

EVENING SESSION

8:10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 6th, 1919.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour; present His Worship Mayor Parker and Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Whitman, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley and Thompson.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:

- Report Committee of Fire Wards by Alderman Hoyt, Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee re The Victoria General Hospital Accounts by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee re North West Arm Sewer by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report Laws and Privileges Committee re High Cost of Living by Alderman Power, Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee re Explosion Account by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report Charities Committee re City Home Supplies by Alderman Colwell, Chairman.
- Report City Home for July by Alderman Colwell, Chairman.
- Report City Prison Committee by Alderman Ritchie, Chairman.
- Report Housing Act Committee by Alderman Thompson, Chairman.
- Report Laws and Privileges Committee re Tuberculosis Hospital Plans by Alderman Power, Chairman.
- Report Laws and Privileges Committee re Great War Veterans Association Tag Day by Alderman Power, Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee re Street Oiling <sup>machine</sup> Committee by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee re accounts by Alderman Whitman Chairman.
- Report Finance Committee re Superannuation Assessments of Officials, by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.
- Report Tenders Committee re Printing Minutes of City Council by Alderman Guildford, Chairman.

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His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

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Report Police Committee re Repairs and Improvements  
Police Quarters, City Hall  
Report Police Committee covering accounts.  
Report City Health Board covering accounts.  
Letter Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re Annual Convention.  
Report Supervisor S. Cummins re Coal Weighers.  
Report Commissioners of Halifax Common re accounts.  
Report Commissioners of Halifax Common re Constitution of the Commission.  
Reports (10) Committee on Works; viz,  
Street Oiling Machinery.  
Cornwall Street Sewer.  
Robie Street Oiling.  
Accounts.  
Street Lighting Account.  
Oiling of Streets covering ordinance.  
Walnut Street Land.  
Coal Tenders.  
Agricola Street Sidewalk.  
Vernon Street curb and gutter.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER RIGHT OF WAY--ARBITRATOR'S AWARD.

Read report Finance Committee re payment into court of the compensation awarded by the Board of Arbitrators for right of way for the North West Arm Sewer.

Committee Room City Hall,  
July 8th, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached Minute of Council re Arbitrators' Awards for compensation to property owners for damages North West Arm Trunk Sewer right of way was read and it is recommended that the sum of \$33,118.00 be paid into court this being the amount of the arbitrators' awards dated respectively ~~fully~~ the 13th and 22nd days of May 1919 for compensation for damages to property for Right of Way North West Arm Trunk Sewer and that the costs taxed and to be taxed be paid to the Solicitors upon their filing taxed bills signed by the taxing master with the City Clerk.

Aldred Whitman,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted and the amount paid. Motion passed unanimously.

PRINTING MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL.

Read report Tenders Committee re Tenders for Printing Minutes of the City Council.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Tenders beg to report that at a Meeting held on July 24th they had before them the following letter -

Halifax, N.S. July 22, 1919

His Worship Mayor Parker,  
Sir:

We beg to withdraw our tender for City Printing for the Current Year.

Wm. Ware,  
Mgr. City Print.

It was decided to advertise for new tenders for the work.

At a meeting held today; present Alderman Guildford, Chairman, Bissett, Butler, Ackhurst, Ritchie, and Godwin tenders in response to advertisement in the newspapers were received and opened as follows-

Royal Print and Litho Aug. 5th,	\$2.10 per page (withdrawn)
Royal Print and Litho Aug. 6th,	2.55 per page
Ross Print	2.25 " "
T.C. Allen & Co.	2.15 " "

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

H.D. Guildford,  
CHAIRMAN.

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See Allen & Co

Moved by Alderman Guildford seconded by Alderman Butler that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending accounts for payment.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Aug. 4th, 1919.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached general accounts amounting to \$2506.80 chargeable to various services were examined found correct and recommended for payment.

Alfred Whitman,  
CHAIRMAN.

Kings Printer	Gazetting Alderman	6.00
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Stamp	.55
A. & W. Mackinlay	Binders	12.20
Underwood Typewriter Co.	Ribbon	1.00
A. Milne Fraser	Ribbon & etc.	1.90
Edwin S. Tracey	Expenses	57.90
McLean Pub. Co.	Adv. Loan in Financial Post	60.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	14.70
Herald Publ. Co.	"	14.70
Chronicle Pub. Co.	"	14.00
Herald Pub. Co.	6.30 5.60 210 Advertising	14.00
	2.10 8.40 12.60	
	8.40 6.30	37.80
A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Books	14.75
School for Blind	Treasurer Maintenance of Children to June 30th.	1350. 00
St. Patrick's Home	Maintenance of Boys to Aug. 1st, Truants	806.47
	Delinquents	650.08
E.H. Blois, Supt. Neglected and Delinquent Children		1456.55
		664.75
		<u>2506.80</u>

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

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GARDENS--CONSTITUTION OF COMMISSIONERS HALIFAX  
COMMON.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common  
re the Constitution of the Commission.

Halifax, August 4th, 1919.

The City Clerk,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Halifax Common held on Friday, August 1st, a letter was read from City Solicitor Bell relative to the right of the Deputy Mayor to sit on the Commission in the absence of the Mayor.

Alderman Regan entered a protest that the present Board of Commissioners of the Halifax Common was not properly constituted under the provisions of the City Charter.

After discussion it was moved by Alderman Regan and seconded by Alderman Colwell that the Secretary of the Commission should write the City Council, thru the City Clerk, referring the matter to the City Council for adjustment.

Yours truly,

Ernest H. Blois,  
Secretary, Commissioners of Halifax Common.

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman

Whitman that the report be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges and that the City Solicitor be requested to submit to said Committee his written opinion on the matter. Motion put and passed 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Colwell  
Whitman  
Aokhurst  
Hoyt,  
Bissett  
Regan  
Kelly  
Buckley  
Butler  
Ritchie  
Guildford  
Godwin  
Hubley  
Thompson -14

Against it.

Alderman Finlay -1

*Ald Power ✓  
City Solicitor ✓  
Mayor ✓*

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SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS, R.B. SCRIVEN &  
G.H. FERGUSON.

Read report Finance Committee re Superannuation  
Assessments of R.B. Scriven and G. H. Ferguson.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Aug. 5th, 1919.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this  
day the attached letter of the City Treasurer in  
reference to the applications of R. B. Scriven and  
G. H. Ferguson for refunds of money paid into the  
official Superannuation fund was read.

Your committee recommended that the sum of  
\$44.00 be refunded to Mr. Scriven and that \$106.41  
be refunded to Mr. Ferguson under authority of  
Sec. 100 sub sec 1 Chap. 74 Acts 1914 these being  
the sum to which they are entitled to receive  
under the act.

Alfred Whitman,  
Chairman.

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Office of City Treasurer,  
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 4th, 1919.

Ald. Whitman Chairman  
and Members Finance Committee.

Gentlemen:

In reply to attached request an examination of  
the payments made to the official Superannuation  
Fund through the Clerk of Works by Mr. Scriven show,  
that from June 2nd 1917 to date, \$88.00 have been  
paid.

