

12. (1) For the civic year beginning 1st May, 1916, the salaries of the members of the Police Force mentioned in this section shall be the amounts mentioned herein instead of the amounts specified for them respectively in Sections 3 to 7 (both included) of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1913.

Deputy Chief, Twelve hundred (\$1200) Dollars.

Detective, Eleven hundred (\$1100) Dollars.

Assistant Detective, One Thousand (\$1000) Dollars.

Sergeants, Nine hundred and fifty (\$950) Dollars.

Marshal, Nine hundred (\$900) Dollars.

Privates, First year Six hundred (\$600) Dollars;

Second year Seven hundred (\$700) Dollars; Third and following years Eight hundred (\$800) Dollars.

(2) The amounts required to pay such salaries for the civic year 1916-17 in addition to the amounts provided in the estimates for that year may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and with the interest thereon included in the civic estimates for the 1917-18 and rated and collected therewith.

13. Any member of the police force may be retained upon that force notwithstanding that he is serving with the forces of His Majesty during the present war, and for six months after termination thereof, and may continue his contributions to the police superannuation fund during the period of such service, and if such contributions are made any time spent in such service shall be counted in the period after which he is entitled to an allowance from that fund.

14. The City may appoint a woman to be a member of the police force for such term, and at such salary, and for the performance of such duties as the Council determines, and the provisions of the Charter, sections 256 to 276 shall not apply to any person so appointed.

15. Section 325 is amended by striking out the words "eighteen hundred" in the second line thereof and substituting the words "two thousand."

16. It shall not be necessary for any member of the Board of Assessors to personally inspect any property, real or personal, for the purpose of making a valuation of the same for assessment, provided an opportunity is given to the members of the Board to consider any valuation so made. If any member is unable through illness or other sufficient reason to deal with the matter of any such valuation the other members of the Board may make the same, and a note to that effect, if necessary, may be made to the statement and affidavit in the rate book.

17. The City may authorize and permit the Dominion Coal Company to place scales on the portion of Morris Street between Water Street and Halifax Harbor. Any such scales shall be of such character, design and location as is approved by the Engineer, and shall be placed only on such terms and conditions as he specifies in the permit therefor, one of which shall be that the same shall be removed when so ordered by the City and that in default of removal the Engineer may remove the same at the expense of the Company.

18. The City may authorize and permit the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Company to place an overhead carrier across the Campbell Road at its place of business. Any such carrier shall be of such character, design and location as is approved by the Engineer, and shall be placed only on such terms and conditions as he specifies in the permit therefor, one of which shall be that the same shall be removed when so ordered by the City, and that in default of removal the Engineer may remove the same at the expense of the Company.

19. The City make take over the portion of Clifton Street between Cunard and Charles Streets and maintain the same as a street, notwithstanding that it is less than sixty feet in width.

20. Section 30 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1914 is hereby repealed.

21. Form B. in the schedule to the Halifax City Consolidated fund Act (1905 Cap. 51) is amended by adding after the words "lawful money of Canada" in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "or in gold of the present standard weight and fineness;" and also by adding after the word "payable" in the seventh line the words "as aforesaid."

22. The sum of \$15,000 authorized to be borrowed by the City by Section 34 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1914, and by the second schedule to that Act, for an improved system of assessment, is hereby reduced to \$10,000 and that sum, or any part thereof, may be borrowed by the City at any time, and expended for that purpose, and the sum so borrowed with interest thereon shall be repaid in five annual instalments, the first with interest to be paid on the 1st day of June in the civic year next succeeding the civic year in which the money was borrowed, and the succeeding ones on the same day of the month in the four succeeding years, and the amount of each instalment, with interest, shall be included in the estimates for the year in which it is payable and rated and collected therewith.

23. The amount which the City is authorized to contribute to the Canadian Patriotic Fund is hereby increased to a total of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$55,000) and the amount so authorized to be contributed in addition to the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) placed in the civic estimates for the year 1916-17, namely Fifty Thousand Dollars, may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and together with the interest thereon shall be rated and collected upon the property and inhabitants during the civic year 1916-17 as a special assessment to be added as such to the notices of taxation and shall be collected together with the taxes for that Year with the same rights and remedies. Interest upon the amounts so payable at the rate of six per cent. shall be payable after the 30th day of September, 1916, but no discount shall be allowed thereon.

24. The City may borrow from any bank or any fund available the sums set out in the first schedule hereto, and apply the same to the purposes mentioned in respect to each, and no other, and the sums so borrowed, together with any interest payable thereon, shall be included in the estimates for 1917-18 and rated and collected along therewith.

25. The City may borrow the sums set out in the second schedule hereto and apply the same to the purposes set opposite each item respectively and no other. The sums so borrowed shall be secured by the issue of the bonds or debentures of the City. Every such bond or debenture shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent, and shall be repayable in five equal instalments the first, with interest, to be paid on the first day of July, 1917.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Amounts to be borrowed and Included in Estimates for 1917-18.

To pay Henry Holgate for services in connection with the application of the N. S. Tramways and Power Co, to the Board of Public Utility commission, including his assistants, not exceeding.....	\$ 700.00
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To pay to the Widow of W. L. Brown, lately City Treasurer in addition to the amount payable to her from the Superannuation Fund.....	\$ 322 00
To pay deficit in the City Home appropriation for 1915-16, not exceeding.....	\$ 500 00
To pay deficit in the City Prison appropriation for 1915-16, not exceeding.....	\$ 1,600 00
To pay deficit in Printing and Stationery account for 1914-15.....	\$ 828 91
To pay allowance to Mary Murphy and Marie Knapman.....	\$ 2,000 00
To pay amount due the Maritime Home for Girls.....	\$ 248 62
To pay amount due Industrial School.....	\$ 114 46
To pay amount to family of Ellen Morrison in addition to amount from Superannuation Fund.....	\$ 520 66
To pay salary of Assistant Building Inspector for 1916-17.....	\$ 1,200 00
To pay the several amounts due by the City to various charitable institutions under the Children's Protection Act 1912, not exceeding in all.....	\$ 1,200 00
To pay deficit in connection with Firemen's Tournament in 1914, not exceeding.....	\$ 400 00

#### SECOND SCHEDULE.

##### Amounts to be Borrowed on Short Term Debentures.

To be expended in dredging the dock of McFatrige's Wharf, not exceeding.....	\$ 1,500 00
To defray cost of a civic survey and (or) independent audit not exceeding.....	\$ 3,000 00
To purchase additional hose for Fire Department.....	\$ 1,200 00

The Act is considered clause by clause and the several clauses thereof dealt with as appears below.

##### *Preamble.*

Passed.

##### *Legalizing Assessment Civic Year 1916-17.*

Passed.

*Terms of Office Members of Boards, etc. to cease when they cease to be Members of the City Council.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the clause be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the clause be amended to eliminate members of the Board of School Commissioners from the operation of this provision.

Amendment put and passed, 7 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment.*

Controller Murphy  
Aldermen H. S. Colwell  
Finlay  
Kelly  
Foley  
Isnor  
Godwin—7

*Against.*

Controllers Halliday  
Harris  
McKeen  
Aldermen R. B. Colwell  
Hines—5

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

*Officials on Military Duty.*

Passed.

*Fixed Salaries of Officials.*

Passed.

*Public Comfort Station—Parade Improvement.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that this clause be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:—

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Godwin and Parker.

*Salary Clerk Board of Control.*

Passed, Controllers Murphy and Harris dissenting.

*City Health Board Appropriation.*

Passed.

*Public Abattoir.*

Passed.



*Gratuities to Heirs of Firemen Murphy and Knapman.*

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller McKeen that said clause be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for same:—

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Godwin and Parker.

*Moreash Property for Morris Street Extension.*

Referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

*Police Salaries.*

Passed.

*Policemen on Military Duty—Superannuation Fund.*

Passed.

*Officials' Superannuation Fund—Firemen's Superannuation Fund.*

By unanimous consent of Council the Board of Control is requested to consider the advisability of drafting legislation in connection with Superannuation Funds of the Firemen and City Officials on military duty.

*Police Woman.*

Passed.

*Salary City Auditor.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that this clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Controller Murphy, seconded by Alderman Kelly that the clause be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

The vote being taken, there appeared:—

*For the Amendment*

Controller Murphy  
 Aldermen Kelly  
           Foley  
           Isnor  
           Godwin  
           Parker—6

*Against.*

Controllers Halliday  
               Harris  
               McKeen  
 Aldermen H. S. Colwell  
               Finlay  
               Hines—6

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote for the amendment and declares the amendment carried.

*Inspection of Property by Members Board of Assessors.*  
 Passed.

