

KING'S PLACE.

City Hall, April 29th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer re King's Place.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, April 29th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to report on the accompanying petition asking for repairs and a light on King's Place.

The statements contained in the petition, are not in accordance with the facts. There has been a good deal of work done in the last twenty-five years in this street by the City. When I knew it first, twenty-three years ago, it was ungraded and in bad condition. Since that time, it has been practically graded and the street is not in bad condition except during the season when nearly all other streets are in bad condition. It will receive such attention as it needs, during the season.

There is a light half way between North and St. Albans Streets, and a light has been ordered at the corner of Clifton and St. Albans Streets. I would recommend that the light on Kempt Road opposite May Street be moved one pole north to the corner of St. Albans Street, as it is not needed to light May Street. There is a light in the middle of May Street and as May Street is a very short street, the light is ample.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re improvements Fleming Park.

FLEMING PARK.

City Hall, April 29th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re improvements Fleming Park.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, April 29th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—There is a balance in the appropriation for Fleming Park which we have not expended, as we expected to require it for the foundations of the lions which have been presented to the Park. If it had not been

held for this purpose, it would have been expended for the improvements which I recommended last year, and I would recommend that authority be given to me to spend this money at once, as far as it will go, on the improvements recommended.

I am making a contract for a well, and the buildings and other improvements can be carried on without delay, so that we will not lose the money.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re road diversion at Fairview.

ROAD DIVERSION AT FAIRVIEW.

The City Council.

City Hall, April 29th, 1914.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for the adoption of the Council the accompanying report of the City Engineer re road diversion at Fairview.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

His Worship the Mayor

City Engineer's Office, April 27th, 1914.

Sir:—Some time ago, I submitted a plan for proposed diversion of the Bedford Road, sent to me by Mr. James McGregor, Superintending Engineer, Halifax Ocean Terminals. The Board decided to ask the railway department to light the subway. Mr. McGregor informs me that he is authorized to state that the railway company will undertake the lighting of the subway. On this understanding, I would recommend the approval of the plan of diversion.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re changing of order of construction of permanent sidewalks Sackville, Salter and Jacob Streets.

SIDEWALKS.

The City Council.

City Hall, April 29th, 1914.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption of the accompanying report of the City Engineer re changing the order of construction of permanent sidewalks, Sackville, Salter and Jacob Streets.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

City Engineer's Office, April 29th, 1914.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:—We endeavour to carry on the sidewalk construction work as nearly as possible in the order in which it passes the City Council. Some of the old asphalt sidewalks are in bad condition, and in view of the decision in the Tobin case, I would recommend that the sidewalks already ordered to be constructed on Sackville, Salter and Jacob Streets be constructed with as little delay as possible to avoid possible further injury and consequent law suits.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris, that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for printing, advertising, blank books and stationery.

TENDERS FOR VARIOUS SERVICES.

City Hall, April 29th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to report and recommend as follows:—

In response to advertisement in the newspapers calling for tenders for various services, tenders were received as follows:—

Newspaper Advertising

Acadian Recorder, 1st insertion, per inch, 75c; subsequent insertions, per inch, 40c.
Morning Herald, 1st insertion, per inch, \$1.25; subsequent insertions, per inch, 42c.

It is recommended that these tenders be accepted.

Printing Annual Civic Report—1913-14

Imperial Publishing Co., per page.....	\$1.85
T. C. Allen & Co., per page.....	1.68

It is recommended that the tender of T. C. Allen & Co., being the lowest, be accepted.

Blank Books

A. & W. MacKinlay, as per schedule.
T. C. Allen & Co., as per schedule.

It is recommended that the tender of A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd., being the lowest, be accepted.

Stationery

T. C. Allen & Co., as per schedule.
Soulis Typewriting Co., as per schedule.

The tender of T. C. Allen & Co., being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Printing Blank Forms and Minutes of Council.

T. C. Allen & Co.

It is recommended that said tenders be accepted.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller O'Connor, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re Works Department Horses.

WORKS DEPARTMENT HORSES.*City Hall, April 29th, 1914.**The City Council.*

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend for approval the accompanying report of the City Engineer re the purchase of working horses.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.**City Engineer's Office, April 29th, 1914.**His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir:—We are carrying on the scavenging work with two hired horses which is extravagant management. I would again ask your Board to authorize me to purchase two working horses.

