

111 Queen Victoria Street,

London, E. C., 13th April, 1912.

Confidential to:—

His Worship the Mayor,
 Halifax, N. S., Canada.

Dear Sir:—In pursuance of the Imperial Development Policy of this Journal, we are arranging for a representative party of British manufacturers, business and financial men, to visit all the chief centres of Canada, with a view to establishing a wider British knowledge of the opportunities that exist in Canada for the establishment of new industries, for the mutual increase of trade and for the investment of capital.

Up to the moment there are over fifty leading manufacturing firms in the party, practically every one of which will be represented either by their Chairman or Managing Director, and the party will undoubtedly be the most influential body of commercial men that has ever left these shores on a visit to a British Dominion.

In conjunction with the Dominion Government, we are arranging with the Railway Companies for the provision of a special train, and we hope, in the best interests of Canada that the greatest possible facilities will be given the party by the leading men of the district at each point which we visit.

The party will sail from Liverpool on May 31st, by the "Empress of Ireland" and the tour will take six weeks on Canadian soil. Six weeks in Canada is less than we should have desired, but we have found it impossible to keep these leaders of industry away from England for a greater length of time. Therefore, we must rely upon the Canadians doing their utmost to show these gentlemen as much of their district as possible in the time at our disposal.

Roughly speaking, we shall spend seven days in the Maritime Provinces, fourteen days in Central Canada, Quebec and Ontario, nine days in the Prairie Province, and a week in British Columbia. It will, of course, be impossible to visit every point, and we are therefore in joint conference with the leading Canadian authorities arranging to visit those points of chief interest. Within the next few weeks, we hope to be in a position to give you the exact date of our arrival and departure in your district, which will, we trust, enable you to make such preparations as you think fit.

The writer is leaving for Canada on the 19th of this month, for Ottawa and Montreal, to make the final arrangements of the tour. Immediately this is done, an announcement will be simultaneously made in England and Canada. Until then, we must ask you to kindly treat this information as strictly confidential, not for communication to the press.

From present indications, this tour promises to be altogether unprecedented in scope and importance, both from Imperial and Commercial points of view, and it should undoubtedly lead to a wider awakening of interest in Canada, among the commercial and monied classes of Great Britain, than has ever before been the case.

Any communications or suggestions on this matter should be addressed to me, and should reach me at the New Russell Hotel, Ottawa, not later than April 30th.

W. LEONARD PALMER.

THE FINANCIAL NEWS,

En route for England, 4, 5, 12.

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax.

Dear Sir:—We are due in Halifax 5 a. m., June 10th, leaving 7 p. m. Kindly advise me what arrangements are made in your City.

W. LEONARD PALMER.

Referred to Commercial Committee for report.

Read letter Lord Mayor of Bristol, England, re delegation to attend opening of Memorial Tower at Fleming Park in August next.

OPENING OF MEMORIAL TOWER.

The Council House, Bristol, 25th April, 1912.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Halifax.

My dear Mayor:—Our arrangements in Bristol in reference to the part the City is to take on August 14th in your great celebration are well in hand, and I should esteem it a favor if you will send to me full particulars of the functions in which the Delegation are expected to take part.

MAY 10th, 1912.

I hope that the Master of the Ancient Society of Merchant Venturers, the President of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Palliser-Martin and the Chairman of the Bristol Publicity Committee and an Ex-Sheriff—Mr. H. L. Riseley—and Miss Riseley will accompany the Lady Mayoress and myself.

I shall wear my Mayoral Robes and Court Dress at the principal functions, and I should be glad to learn whether the other members will be required to wear Court Dress, the Windsor Uniform or ordinary morning and evening dress.

I hope you will not think me unnecessarily troublesome in asking if you have good hotel accommodation for the reception of the Bristol Delegation, and if you will be good enough to secure reservations.

With kind regards, I am,

My dear Mayor,

Yours sincerely,

FRANK M. WILLS,

Lord Mayor of Bristol.

Referred to special committee to be appointed in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

Read letter Provincial Secretary re funds for LeMarchant Street School.