*Scales on Morris Street—Dominion Coal Company.*  
 Passed.

The City Solicitor by unanimous consent of Council is instructed to add a provision in the clause requiring the Dominion Coal Company to pay a rental for the privilege.

*Overhead Conveyor Campbell Road—Nova Scotia Fertilizer Co.*

Passed.

By unanimous consent of Council the City Solicitor is requested to make provision in the clause for the payment of a rental for the privilege.

*Clifton Street—Taking Over of.*

Passed.

*Repealing Section 30, Chapter 74 Acts of 1914, re North West Arm Sewer.*

Passed.

*City's Bonds to be repaid in Gold.*

Passed.

*Scientific Assessment Loan.*

Passed.

*Canadian Patriotic Fund.*

Passed.

*Preamble—Amounts to be Included in Estimates 1917-18.*

Passed.

*Preamble—Short Term Debentures.*

Passed.

*Henry Holgate Account.*

\$700.00. Passed.

*Gratuity to Widow of W. L. Brown.*

\$322.00. Passed.

*City Home Deficit 1915-16.*

\$500.00.

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller McKeen that said item pass.

Alderman Finlay submits the following amendment:—

*Resolved* that this report be referred back to the Board of Control and that it is the wish of this Council that the Board of Control procure legislation at the present session of the Legislature giving the Board of Control and City Council power to make up supplementary estimates in order to provide for unforeseen expenditures that may arise after the annual estimates have been made up.

*Further Resolved* that it is the opinion of the Council that considerable saving in the interest account of the City will be accomplished by the enactment of such legislation.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

His Worship the Mayor rules the amendment out of order.

Alderman Finlay asks for a ruling by the City Solicitor.

The City Solicitor states that in his opinion Alderman Finlay's amendment is out of order.

The original motion is passed.

*Deficit City Prison 1915-16.*

\$1600.00. Passed.

*Deficit Printing and Stationery Account 1915-16.*

\$ Passed.

*Gratuities Heirs of Firemen Murphy and Knapman.*

\$1,000.00 each—\$2,000. Passed.

*Dredging McFatridge's Dock.*

\$1500.00. Passed.

*Civic Survey and (or) Independent Audit.*

\$3,000.00.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that said item be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Isnor, that this item be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

Amendment put and lost, 4 voting for the same, and 8 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment.*

*Against.*

Aldermen H. S. Colwell  
Hines  
Isnor  
Godwin—4

Controllers Halliday  
Harris  
McKeen  
Murphy  
Aldermen Finlay  
Foley  
Kelly  
Parker—8

The original motion is put and passed.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the Act as a whole as amended be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously, the following named members of Council being present and voting for the same:

Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy, and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Finlay, R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Foley, Hines, Isnor, Godwin and Parker.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Alderman Finlay submits as a substantive resolution the amendment moved by him on the motion to provide for City Home deficit at an earlier stage of this meeting, which was ruled out of order by His Worship the Mayor, the resolution being as follows:—

*Resolved* that this report be referred back to the Board of Control and that it is the wish of this Council that the Board of Control procure legislation at the present session of the Legislature giving the Board of Control and City Council power to make up supplementary estimates in order to provide for unforeseen expenditures that may arise after the annual estimates have been made up.

*Further Resolved* that it is the opinion of the Council that considerable saving in the interest account of the City will be accomplished by the enactment of such legislation.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

The resolution is ruled out of order by His Worship the Mayor.

#### SNOW SHOVELLING.

Alderman R. B. Colwell asked why the snow was allowed to lie on the sidewalk on Spring Garden Road in front of City property for several days.

His Worship the Mayor replied that the snow-fall was too heavy for the horses to plow, but that it had been removed today.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 10.40 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,  
*Mayor*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,  
*City Clerk.*



## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, March 16th, 1916.*

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Murphy, Halliday and McKeen, and Aldermen Finlay and H. S. Colwell.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.25 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Brennan, Kelly, Foley and Hines.

The meeting was called to consider legislation, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

#### **Papers submitted.**

Reports (16) Board of Control, namely:—  
Hydro-electric Power Contract.  
Committee on Legislation.  
Assistant Building Inspector.  
Expropriation of Electric Wire Poles.  
Ornamental Street Lighting.  
Bedford Row Fire Station—Queen Street Valley Property.  
Plumbing in dwelling houses.  
City Health Board Accounts.  
Water Bill Bennett Estate, 54 Birmingham Street.  
Gratuity to Widow of Ewen Morrison.  
Supplementary Estimates.  
Salary of City Auditor.  
Terms of Office of Members of Boards, etc.  
Water Extension Harvard Street.  
Taxation.  
Superintendent Water Department.

#### **Other Headlines.**

Extraordinary Election for Alderman Ward No. 1.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT.

Read report Board of Control recommending the appointment of Daniel J. McLean to the position of Superintendent of the Water Department, vice Ewen Morrison deceased.

*City Hall, March 15th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re the appointment of a Superintendent of the Water Department in place of the late Ewen Morrison, and recommend that Daniel J. MacLean be appointed to the office.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 1st, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—It is with most sincere regret that I have to report the death of Mr. Ewen Morrison, who for many years has been Superintendent of the City Water Department. In addition to the personal loss, the Water Department loses an official who had extraordinary qualifications for the work in which he was employed. He was a most zealous official and the City was most fortunate in retaining the services of a man of his experience.

The Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Daniel J. McLean is his natural successor in consequence of his long experience on the work, his intimate knowledge of the construction of the system, his experience in the handling of the many problems which come up in connection with the management of our water service and his long experience as sub-foreman and in later years as Assistant Superintendent. He stands easily first among those who might aspire to the position, and I beg to recommend his appointment by your Board.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted and D. J. McLean appointed to the position of Superintendent of the Water Department. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor declares Daniel J. McLean duly appointed to the position of Superintendent of the Water Department.

### WATER EXTENSION HARVARD STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re water extension Harvard Street.

*City Hall, March 13th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re water extension, Harvard Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 11th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

Sir:—I beg to report on the attached application from the Eastern Investment Corporation Limited, asking for the extension of the water on Harvard Street. To make this extension it will be necessary to extend the main pipe on Allen Street for 28 feet west from the end of the present pipe.

The district is high service; size of pipe required, 6-inch; length, 28 feet on Allen Street and 69 feet on Harvard Street; estimated cost \$336.95.

I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$16.85.

H. W. JOHNSTON, *Asst. City Engineer.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS, ETC.

Read report Board of Control re the securing of legislation re terms of office of members of Boards, etc., unanimously recommending back their previous report to the City Council without change or amendment. (See printed minutes City Council, March 9th, 1916, page 458).

*City Hall, March 10th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The City Council having referred back to the Board of Control a recommendation for legislation providing that members of boards and Committees appointed by the Council shall cease to be members thereof when they cease to be members of the Council, with the suggestion that the City's representatives on the Board of School Commissioners be not subject to the general Act, the Board of Control beg to report that they have given further consideration to the matter, and at a meeting held this day, there being not less than four members of the Board present, they unanimously decided to refer the recommendation back to the Council without change or amendment.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that members of the Board of School Commissioners representing the City Council be exempted from the provisions of the proposed legislation.

The vote being taken, there appeared:—

*For the Amendment.*

Aldermen H. S. Colwell  
Finlay  
Brennan  
Brennan  
Kelly  
Foley  
Hines—6

*Against.*

Controllers Halliday  
McKeen  
Murphy—3

His Worship the Mayor rules the amendment lost on the ground that it had not received a two-thirds vote of Council.

The original motion is put and passed.

#### SALARY CITY AUDITOR.

Read report Board of Control re securing of legislation to increase the salary of the City Auditor by the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), referring back to the Council their previous recommendation without change or amendment.

*City Hall, March 13th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that agreeably to resolution of Council they have given further consideration to the clause in proposed legislation which provides for an increase of \$200.00 to the Salary of the City Auditor. In the opinion of the Board the proposed legislation is an alternative measure, and for that reason does not necessarily conflict with the general Act which was submitted at last meeting seeking the elimination of all fixed salaries. The Board, therefore, again refers the clause back to the Council without change or amendment, Controllers McKeen, Harris and Halliday voting for the motion to report the clause favorably to the Council again, and His Worship the Mayor and Controller Murphy against it. His Worship the Mayor desired to be recorded as in favor of the Auditor obtaining an increase of \$200.00 but against forwarding two conflicting bills to the Legislature.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be referred back to the

Board of Control with the recommendation that the same be withheld pending the outcome of the general Bill affecting fixed civic salaries.

Controller Harris and Alderman Riordon and R. B. Colwell here arrive and take their seats in Council.

