

EVENING SESSION

8:10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

August 21st, 1919.

A Meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour; present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Finlay, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, 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 Charities Committee re Tenders for plumbing and spouting by Alderman Colwell, Chairman.

Still alarms of fire-letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters.

Report City Prison Committee re Tenders for barn by Alderman Ritchie, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following

named papers:

H.R.H. Prince of Wales Reception.

Reports (13) Committee of Works viz, Water Meters.

Tower Road Paving. Telephone rates. Columbus St. Sewer.

Sidewalks Duncan St. Maynard St. and Jubilee Rd. St. John's Property--Expropriation for public schools.

Fire Alarm Bells.

Walnut and Chesnut Street street line.

Brunswick Street sewer.

Clive Street Water Trench.

Robie Street Sewer.

Jubilee Road sewer.

Beech Street sewer.

Wires underground.

Ringling of fire bells still alarms.

Other Headlines.

War Veterans Carnival

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RINGING OF FIRE BELLS STILL ALARMS.

Read Alderman Whitman's notice of reconsideration  
*of resolution*  
to adopt the system of still alarms of fire instead  
of the ringing of the tower fire alarm bells.

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.

Ringing of Fire Bells--Still Alarms.

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

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Regan that the report of the Committee of Fire Wards, adopted by the Council at a meeting on August 6th in respect to still alarms of fire, be now reconsidered.

At the request of Alderman Whitman the following reports from the Committee on Works and the City Engineer are read.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21st, 1919

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax held on the 20th day of August 1919

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The attached letter from the City Engineer protesting the adoption of the Still Alarm by the Fire Department at this time was read, and on motion ordered sent to Council for their information.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 20, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:

I ask permission to place on record my protest against the action of the Council in abolishing the bell alarm for fires.

I am not suggesting that the still alarm is not the more desirable system, but I am strongly of opinion that the change has not been provided for properly, and that ~~there is~~ grave danger of serious results if the policy of still alarms is adhered to.

At night the water Superintendent and his men would get the alarm on the tapper is at home. They are not required to be within the sound of the tapper however like a fireman but are free to go out with their family or otherwise for half of the night if they choose. In the day time these men are at work on the streets. At such times they are entirely dependent on the bell alarm for warning of a fire.

I consider it is vitally necessary for the water Dept. men to reach the location of a fire without delay. Our water supply system is of such a nature that concentration is absolutely necessary in order to obtain sufficient volume and pressure to cope with fires. The placing of too many engines on one main or in disadvantageous locations affects the service injuriously and the advice of the Supt. of the Water Dept. should always be available to prevent this too frequent cause of poor service. It is necessary for the Water Dept. men to reach a fire as promptly as possible.

In Winter unless the expert Water Dept. men are at the fire when the hydrants are closed, the hydrants will freeze solid and if another alarm comes in the firemen will find no water. In Summer the hydrants are also tested at once after a fire as they are frequently put out of order by the firemen using them.

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The Tram Company's men who respond to alarms to prevent loss of life through their wires are in the same position when a still alarm comes in and do not get notice.

Two of the Fire Dept. teams are on street sprinkling work during the day and without a bell alarm can have no knowledge of a fire call.

A still alarm is practicable only in Cities where there is good fire pressure in every part of the system or where there is a pumping plant. In the latter an Engineer is always on duty and when the still alarm comes in he increases the pressure by applying more power.

We have no money to replace the Fire Dept. street sprinkling teams with this year, and it would cost between four and five thousand dollars a year to have water Dept. men on fire duty all the time.

I beg to urge upon the Council the real necessity of removing the disadvantages mentioned before abandoning the still alarm.

F. W. W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

At request of Alderman Whitman the following letter from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters is read.

Halifax, N.S., August 21st, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
City.

Sir:

I am directed to address you in connection with the Still Alarm now being tested out in the City's Fire Department.

It would appear that although this Still Alarm has desirable features, that it is a fact that owing to the necessity of the water works officials requiring to receive notice of fires so that they may quickly proceed to the locations necessary for concentrating the water, that with the discontinuance of the Bell Alarms they may perhaps not know there is a fire in progress, and consequently the necessary concentration of the water system might not be made.

Undoubtedly, you will appreciate the importance of having the water department men receive notice of fire alarms as quickly as possible, so that they can proceed with the necessary concentration of the water

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system as speedily as possible if it is desired. With the discontinuance of the Bell Alarms the water department officials, who may be working on the streets during the day and at certain times at night, may not be in their houses to receive an alarm on their gongs and they might not know that there was a fire in progress, and it is the opinion of our Board, that while the water system is in the present condition of requiring concentration for fire department work, that at least until some system is worked out whereby these officials will receive the fire alarms, that the Bell Alarm System in the towers of the fire stations should be restored as speedily as possible.

The same objection to the Still Alarm System can undoubtedly be raised in connection with the Tramway Company's employees who are required to respond to fires.

If any of the fire department teams are used for street sprinkling purposes the point again comes up that the drivers of these teams might not know that a fire alarm has sounded while they are working at street sprinkling, and would not respond to the fire station to take their apparatus to the fire.

I will be obliged if you will kindly again bring this matter before your Council and trust that they will have the Bell Alarm System restored, until at least, means are taken to overcome the objectionable features in connection with the still alarm mentioned herein.

Edward J. Fahie,  
Secretary.

The motion for reconsideration is put and passed 12 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:

For the Motion.

Aldermen Colwell  
Whitman  
Finlay  
Bissett  
Regan  
Murphy  
Buckley  
Ritchie  
Guildford  
Godwin  
Hubley  
Thompson -12

Against it.

Aldermen Ackhurst  
Hoyt  
Douglas  
Kelly -4

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Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Kelly that the clause of the report of the Board of Fire Wards recommending Still Alarms of Fire be now adopted.

*Chief Fire Dept  
Alderman Hoyt ✓*

Moved in amendment by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Finlay that the clause of the report be referred back to the Committee of Fire Wards for further consideration and report and that in the mean time the bells be rung as formerly.

Amendment put and passed.

WAR VETERANS CARNIVAL.

Captain Hunt representing the great war veterans association by leave of Council addressed the meeting thanking the City for the privilege recently extended for holding a tag day which realized the amount of \$4000.00 and the further privilege of permission for the Williams Shows to put on a Carnival commencing September 29th, and to use the Common for the purpose.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the Association be granted use of the North Common for holding the Show suggested on the dates asked for, the show to be under the supervision of the Police Committee and the Commissioners of the Halifax Common.

Alderman Regan asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether the Commissioners of Common had not full jurisdiction.

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The City Solicitor gave as his opinion that the Council had control of the Common and power to grant any privilege in respect thereto.

The motion for the granting of the privilege is put and passed.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PROPERTY--EXPROPRIATION  
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read report Committee on Works re expropriation of St. John's Church Property, Brunswick Street, for purposes of Public schools.