Le MARCHANT STREET SCHOOL.

Halifax, 23rd April, 1912.

His Worship The Mayor:

Sir:—I am directed to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax have submitted for the approval of the Governor in Council, under Section 812 of the Halifax City Charter as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1907, a proposed contract with the M. E. Keefe Construction Co., Limited, for additions and alterations to LeMarchant Street School for the sum of Twenty-five thousand Dollars (\$25,000) according to plans and specifications prepared by Mr. S. P. Dumaresq, Architect.

I am to inform you that if the City desires to make any objection to such approval being given the matter will be heard by the Governor in Council on Friday next at 11 o'clock a. m., in the Executive Council Room.

FRED. F. MATHERS,

Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read nomination by Ex-Mayor Chisholm of Aldermen Whitman, Hoben, and Martin as a special committee to enquire into the ownership of certain property at the City Prison claimed by the late Governor Murray. Filed.

Read circular letter re China Famine Relief Fund. Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read application Charles Russell for license to operate a shooting gallery. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter F. J. Tremaine on claim of late Governor Murray to certain property at the City Prison.

LATE WILLIAM MURRAY'S CLAIM.

*Halifax, N. S., April 13th, 1912.**His Worship,**Joseph A. Chisholm, K. C.,**Mayor of Halifax.*

Dear Sir:—I was on Thursday the 11th inst., instructed by Mr. William Murray, ex-governor of Rockhead, now unfortunately deceased, to bring to your notice and that of the Council, certain matters in connection with his property at Rockhead. Under his instructions I prepared the enclosed, and arranged with Mr. Murray to be at my office at twelve o'clock noon on yesterday, the 12th inst., and sign the same.

At about the hour of twelve I was in my office with Messrs. A. A. McKay, K. C., and James Terrell, and heard a sound as of a fall, apparently on the stairway leading to my office, and when I proceeded to investigate I found Mr. Murray lying in the hallway, suffering and unconscious. He did not recover full consciousness.

After some delay two medical gentlemen came to our assistance, and with them and the two legal gentlemen I have mentioned, we got Mr. Murray into Mr. Regan's office, where after examination he was taken in the ambulance to the V. G. Hospital, where he died about eleven hours later, never, as I am informed, having fully recovered consciousness.

The result of all the above is that the communication which I am enclosing was not signed by Mr. Murray, but is a faithful and categorical statement taken from himself of the matter which he wished conveyed to you.

I understand there was some discussion of this matter before the Council last night, and the enclosed may perhaps be of some assistance to yourself and the Council.

Enclosure.

F. J. TREMAINE.

*Halifax, N. S., April 11th, 1912.**To His Worship the Mayor of Halifax.*

Sir:—I desire to bring to your notice the fact that when I was retired from the position of Governor of the City Prison, a position I had held for thirty-two years, I owned and I still own, certain personal property now in the said Prison, that is to say, a single buggy, a phaeton, a covered wagon, and a large quantity of household furniture and effects, wearing apparel, sets of harness and stable appliances, and other articles, all of which are my property.

When I proposed to-day to take some of these things away from the City Prison, I was informed by the present Superintendent that he had orders from the Chairman of the Prison Committee not to allow me to remove any of my said property, and he consequently has refused to allow its removal.

As all these things are my own personal property, to which neither the City of Halifax or any other person has any right, title or claim, and as I certainly have the right to remove any and all of them, I have to ask your Worship or the City Council that the official in charge of the Prison be instructed to allow me at my convenience to remove my said property, and that he be instructed to give me every facility in so removing it.

My said property is at present stored in certain rooms in the Prison allotted to me for that purpose. I would also ask to be allowed the privilege of using the Prison teams in such removal.

There is also another matter to which I desire to call your attention, viz.:

When I was appointed Governor of the Prison I owned a mare, which I took with me to the Prison, which animal was during about twenty years, used in the City work, namely, as a horse for the use of the Governor of the Prison, the use of a horse and waggon being allowed me by the various Prison Committees, and being necessary owing to the distance of the Prison from the City Building, and also for use in emergencies such as sending for the doctor, and other necessary work for which the prison horses and teams were not suitable.