The amendment being put, is lost, 2 voting for the same and 10 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment*

Controller Murphy  
Alderman Kelly—2

*Against.*

Controllers	Halliday Harris McKeen.
Aldermen	H. S. Colwell Finlay R. B. Colwell Brennan Foley Hines Riordon—10

The original motion is put and passed.

**EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION FOR ALDERMAN WARD NO. 1.**

By unanimous consent of Council, Controller Halliday is permitted to introduce the following resolution:—

*Resolved* that this Council under the provisions of the City Charter does hereby appoint and fix April 5th, 1916, as the day for the election of a duly qualified person to fill the vacant office of Alderman for Ward No. One created by the resignation of Alderman William N. Brown.

*Further Resolved* that the City Clerk is hereby directed to carry out all the provisions of the law in respect to the holding of an election to fill such vacancy.

The resolution is moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller McKeen and passed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.**

Read report Board of Control re the securing of legislation permitting supplementary estimates to be presented to the Council from year to year, recommending that such a policy would not operate to the best interests of the City.



*City Hall, March 10th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that they have at various times had under consideration the question of making provision for the bringing down of estimates supplementary to the general estimate provided by Statute to be passed in the month of December in each year, and have come to the conclusion that such a policy would not operate to the best interests of the City.

Controller Murphy dissenting.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration and report.

The amendment is put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment*

*Against.*

Controller Murphy  
Aldermen Finlay  
R. B. Colwell  
Brennan  
Kelly  
Foley  
Hines  
Riordon—8

Controllers Halliday  
Harris  
McKeen  
Alderman H. S. Colwell—4

#### GRATUITY TO WIDOW OF EWEN MORRISON.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be secured providing for the payment to Mrs. Christina M. Morrison, widow of Ewen Morrison, late Superintendent of the Water Department, of the sum of \$520.66.

*City Hall, March 10th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that the City Solicitor be requested to draft an Act authorizing the City to pay to Mrs. Christiana M. Morrison \$520.66, said amount being the difference which the heirs of

Ewen Morrison, late Foreman of the Water Department, are entitled to receive from the Officials' Superannuation Fund and the sum of \$1,000.00, said amount to be borrowed from the City's bank or from any fund available and repaid through assessment in the civic year 1917-18.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKean, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

**WATER BILL, BENNETT ESTATE, 54 BIRMINGHAM STREET**

Read report Board of Control re water bill, estate J. A. Bennett, 54 Birmingham Street.

*City Hall, March 10th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that they have investigated a water bill charged against the estate of J. A. Bennett, 54 Birmingham Street, claimed to be excessive, and recommend that said amount be reduced by the sum of \$23 50.

A report from the City Engineer is attached hereto.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 8th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the water bill against the Estate of J. A. Bennett, No. 54 Birmingham Street for the period from March 1911 to March 1912. The consumption for the period is as follows:—

1911.

April .....	34,700 gals.
May .....	24,600 "
June .....	44,200 "
July .....	30,000 "
Aug. ....	52,800 "
Sept. ....	41,700 "
Oct. ....	56,700 "
Nov. ....	19,600 "
Dec. ....	16,000 "

1912.

Jan. ....	7,000 "
Feb. ....	38,600 "
Mar. ....	25,400 "

The inspectors report a closet wasting for months during that period, which accounts for the unnecessarily heavy consumption. Under the circumstances the law does not permit me to recommend any reduction.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

#### CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Health Board, \$256.03.

*City Hall, March 13th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for payment accounts chargeable to the City Health Board, amounting to \$256.03.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Office of City Health Board, March 10th, 1916.*

*The Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—The following accounts found correct were passed for payment at a meeting of the City Health Board on Wednesday, March 8th, 1916:—

John Starr, Son & Co., flash lights, \$1.25; E. W. Crease & Son, groceries \$6.44; Buckley Coal Co., coal, \$52.98; Baldwin & Co., crockeryware, \$2.75; T. C. Allen & Co., office books \$5.20; W. R. Nicholson, drugs, \$69.60; Wet Wash Laundry, work, \$15.60; Fraser Bros., carriage hire, \$2.00; Halifax Electric Tram Co., light and power, \$13.76; H. P. Cross, rent, 30.00; Kelly & Glassey, whiskey, \$1.25; John Foley, labor, \$20.20; A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd. office books, \$8.00; King Edward Stables, conveyance of patients, \$27.00. Total \$256.03.

JOHN A. WATTERS, *Secretary.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

#### PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES.

Read reports Board of Control and Assistant City Engineer re tenders for plumbing in dwelling houses.

City Hall, March 15th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen.—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the attached report of the Assistant City Engineer re tenders for plumbing in dwelling houses under City Health Board rules.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, March 14th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir.—I beg to report on the tenders for plumbing at No. 35 Almon Street and No. 71 West Street. The following were received—

	G. H. Kinsman	Coolen & Martin	M. F. Burns	W. S. Craig
71 West Street	\$ 97.00	\$112.00	\$110.00	\$103.00
35 Almon Street	110.00	120.00	40.00	60.00

M. F. Burns' tender for No. 35 Almon Street was so manifestly a mistake that I telephoned him and found that he meant \$140.00 instead of \$40.

I would recommend the acceptance of Geo. H. Kinsman's tender of \$97.00 for the plumbing at No. 71 West Street and of W. S. Craig's tender of \$99.00 for the plumbing at No. 35 Almon Street.

H. W. JOHNSTON, *Assi. City Engineer.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### BEDFORD ROW FIRE STATION—QUEEN STREET VALLEY PROPERTY.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re legislation respecting loan for Bedford Row Fire Station and loan for Queen Street Valley property.

City Hall, March 8th, 1916.

The City Council.

Gentlemen.—The Board of Control beg to recommend for approval by the Council the attached report of the City Engineer re legislation respecting loan for Bedford Row Fire Station and for Queen Street Valley property, and that the City Solicitor be authorized to draft legislation accordingly.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

City Engineer's Office, March 8th, 1916.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir.—I beg to recommend that legislation be obtained authorizing the transfer from the appropriation for Bedford Row Fire Station, of the balance of \$316.66 to City Property account. The work on the Bedford Row Fire Station was a City Property transaction but a special appropriation

was provided. I would also recommend that legislation be obtained authorizing the transfer of the balance of \$93.75 from the Valley Property appropriation Queen Street to the Loan for Widening Streets.

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

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### ORNAMANTAL STREET LIGHTING.

Read report Board of Control re legislation to amend Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 entitled "An Act to Amend the Law in Relation to the City of Halifax," so far as the same affects the collection of charges for ornamental street lighting.

*City Hall, March 15th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that the City Solicitor be authorized to draft and submit to the Legislature a bill to the following effect:—

**An Act to Amend Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 entitled "An Act to Amend the Law in Relation to the City of Halifax."**

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

1. Section 8 of said Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 is amended as follows:—

1. By striking out the words "three-fourths" in the first line of that Section and substituting therefore the words "two-thirds."

2. By adding after the word "property" in the second line of that Section the words "which is subject to taxation."

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

#### EXPROPRIATION OF ELECTRIC WIRE POLES.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be sought to enable the City to utilize for other purposes the fund now in hand, amounting to \$10,788.00, intended for the expropriation of electric wire poles.



*City Hall, March 15th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—Some years ago the City proposed to expropriate the electric wire poles of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, and borrowed money for the purpose. The cash in hand on this account at present amounts to \$10,788.00. It is the intention of the City to borrow in a short time a considerable amount of money, and in order to lessen the total borrowings, it is recommended that legislation be sought authorizing the City to apply the \$10,788.00 referred to to any new issue of bonds in 1916.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

#### BUILDINGS INSPECTION.

Read report Board of Control recommending that an Assistant Building Inspector be appointed, and that legislation be secured enabling the City to borrow the sum of \$1200.00 to pay the salary of such official for the year 1916-17.

*City Hall, March 15th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that an Official be employed as Assistant Building Inspector to inspect all public and private buildings throughout the City, including schools with respect to general safety, heating, plumbing, chimneys, fire risk, etc., under supervision of the Building Inspector, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a bill authorizing the City to borrow the sum of \$1200.00 to pay the salary of such Official for the civic year 1916-17.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the Board of Control and City Solicitor be a Committee to watch the progress through the Legislature of Bills affecting the City of Halifax.

*City Hall, March 15th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend that the Board of Control and City Solicitor be appointed a Committee to watch the progress through the Legislature of Bills affecting the City of Halifax.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

By unanimous consent of Council, on the nomination of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Finlay and Brenna are added to the Committee, and the report of the Board of Control adopted as amended.

#### HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER.

Read report Board of Control covering draft of an agreement between the Halifax Power Co. Limited and the City of Halifax for the supplying of hydro-electric energy to the City of Halifax.

*City Hall, March 15th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith for approval by the City Council a draft of an agreement proposed to be entered into between the City of Halifax and the Halifax Power Co., Ltd., for the supplying of hydro-electric energy to the City of Halifax for a period of 25 years.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT Made this 16th day of March A. D., 1916 BETWEEN The Halifax Power Company, Limited, a body corporate under the laws of Nova Scotia, hereinafter called the Company of the First Part, and the City of Halifax, also a body corporate, hereinafter called the City, of the Second Part:

#### WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:—

In this contract, including the schedule hereto, unless the context otherwise requires,

The expression "City" means  
The City of Halifax;

The expression "Company" means  
The Halifax Power Company, Limited;

The expression "Engineer" means  
The City Engineer of the City of Halifax;

The expression "Electrician" means  
The City Electrician of the City of Halifax;

and in the absence of the Electrician, means and includes the Engineer, who may, in such case, discharge any duty and exercise any right to be discharged or performed by the Electrician.

The expression "Board of Control" means

The Board of Control of the City, as at present established, and in the event of any change in the form of Government of the City during the term of this contract, any power or authority exercisable of the Board of Control may be exercised by the Board, Committee or other authority exercising the power of the Board of Control in respect to the streets and public works of the City. And the expression Board of Control shall mean and include such Board, Committee or authority.

The Company agrees with the City to light the streets of the City, and the City agrees with the Company to pay the Company for such lighting in manner and form and on the terms hereinafter set forth.

The Company shall begin and continue effective operation under the contract at a date not later than twelve months from the date of this memorandum.

The Contract shall be for the period of twenty-five years beginning from the commencement of effective operations thereunder.

Within ninety days from the execution of this contract the Company shall furnish the City evidence to the satisfaction of the Board of Control of the City, that it will be able to procure the money necessary to enable it to develop its property and instal its lighting system, and otherwise carry out its contract, and if the Company fails to furnish such evidence the City Council may on the recommendation of the Board of Control, cancel this contract notwithstanding the period of twelve months has not expired, and no claim for damages or otherwise for such cancellation shall be sustainable against the City.

The sum payable by the City to the Company for such street lighting shall be on the basis of Thirty thousand dollars for the wattage of electricity specified and agreed to be furnished for such lighting and may be increased for increased service, as hereinafter provided.

The lighting to be furnished under this contract both of the streets and of any buildings of the City, and all matters and particulars connected therewith, shall be as set out in the schedule hereto, which is hereby declared to form a part of this contract.

The Company agrees that at the expiration of ten years from the beginning of the contract and again at the expiration of twenty years therefrom the City may demand a revision of the terms and conditions of the contract, both as respects the equipment furnished and the nature and amount of light furnished, and also as to the price to be paid therefor by the City. If the Company and the City are unable to agree upon the terms of such revision, the same shall be settled and determined by some competent expert to be appointed by the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia and his award shall be binding upon the parties hereto for the period until the next date of revision or until the expiry of the contract as the case may be; Provided that no such revision shall be made as will reduce the amount payable by the City for lighting the streets below the sum of Thirty thousand dollars yearly.

In addition to the electric energy supplied by the Company for the purpose of lighting the streets, the Company agrees to furnish to the City for the period of the Contract, all electric current required for lighting any buildings or property of the City, or for other civic lighting, and the Company agrees to furnish any electric current required under this section at rates not less than twenty-five per cent. below the net rates charged the City for such lighting at the date of this memorandum. The City agrees to take from

the Company for the period of the contract, all the current it requires for such lighting, provided the Company furnishes the same at the reduced rates aforesaid, or at such further reduction as is ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. But nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the City utilizing for its own lighting, any electric current generated by the City itself, on its own property.

The Company further agrees that it will, during the period of the contract, supply to the citizens of Halifax, electric current for light, power or other private purposes at rates not less than twenty-five per cent. below the net rates charges consumers of electric current for such purposes, within the City, at the date of this Agreement.

If the City at any time during the continuance of this contract by resolution of the City Council expresses its wish to acquire the whole property and undertaking of the Company, and names a sum which it is willing to pay for the same, the Company shall either accept the same or name a sum which it is willing to accept therefor.

If the City and the Company are unable to agree upon the sum to be so paid, the same shall be referred to the award and determination of three arbitrators, one to be appointed by the City, one by the Company, and one by the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

Upon such price or sum being determined, the City may, if it deems the same excessive, decline to proceed further with the acquisition of such property and may notify the Company to that effect, and thereupon the right of the City under this contract to acquire the said property and undertaking shall cease and determine. If the City fails to notify the Company of its intention to take over the said property and undertaking within sixty days after the publication of the award of the arbitrators, it shall be deemed to have elected not to proceed further with the matter of acquiring the said property and undertaking.

If the City elects to take over the said property and undertaking for the sum so determined it shall notify the Company to that effect within sixty days after the publication of the award thereof, and thereafter the Company shall be bound to transfer its said property and undertaking to the City for the price or sum so determined upon the City obtaining the legislation necessary to enable the same to be done and the money required therefor to be obtained, and the City shall at the next session of the legislature, apply for all such necessary legislation.

If the City fails to obtain such legislation, the rights of the City to acquire such property and undertaking shall cease and determine.

The Company agrees that it will not during the continuance of this contract, sell or dispose of its property or undertaking or any part thereof (other than by way of mortgage as security for an issue of bonds or debentures) without first notifying the City in writing of its intention so to do, not less than sixty days (60) before any such sale or disposition, and any such attempted sale or disposition may be restrained by an order of the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof. The Company further agrees that it will not sell or dispose of its property and undertaking or any part thereof during the pendency of negotiations for the acquisition of the same by the City, nor during any period which elapses to enable the City to obtain legislation as aforesaid, and any such attempted sale may be restrained as aforesaid.

The Company agrees that for any breach committed by it in the terms of this contract, including the schedule attached hereto, the City may at its option, determine this contract by notice in writing and upon delivery of

such notice this contract and all rights thereunder shall cease and determine.

If the City fails to pay the amount lawfully payable by it thereunder, or any portion of it at the time specified for such payment, the Company may at its option, cancel and determine this contract by notice in writing to the City to that effect.

The City agrees to assist the Company in every way legally and legitimately open to the City in carrying out this contract.

The Agreement made between the City and the Company under its former name of the Halifax Development Company, and hereto attached, is hereby confirmed and declared to form part of this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

the parties hereto have executed these presents the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of	}	HALIFAX POWER CO., LIMITED, SAM'L. M. BROOKFIELD, <i>President.</i>	
RODERICK McCOLL.	}	H. C. FLOOD, <i>Secretary.</i>	[L. S.]
H. S. RHIND,	}	PETER F. MARTIN, <i>Mayor.</i>	
Witness to signatures of Mayor and City Clerk.	}	L. FRED. MONAGHAN, <i>City Clerk.</i>	[L. S.]

**Schedule To Contract Between The Halifax Power Company, Limited and the City of Halifax.**

The Company agrees, from time to time, as required to supply all work and material of every description, necessary to instal, maintain and operate upon the streets of the City, street lighting units, either arc or incandescent, or both, of such number, type and capacity, and in such locations as are directed by the Board of Control as will consume electrical energy to an amount of not less than 302,250 watts continuous supply during the street lighting hours, or a total energy supply of not less than one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) Kilowat hours each year at the lamp terminals, and also a continuous supply of electrical energy to proper constant voltage for lighting the City Buildings to the satisfaction of the Board of Control.

The Company shall also supply such additional street lights or additional current for lighting City Buildings as it is required so to do, within twenty days after receipt of notice in writing from the Engineer requiring such additional lights or current to be supplied, and for every day during which the Company fails to comply with such notice, it shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars which may be recovered by action in the name of the City or deducted out of any amount payable to the Company.

Any such additional lights shall be paid for by the City at a rate not exceeding two and one-half cents (2½c) per Kilowat hour in respect to each light, the amount supplied to be determined and settled by the Electrician.

All poles, lines, lamps, and equipment of every sort within the City shall be supplied and installed by the Company, but subject as respects both equipment and installation to the approval of the Engineer and Electrician and under their inspection and supervision.



All apparatus, equipment and materials or work supplied or performed by the Company shall be so supplied or performed to the satisfaction of the Electrician and if any such apparatus, equipment or work are not at any time, to the satisfaction of the Electrician, he may direct the same or any part thereof to be taken down, altered, repaired or entirely replaced to his satisfaction, and upon failure to comply with any such direction, the electrician may himself carry out the same and the expense of so doing may be deducted from any moneys payable by the City to the Company.