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

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris that said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report Board of Control recommending legislation to enable the City to acquire for the extension of Morris Street, properties of Mrs. R. M. Taple, the estate of W. M. Harrington, and Harry Murphy.

MORRIS STREET EXTENSION.*City Hall, April 27th, 1914.**The City Council.*

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the Board be authorized to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare an act and submit the same to the Legislature, to enable the City to expropriate, or otherwise acquire for the extension of Morris Street, properties of Mrs. R. M. Taple, of the Estate of W. M. Harrington, and of Harry Murphy, and to borrow sufficient funds for the purpose.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris, that said report be adopted.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben, that the order of business be suspended to permit Controller O'Connor to introduce a motion. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben, that the City Solicitor be authorized to draft and submit to the Legislature an act enabling the City at its pleasure to acquire all the land required for the extension of Morris Street from Seymour Street to the Studley property, and from time to time to borrow sufficient money for the purpose.

Controller O'Connor's motion is put and lost, 3 voting for the same, and 10 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Aldermen Cox, Brown, and Controller Harris.—3.

Against It—

Aldermen Parker, Hubley, Riordon, Harris, Murphy, Hines, Gastonguay, and Smith, and Controllers Hoben and O'Connor.—10.

Controller Hoben's motion for the adoption of the report is put and passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for same:—Controllers Harris, Hoben, and O'Connor, and Aldermen Brown, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy, Harris, Riordon, Hubley, and Parker.—13.

Controller O'Connor stated that there are before the Council two reports relating to City Officials' salaries, and that if the second report were approved by the Council, it would not be necessary at the present stage to deal with the first one.

SALARY CITY CLERK.

The City Council.

City Hall, April 22nd, 1914.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the duties of the City Clerk be defined to include the duties of Secretary of the Board of Control, and that the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare legislation

fixing the salary of the City Clerk at a sum not less than \$2,500 per year, also for amending sub-section 3 of section 65 of Chapter 2 of the acts of 1910, by striking therefrom the provisions for extra pay to the City Clerk, and also providing for the borrowing of a sum sufficient to meet the difference between the present salary paid to the City Clerk and the amount proposed herein.

WM. R. POWELL, *Deputy-Mayor*.

Controller O'Connor asked that the second report be be now read.

Read report Board of Control re duties and salaries of City Officials recommending the appointment of a special committee.

DUTIES AND SALARIES OF CITY OFFICIALS.

City Hall, April 29th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the matter of the appointment, qualification, classification, maximum and minimum salaries, yearly increases, promotion and duties of permanent and temporary officials and employees of the City and the adequacy of the present staff, be referred to a special committee of the City Council consisting of three Controllers and four Aldermen, the committee to meet if possible to formulate a report upon which any necessary legislation can be applied for during the present legislative session.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman*.

Controller Scanlan here arrives, and takes his seat in Council.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Harris, that the report be adopted. Motion passed, 10 voting for the same, and 4 against it, as follows:—

For the Motion—

Controllers Harris, O'Connor, and Scanlan, and Aldermen Brown, Smith, Cox, Harris, Riordon, Hubley, and Parker.—10.

Against It—

Controller Hoben, Aldermen Gastonguay, Hines, and Murphy.—4.

Alderman Covert here arrives, and takes his seat in Council.

Moved by Controller Scanlan, seconded by Controller Harris, that Controllers Hoben, Harris, and O'Connor be the three Controllers called for by the resolution just adopted. Motion passed.

Aldermen Covert, Powell, Smith, and Parker are severally nominated as the Aldermanic members of said committee, and said nominations are approved by the Council.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Harris, that the order of business be suspended to permit Alderman Smith to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:—

Resolved That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of the election of Frederick P. Bligh, Esquire, to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, and to request that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to name a time and place at which His Honor may be pleased to administer the oaths of office to the Mayor elect.

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Harris, and passed.

By the consent of Council, Controller Scanlan is permitted to submit a resolution.

Controller Scanlan submits the following resolution:—

Resolved that this Council request the Board of Control to consider the practicability of putting into commission the street sprinkler at West Street Fire Station by the Internal Health contributing at the rate of \$20.00 per month per horse for the maintenance of Fire Department horses while used for said purpose.

Moved by Controller Scanlan, seconded by Controller Harris.

Moved in amendment by Controller Hoben, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the said resolution be referred to the Board of Control. Amendment put and passed.