This animal was while in the employ of the City, and during necessary work, some twelve years ago, taken with the other City horses, to a watering trough (contrary to my express directions), and was there kicked by one of the other City horses and received injuries, which necessitated its destruction.

The then Commissioner for the month, the late Alderman Lane, purchased another animal for the performance of the work formerly done by my horse so destroyed. He informed me that the horse so purchased would replace the other animal and would be my property. As I was never paid or allowed anything for my said horse, I have consequently always since considered that horse my property, and have always supplied at my own charges with the harness and all equipments used in connection with that animal.

I have to ask you whether I am to consider the said animal as my property, and if he will be handed over to me with the harness and equipments, or failing that, whether the City will pay me the value of my horse so killed while in the employment of the City.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Filed.

Read petition for repairs to Pepperell Street. Referred to Committee on Works for report.

Read application Academy of Music for renewal of theatre license. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read applications Jacob Withrow, J. Frank Crowe and St. Mary's T. A. & B. Society for renewal of moving picture show licenses. Referred to Laws and Privileges Committee for report.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re invitation to the Summer School of Science to hold their annual session in Halifax in 1913.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Board of School Commissioners, 10th May, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:—The Summer School of Science for the Atlantic Provinces of Canada meets this year in Yarmouth July 10th to 21st, and I have the honor to inform you that at the last meeting of this Board it was resolved:—

That this Board invite the Summer School of Science to hold their session of 1913 in the City of Halifax, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the City Council and that they be asked to co-operate and make an appropriation from the Contingent Fund.

R. J. WILSON, *Secretary.*

Referred to Finance Committee for report.

Read assignment by P. A. Gough, V. S., of a certain contract with the City for veterinary services.

P. A. GOUGH'S ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT.

Halifax, N. S., April 15th, 1912.

Joseph A. Chisholm, Esq., K. C.,

Mayor City of Halifax

Dear Sir:—Take notice that on this 15th day of April, A. D., 1912, I have assigned to Burton Keyes, Veterinary Surgeon the contract held by me to perform veterinary services and provide medicines for certain horses belonging to the City of Halifax for a term of one year beginning May 1st., 1911, together with all claims by me for services already performed and medicines already provided under and by virtue of the said contract between me and the City of Halifax.

P. A. GOUGH, V. S.

Filed.

Read resignation of F. P. Bligh of his office of Alderman for Ward Number Two.

ALDERMAN BLIGH'S RESIGNATION.

Halifax, N. S., April 15th, 1912.

To L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,

City Clerk, Halifax City, N. S.

Dear Sir:—I hereby under the provisions of sections 87 and 86 of the "Halifax City Charter," resign my office and seat as an Alderman for Ward Number Two, for the City of Halifax, and this signifies my consent in writing that I vacate my office and seat as such Alderman, and accept the nomination for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, for which an election is to be held on the 24th day of April, A. D., 1912.

FREDERICK P. BLIGH.

Filed.

Read reports City Auditor and City Solicitor re insurance policies Nova Scotia Car Works.

IN REFERENCE TO NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS, LTD., INSURANCE.

Halifax, N. S., April 26th, 1912.

City Auditor,

Dear Sir:—We have had new Policies issued and beg to hand you the Policies herewith amounting in all to \$116,000.

MAY 10th, 1912.

"Queen".....	\$15,000.00
"Royal".....	15,000.00
"Phoenix".....	5,000.00
"North America".....	5,000.00
"New York Underwriters".....	10,000.00
"Commercial Union".....	10,000.00
"Fidelity Underwriters".....	5,000.00
"Home".....	5,000.00
"Guardian".....	10,000.00
"Hartford".....	5,000.00
"North British and Mercantile".....	6,000.00
"Norwich Union".....	10,000.00
"Aetna".....	5,000.00
"Northern".....	10,000.00

 \$ 116,000.00

All for one year due April 26th, 1913.