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

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

In re St. John's property, referred back to the Works Committee for further report, at a meeting of the Committee held July 30th, Alderman Douglas moved that in view of the report of the Assistant Building Inspector of the dangerous condition of the building and its being a menace to citizens in the vicinity, this Committee report to the City Council that the expropriation of this property for school purposes is altogether a question of policy for the Council to decide itself, but if the City Council decides not to take expropriation proceedings, the City Engineer be instructed by this committee to take proceedings to have the building removed, in the interests of public safety. This motion carried unanimously.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Finlay that the property be expropriated by the City for the Board of School Commissioners and that the City Engineer be instructed to take the necessary expropriation proceedings.

Alderman Regan asked if the proceedings <sup>now</sup> ~~in the~~

His worship  
the Mayor ✓  
R. L. Power ✓  
J. S. Down ✓

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before the Council for expropriation of the property in question are in order.

The City Solicitor stated that before commencing expropriation proceedings the owner should be asked if he is willing to sell the property and an offer should be made to him for the purchase of it.

Alderman Regan asked that the motion be ruled out of order.

His Worship the Mayor rules the motion out of order.

Alderman Douglas appeals from the ruling of the chair.

The City Clerk submits to the Council the question "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?"

The vote being taken there appeared:

To Sustain the Decision of the Chair

Contrary.

Aldermen Colwell  
Whitman  
Hoyt  
Bissett  
Regan  
Murphy  
Buckley  
Ritchie  
Godwin  
Hubley  
Thompson -11

Aldermen Ackhurst  
Finlay  
Kelly  
Douglas  
Guildford-5

The City Clerk declared the decision of the chair sustained.

DUNCAN ST. MAYNARD ST. AND JUBILEE ROAD  
SIDEWALKS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City



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Engineer re Sidewalks Duncan St. Maynard St. and  
Jubilee Road.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21st, 1919

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the  
City of Halifax held on the 13th day of August 1919.

The attached report of the City Engineer on  
Petition for construction of Permanent Sidewalks  
on Duncan and Maynard Streets and Jubilee Road  
was adopted and ordered sent to Council with a  
recommendation that they be ordered constructed.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 13, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the at-tached petition from  
property owners on Maynard St. They ask for con-  
struction of a concrete, parked sidewalk. The esti-  
mated cost is \$2,671. I recommend that the sidewalk  
on Maynard St. between Roberts St. and Bloomfield  
be placed in the sidewalk schedule and a concrete  
sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed  
on the east side of Maynard St. between Ontario  
and Bloomfield.

*Jubilee Road*  
Robie St. Sidewalk

I beg to report on the construction of a side-  
walk on Jubilee Road estimated cost is \$2,561.  
I recommend that a concrete sidewalk, with concrete  
curb and gutter be ordered under the Sidewalk Act,  
for construction on the south side of Jubilee Road  
between Robie St. and Edward St.

Duncan St. Sidewalk

I beg to report on the attached petition from  
property owners on Duncan St. The street Superinten-  
dent has been instructed to place the street in  
better condition. The property owners on this  
street petitioned for a sidewalk on the south side  
three years ago. The estimated cost is \$13,832. I  
recommend that the sidewalks on Duncan St. between  
Chebuoto Lane and Harvard St. be placed in the side-

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walk schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the south side of Duncan St. between Windsor and Harvard St. under the permanent Sidewalk Act.

*Engineer ✓*

F. W. W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

JUBILEE ROAD SEWER OUTLET.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re final payment on contract.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., August 21, 1919

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax held on the 20th day of August 1919.

It was decided to recommend for payment the amount due on contract for sewer outlet Jubilee Road to Hanratty & Robertson amounting to the sum of \$1,636.00.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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August 12, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir: Certificate #4 (final)

I beg to recommend payment to Hanratty & Robertson of the sum of One thousand six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$1,636.00) being balance in full under contract for construction of Jubilee Road sewer outlet.

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| Estimated value of work done | \$8,000.00      |
| Extra diversion connection   | 36.00           |
|                              | <u>8,036.00</u> |

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| Less paid on certificates 1-3 | <u>6,400.00</u> |
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| Balance recommended in full | 1,636.00 |
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H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the reports be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

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BEECH STREET SEWER.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re final payment on contract Beech Street Sewer from Jubilee Road northwardly,

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21st, 1919.

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax, held on the 13th day of August 1919.

It was decided to recommend for payment the amount due on Contract for Beech Street Sewer, Jubilee Road northwardly to Cook & Dunbrack amounting to the sum of \$453.13.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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July 25th, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:

I beg to recommend payment to Cook & Dunbrack of the sum of Four hundred fifty-three dollars and thirteen cents (\$453.13) being balance in full on his contract for trench for sewer on Beech Street Jubilee Road northwardly.

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| Estimated value of work done  | \$2856.50 |
| Less paid on certificates 1-3 | 2403.37   |
| Balance recommended in full.  | \$ 453.13 |

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Aldermen Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the reports be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

TELEPHONE RATES.

Read report Committee on Works covering letter Halifax Retail <sup>Jewellers</sup> Dealers Association re telephone rates.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S. Aug. 21, 1919

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax, held on the 13th day of August 1919.

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The attached letter from the Halifax Retail Jewellers' Association in re telephone rates was read, and on motion ordered to be sent to Council for their information.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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395 Barrington St.,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 6, 1919.

To His Worship Mayor Parker,  
and Aldermen of the City of Halifax.  
Gentlemen:

At the regular meeting of the Halifax Retail Jewellers Association held on August 5th, it was unanimously RESOLVED---

"That this association considers the proposed changes in the telephone Rate of a far too drastic nature, and strongly protests against their adoption."

Copies of this resolution are being sent to the Board of Trade and to the Board of Public Utilities.

Robert W. Cooley,  
Secretary.

Filed.

CITY HOME PLUMBING AND SPOUTING.

Read report Charities Committee re tenders for plumbing and spouting at the City Home.

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

The Charities Committee met today and beg to submit the following report. Members present The Chairman Aldermen Hoyt, Hubley, Regan and Ritchie.

The Meeting was called for the purpose of opinion of tender for plumbing and spouting at City Home as follows:

|                      | <u>PLUMBING.</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|
| C. R. Hoben & Co.    | 1941.00          |
| D. A. Cummings & Co. | 1560.00          |
| Mitchell & McKee     | 1870.00          |
| Morrissey & Purcell  | 1544.00          |
| Micheal Day          | 1850.00          |
| J. T. Hagen & Co     | 1970.00          |

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Farquhar Bros. Ltd. 2079.00  
Geo. A. Perrier 1387.00  
Halifax Sheet Metal Works 1575.00

The tender of Geo A. Perrier being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

SPOUTING.

C. R. Hoben & Co. 2500.00  
Farquhar Bros. 3989.00  
Jas. Donohue 3675.00  
Halifax Sheet Metal Works 2975.00

The tender of C. R. Hoben & Co being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

H. S. Colwell,  
Chairman Charities Committee.

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

TOWER ROAD PAVING.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on questions asked by Alderman Power relative to the repairing and paving of Tower Road.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 21, 1919.

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax, held on the 13th day of August, 1919.