Under Sec. 300 sub. sec 1 Cap. 74 Acts 1914 he  
is entitled to a refund of one half the amount; viz,  
\$44.00.

In re Geo. H. Ferguson retired Sub. Collector  
he paid into the Official Superannuation Fund from  
July 1912 to June 30 1919 the sum of \$212.82.

Under the same authority as above he is en-  
titled to a refund of one half the amount; viz,  
\$106.41.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman  
Bissett that the report be adopted and the amounts  
paid. Motion passed.

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OILING MACHINERY ACCOUNT.

Read report Committee on Works recommending payment of account \$10,000.00 for purchase of street oiling machinery.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 6th, 1919.

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

The Works Committee recommend for payment the attached account of the Union Supply Co. (\$10,000.00) for oiling machine.

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

Read report Finance Committee re Financing the purchase of street oiling machinery.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Aug. 4th, 1919.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of City Treasurer offering on behalf of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds to loan the City of Halifax a sum sufficient to produce the amount required to pay for the Street Oiler as authorized by Sec. 42 Chap. 79 Acts 1919; viz, \$10,250.00 was read. The loan to be repaid in five equal annual payments with interest at 5% per annum at the price of \$98.50 of par.

Your committee recommends that the offer of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds be accepted and that the attached resolution dealing with the same be adopted.

Alfred Whitman,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Office of City Treasurer,  
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 4th, 1919.

Chairman Ald. Whitman  
and Members of Finance Committee.  
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds held this day I was instructed to offer to loan the City of Halifax a sum sufficient to produce the

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amount required to pay for the street oiler as authorized by Sec. 42 Cap. 79 Acts 1919; viz, \$10,250.00

The money to be repaid in five equal annual installments; dated August 1st 1919; rate of interest 5% and price 98.50 of par.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution was submitted:

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount sufficient to produce a sum not in excess of \$10,250.00 required to pay for street oiler as authorized by Sec. 42 Cap. 79 Acts 1919.

Engineer ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Auditor ✓  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds a short term debenture of the City of Halifax under Sec. 42 Cap. 79 Acts 1919 for a sum not to exceed the sum of \$10,406.00 to be repayable in five equal annual installments with interest at the rate of 5% per annum and dated August 1st, 1919 at the price of 98.50.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett and passed.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL PLANS ACCOUNT ROSS & MAC-  
DONALD.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges re proposed action at law by T. F. Tobin, K.C. on behalf of Ross & Macdonald, architects, for the recovering of their claim for the making of working plans for proposed Tuberculosis Hospital. Filed.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 31st, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of this Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day the attached letter of T. F. Tobin, K.C. notifying the City of the issuing of a Writ against the City at the suit of Ross and Macdonald was read, and referred to the City Council for its information.

J. J. Power,  
CHAIRMAN.



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Halifax, N. S., July 26, 1919.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

In this matter the time limited by the notice of action having expired, I beg to say that I propose to issue a writ against the City, and I will be glad if you will let me know whether or not I shall hand the same to the sheriff for service, or if the Recorder, F. H. Bell, K.C. will accept service of the writ on behalf of the City.

I regret that it is necessary to bring an action to enforce what is obviously a just and legal claim, but as it is evidently the intention of the City to ignore my clients request for payment of their bill, no other course is open to them but to enforce their rights by suit.

T. F. Tobin.

Filed.

GREAT WAR VETERANS TAG DAY.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee on request of the Great War Veterans Association to hold a Tag Day on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 3rd, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a Meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day the attached letter from J. F. Downs, secretary-treasurer of the Halifax Branch of the Great War Veterans Association asking for permission to hold a Tag Day in this City on August 18th, 1919 the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Your Committee are of the opinion that as this is the day set apart for the reception for the Prince of Wales it would not be in the interests of the War Veterans or of the City to grant the request for this day.

But would recommend that permission be granted to put on a tag day on any other date suitable to War Veterans Association.

John J. Power,  
CHAIRMAN.

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His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that since the date of the meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee he had given the War Veterans permission to hold a tag day on Saturday, August 16th. Approved and the report of the Committee is filed.

ALDERMAN BUCKLEY--ALDERMAN BUTLER.

Alderman Buckley asked permission to address the Council.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Bissett that Alderman Buckley be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

Alderman Buckley addresses the Council making some remarks as to Alderman Butler.

Alderman Butler by leave of Council replies to Alderman Buckley.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending payment to the Victoria General Hospital of accounts for maintenance of patients totaling \$6113.34

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 4th, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of W. W. Kenny, Superintendent of Victoria General Hospital asking for payment of balance of account for maintenance of City Patients in the Victoria General Hospital up to 30th April 1919-\$6113.34 was read.

Your committee recommend that the balance of this account; viz, \$6113.34 be paid.

Alfred Whitman,  
CHAIRMAN.

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City Auditor's Office,  
Halifax, N.S., May 14, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:

As directed by your Board, under date of April 29th, I have taken up the disputed Victoria General Hospital accounts with the Superintendent and Commissioners, and report --

The amount of \$747.50 balance standing to 31st December, 1919, the Commission agrees to leave this to an independent committee consisting of Mr. W.E. Messervey, who has been looking after this matter for the City, and Mr. F.W. Smith, King's Printer.

Incase they cannot agree, they are at liberty to appoint a third person; failing that, the Commissioners ask that Mr. Justice Chisholm make an appointment.

The accounts from January 31st, 1918 to April 30th, 1919, show, as per bills rendered, \$16,107.00  
Against this item has been paid voluntarily by )  
patients at Hospital.....\$251.30  
Disclaimed accounts, as reported in )  
full, because of residence less than )  
one year. .... 1953.60  
Interest on Murdoch bequest..... 394.76 2,599.66  
Balance due..... \$13,507.34

On the matter of interest I may say that no interest is charged on overdue accounts by the Province, and the proportion of interest allowed by the Province on the Murdoch bequest, which for the term of one year is \$811.76, the Commissioners allow the City on the same proportion as the cost, which for nine months of the time is \$2.57 and for seven months of the time \$3.00

As the City has now on hand \$7,594.00 this amount could be paid at once, thus leaving \$6,113.34 to be provided by Legislation, which Legislation is already introduced.

As the matter will stand after settlement, the City of Halifax will have paid over on this service \$14,713.34, and no effort has been made by the City to return this amount to the taxpayers, further than the amount of \$251.30, voluntarily paid to the Hospital by patients; and an examination of the accounts shows me that the greater portion of this was collectable, providing the matter had been taken up systematically at the time.

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I would suggest that the City Home, being in close touch with this Institution, are the proper ones to take charge of this matter.

W.W. Foster,  
CITY AUDITOR.