THOMPSON, ADAMS & CO., LIMITED.

HAROLD F. ADAMS, *Director.*

Office of City Solicitor, April 26th, 1912.

W. W. Foster, *Esq.,*
City Auditor.

Dear Sir:—I have examined the insurance policies for \$116,000 upon the works of the above Company mentioned in the accompanying memorandum of Messrs. Thompson & Adams. The policies are all in the usual form, and in the case of all of them loss (if any) is made payable to the City. In my opinion this complies with the requirements of the Act and our mortgage.

F. H. BELL, *City Solicitor.*

Office of City Auditor, April 26th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:—I attach letter from Messrs. Thompson & Adams enclosing insurance policies for \$116,000 on the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited; also opinion of the City Solicitor in re same. I have the insurance policies in my possession.

W. W. FOSTER, *City Auditor.*

Filed.

Read Cash Statements City Collector, Taxes and Water Rates, for November and December, 1911, and January, 1912.
 Filed.

Read applications of City Officials for re-appointment:—

		Re-appointed.
Assistant City Clerk.....	H. S. Rhind,	"
Clerk of Works.....	James J. Hopewell,	"
Foreman Street and Sewers.....	John McDonald,	"
Foreman Water Department.....	Ewen Morrison,	"
Assistant City Engineer.....	H. W. Johnston,	"
Clerks Water Department.....	James Laidlaw,	"
	Louis R. Kaye,	"
City Electrician.....	P. R. Colpitt,	"
Water Inspector.....	John E. Burns,	"
City Medical Officer.....	Thomas Trenaman,	"
Stenographer & Typewriter.....	Minnie Hunter,	"
Plumbing Inspector.....	Wm. P. Morrissey,	"
Weighers of Coal.....	Simon Cummins, Supv.,	"
	A. J. Smith,	"
	Wm. Carroll,	"
	D. J. Sullivan,	"
	James A. Harraher,	"
	Wm. H. Hawley,	"
	John F. Selig,	"
	Mortimer Dwyer,	"
Registrar of Camp Hill Cemetery.....	Alex. McDougall,	"
Governor City Prison,	George Grant,	"
Matron City Prison.....	Mrs. Martha Grant,	"
Underkeepers City Prison.....	Daniel McDonald,	"
Janitor City Hall.....	John Spruin,	"
Matron Police Station.....	Mrs. Mary Spruin,	"
Superintendent City Home.....	B. J. Mulcahy,	"
Matron City Home.....	Mrs. Margaret B. Mulcahy,	"
Engineer City Home.....	John S. Grant,	"
Secretary City Home.....	James O'Bryan,	"
Baker City Home.....	Daniel Mackintosh,	"
Fireman City Home.....	John R. Hennigan,	"
Surveyors of Lumber.....	Wm. A. MacKenzie,	"
	Edwin Gibson,	"
Sealer of Leather.....	Jeremiah Barnstead,	"
Fence Viewers.....	Wm. T. Horton,	"
Inspectors of Painters' Work.....	Frank Reardon,	"
	James Morrison,	"
Inspectors of Masons' Work.....	James A. Marshall,	"
	James Taylor,	"
Pound Keeper.....	Edward Martin,	"
	(City Stables, Bell Road)	"
Weigher of Bundle Hay.....	Joseph S. Hubley,	"
Weighers of Loose Hay.....	Joseph S. Hubley,	"
	L. E. Goodwin,	"
Librarian Citizens' Free Library.....	Lizzie Barnaby,	"
Assistant Librarian Citizens' Free Lib'ry.....	Mary Durney,	"
	Lillian Dunn,	"
Superintendent Public Gardens.....	Richard Power,	"
Assistant Supt. Public Gardens.....	Richard L. Power.	"

Read report Charities Committee for April.