The City Engineer submitted answers to questions asked by Alderman Power in reference to repairs and paving on Tower Road, and to which a reply was requested by the City Council; on motion, the City Engineer's reply was directed to be forwarded to the Council, and is attached hereto.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 11, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to answer the questions asked by Alderman Power in the City Council, relative to the repairing and paving of Tower Road.

1. On whose authority did the City Engineer do this work?
2. How was such authority given?
3. When?

Ans. These three questions are covered by number four

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of former questions and answers. It has been the duty of the City Engineer to do such work for over 25 years.

4. Did the Mayor, City Council Board of Control, or Board of Works, or any or either of these bodies order the City Engineer to do such work?

Ans. No.

5. When was such order given and how was it given?

Ans. Answered in No. 4.

6. Out of what fund was such work paid for?

Ans. Appropriation for street work.

7. Who ordered payment out of such fund?

Ans. The payments were first checked for accuracy and quantities, by the Foreman, then certified by the City Engineer. The pay rolls were paid by the Clerk of Works. The bills were passed by the Auditor and Works Committee.

8. By whom and by whose authority were answers to former questions asked for about this paving, given to the City Newspapers for publication before being presented to and read in open Council?

Ans. The answers to former questions were given to the Clerk of Works for transmission to the Council. They were read by him in open meeting of the Works Committee and thus became a public document. A reporter for the Echo asked me for a copy after they had been read and I gave it to him. I beg to remind the Council that my family suffered under the unjust charge made against me from June 24th to July 10th and I accepted without hesitation the first opportunity of giving the facts to the public. I sell my work to the City, but my honor is my own to protect.

F. W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Filed.

COLUMBUS STREET SEWER.

Read reports Committee on Works and the Assistant City Engineer re final payment <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ contract for Columbus Street Sewer.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21, 1919.

At a meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax, held on the 15th day of August 1919.

als Power ✓

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The City Engineer's Certificate recommending the payment of \$433.86 to W. F. LeCuyer in full payment of contract for excavating and back-filling Sewer and Water Trench on Columbus Street was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 13, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:

I beg to recommend payment to W. F. LeCuyer of the Sum of Four hundred thirty-three dollars and eighty-six cents (\$433.86) being balance in full on his contract for excavating and backfilling sewer and water trench on Columbus Street.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Estimated value of work done      | \$ 2,106.54 | 10      |
| Less paid on certificates 1 and 2 | 1,672.68    | 24 June |
|                                   | \$ 433.86   |         |

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the same be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

WIRES UNDERGROUND.

Read report Committee on Works covering correspondence with the various companies as to the placing of wires underground.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21, 1919.

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax held on the 13th day of August 1919, it was decided to forward to the City Council the attached communications from His Worship the Mayor to the Public Utilities Commission and from the N. S. Trarways & Power Company Western Union Telegraph Co and the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company in reference to placing wires underground.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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Board of Commissioners Public Utilities,  
City.

Gentlemen:

The City Council has ordered permanent pavement of the streets shown in the attached schedule. They are also very anxious that if possible, overhead wires shall be removed from the streets which are to be paved and placed in underground conduits, if such work is to be done it must be undertaken without delay as the necessity for paving is urgent and the City does not desire to lose any more time than is absolutely necessary.

I desire to urge upon you to do everything that lies in your power to advance this work as it must be evident to you that it is very important to have this work done before the pavement is laid, if left till a later date it means the cutting up of the pavement which is most objectionable. On those streets where wires have been removed a decided improvement has been made and I am keenly desirous of pressing the removal of wires on the streets to be paved, as as strongly as possible

(Sgd) J. S. Parker,  
MAYOR.

*Wm. Scotta Inman & Power Co*  
Halifax, N. S., August 6th, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 5th instand in which you suggest that certain of the Overhead wires of this Company should be placed underground, because of the fact that certain streets are to be paved.

In reply to your suggestion I beg to advise you that the placing of wires underground represents an enormous expense to this Company and one which we are not in a position to stand at the time. Should our wires be placed underground it would necessitate this Company making immediate application for a very substantial increase in the rates which are charged at present and I do not think that any such action as this would meet with the approval of the citizens. In addition to the increased rate it would be necessary for all consumers to go to considerable expense in changing their interior wiring in order to receive current from the underground service. This also would be a hardship upon the citizens.

We are at present actively engaged in improving our overhead wiring system and I believe that by the end of the present Season we shall have a considerable number of wires and poles removed from the



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streets of the City, which fact will improve the appearance of the city streets.

In my humble opinion I do not believe that the City of Halifax is, at the present time, in a position to stand the added expense of an underground electric distribution system, and while I quite agree with your desire to have the public thoroughfares cleared of overhead wires, I take the liberty of suggesting that the added expense to the citizens would not be a popular move.

H. R. Mallison,  
Managing Director.

*Mon. Tel. & Telephone Co*  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 6, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 5th inst., with reference to paving certain streets, and your request to have our wires placed underground along these streets:

I may say that just as soon as it was known to be the intention of the City to proceed in earnest with respect to pavement, we started a study in order to ascertain on what streets it would be practicable for us to place underground conduit. That study is not by any means complete, but we have gone far enough to get some information with respect to certain streets.

One great difficulty that apparently is confronting us is the practical impossibility of getting the necessary material in time to do any reasonable amount of underground work this year.

We are anxious to co-operate with the City in removing our cable from the poles, wherever possible; but I would like to point out to you one great difficulty that we have experienced heretofore in this matter, and that is the difficulty of distribution. Unfortunately, Halifax has no alleys, nor any other method, by which distribution can be made from underground terminals without making encroachments on private property. Quite often private property owners are reasonable in matters of this kind; but, unfortunately, all too often our plans are held up by reason of some individual who either refuses to permit the work to be done at all, or else insists on compensation to such an extent that it is absolutely prohibitive. Then again, where easements are granted we are apparently subject to being turned off at a month or two months' notice, and in several instances we have had to spend thousands of dollars in removing our work after it had been placed owing to this cause.

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I have frequently, in the past, taken this matter up with the officials of the City and Members of previous Councils, in the hope that some legislation might be obtained, such as exists in other cities, whereby wires might be placed in the rear of property without the necessity of getting easements, or without such wires making legal encroachments on private property.

I can assure you that we shall do all in our power to forward our underground work as fast as our plans can be formulated.

J. W. Winfield,  
General Manger.

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*Western Union Tel. Co.*  
St. John, N. B., August 16th, 1919

J. S. Parker, Mayor,  
City of Halifax,  
Halifax, N. S.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th inst., advising of streets which are to be paved and requesting that overhead wires be moved and placed in conduits. For your information please let me say that this Company is arranging, in conjunction with the Telephone Company, to have all wires possible placed underground.

The only poles belonging to this Company on these streets now, are from Sackville Street to Deep Water terminals and these are maintained solely to give connection to the Dock Yard for Admiralty purposes. There are also one or two poles at the North West Arm Bridge and I may say that this Company desires, so far as possible, to co-operate with the civic authorities in every possible way so far as our Plant is concerned.

A. D. Wetmore,  
Dist. Plant Supt.

His Worship the Mayor calls Deputy Mayor Kelly to take the chair.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Hoyt that this matter be referred to the City Solicitor and the City Engineer and City Electrician for report. Motion passed.