Read letter Trades and Labor Council, requesting that in any contracts entered into for sewer trenching, a clause be inserted, requiring the payment of the City standard scale of wages. Referred to the Board of Control.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Harris, that No. 5 on the Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 5 on the Order of the Day, namely, Alderman Gastonguay's notice of motion for the abolition of the Board of Control, April 9th, 1914.

The said resolution, as follows, is now read:

Whereas in the opinion of the City Council of the City of Halifax, the Board of Control system of City Government is inferior to the constitution which the City enjoyed previous to the passing of the present Charter.

Therefore Resolved That the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to enact legislation repealing the legislation bringing into force the Board of Control, and restoring the constitution which was in force previous to such Board of Control;

Further Resolved That the City Solicitor forthwith draft legislation to bring about the change above outlined, and submit the same to the Legislature at the present session to be enacted into law.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that said resolution be now adopted.

His Worship the Mayor requested the Council to appoint a temporary Chairman.

Moved by Controller Hoben, seconded by Controller Harris, that Alderman Covert be temporary Chairman. Motion passed. Alderman Covert takes the Chair.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

In amendment to Alderman Gastonguay's resolution, Alderman Cox submits the following amendment:—

Whereas The present system of Government has been in practical operation for not more than one year, during which time the work of adjusting civic departments and finances to the new conditions has required considerable attention;

And Whereas for the past year the City Council has been obliged to work with the funds provided by a former Council, and has, to some extent, been hampered in effecting needed reforms in administrative methods;

And Whereas the change from one system to the other necessitated undesirable expense for the revision of the Charter;

Resolved that it is desirable that a further and longer trial of the present system be made until such time as it is made clear that the system is itself defective.

Moved by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Alderman Cox's amendment being put, is passed, 8 voting for the same, and 7 against it, as follows:—

For the Amendment—

Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor, and Scanlan, and Aldermen Smith, Cox, Murphy, and Riordon.—8.

Against It—

Aldermen Brown, Covert, Gastonguay, Hines, Harris, Hubley, and Parker.—7.

Moved by Alderman Covert, seconded by Alderman Hines, that No. 6 on the Order of the Day be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 6 on the Order of the Day, namely, Alderman Covert's notice of motion in re rejection of recommendations of the Board of Control by the City Council when the Board is not unanimous, April 9th, 1914. Said resolution is now read, as follows:—

Resolved that this Council is of opinion that the vote of eleven members of the Council should not be necessary to defeat a report of the Board of Control sent up to the Council a second time, in any case where the Board of Control is not unanimous; and that in the event of there being a dissenting voice in the Board of Control with respect to any report, a majority vote of the Council against the report shall always be sufficient to defeat it whether on first or second report.

Further that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft a bill with a view to amending the City Charter in order that this Resolution may be given effect.

At the suggestion of Controller Harris, the words "first or", being the third and fourth last words of the first paragraph of said resolution are by unanimous consent of Council struck from the resolution.

The adoption of the resolution as so amended is moved by Alderman Covert, and seconded by Alderman Hines, and passed.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be secured to authorize the payment of Police Officer Boyle of \$50.00 per year while acting as Hack Inspector.

HACK INSPECTOR'S SALARY.

City Hall, April 27th, 1914.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Control beg to recommend that the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare and submit to the Legislature an act to enable the City to pay to Police Officer Philip Boyle, while acting as Hack Inspector, the sum of \$50.00 per year, and to borrow said amount to pay for said services for the civic year 1914-15.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor and Chairman.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Scanlan, that said report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for same, viz., Controllers Harris, Hoben, O'Connor, and Scanlan, and Aldermen Brown, Covert, Smith, Cox, Gastonguay, Hines, Murphy, Harris, Riordon, Hubley, and Parker.—15.

By unanimous consent of Council, Controller O'Connor is permitted to submit a resolution.

Controller O'Connor submits the following resolution:

Resolved that the City Council express to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission its opinion that the time is not opportune for the City of Halifax to undertake any obligation to contribute towards the cost of acquiring, by expropriation or otherwise, any additional property for Exhibition purposes;

Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable the Provincial Secretary for the consideration of the Government of Nova Scotia.

Moved by Controller O'Connor, seconded by Controller Hoben, and passed, Alderman Gastonguay dissenting.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Scanlan, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.30 o'clock.

F. P. BLIGH, *Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *City Clerk.*