REPORT CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

Halifax, May 6th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report:

The Superintendent's Report for April 1912 shows that during the month there were 29 persons admitted into the City Home, 3 born, 62 discharged, and 3 adults and 2 infants died. Of the number admitted 8 were chargeable to the Province and 21 to the City. The total number of inmates at the date is 311, made up of 182 men, 127 women and 2 children. On the same date last year there were 205 men, 127 women and 2 children, a total of 334.

The following accounts are recommended for payment, viz.: Wentzell, Ltd., \$564.38; W. A. Maling & Co., \$421.81; Smith & Proctor, \$125.78; A. Wilson & Son, \$40.76; J. M. Currie, \$67.50; Fleischman & Co., \$3.90; J. S. Cashen & Son, \$83.36; J. & M. Murphy, Ltd., \$158.81; Halifax Tram. Co., Ltd., \$22.60; H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., \$204.88; Maritime Coal R. & P. Co., \$37.18; Victoria General Hospital, \$25.10; H. H. Marshall, \$4.50; N. S. Telephone Co., Ltd., \$11.25; City of Halifax, \$500.00; T. C. Allen & Co., \$3.35; Works Dept. City of Halifax, \$23.18; Robinson, Ltd., \$4.05; W. C. Knight, \$2.20; Longard Bros., \$29.80; Nickerson & Hart, \$2.40; W. McFatridge, \$33.50; W. N. Brown, \$10.15; Stairs, Son & Morrow, \$2.35; John Starr, Son & Co., \$1.00; R. R. Kennedy, \$32.00; T. Larsen & Co., \$10.80; R. B. Adams & Co., \$30.00; Dr. F. R. Gow, \$5.00; Dr. F. V. Woodbury, \$5.00; Dr. P. A. McDonald, \$5.00; B. J. Mulcahy, \$183.97; Salaries \$850.83, Nova Scotia Hospital, \$1176.09. Total \$4682.48.

CONSTANT UPHAM, *Chairman, P. T.*
HERBERT E. GATES.
M. SCANLAN, Jr.

Moved by Alderman Scanlan, seconded by Alderman Gates, that said reports be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer re widening Cunard Street.

CUNARD STREET WIDENING.

City Engineer's Office, May 1st, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:—I have taken all the preliminary steps required by the City Charter for the purpose of expropriating the land required for the widening of Cunard Street, and beg to submit the accompanying resolution which has been approved by the City Solicitor, and which, when passed, and the money paid into Court, will complete the expropriation proceedings.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

The following resolution is submitted:—

Whereas the City of Halifax requires the land and premises hereinafter described for the purpose of widening Cunard Street in the City of Halifax, and the City Engineer has duly prepared a plan of the said land and premises, together with a description of the same, and also a report on the expropriation of the same, and submitted the said report, description and plan to the City Council for its approval, and the said report, description and plan were duly approved by the City Council on the 12th day of April in the year A. D. 1912, and a copy of same has been filed in the office of the City Engineer as required by law;

And whereas on the 16th day of April in the year A. D., 1912, a notice, containing a description of the land and premises so required, was duly served on each of the owners respectively of the said land and premises, which said owners are enumerated in the schedule to this resolution, together with a notice of the intention of the City Council to expropriate the land of the said owners after the expiration of the time required by law from the date of service of such notice;

And whereas on the 16th day of April in the year A. D., 1912, a notice containing a description of the land so required, and a notice of the intention of the City Council to expropriate the said land and premises after the expiration of the time required by law from the date of such publication, was duly published by the City Engineer in the *Morning Chronicle* and the *Acadian Recorder*, two newspapers published in the City of Halifax, for two weeks from the said 16th day of April, by two insertions each week;

Therefore resolved that the said land and premises be and the same hereby are expropriated for the purpose aforesaid, which said land and premises are described as follows:—

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the north line of Cunard Street with the west line of Gottingen Street; thence westerly by the said north line of Cunard Street until it meets the proposed north line of Cunard Street at or near Agricola Street, thence easterly by the proposed north line of Cunard Street until it meets the west line of Gottingen Street; thence southerly by the said west line of Gottingen Street to the place of beginning; the above described land including all the land necessary to be taken on the north side of Cunard Street between the present north line of Cunard Street and the proposed north line of Cunard Street;