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Halifax, N.S., July 26, 1919.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

Following my letter to you under date June 17th, in reference to hospital accounts for the care and treatment of city patients, I am again taking the liberty of enquiring as to the probable time when the City Authorities will likely deal with the matter of the balance of the accounts (\$6113.34) determined after an adjustment of them by the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works and Mines and the City Auditor, which adjustment included all the accounts between January 1/18 and April 30/19. When this balance is paid the accounts for the period above named will be completely closed out. There will then remain to be adjusted, disputed accounts incurred between October 1/17 and January 1/18 and the unpaid accounts since the first of May last. It would be, I am sure, satisfactory to all concerned if the settlement of these account could be brought down to a date.

W. W. Kenny,  
Superintendent.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the account paid.

Alderman Kelly asked the Chairman of the Committee if any steps are being taken for the collection from patients of accounts for their maintenance and requested a report from the Chairman on the matter.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report be referred back to the Finance Committee for a report as to what steps are being taken to collect accounts

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outstanding against patients.

The amendment is put and lost 4 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:

<u>For the <sup>Amendment</sup> Motion</u>	<u>Against it.</u>
Aldermen Regan Kelly Buckley Ritchie -4	Aldermen Colwell Whitman Ackhurst Finlay Hoyt Bissett Butler Guildford Godwin Hubley Thompson -11

The original motion is put and passed.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Kelly that a delegation from the Anti Tuberculosis League be permitted to address the Council. Motion passed.

The Council is addressed by C. H. Mitchell, J. C. Jones and Mrs. Wm. Schon asking that the ~~Council Committee~~ <sup>Council</sup> increase the grant for maintenance of patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital from \$3,500 as at present to \$5,000 because of the increased cost of maintenance of the new sanitorium to be opened by the League in the Dr. Parker Property, Dartmouth, to replace the present hospital on the City Home property.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Colwell that the City make a grant of \$1,500 in addition to the amount of \$3,500 in the estimates for 1919-20 towards the cost of maintenance of patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital and that the City seek

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Legislation to legalize such additional grant that ~~that~~ the Premier of Nova scotia be requested to undertake to use the good offices of the government in the promotion of Legislation to authorize the same and that upon receiving such undertaking from the Premier that the money be borrowed from any bank or funds available.

Alderman Whitman objected that the resolution is out of order and asked for a ruling by the City Solicitor.

The City Solicitor stated that in his opinion the resolution is out of order.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that this whole matter be referred to the special Committee on Tuberculosis Hospital for report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

The following amendment is submitted:

That the City apply to the Government for an assurance that it will support legislation authorizing an additional grant of \$1,500 to the Anti Tuberculosis League and upon such assurance being obtained borrow the said sum and pay the same to the League, the amount so borrowed to be included in next years estimate.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Finlay.

Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Hoyt and Regan object to the amendment as being out of order,

Alderman Whitman's motion for reference to Committee is put and passed 10 voting for the same and

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5 against it as follows:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Whitman  
Hoyt  
Bissett  
Regan  
Buckley  
Butler  
Ritchie  
Godwin  
Hubley  
Thompson -10

Against it.

Aldermen Colwell  
Ackhurst  
Finlay  
Kelly  
Guildford -5

HOUSING ACT COMMITTEE.

Read report Housing Committee re appointment  
of a Housing Commission covering a draft ordinance on the  
subject.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
August 6th, 1919.

The City Council  
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Council held June 24th, 1919 a Special Committee called the Housing Committee was appointed consisting of Aldermen Thompson (who was later appointed Chairman) Guildford, Colwell and Kelly and Mr. Ralph H. Eisnor.

The Committee has had several meetings and have discussed the provisions of the said Act; viz, Chap 4 N. S. Laws 1919.

Section 12 of the Act provides that the Statute shall not apply to any municipality unless the Council thereof passes a by-law declaring that it shall apply.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft and submit an Ordinance declaring that the Act applies to the City of Halifax.

It is further recommended that upon the adoption and confirmation of such Ordinance the City Council appoint the following named, under the provisions of Section 18 of the Act, as a Commission to be known as the Housing Commission of the City of Halifax for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Part II of the said Act; viz,

Ralph H. Eisnor  
J. E. Schaffer  
Major Bernard W. Russell  
J. T. Wilson

and one other gentleman still to be named.



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In connection with the names suggested for appointment letters are hereto attached from the Halifax Branch Trades and Labor Council and from the Halifax Branch Great War Veterans Association.

Sub section (3) of section 18 provides for the term of office of Members of the Commission and as to this your Committee will further report when the full membership is completed and the Ordinance duly approved.

J. A. Thompson,  
CHAIRMAN.

An ordinance of the City of Halifax made under the authority of the Nova Scotia Housing Act 1919:-

Be it enacted by the Council of the City of Halifax as follows:-

1. Part two of the Nova Scotia Housing Act shall hereafter apply and be in force in the City of Halifax.

2. The following persons are hereby appointed to and declared to constitute a Housing Commission for the City of Halifax under the provisions of Section 18 of the Nova Scotia Housing Act namely  
Ralph H. Eisnor  
J. E. Schaffer  
Bernard W. Russell  
J. T. Wilson

Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Hoyt that this matter be deferred for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Amendment put and passed.

CITY PRISON.

Read report City Prison Committee for July.

City Prison,  
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 4th, 1919.

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

The City Prison Committee met this day; present Aldermen Ritchie, Chairman, Colwell Hoyt, Buckley

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and Hubley.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows -

Groceries.

In response to advertisement in the newspapers the only tender received was from Wentzell's Limited at prices as per schedule. The tender is recommended for acceptance.

Barn.

It is recommended that the barn recently destroyed by fire be rebuilt according to plans and specifications submitted by the Assistant Building Inspector; that tenders be called for the work and the Committee empowered to go ahead with the construction of the building, the completion of the structure is urgently needed for the storing of crops from the Prison farm.

Remission of time to Prisoners.

The Governor of the Prison recently visited Dorchester Penitentiary and whilst there obtained information as to the remission of time to prisoners for good conduct, etc.,

It is recommended that the matter of the remission of time to prisoners to the extent of 25 per cent be arranged for if possible.

Plumbing.

It is recommended that the necessary repairs to plumbing in the building be left in the hands of the Chairman and Alderman Hoyt and that tenders be called for new plumbing work according to plans and specifications submitted by ex-plumbing Inspector Marrikey.

Working Oxen.

It is recommended that the Committee be authorized to purchase a pair of oxen for the purpose of obtaining stone from places on the farm where it is impracticable to work horses.

Visitors to Prisoners.

It is recommended that permission to visit prisoners on Tuesdays and Fridays as at present, be continued.

Military Prisoners.

The Committee submit herewith for the information of the Council with the recommendation that the same be filed a letter from Brigadier-General Thacker, Commanding Military District No. 6 in which it is stated that the Military Authorities are of opinion

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that it is most unlikely that the Militia Council would change the present arrangements.

Time Clock for Watchmen.

It is recommended that a four station echo magneto time clock be installed at an estimated cost of \$70.00

Accounts.