*Solicitor  
Engineer  
Electrician*

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ROBIE STREET SEWER.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re final payment on contract for Robie Street Sewer.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21, 1919.

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax, held on the 20th day of August 1919 a certificate recommending final payment to R. Daw and H. S. Kaiser for balance due them on their contract for sewer on Robie Street from William St. to Compton Avenue, amounting to \$258.03, was ordered to be sent to the Council with the recommendation that the same be paid.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir: Certificate #2 (final)

I beg to recommend payment to R. Daw and H. S. Kaizer of the sum of two hundred fifty-eight dollars and three cents (\$258.03) being the balance in full on their contract for sewer on Robie Street from Williams St. to Compton Avenue.

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Estimated value of work done | \$1,720.20 |
| Less paid on certificate #1  | 1,462.17   |
| Balance recommended in full  | \$ 258.03  |

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Thompson that the reports be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

BRUNSWICK STREET SEWER.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re final payment of contract Brunswick Street Sewer.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21, 1919.

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City

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of Halifax, held on the 20th day of August 1919 it was decided to recommend for payment the amount due to Robert Daw and H. S. Kaizer for sewer trench on Brunswick St. from Prince to Sackville Street; viz, \$331.93.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 12, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:

I beg to recommend payment to Robert Daw and H. S. Kaizer of the sum of three hundred thirty-one dollars and ninety-three cents (\$331.93) balance in full under contract for laying sewer on Brunswick Street from Prince Street to Sackville Street.

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Estimated value of work done | \$1,893.30      |
| Less paid on certificate #1  | <u>1,561.37</u> |
| Balance recommended in full  | \$ 331.93       |

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Murphy that the reports be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

CLIVE STREET WATER TRENCH.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re final payment <sup>on</sup> of contract Clive Street Water Trench.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., August 21, 1919.

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax, held on the 20th day of August 1919 it was decided to recommend for payment the amount due for Clive Street water trench to Estate Colin McGillivray, amounting to \$249.76.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 12, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to recommend payment to Colin McGillivray of the sum of Two hundred forty-nine dollars and seventy-six cents (\$249.76) being the balance in full on his contract for excavating a trench for water pipe on Clive Street.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Estimated value of work done | \$929.76 |
| Less paid on certificate #1  | 680.00   |
| Balance recommended in full. | \$249.76 |

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Murphy that the same be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

WALNUT STREET AND CHESNUT STREET STREET LINE.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re Street line Walnut Street and Chesnut Street.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., August, 21, 1919.

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax, held on the 20th day of August 1919. The City Engineer submitted a letter from Dr. J. J. Hunt re sale of land for straightening of Walnut Street and also the re-selling of land to said gentlemen not required by the City on Chesnut Street, and also his report on same.

The engineer's report was approved and ordered to Council with the recommendation that the sale, etc., be carried out.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 20, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the attached letter from Dr. J. J.

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Hunt asking for settlement for the land required by the City for straightening Walnut Street, that all the rest of the property required for the straightening of Walnut St. between Jubilee Road and Watt St. has been acquired by the City. Dr. Hunt owns 200 ft frontage on Walnut St. extending through to Chestnut St. and offers to sell to the City the land required on Walnut St. at 15¢ per sq. foot and to buy from the City the land which it has to sell on Chestnut st. at the same rate.

We require about 47 feet in depth on Walnut St. and have about 21 feet in depth on Chestnut St. which will not be required for street purposes when the street is widened.

We are extending the sewer on Walnut St. and have also to move a water pipe from its existing location and lay the same with the sewer. The line of sewer and water goes through the property under discussion and the City should acquire the same immediately.

The Assessor informs me that the price is a fair one and I would recommend that the City accept Dr. Hunt's offer and the money be taken half from the sewerage account and half from the water construction account.

Net amount  
involved  
\$780.00

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METERS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re purchase of water meters.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21, 1919.

At a Meeting of the Works Department of the City of Halifax, held on the 20th day of August 1919 the City Engineer advised the Committee that he had received quotations for the supply of two hundred and fifty water meters of the type that the City has been using for years, and asked the approval of the Committee for the purchase of same. It was decided to recommend to the Council that the meters be purchased. Copy of Engineer's report attached hereto.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓  
Auditor ✓

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City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 19, 1919.

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir:

I have obtained quotations from the Neptune Meter Co., and H. B. Clerk & Co., for the two meters which we have been using for years.

The Neptune Meter Co. quoted \$13.00 for 1250 meters, H. B. Clerk & Son, quoted \$13.75 F.O.B. Halifax. As the Neptune Meter Co.'s quotation is F. O.B. Toronto, the two prices are not far apart, under the circumstances I would recommend that 125 meters be purchased from H. B. Clerk and Son and 125 from the Neptune Meter Co.

We need meters without delay to keep up with the new buildings which are being occupied in the high service district.

F. W. W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Bissett submits the following questions:

1. How many water meters in this City are paying less than \$1.25 for 6 months?
2. How many less than \$1.00 for 6 months?
3. " " " " .75 " " "
4. " " " " .50 " " "
5. " " " " .25 " " "
6. " " " " .10 " " "
7. " " " " .05 " " "

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Alderman Bissett.

Referred to the Committee on Works for report.

CITY PRISON BARN.

Read report City Prison Committee re tenders for construction of a barn at the City Prison.

*Engineer ✓  
Ch. of Works. ✓*

*Ch. of Works. ✓*

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Committee Room, City Hall,  
August 15th, 1919.

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:

The Committee on City Prison beg to report that in response to advertisement in the newspapers tenders for construction of a barn at the City Prison according to plans and specifications prepared by the City Engineer were received and opened as follows:

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Prest & Hilchie               | \$2953.00 |
| J. R. Mackenzie               | 2985.00   |
| H. Hemming                    | 3985.00   |
| D. G. Stewart                 | 4471.87   |
| Standard Construction Co. Ltd | 4231.00   |
| J. Dahl.                      | 5251.00   |

It is recommended that the tender of Prest & Hilchie being the lowest be accepted if the tender meets with the approval of the City Engineer.

G. E. Ritchie,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Colwell that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be referred back to the Committee for report as to whether some other accomodation cannot be provided.

The amendment is put and ~~passed~~

The motion is put and passed Aldermen Murphy and Kelly dissenting.

*the Prince of Wales*  
H.R.H. RECEPTION.

Read letter Provincial Secretary undertaking to use the good offices of the Government in securing the passage of legislation authorizing expenditure not to exceed \$4,000.00 towards the cost of the reception and entertainment of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 20th, 1919

Dear Sir:.

I am in receipt of your letter of *the 20th* of

*Engineer ✓  
Prison ✓  
Prison ✓*



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August, and beg to inform you on behalf of the Government, that they will use their good offices to secure the passage of legislation at the next session of the Legislature, legalizing the expenditure of a sum not in excess of \$4000.00 and ratifying any loan in connection therewith; said expenditure being towards the reception and entertainment of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales.

G. W. Murray,  
Provincial Secretary.

The City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.