Also the northern portion of the lot at the north-west corner of Maynard and Cunard Streets now or formerly belonging to Esther Lindsay, lying between the above mentioned proposed north line of Cunard Street and the north line of the said lot, and being more particularly described as follows:—

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the above mentioned proposed north line of Cunard Street with the west line of Maynard Street; thence in a westerly direction by the said proposed north line of Cunard Street for a distance of sixty-seven (67) feet more or less or until it meets the east line of property now or formerly belonging to John Connolly at No. 23 Cunard Street; thence northerly by the said east line of the said Connolly property for a distance of six (6') feet more or less or until it meets the north line of the property belonging to the said Esther Lindsay; thence easterly by the said north line for a distance of sixty-seven (67) feet more or less or to the west line of Maynard Street; thence southerly by the said west line of Maynard Street for a distance of seven (7') feet more or less to the place of beginning.

The above lots being shown on the expropriation plan entitled "Plan of Cunard Street Widening", dated February 14th, 1912, and filed in the City Engineer's Office as Plan No. 2240.

Together with all and singular the easements, tenements, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the said land and premises or to any lot or part thereof, belonging or in anywise appertaining;

Be it Further Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and instructed by and on behalf of the City of Halifax to pay into the Supreme Court at Halifax for so much of the said land and premises as is alleged to belong respectively to each of the persons set out in the schedule as the owners thereof, the sums set opposite to the name of each of such owners respectively, making in all the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred and six dollars (\$13,706.00), the said sum being in the judgment of this Council, a reasonable value for the said properties respectively, and that the City Engineer notify each of the said alleged owners so set out in the schedule that in case they or any of them do, within one month from the date of service upon them of such notice, notify the Mayor of the said City that the amount paid into the Court for such person so given the notice is not sufficient, that the said owners and each of them shall be at liberty respectively to name an arbitrator to act for each person respectively within one month from the date of service of such notice upon them, to act with other arbitrators as by law provided to make a new award.

SCHEDULE.

List of Property Owners and amount Directed to be Paid to each Respectively

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Property.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
A. C. Hawkins,	Property north side Cunard Street.....	\$ 4,500.00
Esther Lindsay.	" " " " " ".....	3,125.00
John Connolly,	" " " " " ".....	2,220.00
Louis E. Nickerson,	" " " " " ".....	1,478.00
A. P. Flemming,	" " " " " ".....	768.00
Halifax Rifles Armoury Association,	" " " " " ".....	1,615.00
		\$ 13,706.00

Moved by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Whitman and passed, the following Aldermen voting for the same:—Aldermen Morrow, Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Scanlan, Dennis, Clarke, Keltie, Hines, Martin, J. C. Harris, Upham and Gough—14.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Gates, that Mr. John T. Ross be appointed Arbitrator on behalf of the City in the matter of expropriation of property for the widening of Cunard Street. Motion passed.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee in re license fee charged non-resident contractors.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND PRIVILEGES.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 16th, 1912.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report that at a meeting held this day, there being present Aldermen Harris (Chairman) Hoben and Hawkins, the following matter was dealt with:

Letter Byers & Anglin in re license fee charged to non-resident contractors. Your Committee recommended that section 501 of the City Charter be amended by striking out clauses A, B and C of sub-section 1 and substituting therefor the following:—

501. A. Shall pay to the City one-half of one per cent. on the total amount of the contract;

B. This section shall not apply to any non-resident contractor assessed in respect of plant and equipment in excess of the sum of five thousand dollars.

MELVIN S. CLARKE, *Acting Chairman.*

A BILL

Entitled "An Act to Amend the Law Relating to the City of Halifax."

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

1. Section 501 of the Halifax City Charter is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

501. (1) Every person, firm or company not a resident in the Province of Nova Scotia, who enters into any contract for the construction or alteration of any building in the City shall, before beginning any work under such contract pay to the City a license fee equal in amount to one-half of one per cent. of the total sum payable under such contract, provided however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any such person, firm or company which at the time of entering into any such contract is assessed for purposes of taxation by the City in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars or upwards.