Accounts amounting to \$895.76 are recommended for payment -

*Gov Grant ✓*

Lynchs Ltd.	Bread	146.50
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	126.55
W.A. Maling & Co.	Beef	199.25
Melvin & Co.	Hardware	22.40
Robert Taylor Co. Ltd.	Leather	5.75
Neil Fox	Harness Repairs.	12.70
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	3.90
Halifax Seed Co.	Fertilizer	8.50
David Roche	Glass	1.36
J. T. Dorey	Electrical Goods	15.40
J. & M. Murphy	Drygoods	94.59
Religious of Good Shepherd	Laundry	47.13
T.J. Whalen & Co.	Drygoods	120.00
Maritime Tel. Co.	Rental	5.40
W. I. Hubley & Co.	Hay	9.98
J. F. Topp	Horseshoeing	26.65
Frank Fraser	Feed	42.90
J. Wannacott	Repairs to key	.50
Halifax Herald.	Advertising	6.30
		<u>\$895.76</u>

G. E. Ritchie,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the report be adopted and the account paid.  
Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Committee recommending accounts for payment.

Office of Chief of Police,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug 6, 1919

T. J. Whalen & Co.	144.00
F. W. Fraser	25.10
Misses Garnier	9.50
J. Wannacott	.50
Howard McFatriage	2.65
Crowell Bros.	12.00
J. F. Kelly & Co.	2.25
Nova Motor Co.	150.00
Chief of Police	6.37

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London Rubber Stamp Co.	15.30
A. H. Lamphier	6.00
Maxwells Ltd.	1114.47
	<u>\$ 1488.14</u>

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending accounts for payment.

Office of City Health Board,  
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 4th, 1919.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Members City Council.  
Gentlemen:

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the City Health Board held on Friday, August 1st, the attached accounts were passed for payment and ordered to be forwarded for your approval.

John A. Watters,  
Secretary C. H. B.

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Health Board Accounts 1919-20  
Passed Friday, August 1st, 1919

Smallpox Hospital:

City Taxi service, . . . . .	service July 5th. . . . .	\$ 2.00
Cragg Bros. . . . .	Hardware June 12 to 28. . . . .	46.60
Hfx Steam Laundry. . . . .	Washing June. . . . .	149.84
J. Lycon. . . . .	Service July 28th. . . . .	6.00
G.M. Meagher. . . . .	Bread June. . . . .	62.16
Ross Print. . . . .	Printing " . . . . .	35.00
Leonard Fisheries. . . . .	Fish " . . . . .	52.26
Black & Flinn. . . . .	Lime " . . . . .	2.75
Isnor Bros. . . . .	Clothes " . . . . .	30.00
S. Cunard & Co. . . . .	Coal " . . . . .	80.00
Baldwin & Co. . . . .	Dishes " . . . . .	11.80
Chron. Publishing Co. . . . .	Advt " . . . . .	28.00
Hfx Herald. . . . .	Advt " . . . . .	43.40
Stroud & Eveleigh. . . . .	Repairing " . . . . .	36.40
	Ambulance	
H.K. Mulford Co. . . . .	Vaccine July. . . . .	160.00
J. A. Leaman & Co. . . . .	Meat June. . . . .	366.54
Wentzells Ltd. . . . .	Groc. June. . . . .	292.77
Royal Gazette. . . . .	Advt. July. . . . .	4.00
		<u>1409.52</u>

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Isolation Hospital:

Hfx Steam Laundry...Washing June.....	\$14.86	
G.M. Meagher.....Bread...June.....	9.66	
Leonard Fisheries..Fish....June.....	6.94	
S. Cunard & Co.....Coal....June.....	52.50	
Baldwin & Co.....Dishes...June.....	5.00	
J. A. Leaman & Co...Meats....June.....	33.37	
Wentzells Ltd.....Groce....June.....	59.92	
		<u>162.25</u>

General Account:

Hfx Herald.....Advt.....June....	\$25.20	
J. Lycon.....service.....July....	21.00	
Office Specialty...Off. Supplies, July....	2.95	
John Starr Son....Battery.....July....	1.80	
Morton & Thompson.Batteries.....July....	1.20	
		<u>51.15</u>
	Total	<u>\$1643.92</u>

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitman that the report be adopted and the amounts paid. Motion passed.

GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common recommending payment of account chargeable to the Public Gardens.

Halifax, N.S., Aug. 4th, 1919.

The City Clerk,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed accounts were read at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Halifax Common held Friday, August 1st, and were ordered sent to the City Council with a recommendation for payment.

Ernest H. Blois,  
Secretary, Commissioners of Halifax Common.

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Halifax, N.S., Aug. 4th, 1919

The City Council,  
Gentlemen:

The Commissioners of Halifax Common beg to recommend for payment the following accounts.

<i>Loan for Repairs</i>		
Brookfield Bros. Lumber	90.25	
Sherwin Williams Co. Oxide	70.00	
Jas. Simmonds Ltd. Hardware	14.90	
Wm Robertson & Son Do	5.95	
Morrissey & Purcell Plumbing	72.16	
		<u>253.26</u>

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1918-19 Account.

A. L. Melvin & Co.	Hardware 1918-19	22.10	
Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	51.25	
Stairs Son & Morrow	Hardware	29.99	
Lawrence Hardware Co.	do	24.40	
Wm Robertson & Sons.	do	8.23	
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	do	70.38	206.85
			<u>\$ 409.15</u>

E. H. Blois, *Secretary*  
Commissioners of Halifax Common.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

COAL WEIGHERS.

Read report Supervisor of Coal Weighers recommending appointment of two additional weighers.

Halifax, N.S., July 31st, 1919.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.  
Gentlemen:

I beg to inform your Honorable Body that a new scale for weighing coal is now located at the old cotton factory siding and another at Lower Water Street.

I apply to your Honorable Body for two permanent weighers and their appointment is most urgently needed.

S. Cummins,  
Supervisor of Weighers.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for report. Motion passed.

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES.

Read letter Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re Annual Convention at Yarmouth 27th, 28th, and 29th.

Bridgewater, N. S., Aug. 4th, 1919

My dear Sir:

*Old Power ✓*

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I beg to remind you of our convention at Yarmouth on the 27th, 28th and 29th inst, and to express the hope that your representatives will be in attendance, and that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you there.

Arthur Roberts,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Whitman that all the Members of the City Council who are able to attend the Convention be delegated to attend at their own expense. Motion passed.

CITY HOME

Read report Charities Committee for the month of July.

Halifax, N. S., August 5th, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the City Council.  
Gentlemen:

the Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report:

MEMBERS PRESENT: The Chairman, Alderman Hubley and Alderman Ritchie.