The Company shall comply with and be bound by all existing or future rules, regulations or ordinances of the City in respect to methods of wiring, the use of streets, construction and maintenance of poles, and wires, lamps, fittings and fixtures.

The lamps to be used and maintained for street lighting shall be of modern, standard pattern, of an approved efficiency, the illuminating power and energy consumption of which shall be determined by the Electrician but in the aggregate to be not less than hereinbefore stated,

The arc lamps shall be series luminous or magnitite arc, direct current, pendant or ornamental type, as required by the Board of Control. The energy consumption of such lamps to be not less than 510 watts at the lamp terminals with 6.6 ampere current flow. The name, serial number and maker's name, must be submitted for approval to the Electrician and a sample submitted for testing if required.

Every arc lamp shall be equipped with a suitable approved housing containing a cut-out and necessary controlling mechanism for the proper and efficient operation of the lamp: also diffusing globe and reflector suitable for the type of lamp selected, which must be kept clean to the satisfaction of the Electrician. All current carrying parts of the lamp must be thoroughly and effectively insulated from the frame and housing of the unit.

The incandescent units shall be of the type known as the nitrogen-filled tungsten filament, pendant type lamp, designed for operation on series alternating 60 cycle 7.5 ampere constant current circuits. The name, number and maker's name must be submitted to the Electrician for approval, and samples submitted for testing if required. Also graphic efficiency curves must be submitted showing the guaranteed candle power taken at various angles of the different types and capacities of the lighting units selected by the Board of Control for the carrying out of the street lighting contract.

Every incandescent lighting unit shall be equipped with a suitable housing containing cut-out compensator and other necessary apparatus for its efficient operation together with a suitable reflector and refracting or diffusing globe as required by the Electrician.

The lamps, globes and reflectors shall be examined and cleaned by the Company as often as required by the Electrician, and not less frequently than for each 100 hours burning, and shall be kept in a state of highest efficiency to supply the maximum amount of light from the specified amount of electrical energy. In case of any neglect in this respect, the Electrician may, after giving the Company twenty-four hours notice, replace any omitted, defective, or dirty globes or lamps, in such manner as he deems best. The City shall not be responsible for any breakage of globes or lamps so incurred, and the whole cost of any new globes or lamps required, and all labor and other expense involved shall be deducted from any moneys due the Company by the City and shall be retained by the City.

The electrodes which are to be used shall be of one of the best grades in the market of standard quality and dimensions for the type of lamp installed, and shall be subject to the approval of the Electrician. If at any time during the contract the Electrician is satisfied that a better grade than the standard originally approved can be procured, he may require such improved electrodes to be used without additional expense to the City. The Company shall make no change in the description of electrodes used without due approval in writing by the Electrician. If any change in electrodes is made by the Company without such approval in advance by the Electrician, ten per cent (10%) shall be deducted from the amount to be paid for the period during which each unauthorized electrodes are used.

The street lamps shall be placed in such locations and in such manner as is directed and approved by the Engineer.

The Engineer may direct the Company to remove any lamp or pole from the position in which it was first placed, to any distance not exceeding 300 feet from such position and on failure to comply with such directions he may himself make such removal at the expense of the Company.

Whenever so directed by the Engineer, the Company shall suspend any lamp specified by him, on brackets, mast arms or in the centre of the street or in such other manner as he directs, and all fixtures and appurtenances necessary for that purpose shall be provided by the Company at its own expense, of such material, size and design, and placed in such manner as the Engineer directs. If the Company fails to carry out any such direction of the Engineer, the Engineer may himself carry out such direction, and furnish all necessary fixtures and appurtenances for that purpose and the cost of so doing may be deducted from any moneys payable to the Company by the City.

The Company shall set and maintain on each circuit electrical meters to be approved by the Electrician and the Electrician may at any time, enter upon any premises of the Company in order to ascertain the current passing through any circuit.

The City may attach to any pole, lamp or other apparatus of the Company used in carrying out this contract any meters or other standard appliances to determine the energy, strength and quality of the electrical current furnished and the Electrician may make such tests of any arc or incandescent lamp as he deems it necessary, and in such manner as seems advisable.

Any apparatus or labor required to make any such test to the satisfaction of the Electrician shall be furnished by the Company without charge.

If a less current is found on any or all of the circuits than this specification requires for such circuit as hereinbefore provided, the lights on such circuit shall be classed as out.

If any lamp or circuit of lamps is considered by the Electrician to be operating below its rated candle power tests may be made by the electrician, by photometric measurement, or otherwise, as he determines, of the useful rays of the lamps which are thought to be deficient, and if in the opinion of the Electrician, whose judgment thereon shall be final, the test shows the candle power of the light or lights to be 10% less than the rated candle power shown by curves submitted, he shall report in writing to the Board of Control, and such proportionate deduction shall be made for such deficiency as the Board determines until the defect is corrected, and the decision of the Board in reference to such deduction shall be final. The tests provided for in this section shall be made on the lamp in service by means of a standard portable instrument and the result of individual tests shall be considered representative of all lamps on that particular circuit.

The posts upon which lamps are erected must be distinctly numbered in figures painted in white lead, of such character and size and in such position as the Engineer directs and such numbers must be replaced or painted yearly if so directed by the Engineer. The Company shall furnish the Electrician with a plan of the City (scale 1''-400') with each street lighting circuit plainly shown thereon together with the location and numbers of the street lamps and shall notify the Electrician of any changes or additions made thereto, giving descriptions of same.

Every lamp shall be kept constantly lighted and fully up to the required standard of power, on every night of the year, from dusk to daylight, except during a storm, when the Electrician directs current to be turned off, or in case of fire, when the Chief of the Fire Department directs any current to be turned off. The time for lighting the lamps at night and extinguishing them in the morning shall be decided by the Electrician, and the Company shall comply with all his directions in that respect.

The Company shall forfeit and pay the City of Halifax the following penalties for and in respect to lamps reported by the police to be unlighted. For any arc lamp unlighted for more than 30 minutes but less than one hour fifty cents (50c) for every arc lamp so reported to be unlighted more than one hour, one dollar (\$1.00) for each additional hour any arc lamps reported unlighted fifty cents (50c). For each incandescent lamp so reported unlighted, a pro portionate sum of that payable in respect to any arc lamp based on the wattage consumption of the incandescent lamp. In no case shall the deduction for any one lamp exceed two dollars (\$2.00). Any sum payable under this paragraph, may be deducted from any amount due the Company under this contract.

Any arc or incandescent lamp which the police finds to work irregularly, to burn intermittently, or to give an interrupted light for the period of one-half hour or longer shall be classed as out. Notice shall be given by the Electrician to the Company of the condition of such lamp and if it is again defective during the night the light shall be again classed as out for the night, and the fine for such light being out shall be doubled for each night until it is so repaired as to give a perfect and uninterrupted light. Such fines and deductions shall be made without any regard to the cause of the deficiency in light.

Payment shall be made by the City to the Company in instalments, as follows:—Ninety per cent (90%) of the amount due for each month will be paid on or about the first of the following month, except any deductions to be made under and by virtue of any condition herein contained. The remaining ten per cent (10%) of the amount due for each month will be paid on the thirtieth day of April in each year. Any payments shall be made only on the written certificate of the Electrician.

Alderman R. B. Colwell asks for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the City has power to enter into an agreement extending over a period of 25 years and as to whether they can make such a contract without calling for tenders.

The City Solicitor stated he thought the Council had jurisdiction.

The memorandum of agreement is read by title.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the agreement be now read.

Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the agreement be not now read, but that it be referred back to the Board of Control for the purpose of obtaining the opinion of an independent solicitor as to the power of the City Council to make a contract covering a period of 25 years, and as to the power of the City to make a contract without calling for tenders.

Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment*

Aldermen Finlay  
— R. B. Colwell  
Hines—3

*Against.*

Controllers Halliday  
Harris  
McKeen  
Murphy  
Aldermen H. S. Colwell  
Brennan  
Kelly  
Foley  
Riordon—9

The original motion is put and passed.

The draft agreement is read clause by clause and the several clauses thereof adopted.

The schedule referred to in the contract and forming a part of the same is read and approved.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKeen that the report of the Board of Control together with the draft agreement and the schedule attached thereto be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk instructed to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Moved in amendment by R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Hines that the report and the draft agreement be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that they call for tenders for lighting the City for a period of 10 years.

Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment.*

Aldermen Finlay  
R. B. Colwell  
Hines—3

*Against.*

Controllers Halliday  
Harris  
McKeen  
Murphy  
Aldermen H. S. Colwell  
Brennan  
Kelly  
Foley  
Riordon—9

The original motion is put and passed.