His Worship the Mayor ordered the letter filed.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Finlay that the meeting adjourn.

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Kelly that the receipt of the letter of the Honorable Premier of N. S. <sup>re said</sup> be acknowledged and that the Government be advised as to the standing of the vote of the Council at its last meeting showing that 9 voted for it and 5 against it.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Bissett that the Council <sup>do</sup> ~~be~~ now <sup>adjourn.</sup> ~~closed.~~

Motion put and passed 10 voting for it and 4 against it as follows.

For the Motion

Aldermen Colwell  
Ackhurst  
Finlay  
Hoyt  
Bissett  
Kelly  
Douglas  
Ritchie  
Guldford  
Thompson -10

Against it.

Aldermen Whitman  
Regan  
Murphy  
Buckley -4

Council adjourns 11:40 o'clock.

*L. J. Monaghan*  
City Clerk.

Mayor.

*Auditor ✓*

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

September 4th, 1919

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Reports (6) Committee on Laws and Privileges by Alderman Power, Chairman, viz:-  
Gardens Commission.  
Police Motor patrol Car.  
Coal Weighers.  
Billiard Room, Corner Almon and Agricola Streets.  
Pedlars License L.W.G. Haspell.  
Billiards Room License R.G. Ehman, 33 Jacob Street.

Report Finance Committee re Accounts by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.  
Report Committee on Fire Wards by Alderman Hoyt, Chairman.  
Housing Commission by Alderman Thompson, Chairman Housing Committee.  
Cemetery Commission- Alderman Bissett Chairman.  
Report Library Commission by Alderman Kelly, Chairman.  
Report City Home by Alderman Colwell, Chairman.  
Report City Prison Committee by Alderman Ritchie Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named reports :-

Report City Health Board re Accounts.  
Report City Health Board re Salary F.C. Craig.  
Police Department Accounts.  
Cash Statement City Treasurer for August 1919.  
Public Schools Lands.

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Reports (6) Committee on Works, viz:-

Accounts.

Lathes.

Rosebank Avenue Sewer and Water Extension.

Work Inspection Motor Car.

Oakland Rd and Studley Street Water Trench.

Union Street- Richmond Street Sewers.

Other Headlines.

Dalhousie University Centenary  
Tuberculosis Hospital Plans.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY CENTENARY.

Alderman Regan asked permission of the Council to submit a resolution.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Bissett that Alderman Regan be permitted to introduce a resolution. Motion put and passed 11 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows -

| <u>For the Motion.</u> | <u>Against it.</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Aldermen Colwell       | Aldermen Whitman   |
| Finlay                 | Ackhurst           |
| Hoyt                   | Kelly              |
| Bissett                | Douglas -4         |
| Murphy                 |                    |
| Buckley                |                    |
| Butler                 |                    |
| Ritchie                |                    |
| Power                  |                    |
| Guildford              |                    |
| Thompson.-11.          |                    |

The following resolution is submitted :-

WHEREAS the centenary of Dalhousie University is to be celebrated in this city September 11th to 13th by appropriate exercises and by a gathering of graduates and friends from far and near and

WHEREAS in its hundred years existence Dalhousie University has steadily grown in efficiency and influence and in the number of its students and it has contributed thousands of men of mark to public and private services and

WHEREAS three hundred students from the university enlisted in the great war for active military service at the front

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THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax on the occasion of the centenary celebration hereby place on record the high appreciation of the citizens of Halifax of the valuable work of Dalhousie University ; they congratulate Dalhousie on one hundred years successful existence ; they warmly welcome visiting friends and former graduates and hope that the memorial exercises will be greatly enjoyed and they express the cordial hope that the university will continue to enlarge and expand in the future . Also resolved that the City Clerk send a copy of this resolution under the seal of the City to the president and Governors of Dalhousie.

*Prof A S ✓  
Assoc Kerzie*

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Murphy and passed unanimously.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending accounts for payment.

Committee Room City Hall,  
September 4th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the following named accounts amounting to \$1561.02 chargeable to various services were recommended for payment.

Your Committee further recommend payment of the sum of \$43.48 the City's share, final payment (one half) of bills contracted by the Returned Soldiers Reception Committee.

Accounts.

|                          |                       |       |       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Royal Print & Litho Ltd. | Directories           |       |       |
|                          | City Collector        | 15.00 |       |
|                          | " Clerk               | 5.00  | 20.00 |
| Chronicle Pub. Co.       | Advertising           |       |       |
|                          | Mayor, to Aug. 17/21  | 12.00 |       |
|                          | City Clerk Dec. 31/21 | 6.00  | 18.00 |
| T.C. Allen & Co.         | Printing & Stationery |       |       |
|                          | City Auditor          | 4.50  |       |
|                          | Mayor                 | 18.00 |       |
|                          | "                     | 5.50  |       |
|                          | Magistrate            | 5.75  |       |
|                          | Assessors             | 14.00 |       |

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|                           |   |                   |        |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|--------|
|                           | Collectors                                  | 20.75             |        |
|                           | "   | 25.55             |        |
|                           | Clerk                                       | 1.50              |        |
|                           | "   | 28.90             |        |
|                           | "   | <u>59.65</u>      | 182.10 |
| A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.    | Books                                       |                   |        |
|                           | City Treasurer                              | 20.45             |        |
|                           | " Auditor                                   | <u>20.45</u>      | 40.90  |
| Acadian Recorder          | Advertising                                 |                   |        |
|                           | 6.50, 10.50, 12.60, 9.80, 6.50              |                   | 45.50  |
| Halifax Herald            | Advertising                                 |                   |        |
|                           | 4.20, 10.50, 8.40, 6.50                     |                   | 29.40  |
| Chronicle Pub. Co.        | Advertising                                 |                   |        |
|                           | 12.60, 6.50, 10.50, 12.60, 6.50             |                   | 48.50  |
| The City Print            | Printing                                    |                   |        |
|                           | Minutes of City Council                     |                   | 128.98 |
| Soulis Typewriter Co.     | Repairs                                     | .75               |        |
| Longon Rubber Stamp Co.   | Dater                                       | .35               |        |
| W.B. Williams             | Eng. Badges                                 | 2.00              |        |
| Dr. W.D. Finn, M.E.       | Certificates of Death.                      |                   |        |
|                           | Annie Cameron 4.00, Alfred Gilroy 4.00      |                   |        |
|                           | Wm. Burlton 4.00, Arthur LeBlanc 4.00       |                   |        |
|                           | Eliz. Verge 4.00, Maud Delaney 12.00        |                   | 32.00  |
| Halifax Industrial School | Keep of boys from May 1st, to July 31, 1919 |                   |        |
| Delinquents               | 375.14                                      |                   |        |
| Truants                   | <u>300.10</u>                               |                   | 675.24 |
| School for the Blind      | Maintenance of Pupils to June 30/19         |                   |        |
|                           |   | 337.59            |        |
|                           |   | <u>\$ 1561.02</u> |        |

Your Committee further recommend payment of W.H. Hyland and R.L. Archibald \$10.00 each for expert reports on Motor Police Patrol.