The Superintendent's Report for July 1919 shows that during the month there were 20 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 20 discharged, and 9 died. Of the number admitted 1 was chargeable to the Province and 19 to the City. The total number of inmates July 31st was 248, made up of 129 men, 117 women and 2 children. On the same date last year there were 150 men, 121 women and 12 children, a total of 283

The following accounts are recommended for payment, namely: Wentzells Limited \$924.09, J. A. Leaman & Co., \$713.76, Smith & Proctor \$246.48, H. D. Grant \$204.23, Frank W. Fraser \$83.36, Fleischmann Co. \$4.55, Leonard Fisheries Limited \$72.05, H. D. McKenzie Co. Ltd. \$132.40, Kennedys Ltd. \$202.81, Union Coal Co. Ltd. \$15.25, N. S. Power & Tramway Co. Ltd. \$27.55, Blackadar Bros. \$8.40, Halifax Herald Ltd \$8.40, Chronicle Pub. Co. Ltd \$8.40, T. C. Allen & Co. \$1.40, A. & W. Mackinlay Ltd \$14.00, Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd. \$10.20, Baldwin & Co. \$11.03,

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Nickerson & Crease Ltd. \$131.50, Dr. H. J. Pothier \$5.00, Henry Lovett \$28.61, J. T. Dorey \$13.14, Amherst Boot & Shoe Co. \$468.00, National Drug & Chemical Co. \$1.10, Hillis & Sons Ltd. \$3.20, H. McFatridge \$3.40, Jas, Simmonds Ltd \$13.37, King Edward Stables \$6.00, J. H. Buchanan \$212.14, Salaries \$1172.64, total \$4746.48.

H. S. Colwell,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY HOME--TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Charities Committee re tenders for supplies for the City Home.

Halifax, N. S. July 28th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the City Council.  
Gentlemen:

The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report; Members present; The Chairman, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Regan and Alderman Hoyt.

The meeting was called for the purpose of opening tenders for supplying the institution with Flour, Groceries and Butter, for a period of Three Months from August 1st, 1919.

Groceries, Only tender, Wentzell's Ltd. amount \$2119.63 This being the only tender it is recommended for acceptance.

Flour, Only tender Wentzell's Ltd. 110 Barrels Beaver Flour @ 12.40 per bbl.

This being the only tender it is recommended for acceptance.

Butter, R. B. Colwell, 1700 lbs, Dairy Butter @ 53 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ per lb.

Smith & Proctor 1700 lbs Dairy Butter @ 52¢ per lb.

The tender of Smith & Proctor being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

H. S. Colwell,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Colwell seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards on various

*Jas C. Boyer  
Secretary*



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matters.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 30th, 1919

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee of Firewards beg to report that at a meeting held this afternoon there were present Aldermen Hoyt, Chairman, Godwin, Ritchie, Kelly and Murphy. The Committee begs to report and recommend as follows:

Insurance of Firemen

The policy of insurance on the lives of the Firemen with the Railway Passengers Assurance Company of London, England expired on July 30th. The company is willing to renew the policy at the same premium rate; viz, \$5.00 per man per annum. It is recommended that the offer be accepted. The account for the premium \$428.68 is recommended for payment.

Repairs Fire Stations

Repairs to Fire Stations are recommended as per attached schedule.

Ringling of Fire Bells--Still Alarms

The Committee decided, Aldermen Godwin and Murphy dissenting, to discontinue for the period of three months the ringling of the fire station tower bells for fire alarms.

W. W. Hoyt,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Godwin that the report be considered clause by clause.

Motion passed.

Read clause 1 re insurance of Firemen.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Whitman that said clause be adopted and the accounts \$428.68 paid. Motion passed.

Read clause 2 re repairs to fire stations.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the clause be adopted. Motion passed.

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Read clause 3 re so called still <sup>quoted</sup> fire alarms."

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Bissett that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Whitman that the clause be referred <sup>back</sup> to the Committee for further report.

Amendment put and lost 6 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:

<u>For the Amendment.</u>	<u>Against it.</u>
Aldermen Colwell Whitman Regan Buckley Godwin Hubley -6	Aldermen Ackhurst Finlay Hoyt Bissett Kelly Butler Ritchie Guildford Thompson -9

The motion for the adoption of the clause is put and passed 8 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

<u>For the Motion.</u>	<u>Against it.</u>
Aldermen Ackhurst Finlay Hoyt Bissett Kelly Ritchie Guildford Thompson -8	Aldermen Colwell Whitman Regan Buckley Butler Godwin Hubley -7

The City Engineer asked permission of the Council to submit a report as to the stopping of the sounding of the tower fire alarm bells and such permission is given.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of <sup>reconsideration</sup> ~~reconstruction~~.

VERNON STREET SIDEWALK.

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer

*Chief Fire Dept*

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re concrete sidewalk Vernon Street.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N. S., July 25, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:

The Works Committee beg to submit the attached report of the City Engineer on accompanying petition for concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, Vernon Street, west side, between Jubilee Road and Bliss Street, and recommend that the same be adopted.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., July 23, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:

I beg to report on the attached petition from property owners on Vernon Street asking for a sidewalk.

There is a sidewalk on both sides of Vernon Street between Coburg Road and Watt Street and on the east side between Watt Street and Jubilee Road.

I would recommend that the sidewalks on Vernon Street between Jubilee Road and Watt Street be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the west side of Vernon Street between Jubilee Road and Watt Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The estimated cost is \$6363.00.

F. W. W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

AGRICOLA STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Agricola Street.

*Engineer ✓*

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City Works Office,  
Halifax, N. S., July 25, 1919

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a request of Messrs. Isnor Bros. that a concrete sidewalk be laid on Agricola Street from Ontario Street to Almon Street, also report of City Engineer on said request.

The Works Committee beg to recommend that said report be adopted.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., July 17, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:

I beg to report on the attached communication respecting sidewalk on the east side of Agricola Street north of Ontario Street.

As stated in the communication, there is a concrete sidewalk as far north as Ontario Street on the north side and as this street is becoming very important as a business street and it is proposed to pave it, I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be constructed on the east side of Agricola Street from Ontario Street to Almon Street under the Permanent Sidewalk Act 1906. The estimated cost is \$3436.00

F. W. W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

EXPLOSION ACCOUNTS.

Read reports Finance Committee and City Auditor re certain Explosion Accounts.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 24th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Auditor asking permission to charge to ~~the~~ now on hand certain balance due on various accounts for explosion

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damages was read.

It is recommended that the City Auditor be authorized to adjust these accounts as suggested by him.

A. Whitman.  
CHAIRMAN.

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Alderman Whitman,  
Chairman Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:

I ask permission of your Committee to charge to Relief funds now on hand, the sum of \$4,535.43 for the following account, for reasons as stated in each department.

Electric Wiring	\$571.87	- Overdrawn.	In consequence of Explosion	
do	46.70	- Bills yet unpaid.	do	do
S.A. Marshall & Sons	382.00	- Slating City Hall Roof.	do	do
Wm. McFatridge	414.00	- Repairing	do	do
City Hall Lighting	192.39	- To pay charges made	do	do
Police Department	389.14	- Overdraft	do	do
Public Gardens	79.00	- Plants, H.A. Dreer.	do	do
D.G. Stewart.	2,460.33	- Due on repairs.	do	do
	<u>\$4,535.43</u>			

I wish to do this more especially at the present time, as we are endeavoring to get the yearly report in shape to issue for 1918-1919.

W. W. Foster,  
CITY AUDITOR.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Godwin that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hoyt that consideration of the report be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

Amendment put and lost.

Original motion put and passed Alderman Finlay dissenting.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Read report Committee of Laws and Privileges re High Cost of Living.