(2) Every person, firm or company who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this Section, and the agent, foreman or other person in charge of the work on any such contract in behalf of any such person, firm or company, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding double the amount of said license fee so payable, and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty days, and in addition thereto, the amount of such license fee may be recovered by action in the name of the City and in any such action against any person, firm or company out of the Province service of the writ of summons or other process upon any such agent or foreman shall be good and sufficient.

Moved by Alderman Clarke seconded by Alderman R. V. Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for supplies.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES, ETC.

City Works Office, April 18th, 1912.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 10th instant, tenders were received for supplies, &c., for the department during the ensuing year, as follows:—

1. *City Tower Clocks (2)*

F. C. Ryan.....\$148.00 for one year.

This being the only tender received is recommended for acceptance.

2. *Completion Central Wing New Workshops.*

John MacInnes & Son.....\$ 5,945.00

This being the only tender received, consideration deferred until new tenders are called for and received.

3. *Lease of City Field.*

Thomas Robinson.....\$ 13.00

This being the only tender, the same is recommended to Council for acceptance.

4.

Scrap Iron.

John Simon.....	\$11.50 per ton 2000 lbs.
William Grant.....	11.50 " " " "
Wm. McFatrige.....	11.60 " " " "
Chas. Brister & Son.....	12.00 " " " "

The tender of C. Brister & Son, being the highest, is recommended for acceptance.

5.

250 Water Meters.

H. B. Clarke & Son, Lambert (5-8")	\$8.00 in bond
Neptune Meter Co., Trident (5-8")	\$8.00 in bond, couplings 40c.

The tenders being equal it is recommended that 125 be purchased from each firm.

6.

Explosives.

Austen Bros.—

Blasting Powder, 9 4-10c.; Dynamite, 40% 17c.; 50% 18½c.; Detonators, \$1.00; Elec. Fuse, 3½c.; Fuse Hanks, 33c.

Canadian Explosive Co.,—

Dynamite, 40% 15c.; 50% 16½c.; 60% 18c.; 70% 19½c.; 75% 20c.; Gelnignite, 19½c.; Elec. Fuse, 3c.; Elec. Fuses for Gelnignite, 3½c.

The tender of the Canadian Explosives Co., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

7.

Steel Tank for Motor Truck.

T. Hogan & Co.....	\$ 284.00
Brown Machine Co.....	112.00

The tender of the Brown Machine Co., was not received until April 13th, several days after the date fixed for the opening of said tenders, viz.—April 10th.

The tender of T. Hogan & Co., being the only one received at the date appointed, is recommended for acceptance.

8.

Drain Pipe.

Brookfield Bros., Ltd.,	24½c. per lin. ft. 12" pipe — 1000 ft.
Rhodes, Curry & Co.,	24½c. " " " " " "

The tenders being equal, it is recommended that 500 ft. be purchased from each firm.

9.

Veterinary Services.

Dr. Jakeman,	\$5.00 per horse per year.
Dr. McFatrige,	4.50 " " " "

The tender of Dr. McFatrige, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

10.

Cement.

Brookfield Bros., Ltd., Canada	87½ lbs. per bag, 41c. f. o. b. cars per 100 lbs., Deep Water.
Rhodes, Curry & Co.,	" 87½ " " 39 7-8c. per 100 lbs., f. o. b. cars, Deep Water.

The tender of Rhodes, Curry & Co., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

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Hardware.

Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.,	differences,	\$ 61.95
Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd.,	"	54.25 \$7.70 lower.

The tender of Lawrence Hardware Co., Ltd., being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

19.

Castings.

Dartmouth Iron Foundry Co.,	Total	\$ 1,000.88
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.,	"	779.54
Scotia Foundry Co., Ltd.,	"	873.31

The tender of Hillis & Sons., Ltd., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

20.

Granite.