Alfred Whitman,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE - R. J. EHMAN.

Read reports Laws and Privileges Committee recommending the granting of a Billiard Room

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License to R.J.Ehamn, 33 Jacob Street.

Committee Room City Hall,  
September 4th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges  
Committee held this day the attached application  
of R.J.Ehamn to conduct a Public Billiards Room  
at No. 33 Jacob Street was read.

It is recommended that the application  
be granted.

John J. Power,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman  
Douglas that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Committee recommending  
accounts for payment.

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

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Police Committee begs to recommend  
the following accounts for payment :-

|                              |                           |           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Halifax Vulcanizing Co.      | Repairs to Cars.          | 46.50     |
| Maritime Telephone Co.       | Tel. Service              | 32.45     |
| W.B. Williams                | Eng. & Badges             | 5.75      |
| H.R. Bergmann & Co. Ltd.     | Crests                    | 6.00      |
| Royal Print & Litho Ltd.     | Directories               | 25.00     |
| Globe Laundry Co. Ltd.       | Laundry                   | .83       |
| J.C. Foster                  | Suit, Chief of Police     | 100.00    |
| George J. Foley              | Meals                     | 2.45      |
| T.J. Whalen & Co.            | White gloves & cap covers | 60.40     |
| Kellys Ltd.                  | Soap, polish, etc         | 1.40      |
| A.H. Lamphier                | Canvas cushion            | 4.00      |
| The George Hay Tailoring Co. | Coats                     | 100.00    |
| T.C. Allen & Co.             | Stationery                | 25.98     |
| Frank W. Fraser              | Feed                      | 25.38     |
| H. McFatridge                | Horseshoeing              | 3.65      |
| The Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.    | Boots                     | 63.30     |
|                              |                           | <hr/>     |
|                              |                           | \$ 503.09 |

J. Parker, Mayor and Chairman.

*Asst. City Clerk -  
Chief of Police -*

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

PEDLARS LICENSE L.W.G. HASPELL.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee recommending the granting of a pedlars license to L.W.G. Haspell.

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

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

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day the attached application of L.W.G. Haspell for a pedlars license was read.

Your Committee recommend the application be granted.

John J. Power,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Douglas that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

POLICE MOTOR PATROL CAR.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges re Motor Police Patrol Car.

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

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

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day the claim of the Halifax Automobile Company \$2275.00 for a Motor Police Patrol was under consideration.

Your Committee recommend that the decision of the late Board of Control of April 1st, last with respect to this Car be adhered to and that Mr. Kane be notified to remove the car from the City Stable within one week.

John J. Power,  
Chairman.

*Asst. City Clerk  
Chief of Police*

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*Mayor ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
Cj. Sullivan ✓  
W. J. Kane ✓  
Sept. 11th 1919 ✓*

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Bissett that the report be adopted. Motion put and passed 14 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows -

For the Motion

Against it.

Aldermen Colwell  
Whitman  
Hoyt  
Bissett  
Regan  
Kelly  
Douglas  
Murphy  
Butler  
Power  
Guildford  
Godwin  
Hubley  
Thompson -14

Aldermen Aekhurst  
Finlay  
Buckley  
Ritchie-4

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Committee on Fire Wards on various matters .

Committee Room, City Hall,  
September 3rd, 1919

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Fire Wards met this afternoon, present Aldermen Hoyt, Chairman, Ritchie, Murphy, Godwin, Whitman and Kelly.

The Committee beg to report and recommend as follows -

1. Motor Salvage Car. The following report from the Chairman and Chief of the Department is recommended for approval.

Office of Chief of Fire Department,  
Halifax, N.S., August 1919

Board of Fire Wards,  
Gentlemen:-

We beg to report that we have gone carefully over the specifications of the Motor Salvage Car supplied by the American La France Engine Co. and have compared and checked off same; and found every thing in good condition, and meeting the requirements



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*Chief Fire Dept ✓*

of the specification. And would recommend that this car be accepted and placed in commission at Brunswick St. Station.

W.W.Hoyt, Chairman,  
J.W.Churchill, Chief .

2- Sale of Horses. The following report from the Chief is recommended for approval.

Halifax Fire Department,  
August 27, 1919

Board of Fire Wards.  
Gentlemen:-

*Chief Fire Dept ✓*

I beg to report that we have at present twenty six horses in the Department. Five of which could be sold at once, by placing the Reo Car which has been used as a salvage car since May last, in Quinpool Road Station, in place of the double wagon now there. ~~These~~ would make a considerable saving in fodder and would improve the efficiency of the Department. I would also recommend the purchase of two young horses, and later on the sale of an older pair.

J.W.Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

The horses above referred to consist of one pair of black horses at Quinpool Rd. House, one pair of dark bays at the Exhibition Grounds station and one black horse at Morris Street Station and that on the purchase of the two additional horses ~~these~~ two now in service be disposed of.

3- Gratuity to Widow of W.B.Fidler. It is recommended that in view of Mr. Fidler's 43 years of service the following report of the Chief be adopted and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare and submit legislation authorizing the City to pay to Mrs. Fidler a gratuity of \$1000.00 the said amount to be assessed in next years estimates.

Halifax Fire Department,  
August 27, 1919

*Chief Fire Dept ✓  
City Solicitor ✓  
City Auditor ✓  
Mrs W B Fidler ✓*

Board of Fire Wards.  
Gentlemen:-

The matter of Gratuity of One thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars sought by the Widow of the late W.B.Fidler has been referred to me for report. In looking over the records of the deceased members of the Department, I find that in every case One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars has been granted, after

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making application and the necessary legislation been obtained. I would therefore recommend if it is in my power to do so, that the preceding custom be adhered to in this case as in the past thereby granting the Widow of the Late deceased, One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars gratuity.

J.W.Churchill,  
Chief.

4-Electrical Supplies. The following report from the City Electrician is recommended for adoption -

City Electrician's Office,  
July 31, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report that I have examined the enclosed tenders for electrical supplies, and find that neither the Northern Electric nor Canadian General Electric Co. have complied with the conditions of the specification.

In comparing the prices I find in general that the Northern Electric Co. is lowest on Fire Alarm material, while the Canadian General Electric Co. is lowest on other material.

I would recommend that the tender of the Northern Electric Co. be accepted for Fire Alarm material and supplies, and that of the Canadian General Electric Co. be accepted for other Electrical supplies.