*Auditor ✓*  
*Engineer ✓*

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Committee Room, City Hall,  
July 2nd, 1919.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day the attached Minute of Council covering telegram Clerk of House of Commons, Ottawa re High Cost of Living was read.

It was recommended that a reply be sent that the City Council has no machinery wherewith to get the information desired.

John J. Power,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Ottawa, Ont. June 4-5-19.

His Worship the Mayor of  
Halifax, N.S.

Resolution adopted by Parliamentary Committee Mr. G.B. Nicholson M.P., Chairman re inquiry into prices charged for foodstuffs clothing, fuel said Committee would appreciate your co-operation in junction with presidents of Great War Veterans Association Trades and Labour Council, two representatives of womens organizations and such other bodies as you may determine if you could furnish this committee with reliable date re any abnormal spread of prices between producers charges and purchase price paid by consumers respecting boots and shoes ordinary articles of clothing meats and meat products of packing companies fresh and cured flour and cereals coal, milk, and bread and if so please send signed statements as soon as possible.

V. Cloutier,  
Clerk of Committee House of Common Ottawa.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT PLUMBING AND OTHER REPAIRS.

Read report Police Committee covering reports City Health Board and report Chief of Police re changes and alterations in the Police quarters, City Hall, and repairs to plumbing.

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The Police Commission submit the attached reports and recommend their adoption and ask the Council to authorize the expenditure of money necessary to carry out the work.

J. S. Parker,  
MAYOR.  
Chairman Police Committee.

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Office of City Health Board,  
Halifax, N. S., March 17, 1916.

Under date of July 19th, 1913, the city plumbing inspector reported to the City Health Board on the condition of the plumbing in the police station, as follows:

"As requested by you (Mr. Johnston, Asst. City Engineer) I have tested the plumbing in this building and beg to report that the crock pipe in basement is leaking in several places, while the urinal in same room requires cleaning.

"I would recommend that the crock pipe in basement be removed and replaced with iron pipe, that the waterclosets in officer's room be reset to the floor and the urinal get a good cleaning with diluted spirits of salts and then be regulated to have sufficient flush to keep the fixtures clean.

"While making this test I looked over the entire plumbing system in the building and would like to state that the whole system should get a thorough overhauling from top to bottom and be fitted to comply with the laws of the Board of Health."

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Office of City Health Board,  
Halifax, N. S., June 25th, 1917.

Chairmen & Members  
Board of Health  
Gentlemen:

In compliance with instructions from your Board I beg to report as to the sanitary condition of the whole of the City Hall and particularly with reference to the police quarters and look-up.

Under inspection I found the plumbing in the City Hall in a very unsanitary state, due to numerous defects. Among these include urinals draining through put traps without vents; basins and sinks, no vents; W. C.'s; fixtures in dark and unventilated places; poor water supply and flush to fixtures; crock drains in basement leaking and all vent pipes to roof are leaking. All the main vent pipes to roof are of sheet metal material which should be of cast iron.

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In regard to the plumbing arrangements and conditions in the police department, I wish to report that some slight improvements are being made. The plumbing in this department has been in bad shape and the present improvements, while not bringing it up to standard, will help to improve matters some.

Slight improvements are to be made in the janitor's department, but these will not be sufficient to make the plumbing arrangements near perfect.

In view of the very unsanitary conditions of the whole of the plumbing arrangements in the city hall I would recommend that the entire plumbing be renewed with modern plumbing work and fixtures throughout.

(Sgd) W. P. Morrissey,  
Plumbing Inspector.

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Office of City Health Board,  
Halifax, N. S., July 22, 1919

To the Chairman & Other  
Members Police Commission

Gentlemen:

I beg leave to call your attention to the unsatisfactory state of the police department from a health point of view, particularly with reference to ventilation. There is practically no ventilation in this department and it is so arranged as to make it difficult to carry out a feasible system of ventilation, without a large expenditure.

The police cells cannot be regarded, from a health point of view, as a fit place to keep human beings. The cells are stuffy and the air is generally heavy and filled with gas from a defective plumbing system. The present police quarters are not modern in any way and should be thoroughly reported upon by the City Engineer. Much of the plumbing system is unsanitary as indicated by the attached communications. Since they were written, however, some changes have been made. The ventilation system, however, is perhaps the most serious and calls for immediate action.

(Sgd) John A. Watters,  
Secretary, C.H.B.

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Office of City Health Board,  
Halifax, N. S., December 31st, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:

At the request of Mayor Hawkins we made an inspec-



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tion of the condition of the plumbing in the police cells and in the basement of the City Hall. In the basement there is an old Richileu closet, not working properly and not vented. It is located in a dark corner and is enclosed in wood; the surroundings not being very clean. The inspector recommends that this closet be replaced by a modern one properly vented and that the enclosure be kept lighted at all times.

The inspector also recommends that the basement be thoroughly cleaned.

The closets in three of the police cells are of an old type and should be replaced. The sanitary conveniences are extremely bad. Mr. Morrissey, the plumbing inspector, stated that he had inspected the prisoner's cell leading off from the police office and that tenders would be called for installing sanitary conveniences properly trapped and vented and that branches would be run to allow for the installation of sanitary conveniences in the other cells in the future.

(Sgd) John A. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

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Office of Chief of Police,  
Halifax, N.S., July 24th, 1919

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

Sir:

Herewith I beg to submit for your consideration certain changes and alterations to the various quarters and offices in use by the Police Department, and respectfully urge their immediate consideration and attention as follows-

1st. That 14 new cupboards or lockers be erected in the police room to hold clothing and supplies of the men. These are in addition to those already in use and are a necessity owing to the recent increase in the establishment.

2nd. That a new desk, new locker for keeping property of prisoners, also a new table similar to that at present in use, and 1 dozen chairs be procured for the Sergeants room to replace those already in use. This is a very necessary change as the old furniture has quite outlived its usefulness and is not in keeping with present requirements.

3rd. That a new locker be constructed for the proper keeping of medicines and first aid dressings etc., for the injured. I would recommend that this be

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placed in Sergeants room, it would be much better than in its present location in main corridor.

4th. That the present system of electric lighting be changed. I would recommend the installation of ceiling lights operated from a switch below and easy of access, in place of the somewhat antiquated system at present in use.

5th. That all window glass be replaced where necessary, also that the lower lights of window frames in Sergeants room be replaced by frosted glass instead of clear glass as at present.

6th. That enquiry be had into the plumbing on this lower floor. The odor of sewer gas (present at all times) is very strong and disagreeable, is a cause of general complaint, and occasions sickness amongst the men. In addition to which it is not very agreeable to those who are on night duty when they come in off their respective beats to rest and eat their lunch.

7th. The present Court room to put it mildly is a disgrace to the City being as it is poorly furnished, poorly ventilated and poorly situated, and when it and the corridor leading to it is overcrowded, as they are more or less every day, is anything but desirable. It is not necessary to enlarge upon the subject. The conditions are all too apparent and are a subject of much adverse comment besides owing to the greatly increased business of the Police Court during the past year, the proper transaction of same is made increasingly difficult. I would strongly urge that immediate steps be taken to remedy the difficulty.