**TAXATION IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX.**

Read report Board of Control covering an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Taxation in the City of Halifax."

By unanimous consent of Council consideration of the matter is deferred.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Halliday that the Council do now adjourn until 8 o'clock on Monday evening, 20th inst. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.25 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,  
*Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,  
*City Clerk.*



## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Murphy and McKeen, and Alderman Finlay, H. S. Colwell, R. B. Colwell, Foley and Riordon.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present, or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Controllers Halliday and Harris, and Alderman Kelly.

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

#### **Papers Submitted.**

Reports (12) Board of Control, as follows:—

- Billboards.
- Changing Fiscal Year.
- Public Schools Finances.
- Moving Picture Theatre Taxation.
- Dominion Textile Company's Assessment.
- Morris Street Extension.
- Jennings Street Sewer and Water Extension.
- Supplementary Estimates.
- Public Gardens Account.
- Deficit Firemen's Tournament.
- Hydro-Electric Power.
- Taxation.

#### **Other Headlines.**

- Two-thirds vote of Council.
- Presiding Officers.
- Delegation Addresses Council re Taxation.



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**TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF COUNCIL.**

Alderman Finlay asks the privilege of the Council to submit a resolution.

The Council unanimously grants the request.

Alderman Finlay submits the following resolution:—

*Resolved* that after the word "Board" in the fourth line Section 109 of the City Charter, the words "by a two-thirds vote of Council" be struck out and the following added:—"In all such cases when an expenditure of money is involved a two-thirds vote of the Council present shall be necessary otherwise a majority vote of those present shall suffice."

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the said resolution be referred to the Board of Control for report. Motion passed.

**PRESIDING OFFICERS.**

His Worship the Mayor asked the Council to appoint presiding officers for the election to be held on April 5th to fill the office of Alderman for Ward one caused by the resignation of Alderman Brown.

Alderman H. S. Colwell nominates James H. Dow. Alderman Finlay nominates Alderman H. S. Colwell.

The nominations are unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCES.**

Read report Board of Control re Public Schools finances.

*City Hall, March 17th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to inform the Council that Controller Murphy and the City Solicitor have been requested to draft legislation providing that the Board of School Commissioners in the expenditure of funds provided in the annual estimates to be restricted to the amounts in the schedule of their estimates so that unexpended balances from one item shall not be expended on account of any other item.

Also providing that before determining to call for tenders or to let contracts on capital account, the Board should first submit the matter to the Board of Control and City Council for their consideration instead of in the first place applying to the Governor-in-Council.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration and report.

Amendment put and passed, 7 voting for the same, and 3 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment.*

Controllers Harris  
McKeen  
Aldermen H. S. Colwell  
Finlay  
Kelly  
Foley  
Riordon—7

*Against.*

Controllers Halliday  
Murphy  
Aldermen R. B. Colwell—3

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Read report Board of Control referring back to Council without change or amendment their original report dated March 10th, 1916, re supplementary estimates.

*City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The report of the Board of Control dated March 10th, 1916, re supplementary estimates, having been by the City Council referred back to the Board of Control, the Board has given further consideration to the matter, and again submit their original recommendation to the Council without change or amendment. There were present at the meeting His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Halliday, Harris, McKeen and Murphy. Controller Murphy dissents from the recommendation of the Board.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted.

Motion passed, Controller Murphy and Aldermen Kelly and Finlay dissenting.

Alderman Isnor here arrives and takes his place in Council.

### CHANGING FISCAL YEAR.

Read report Board of Control covering report Controllers Murphy and McKeen re changing the date of the City's financial year from April 30th to December 31st, and the time for closing the estimates October 31st, instead of December 31st.

*City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for approval by the City Council a report from Controllers Murphy and McKeen re changing the dates of the civic financial year, and the date for making up the yearly estimates.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Halifax, N. S., March 20th, 1916.*

*The Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned beg to recommend that the closing of the civic financial year, now set on April 30th, be changed to December 31st, and that the estimates be made up and closed not later than October 31st in each year. It would be necessary that this proposed change be made to apply to all civic departments, including the School Board.

We further recommend that an Act be prepared to enable the City to make the change suggested, and presented at the present sitting of the legislature for confirmation.

CONTROLLER MURPHY  
CONTROLLER McKEEN.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKeen that the report be adopted and the City Solicitor instructed to draft the necessary legislation. Motion passed.

### BILLBOARDS.

Read report Board of Control covering report Controller Murphy re billboards.

*City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for approval by the City Council a report from Controller Murphy re billboards.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*Halifax, N. S., March 20th, 1916.*

*The Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—When the above matter was discussed in Council a resolution was moved that the Board consider the advisability of abolishing billboards in this City. The matter was referred to the writer to report on.

I do not think there are any grounds making necessary our abolishing the use of this medium of advertising, but feel that the revenue derived from same is hardly in keeping with the privileges enjoyed, and would therefore recommend that the fee now charged of one-half cent per square foot be increased to two cents per square foot. The objections taken to a number of the boards erected, have been met by the Ruddy Co., and a willingness shown to try to help out the situation and work in harmony with the City.

I trust, therefore, that the recommendation made above will meet with the approval of the Board and Council and that our Ordinance will be amended accordingly.

JOHN MURPHY, *Controller.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further report with the recommendation that the Board consider the advisability of increasing the fees for billboards to 5c per square foot.

The amendment is put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 1 against it, as follows:—

*For the Amendment.*

*Against.*

Controllers Halliday

Controller Murphy—1

Harris

McKeen

Aldermen H. S. Colwell

Finlay

R. B. Colwell

Kelly

Foley

Riordon

Isnor—10

**DELEGATION ADDRESSES COUNCIL RE TAXATION.**

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the delegation present desiring to express

their views on the matter of civic assessment be now heard by the Council. Motion passed.

The Council is addressed by Mr. Wallace and Dr. Ryan, representing the Lower Rents Association, and by Mrs. E. M. Murphy, representing the women of Halifax, on the subject of civic assessment and on the housing problem in Halifax.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the delegation for their suggestions and stated that their remarks would be taken into consideration.

#### HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER.

Read report Board of Control submitting a notice of action by the Attorney General of Nova Scotia on the relation of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for a declaration, amongst other things, to set aside the agreement dated March 16th, 1916, between the Halifax Power Company, Limited, and the City of Halifax for supplying electric light to the City, and recommending that the City Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps to defend the action.

*City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith a notice of action by the Attorney General of Nova Scotia on the relation of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company for a declaration to set aside the agreement dated March 16th, 1916 between the Halifax Power Company, Limited, and the City of Halifax for supplying electric light to the City.

It is recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps to defend the action.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*  
*To the City of Halifax.:*

*Take Notice*—that an action will be brought against the City by the Honorable Orlando T. Daniels, Attorney General for the Province of Nova Scotia on the relation of Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited, (1) for a declaration that the agreement dated March 16th, 1916, and made between the Halifax Power Company, Ltd., and the City of Halifax, for supply of Electric Light to the City of Halifax for a period of twenty-five years is not within the powers of the City of Halifax to make or enter into.

(a) because the making of such agreement or any agreement for a period longer than one year is contrary to the provisions of sections 338 and 339 of the City Charter and other sections thereof and against the general policy of said Act, and contrary to provisions of said Charter.

(b) Because the provisions of section 104 sub section (b) of the City Charter were not complied with, prior to the making of such agreement.

(c) Because such agreement or any agreement for lighting the City of Halifax could only be made or authorized by by-law, approved by the Governor-in-Council and no such by-law has been passed.

(2) For an injunction restraining the City of Halifax from paying any money under the said agreement or otherwise proceeding under or acting upon the said agreement or any of the terms thereof.

(3) For such further declaration or relief as may be directed.

*And Further Take Notice* that after the expiration of twenty days after the service hereof a writ commencing such action will be issued out of the Supreme Court.

Dated at Halifax, N. S., this 17th day of March, A. D., 1916.

COVERT & PEARSON,  
*Solicitor and Agent for Halifax Electric Tramway Company, Limited.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKeen that the report be approved, and the City Solicitor instructed to defend the action. Motion passed.

#### MORRIS STREET EXTENSION.

Read report Board of Control re Morris Street extension, recommending that in connection with the proposed acquisition of land from Mrs. L. A. Moreash between LeMarchant Street and Seymour Street for the extension of Morris Street, she be relieved from taxation only, and that she be not paid interest.