B.R.Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

5- It is recommended that the City Electrician be instructed to repair the striker parts of the fire alarm bell in the Tower of the Central Fire Station, the cost of which will be between \$600.00 and \$800.00

6- Accounts. The following accounts for the months of July and August are recommended for payment.

|                              |                  |       |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| John McInnes & Sons Ltd.     | Lumber           | 14.56 |
| A.H.Lamphier                 | Carriage repairs | 25.00 |
| Cragg Bros. Co.Ltd.          | Cleavers         | 1.15  |
| O.C.Marriott                 | horseshoeing     | 24.38 |
| Robert Horner                | do               | 20.95 |
| H.D.MacKenzie & Co. Ltd.     | Coal             | 50.25 |
| T.A.S.DeWolfe & Son          | Salt             | 3.00  |
| National Drug & Chemical Co. | Cresyphen        | 1.45  |
| J.L.Wilson & Co.             | Polish           | 18.00 |

*Electrician  
Auditor  
Chief Fire Dept  
City Engineer*

*City Clerk  
Chief Fire Dept  
as Mayor  
City Electrician*

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|                                      |                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Imperial Oil Co.                     | Gasoline             | 165.72      |
| Austen Bros. Ltd.                    | Extinguisher         |             |
|                                      | Bottles              | 3.00        |
| James Simmonds Ltd.                  | Hardware             | 8.75        |
| T.C. Allen & Co.                     | Stationery           | 20.50       |
| H.D. McFatridge                      | Horseshoeing         | 9.65        |
| Dominion Rubber System               | Expanding Rings      | 4.00        |
| Wm. Collings & Son                   | Machine Supplies     | 30.50       |
| Halifax Vulcanizing Works            | Vulcanizing          | 5.90        |
| Chas. Brister & Son                  | Motor Supplies       | 37.80       |
| Ungars Laundry & Dye Works           | Laundry              | 35.97       |
| R.N. McDonald                        | Soda                 | 31.50       |
| Frank W. Fraser                      | Fodder               | 400.89      |
| N.S. Tramway & Power Co.             | Light                | 23.86       |
| Mar. Telegraph Co.                   | Phone Service        | 27.90       |
| A.&W. MacKinlay Ltd.                 | Books                | 12.60       |
| Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.           | Motor supplies       | 109/10      |
| Buckley Coal & Contracting<br>Co.    | Coal                 | 30.75       |
| Wm. Collings & Sons                  | Machine repairs      | 64.91       |
| American LaFrance Fire<br>Engine Co. | Motor Salvage<br>Car | 9750.00     |
|                                      | Total                | \$ 10940.04 |

|                                      |                       |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Imperial Oil Co.                     | Gasoline              | 273.14           |
| H.D. MacKenzie Co.                   | Coal                  | 1592.50          |
| H.D. McFatridge                      | Horseshoeing          | 15.40            |
| Wm. J. Regan                         | Chamois               | 48.00            |
| Jas. Simmonds Ltd.                   | hardware              | 22.10            |
| National Drug & Chemical Co.         | Sponges               | 10 15            |
| C.R. Hoben & Co.                     | Solder                | 1.50             |
| Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow              | Lead                  | .43              |
| E.B. Eddy Co. Ltd.                   | Paper                 | 7.84             |
| Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.           | Tiers                 | 156.20           |
| American LaFrance Fire<br>Engine Co. | Generator             | 56.50            |
| Ungar's Laundry & Dye Works          | Laundry               | 32.77            |
| Maritime Telephone Co.               | Phone Service         | 27.80            |
| Chief Churchill                      | Expenses to<br>Ottawa | 90.00            |
|                                      |                       | <u>\$2334.44</u> |

W.W. Hoyt,  
Chairman.

The report is taken up for consideration clause  
by clause.

Read clause one re Motor Salvage Car.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman

Ritchie that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

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Read clause two re sale of horses.

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

Read clause three re gratuity to widow of W.B.Fidler.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Power that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause four re tenders for electrical supplies.

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

Read clause five re striker parts for tower fire alarm bell in Central Engine House.

Moved by Aldermen Whitman seconded by Alderman Kelly that the clause be referred back to the Committee for further consideration. Motion passed.

Read clause six re accounts.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Kelly that the clause be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

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

F.C.CRAIG ACCOUNT - CITY HEALTH BOARD.

Read report City Health Board recommending payment of salary of Inspector F.C.Craig.

Chief Fire Dept ✓

Chief Fire Dept ✓

City Auditor ✓

City Auditor ✓

W.B.Fidler ✓

Electrician ✓

Auditor ✓

Chief Fire Dept ✓

City Engineer ✓

City Clerk ✓

Chief Fire Dept ✓

Alld Hoyt ✓

City Electrician ✓

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Office of City HealthBoard,  
September 4th, 1919

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

Attached is an account totalling \$375.00 covering the salary due to F.C.Craig, Inspector, for services rendered., passed for payment by the Board of Health and recommended for your approval.

J.A.Watters,  
Secretary C.H.B.  
Per. A.C.P.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Power that the report and account be referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Kelly that the report be adopted and the account paid.

The vote being taken there appeared.

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Aldermen Colwell  
Ackhurst  
Finlay  
Kelly  
Murphy  
Buckley  
Guildford  
Godwin  
Thompson-9

Aldermen Whitman  
Hoyt  
Bissett  
Regan  
Douglas  
Butler  
Ritchie  
Power  
Hybley-9

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

HOUSING COMMISSION.

Read report Special Committee appointed under the Housing Act, 1919 recommending the appointment of a Housing Commission under said Act. (See Minutes City Council, August 6th, 1919)

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

The Housing Committee begs to report that they have unanimously decided upon recommending Mr. S.M. Brookfield, Mr. J.T. Wilson, Mr. Ralph Eisner, Mr. B.W. Russell and Mr. Thos. W. Martin for appointment to a commission to be known as "The Housing Commission of the Municipality of the City of Halifax" for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Nova Scotia Housing Act, 1919.

J. A. Thompson, Chairman,  
E. J. Kelly, Sec'y.

Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Power that the report be deferred and considered at a special meeting of this Council to be held on Thursday evening next.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Murphy that Mr. Wensley B. McCoy be permitted to address the Council on the matter of the housing problem.

Amendment put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Ritchie that a special meeting of this Council be held on Tuesday evening next to take up and consider these reports on the Housing Problem. Amendment put and lost 7 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment.

Aldermen Finlay  
Kelly  
Regan  
Douglas  
Murphy  
Buckley  
Ritchie-7

Against it.

Aldermen Colwell  
Whitman  
Ackhurst  
Hoyt  
Bissett  
Butler  
Power  
Guildford  
Godwin  
Hobley  
Thompson -11

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The original motion is put and passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending accounts for payment.

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His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir,

The attached accounts amounting to the sum of \$27937.17 for the Works Department for the month of August, 1919, and chargeable to the following services are recommended for payment.

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Permanent Sidewalks         | 440.96     |
| Internal Health             | 41.81      |
| Electric Wiring Inspection  | .81        |
| Loan Widening Streets       | 6.30       |
| Cleaning Paved Streets      | 16.50      |
| Streets                     | 279.53     |
| Street Lighting             | 2772.47    |
| City Property               | 18.75      |
| Telephones                  | 126.35     |
| Fuel, City Hall             | 33.60      |
| City Hall Lighting          | 1.00       |
| Plumbing Under Health Rules | 3.50       |
| Market Revenue              | 46.91      |
| Permanent Pavement          | 43.85      |
| City Prison Improvement     | 3.48       |
| Fleming Park                | .44        |
| Sewerage                    | 9970.31    |
| Public Baths                | 2.85       |
|                             | <hr/>      |
|                             | \$13809.42 |
| Water Maintenance           | 1154.84    |
| Water Construction          | 12972.91   |
|                             | <hr/>      |
|                             | 14127.75   |
|                             | <hr/>      |
|                             | \$27937.17 |

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Finlay that the <sup>report</sup> ~~accounts~~ be adopted and the accounts paid.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by

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Alderman Buckley that the account \$2772.47 for Street Lighting be deferred and the City Engineers requested to submit a report on the same.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Colwell that the question be now put. Motion passed

Alderman Murphy's amendment is put and lost.