8th. I also recommend that new hardwood flooring be laid replacing the present floor, which is old and very much worn in places and is much needed. I would also recommend that a permanent man be employed to look after and keep the various Department rooms, offices and halls clean and tidy at all times, also the various toilets. The condition of the whole lower floor is very dirty and it is impossible to keep same clean unless such a person is appointed.

As already mentioned the necessity for immediate action with regard to the foregoing will I trust meet with approval.

(Sgd) Frank Hanrahan,  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

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Office of City Health Board,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 6th, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor  
Sir:

Complying with your request I beg to submit several reports dealing with the condition of the plumbing in the police department, I have asked the

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plumbing inspector, as requested, to give, if possible, an estimate cost of putting the entire plumbing system in proper order.

John A. Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.

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Office of City Health Board,  
Halifax, N. S., August 6th, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:

As requested by you I have inspected the plumbing in the Police Department, and beg leave to report as follows:

The fixtures from this Department drain into a crock pipe in the basement, which is in a very bad condition and should be removed and replaced with cast iron.

Most of the fixtures are out of date, are not vented, and should be removed.

I would estimate the probable cost of putting this department in good sanitary condition will be about (\$2,000) two thousand dollars.

John E. Burns,  
Plumbing Inspector.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Colwell that the report of the Police Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

COAL TENDERS.

Read report Committee on Works re tenders for coal.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 6th, 1919.

City Council,  
Gentlemen:

The Works Committee advertised for tenders for the supply of coal to the several civic institutions, except the City Home, and are in receipt of tenders from G. E. VanBuskirk, Union Coal Co., Ltd., R. E. Archibald, S. Cunard & Co., Ltd., Wm Roche and H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., which were referred to the City Engineer for report.

The City Engineer reported recommending that the tender of H. D. MacKenzie Co., Ltd., for Run of Mine Sydney Coal, at \$7.75 per ton be accepted, and that of S. Cunard & Co., Ltd., for hard coal at \$15.00 per ton be accepted.

*Engineer*  
*Chief of Police*  
*City Health Board*  
*Auditor*

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The report of the City Engineer is recommended for adoption.

A. E. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 6, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:

I beg to report on the tenders for the supply of coal received and opened by the Committee of Works this morning, that the prices quoted are shown on the attached schedule.

The tender of S. Cunard & Co. Ltd., \$15.00 per ton is the lowest for Anthracite coal. The lowest tender for Screened Bituminous coal is G. E. VanBuskirk \$8.39 per ton, for delivery to all the departments with the exception of the City Prison, where an extra price of 35¢ per ton is asked.

The next lowest tender for Screened Bituminous coal is that of S. Cunard & Co. Ltd., at \$8.50 per ton.

The estimated quantity of Bituminous coal required for the City Prison is 250 tons and the total estimated requirement is 1050 tons, this would make a total for the tender of G. E. VanBuskirk of \$8,897.00 and for S. Cunard & Co. Ltd., \$8,925.00.

The lowest tender received for run of mine coal was that of Hugh D. MacKenzie & Co., \$7.75 per ton for Sydney coal. If this class of coal were used the total amount of this tender would be \$8,137.50.

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

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Tenders for Coal Opened August 5, 1919.

BIDDER.	RESERVE			
WM. ROCHE;	Screened:	Run of Mine:	Slack:	
	\$9.00:	:	:	
	ANTHRACITE:			
	Screened:	Run of Mine:	Slack:	
			\$15.60	

BIDDER.	RESERVE			
S. CUNARD & CO;	Screened;	Run of Mine:	Slack:	
	\$8.50 :	8.75 :	:	
	ANTHRACITE:			
	Screened:	Run of Mine:	Slack:	
			: 15.00	

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BIDDER.	<u>RESERVE</u>			
HUGH D. MCKENZIE:	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
	8.90	:	8.65	: 8.50 :
	<u>SYDNEY</u>			
	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
		:	7.75	: 6.75 :
	<u>ANTHRACITE</u>			
	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
		:		: 16.00 :

BIDDER.	<u>RESERVE</u>			
R.E. ARCHIBALD:	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
	8.60	:	8.35	: :

BIDDER	<u>RESERVE</u>			
UNION COAL CO. LTD:	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
	8.70	:	8.40	: 7.75
	<u>SYDNEY</u>			
	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
	9.25	:	9.00	: 7.90 :
	<u>ACADIA</u>			
	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
	8.70	:	8.25	: 7.50 :
	<u>COLONIAL</u>			
	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
	8.70	:	8.40	: 7.75 :

BIDDER	<u>RESERVE</u>			
J.E. VANBUSKIRK:	Screened:	Run of	Mine:	Slack:
	8.39	:	8.14	: :

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

WALNUT STREET LAND.

Read report Committee on Works re sale of land Walnut Street.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S., August 6th, 1919.

City Council,  
Gentlemen:

The City Engineer has reported that he has received several offers for the balance of the MacKay property not required for the widening of Walnut Street, and recommends that the offer of H. E. Williams \$2025.00, be accepted.

This offer being considered a very favorable one, the Works Committee beg to recommend that the sale be approved of and that the offer be accepted.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

*Engineer ✓  
Clerk's works ✓  
Chief Fin Dept ✓  
Auditor ✓*

*Engineer ✓  
Clerk's works ✓  
Auditor ✓*

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STREET LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

Read report Committee on Works re Street  
Lighting Account.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N. S., August 6, 1919.

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

In re outstanding balance on street lighting  
claimed to be due the Nova Scotia Trarways & Power  
Co. the City Engineer has reported that he has  
given the matter careful consideration and recom-  
mended that the increased rates as shown on the  
bills of the Company be approved and that amounts  
held back be now paid.

The Works Committee recommend that said  
report be adopted.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman  
Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the  
account paid. Motion paid.

OILING OF STREETS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City  
Engineer covering draft ordinance re oiling of  
streets also recommending the oiling of Vernon  
Street.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 6th, 1919.

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

In re the matter of street oiling, referred  
to Works Committee for further report, attached  
hereto is a report of the City Engineer on said  
matter also draft Ordinance. The City Engineer  
recommends that petition for oiling Vernon Street  
be granted.

The Works Committee recommend that the report  
and ordinance be adopted.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 5, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.

*Engineer*  
*City Works*  
*Auditor*

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Sir:

In compliance with instructions I beg to report on the situation as regards the oiling of streets.

Act of 1915 Section 16 of Chapter 46, provides that the Council may make an ordinance authorizing the City, on presentation of a petition signed by a majority of the persons owning property fronting on any street or portion, and to collect the cost of so doing from all the owners.

The reading of this section suggests that the Council must first make an ordinance, then must receive a petition properly signed before they are authorized to oil the streets. The ordinance has not been made and in my opinion should be passed without delay, as the law provides for the collection of the cost, the ordinance will have to be passed to correspond with the Act for the present to provide for the collection of the whole cost from the owners. If the Council are of the opinion that the whole cost should not be charged to the property owners they should pass a resolution to that effect and seek legislation at the next session to alter the law, making it retroactive, if they desire to do so; any other course is illegal. A corrected copy of the ordinance is attached.