*City Hall, March 17th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The legislation submitted at the last meeting of Council respecting the exemption from taxation of property between LeMarchant Street and Seymour Street belonging to Mrs. L. A. Moreash and required for the extension of Morris Street, included a provision that she be paid interest on the value of the property. The Council having referred the proposed Act back to the Board, the Board has given further consideration to the matter, and now recommend that the property be exempted from taxation only, and that the City be not required to pay interest on the value, and that the City Solicitor be instructed accordingly.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted.



Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the Board treat with Mrs. Moreash for the transfer to the City of the portion of her property required for the extension of Morris Street. Amendment passed.

#### JENNINGS STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re sewer and water extension Jennings Street.

*City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re water and sewer extension Jennings Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 18th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the petition for the extension of the water and sewer service to Jennings Street between Preston and Larch Streets.

The estimated cost of extending the water supply from Preston Street to Larch Street on Jennings Street is \$1023.74, but as over one-half of this amount is for excavation, the cost, if the pipe were laid in the sewer trench would not make a special rate necessary.

The estimated cost of constructing a sewer is \$1496. I would recommend that a sewer be constructed from Larch Street along Jennings Street far enough to drain all the properties, and that the water pipe be laid in the sewer trench as far as it goes and continued to make a connection at Preston Street.

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

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Halliday that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### PUBLIC GARDENS ACCOUNT FOR BOILER.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be obtained to borrow the sum of \$398.57 for installation of a hot water boiler at the Public Gardens.

*City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that in the month of December, a hot water boiler at the Public Gardens gave out, and it became

necessary to immediately instal a new one. The cost amounted to \$398.57, which the ordinary appropriation of the Gardens could not stand.

It is recommended that an amount sufficient to pay the account be included in the City's borrowing Bill.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the report be adopted. and the Solicitor instructed accordingly. Motion passed.

#### DEFICIT FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT 1914.

Read report Board of Control recommending that legislation be asked authorizing the borrowing of \$400.00 as a contribution towards the deficit in the fund of the Firemen's Tournament held in August, 1914.

*City Hall, March 17th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that the Executive Committee of the Firemen's Tournament held in August, 1914, have submitted a financial statement showing expenses to have been \$7,916.54, and receipts including the City's grant of \$1,000.00, amounting to \$7,200.80, leaving a deficit of \$715.74. They have asked the City to supplement the original grant by an amount sufficient to square their accounts.

After giving the matter due consideration, the Board are of the opinion that the members of the Fire Department could arrange one-half of the indebtedness, and it is recommended that legislation be secured authorizing the City to borrow the sum of \$400.00 as a supplementary grant to be paid over to the Executive Committee of the Tournament.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted and the Solicitor instructed accordingly. Motion passed.

#### DOMINION TEXTILE COMPANY'S ASSESSMENT.

Read report Board of Control recommending that for the purposes of assessment, the Halifax plant of the Dominion Textile Company be fixed for ten years at the sum of \$100,000.00.

*City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to report that the assessment of the Cotton Factory in Halifax having been increased from \$75,000.00 to \$160,000.00, the Company protested, and intimated that they would dismantle the mill unless the assessment remained at the old valuation. After negotiations

the Company has agreed to accept a fixed valuation of \$100,000.00, and it is recommended that the City Solicitor prepare legislation fixing the value of the Dominion Textile Company's Halifax plant at \$100,000.00 for the purposes of taxation for 10 years on condition that the plant is kept in active operation.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

**CHAIRMAN OF MEETING.**

His Worship the Mayor requests Controller McKeen to preside as Chairman of the meeting.

Controller McKeen takes the chair.

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted, and the City Solicitor instructed accordingly. Motion passed.

**MOVING PICTURE THEATRE TAXATION.**

Read report Board of Control covering draft Act relating to the taxing of moving picture theatres.

*City Hall, March 20th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control recommend for the approval of the Council the attached Act relating to the taxing of moving picture theatres.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

1. In this section the expression "place of amusement" means a theatre, a moving picture hall, or a vaudeville theatre at which an entrance fee is charged, or in which the participation in any amusement is obtained only on payment of money.

2. The expression "owner" used in relation to any place of amusement includes the person by whom the same is operated.

3. The owner of every place of amusement shall pay to the City a tax of one cent for every occasion on which any person is admitted to such place of amusement, including any person by a complimentary ticket, card or pass.

4. Such tax shall be payable by means of tickets to be procured by such owner from the City and sold by the owner of the places of amusement respectively, to the persons entering such place of amusement, and deposited by such persons on entering in a separate receptacle provided for that purpose.

5. For supervising the sale of such tickets and accounting for the proceeds thereof to the City, the City shall pay to the owners of the places of amusement ten per cent of such proceeds at their respective places of amusement.

6. The proceeds of such tax shall be applied to assist the maintenance of the City Home.

7. Every owner of a place of amusement shall collect such tax at his place of amusement and account therefor to the City Treasurer on the day following (Sunday excepted) the day on which the same is collected.

8. The City may appoint any official to enter any place of amusement for the purpose of ascertaining if the provisions of this section are being complied with, and any person obstructing any such official or furnishing false information shall be liable to a penalty under this section.

9. No person shall enter any place of amusement as a spectator without paying the said tax, and any person so entering, and every owner of a place of amusement or employee therein, who knowingly permits any person so to enter shall be liable to a penalty under this section.

10. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Harris that the report and the draft Act be approved, and the Solicitor authorized to submit the same to the Legislature. Motion passed.

#### CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

#### TAXATION IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX.

Read report Board of Control covering draft Act to amend the law relating to taxation in the City of Halifax.

*City Hall, March 16th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control submit herewith for approval by the City Council an Act to amend the law relating to taxation in the City of Halifax.

P. F. MARTIN, *Mayor.*

An Act to amend the law relating to taxation in the City of Halifax.

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

1. Immediately upon the passing of this Act the City of Halifax shall cause to be prepared an Act in amendment of the sections of the Halifax City Charter relating to taxation, being Sections 369 to 483 both inclusive, striking out therefrom all the provisions authorizing and requiring personal property to be assessed and rated for taxation within the City and substituting therefor provisions authorizing and requiring the imposition and rating of business and household taxes as hereinafter defined.

2. The "business tax" shall be a yearly tax based upon the assessed value of any premises used for the purposes of any business, trade or profession to be paid by the occupier of the same.

3. The "household tax" shall be a yearly tax based upon the assessed value of any premises occupied for residential purposes and shall be paid by the occupier thereof.

4. The "business tax" shall be at the rate of one per cent. if the assessed value of the premises in respect of which it is imposed is not less than four thousand dollars, and at the rate of one-half per cent. if such value is less than four thousand dollars.

5. The rate of "household tax" shall be one-fourth of one per cent. in respect to all properties, the assessed value of which exceeds fifteen hundred dollars, and no household tax shall be payable in respect to any premises of a value of less than that amount.

6. If any property or portion of any property occupied for either business or residential purposes is not assessed separately from other property or other portions of the same property the value thereof for the purposes of business tax or household tax as the case may be, shall be determined by the assessors.

7. If any property or any part of any property is leased to the Crown or to any corporation, association or person exempt from taxation, such property or part thereof shall be deemed to be in the occupation of the owner thereof for business or residential purposes as the case may be, and he shall be assessed and rated for business tax or household tax on the same according to the purpose for which it is occupied.

8. The said business tax and household tax shall constitute a lien on the personal property of the persons upon whom they are assessed and shall be collected in the same way and with the same rights and remedies as the taxes before the passing of this Act imposed in respect to personal property.

9. Hereafter all buildings and other improvements upon any land shall be rated at a rate of one and three-quarters per cent. on the value of the same as determined by the assessors.

10. The remainder of the amount yearly required by the City after deducting the probable amounts to be yielded by such business and household taxes, by the tax on buildings and other improvements and by the taxes specified in Section 413 shall be raised by a rate sufficient to produce that amount on the assessed value of land apart from buildings or other improvements in the manner provided in Section 413.

11. When the said Act in amendment of the said Sections embodying all such amendments, changes and additions as are necessary or desirable to give full force and effect to the substitution of business taxes and household taxes for the tax in respect to personal property has been completed, the same shall be submitted to the Governor-in-Council who may approve the same or make such further changes, amendments or additions as is deemed meet and the said Act with any such further changes, amendments and additions may be embodied in an order of the Governor-in-Council and declared to be in force and effect, and that the said sections of the Halifax City Charter or so many of them as is deemed proper, are repealed, and upon the publication of the said order in the Royal Gazette together with the said amended Act as a schedule thereto, and also specifying the sections so repealed the said sections shall be repealed and the said amended Act shall be of force and effect in the place thereof.

The draft Act is considered clause by clause.

Read clause 1 re preparation of an Act to amend Sections 369 to 483 of the City Charter.