John Kline.....	\$ 6,085.05
Andrew W. Yeadon.....	6,075.79

The tender of Andrew W. Yeadon, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance, with a proviso that it be subject to cancellation if delivery of material is not satisfactory.

21.

Incinerator.

The tenders of Laurie & Lamb, Longard Bros., and the Toronto Furance Co., were opened. After an explanation by Col. Morse and his Engineer of the Longard tender, the tenders were handed the City Engineer for a report as to the one in the best interests of the City.

J. A. CHISHOLM, *Mayor and Chairman.*

The same is considered item by item.

Read clause 1, re City tower clocks. Adopted.

Read clause 2, re completion of central wing new workshops. Adopted.

Read clause 3, re lease of City Field. Adopted.

Read clause 4, re scrap iron. Adopted.

Read clause 5, re purchase of two hundred and fifty water meters.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hawkins that said clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dennis, seconded by Alderman Scanlan that this clause be deferred until the names of persons requesting that meters be placed on their service pipes are ascertained and reported to Council.

The amendment is put and lost, five voting for the same and eleven against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Aldermen Scanlan, Dennis, Keltie, J. C. Harris, Gough,—5.

Against it—

Aldermen R. V. Harris, Morrow, Whitman, Connolly, Gates, Hattie, Clarke, Hines, Hawkins, Martin, Upham,—11.

The original motion is put and passed.

Read clause 6, re explosives. Adopted.

Read clause 7, re steel tank for motor truck. Adopted.

Read clause 8, re drain pipe. Adopted.

Read clause 9, re veterinary services, Adopted.

Read clause 10, re cement. Adopted.

Read clause 11, re horses and drivers for watering carts

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Gates that the tender of William Parsons, Sr., be accepted. Motion passed.

Read clause 12, re stone for breaking. Adopted.

Read clause 13, re bricks. Adopted.

Read clause 14, re sand and gravel. Adopted.

Read clause 15, re wheels for waggons and carts. Adopted.

Read clause 16, re Stayner's wharf property. Adopted.

Read clause 17, re lumber. Adopted.

Read clause 18, re hardware. Adopted.

Read clause 19, re castings. Adopted.

Read clause 20, re granite. Adopted.

Read clause 21, re incinerator. Adopted.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Gates that the report as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

Read report Tenders Committee re tenders for stationery, printing and other services.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING, STATIONERY, ETC.

Committee Room, City Hall, April 25th, 1912.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on tenders met this day at four o'clock. Present, Aldermen Shaffner (Chairman), Martin and Kelly. Tenders were opened for Printing, Stationery, etc. It is recommended that the following tenders be accepted, they being the lowest for each service named:—

Advertising.

<i>Morning Herald,</i>	1st. insertion	per inch	\$ 1.25
	each subsequent insertion,	"	.42
<i>Acadian Recorder,</i>	1st. insertion,	"	\$.75
	each subsequent insertion,	"	.35

The tender of the *Morning Herald* read as follows:—

Halifax, April 22nd, 1912.

To the Mayor and City Council,
City.

Dear Sirs:—The rate for display advertising in either the *Mail* or the *Herald* for the ensuing year is \$1.25 per inch for the first insertion and 42c. for each subsequent insertion.

We shall be glad to publish whatever advertising is desired by the City at this rate, on condition that of the total amount payable therefor during the year one-half shall be expended by the City on improving the sidewalks and streets of Ward Three, and the other half equally between the Society for the Relief of the Poor, C. C. Blackadar, President, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Yours very truly,

The Halifax Herald and the Evening Mail.

WILLIAM DENNIS, *President.*

Printing Annual Civic Report.

T. C. Allen & Co.,	per page,	\$ 1.65
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Printing Minutes of Council.

T. C. Allen & Co.,	per page,	1.40
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Printing Order of the Day.

T. C. Allen & Co.,	per set,	1.20
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Printing Lists of Voters.

MacAlpine Publishing Co.,	Main List,	1½c. per name.
	New copy,	1½c. per name.

Stationary and Printing Blank Forms.

T. C. Allen & Co.