Regarding the petition for oiling Vernon Street, I would recommend that the Council order the oiling of this street.

F. W. W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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An Ordinance Respecting the Oiling of Streets.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Halifax as follows -

On the presentation of a petition signed by a majority in number of the persons owning property fronting on any street or portion of a street, requesting that oil or other suitable liquid or material be spread on such street or portion of street the matter of such petition shall be referred to the City Engineer, who shall report thereon,

If the City Engineer reports in favor of the prayer of such petition, the Works Committee may recommend to the Council that the prayer of the petition be granted. Upon adoption of such recommendation, the City Engineer shall treat the said street or portion thereof, with oil or other suitable liquid or material as he deems best.

The City Engineer shall make up a statement of the cost of treatment, and apportion the same among the owners of the property on the street or portion so treated according to their respective frontages. Each of such owners shall be furnished by the City Collector with a statement of the amount

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chargeable against him, who shall, if the same is not previously paid, add the amount payable by each owner to the notice of the taxation for the ensuing year, and such amount shall be collected together with the said taxes with the same rights and remedies including the right to collect interest thereon from the date of the completion of the work, but not to receive any discount.

Any sum of money required by the City for the performance of any work under this ordinance, may be borrowed from any bank or fund available, and together with interest thereon, repaid as the sum is collected.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

OILING OF STREETS ORDINANCE.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that said ordinance be now read for the first time. Motion passed.

Read a first time an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Respecting the Oiling of Streets."

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that said ordinance be now read a second time. Motion passed

Read a second time an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Respecting the Oiling of Streets."

OILING OF STREETS.

Alderman Finlay submits the following notice of motion

That the City solicitor be authorized to prepare legislation at the next session of the Nova Scotia Legislature making the cost to abutter 1/3 and 2/3 to the City.

This legislation to become retroactive and that the City have power to order without petition.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Works Committee recommending accounts



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for payment.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

Attached hereto are accounts for the Works Dept. for the month of July, 1919. amounting to the sum of \$19,268.93 chargeable to the following services:  
The Works Committee recommend the same for payment.

Internal Health	\$ 168.05
Streets	561.83
Sewerage	5936.36
Teams & stables	2264.24
Street Lighting	2614.61
City Property	987.09
Market Revenue	13.33
City Hall Lighting	48.68
Electric Wiring Inspection	6.35
Public Baths	129.00
Fleming Park	12.06
Telephones	122.70
Permanent Pavement	58.97
Loan Widening Streets	4.50
Internal Health (Special)	248.00
Water Construction	5095.66
Water Maintenance	997.50
	<u>\$19268.93</u>

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

ROBIE STREET OILING.

Read report Works Committee recommending the oiling of Robie Street between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 6, 1919

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

The accompanying petition for oiling Robie Street between Coburg and Jubilee Road is recommended to the Council for adoption.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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*Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓*

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Regan that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CORNWALL STREET SEWER.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re Cornwall Street Sewer.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 6, 1919.

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

The Works Committee beg to recommend for payment the attached certificate of the City Engineer to Cook & Dunbrack, final payment on their contract for Cornwall St. sewer, amounting to \$466.87.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., July 25, 1919.

*Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓*

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir: Certificate #2 (Final)

I beg to recommend payment to Cook & Dunbrack of the sum of Four hundred sixty-six dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$466.87) being balance in full on his contract for trench for sewer on Cornwall Street.

Estimated value of work done	\$3431.25
Less paid on certificate #1	2964.38
Balance recommended in full	\$ 466.87

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

RECEPTION TO GENERAL SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE.

His Worship the Mayor stated he had been informed by General Thacker that General Sir Arthur W. Currie Commanding Canadian Army Corps in the Great War would return to Canada via Halifax, arriving about the 16th

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or 17th inst. His Worship asked the opinion of the City Council as to whether the City of Halifax should tender General Currie a reception.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Hoyt that this matter be referred to the Committee who have in hand the arrangement of the Reception to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Motion passed.

FRANCHISE FOR WOMEN.

Alderman Regan submits the following question:

Will the City Solicitor kindly report at the next meeting of the Council what amendments to the City Charter will be necessary to extend the civic franchise to all women, whether married or single, who are assessed and are otherwise qualified to vote for mayor and aldermen.

TELEPHONE RATES.

Alderman Regan submits the following questions:

1. In connection with the forthcoming increase of telephone rates, did the mayor, deputy mayor or city solicitor take any steps to oppose this increase?

2. Approximately what proportion of the revenue of the Telephone Company is derived from Halifax subscribers and what is the gross revenue of the Telephone Company?

3. What amount of taxes does the Telephone Company pay to the City of Halifax and what taxes did the Telephone Company pay last year to the Province of Nova Scotia.

Mayor ✓

City Solicitor ✓  
Council members ✓

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4. What will be the gross increased amount which Halifax telephone subscribers will pay under the new rates?

SALARIES OF CITY OFFICIALS.

At the 1919 session of the Legislature, which recently closed, the salaries of several Halifax City Officials were increased by Act of the Legislature in excess of the amount recommended by the Board of Control. The City Clerk has handed me a memorandum showing that the Board of Control recommended three hundred dollars increase for the City Assessor, Stipendiary Magistrate, City Engineer, City Solicitor and City Clerk. The Legislature added four hundred dollars each in the case of the City Engineer, stipendiary magistrate, City Solicitor and City Assessor, making the total increase to these officials seven hundred dollars each. The Legislature added one hundred and fifty dollars to the salary of the City Clerk and one hundred dollars to the salary of the assistant City Clerk and two hundred dollars to the salary of the deputy city assessor.

Alderman Regan submits the following questions:

1. Prior to the closing of the recent session of the legislature did the City solicitor have any knowledge that any of the foregoing salary increases, in excess of the amount recommended by the Board of Control, were under consideration or likely to be made? If so, which of them did the City Solicitor have knowledge of?

2. From whom or in what way did the City Solicitor receive such information?

3. Did the City Solicitor communicate this information to the Mayor or any member of the Board of Control? If so, what instructions did he receive regarding the matter?

4. Did the City Solicitor take any steps to oppose the passage of legislation increasing the above salaries above the amount recommended by the Board of Control? If not, please state why.

5. Did the City Solicitor have a conference or conversation with any member of the legislature while the legislature was in session in regard to any of the above mentioned increases of salary, that is, as to the proposal to enlarge the increases or any of them as recommended by the Board of Control? If so, with

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Council  
members*

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whom did the City Solicitor have such conferences?  
What was the nature of such conferences and to  
what salaries did they relate?

*Solicitor ✓  
city council  
members*

An answer to each of the above questions  
separately is respectfully requested in writing,  
to be submitted at the next meeting of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman  
*that the Council,*  
Colwell, do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11:45 o'clock.

*L. Fred Monaghan*  
L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,  
MAYOR.