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller Halliday that the clause be adopted.

By request of members the whole report is read.

The Council resumes consideration of the Act clause by clause.

Clause 1 is again read.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the clause be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Read clause 2 re business tax.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 re household tax.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Halliday that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 re rate of business tax.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 5 re rate of household tax.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 6 re business tax and household tax on the same property.

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Controller Halliday that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.



Read clause 7 re exempted property.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 8 re lien.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 9 re rate of taxation on improvements,

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Controller Harris that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that clause 9 be referred to a committee consisting of the Board of Control and Alderman Kelly for the purpose of considering the advisability of substituting the following for said clause:—

"Hereafter all buildings and other improvements upon any land shall be rated at a rate of one and one-half per cent on the value of the same as determined by the Assessors."

The amendment is put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:—

*For the Amendment*

Controller	Murphy
Aldermen	H. S. Colwell
	Finlay
	R. B. Colwell
	Kelly
	Foley
	Riordon
	Isnor—8

*Against.*

Controllers	Halliday
	Harris
	McKeen—3

Read clause 10 re assessment on land.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

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Read clause 11 re the approval by the Governor-in-Council of amendments to the City Charter when prepared.

Moved by Controller McKeen, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Isnor, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the Council do now adjourn until Friday evening, 24th inst. at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.35 o'clock.

P. F. MARTIN,  
*Mayor.*

L. FRED. MONAGHAN,  
*City Clerk.*

## EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

*Council Chamber, City Hall, March 24th, 1916.*

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers McKeen and Murphy and Aldermen H. S. Colwell, Foley and Finlay.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum is present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.15 o'clock. Roll called. Present the above named, together with Controllers Halliday and Harris, and Aldermen R. B. Colwell, Brennan, Kelly, Riordon and Isnor.

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:—

#### **Papers Submitted.**

Reports (14) Board of Control, viz.—

- Rate of Assessment on Improvements.
- City Market Building Plumbing.
- Board of City Assessors.
- Nova Scotia Car Works.
- Two-thirds Vote of Council.
- Superannuation Funds City Officials and Firemen.
- Billboards.
- Temporary Appointments Police Department.
- Plumbing Under Health Rules.
- Secretary Board of Control.
- Assistant Building Inspector.
- Repairs to Fire Engines.
- DeWolf's Wharf Sewer Outlet.
- Underground Conduit.

#### **Other Headlines.**

New Building Code.

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**UNDERGROUND CONDUIT.**

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re application Western Union Telegraph Company for a permit to lay an underground conduit from their office to Point Pleasant Park.

*City Hall, March 24th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit herewith for the approval of the City Council the attached report of the Assistant City Engineer on an application from the Western Union Telegraph Company to lay an underground conduit from their office to Point Pleasant Park boundary.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 24th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to submit herewith an application from the Western Union Telegraph Company to lay an underground conduit from their office to the Park boundary.

The proposed route is along Tower Road, Morris Street, South Park Street, Sackville Street to Hollis Street and thence to their office. This route interferes with the permanent pavement as little as any that can be selected. A cable is already laid along Hollis Street, but owing to the construction they are unable to withdraw it from the duct, and in any case, to reach it would require tearing up Pleasant Street to South Street.

I would recommend that permission be given along the out-lined route, the said permit to contain such conditions safe-guarding the City as the City Solicitor shall approve and providing that the Company be required to deposit \$400 to insure that the streets and pavements be restored to their former condition.

H. W. JOHNSTON, *Asst. City Engineer.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKen that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

**DEWOLF'S WHARF SEWER OUTFALL.**

Read report Board of Control and reports (2) City Engineer re form of lease to be granted T. A. S. DeWolf & Son for land through which a City sewer runs at their wharf.

*City Hall, March 24th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit for approval by the City Council the attached report of the City Engineer re the form of lease to

be granted to T. A. S. DeWolf & Son of the land to the north of their property through which a City sewer runs, covering a form of lease approved by the City Solicitor.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, November 15th, 1915.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—I beg to report on the application of T. A. S. DeWolf & Son for a lease of the land and water lot which is built upon through which the sewer outlet runs from Water Street to the Harbour on the north side of DeWolf's Wharf.

The end of the sewer outlet at the foot of Prince Street is leased by G. McGregor Mitchell for \$1 a year. There would be no objection to the use of the land by DeWolf & Son in the same manner that Mr. Mitchell is using it. There should be no buildings erected upon it, and the lease should be drawn in such a way that any obstructions could be immediately removed in case of emergency.

I would recommend that the lease be granted, and if approved by your Board will submit a draft for approval.

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

*City Engineer's Office, March 24th, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—In accordance with the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control, I beg to submit herewith a form of lease to be granted to T. A. S. DeWolf & Son of the lot to the north of their property through which the sewer runs. The City Solicitor has approved of the form of lease.

H. W. JOHNSTON, *Asst. City Engineer.*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller McKen that said reports be adopted and the form of lease approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Kelly that the reports be referred back to the Board of Control for further report with special reference to the value of the land and as to whether the City should charge a substantial rental or merely the nominal rental suggested in the report.

The amendment is put and passed.

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**PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH RULES.**

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re plumbing under Health Rules at No. 42 Gottingen Street, at property of Mrs. Percy Campbell.

*City Hall, March 22nd, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer re plumbing (drain) under Health Rules at property of Mrs. Percy Campbell, 42 Gottingen Street.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Engineer's Office, March 21st, 1916.*

*His Worship the Mayor.*

*Sir:*—Referring to the Minutes of a meeting of the Board held on March 17th, instructing the City Engineer to obtain tenders for the installation of a drain at No. 42 Gottingen Street, I beg to report that there is a concrete sidewalk and permanent pavement opposite this property, and that it is unusual for the City to allow contractors to lay drains in such places.

I would recommend that the City Works Department instal this drain instead of asking for tenders.

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

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

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS IN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Harris re temporary appointments in the Police Department, necessitated because of the absence on military duty of the Chief of Police.

*City Hall, March 24th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the attached report of Controller Harris re temporary appointments in the Police Department, necessitated because of the absence on military duty of the Chief of Police. Controller Murphy and His Worship the Mayor dissent from the recommendation of the Board.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*



*Halifax, February 28th, 1916.*

*The Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—I beg to report that after consultation with Chief John Rudland, would recommend the following temporary appointments:—

*Chief of Police*—William S. Bayers.  
*Deputy Chief of Police*—Sgt. Clarence A. Northover.  
*Sergeant*—William Palmer.

GEORGE F. HARRIS, *Controller Police Department.*

Moved by Controller Harris, seconded by Controller McKeen that said reports be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Controller Murphy, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the reports be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:—

*For the Amendment*

*Against.*

Controller	Murphy	Controllers	Halliday
Aldermen	Finlay		Harris
	Brennan		McKeen
	Foley	Aldermen	H. S. Colwell
	Riordon—5		R. B. Colwell
			Kelly
			Isnor—7.

The original motion is put and passed, and His Worship the Mayor declares the following named to be temporarily appointed to the various positions given—

Chief of Police—William S. Bayers.  
 Deputy Chief of Police—Clarence A. Northover.  
 Sergeant—William Palmer.

**REPAIRS TO FIRE ENGINES.**

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Halliday re tenders for repairs to fire engines.

*City Hall, March 24th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to recommend for adoption the attached report of Controller Halliday and the Chief of the Fire Department re tenders for repairing and painting No. 6 Fire Engine and No. 7 Fire Engine.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*

*City Hall, March 24th, 1916.*

*The Board of Control.*

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned beg to report that tenders received for painting fire engines were as follows:—

*Repairing and Painting No. 6 Engine, Chebucto.*

A. J. McNutt.....	\$ 75.00
A. H. Lamphier.....	104.00

*Repairing and Painting No. 7 Engine, Battenburg.*

A. J. McNutt.....	85.00
A. H. Lamphier.....	95.00

It is recommended that the tenders of A. J. McNutt, \$75.00 and \$85.00 respectively, be accepted, they being the lowest.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *Controller.*  
P. J. BRODERICK, *Chief Fire Department.*

Moved by Controller Halliday, seconded by Controller Harris that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

#### PLUMBING IN CITY MARKET BUILDING—JANITOR'S QUARTERS.

Read reports Board of Control and City Engineer re tenders for plumbing in the Janitor's quarters of the City Market Building.

*City Hall, March 24th, 1916.*

*The City Council.*

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Control beg to submit for adoption by the City Council the attached report of the Assistant City-Engineer re plumbing in the Janitor's quarters, City Market Building.

L. FRED. MONAGHAN, *Secretary Board of Control.*