The original motion is put and passed

OAKLAND ROAD AND STUDLEY STREET WATER TRENCH.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer re Oakland Road and Studley Street Water Trench Contract.

City Works Office, Sept, 4, 1919

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Works Committee beg to recommend for payment to Cook & Dunbrack the amount of \$776.60, payment in full on their contract for excavating water trench Oakland Road and Studley Street.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Sept, 3, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

Certificate #3 -Final  
I beg to recommend payment of Messrs. Cook and Dunbrack of the sum of seven hundred and seventy-six dollars and sixty cents (\$776.60) being the amount due them in full on their contract for excavating for water trench in Oakland Road and Studley Street-

Value of work done \$3885.00

Less paid on certificates 1 and 2

Bal. in full

3106.40  
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\$ 776.60

Before payment is made, the contractor to file certificates from the Registrar of Deeds that no liens have been recorded against this work, and also a certificate from the Workmen's



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Compensation Board that all assessments due on account of this contract, have been paid.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Finlay that the reports be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

SEWER SEWER  
UNION STREET/TRENCH - RICHMOND STREET/TRENCH.

Read reports Committee on Works and reports (2) Assistant City Engineer re contracts for sewer trenching Union Street and Richmond Street.

City Works Office, Sept. 4, 19

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Works Committee recommend for payment to Victor Bianco the following sums -

Balance due in full on contract for excavating sewer trench Richmond Street 1023.73

Balance due in full on contract for excavating sewer trench Union Street 1303.90  
\$ 2327.63

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
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His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir, Certificate #3 - Final

I beg to recommend payment to Victor Bianco of the sum of one thousand three hundred and three dollars and ninety cents (\$1303.90) being the balance due him in full on his contract for excavating for sewer trench in Union Street -

Value of work done \$8348.70  
Paid on certificates 1 and 2 7044.80  
Bal. in full \$ 1303.90

Before payment is made, the contractor to file certificates from the Registrar of Deeds that no liens have been recorded against this work and also a certificate from the Workmen's Compensation Board that all assessments due on account of this

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contract, have been paid.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

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City Engineer's Office,  
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His Worship the Mayor,  
sir, Certificate #3 -Final

I beg to recommend payment to Victor Bianco of the sum of one thousand and twenty-three dollars and seventy-three cents (\$1023.73) being the balance due him in full on his contract for excavating for sewer trench in Richmond  $\frac{3}{4}$  Street -

Value of work done \$4454.50

Less paid on certificates

1 and 2

3430.77

Bal. in full

\$ 1023.73

Before payment is made, the contractor to file certificates from the Registrar of Deeds that no liens have been recorded against this work and also a certificate from the Workmen's Compensation Board that all assessments due on account of this contract, have been paid.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Finlay that the reports be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY MOTOR CARS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending purchase of a motor car for the City Engineer's office staff.

City Works Office, Sept. 4, 1919

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report from the City Engineer recommending the purchase of a roadster car for use of the office staff employed in the supervision of paving, sidewalks, streets, sewers and water works.

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The Works Committee recommend that a Chevrolet roadster car, 4. cyl., be purchased, at a cost of \$1015.00

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
September 3rd, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

As the Works Committee is aware, the City Works Department this year has the supervision of a very much larger amount of work than usual, the same conditions will exist next year. It is impossible to give the work the supervision it needs with one car. In the Works Department, Mr. Downie, the Superintendent of Streets and Sewers has a car which probably covers more mileage than any other car in the City. Mr. Fegan has a roadster car for his work and as his work is scattered all over the City, he could not overtake it without his car. We use the car during the hours that he is at the office, but mistakes occur and the city loses in consequence of the difficulty in reaching the work more promptly and more frequently. It is not a business like way to carry on the work, and means a loss to the City.

I would strongly recommend the purchase of a roadster car for the use of the office staff employed in the supervision of paving, sidewalks, streets, sewers and water works. I have obtained prices for cars as follows -

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Ford -4 cyl. (with self starter ) | \$855.00 |
| Chevrolet -4 cyl.                 | 1015.00  |
| Gray Dort- 4 cyl.                 | 1395.00  |
| Royal Mail-4 cyl.                 | 1625.00  |
| McLaughlin -6 cyl.                | 1800.00  |

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Finlay that the said reports be adopted. Motion passed.

CITY PRISON.

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

*Engineer -  
Clerk of Works*

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Committee Room, City Hall,  
September 3rd, 1919

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on City Prison beg to report that a meeting was held today, present Alderman Ritchie, Chairman, Colwell, Hubley, Hoyt, Murphy and Buckley.

It is recommended -

1. Clothing for Prisoners That the Governor of the Prison be empowered to purchase 30 pairs of pants for prisoners to the best advantage.
2. Prison Horse That the Governor be authorized to dispose of the light weight horse at the prison and to arrange to replace it with one of heavier weight suitable for the needs of the institution
3. Prison Guards That T.J. Driscoll be appointed a Prison Guard.
4. That the resignation of I.J. Ingraham be accepted.
5. Holidays. That the Governor be empowered to hire temporary help while the help have their annual holidays.
6. Stone. The Committee also reports that the Chairman has arranged for the sale of stone now on hand about 11,000 bushels.
7. Accounts. The following accounts are recommended for payment -

|                                   |                  |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Lynchs Ltd.                       | Bread            | 170.50     |
| Wentzells Ltd.                    | Groceries        | 253.03     |
| W.A. Maling & co.                 | Beer             | 194.34     |
| Frank W. Fraser                   | Feed             | 48.40      |
| J.F. Topp                         | Horseshoeing     | 8.15       |
| Technical College                 | Repairs to boots | 30.00      |
| Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.             | Boots & Leather  | 18.35      |
| London Rubber Stamp Co.           | Rubber Stamp     | 8.00       |
| David Roche                       | Glass            | 3.36       |
| T.C. Allen & Co.                  | Stationery       | 5.20       |
| Religious of the<br>Good Shepherd | Laundry          | 43.40      |
| Black & Flinn                     | Lime             | 5.50       |
| Maritime Telephone Co.            | Rental           | 5.45       |
| Hugh D. MacKenzie                 | Coal             | 775.00     |
| Halifax Herald                    | Advertising      | 12.60      |
| A.L. Melvin & Co.                 | Hardware         | 48.39      |
| Stroud & Eveleigh                 | Repairs          | 46.25      |
|                                   |                  | <hr/>      |
|                                   |                  | \$ 1675.92 |

George Ritchie,  
Chairman.

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*Garrison City  
Prison  
also Ritchie  
Auditor*

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

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Library Committee recommending accounts for payment.

Citizen's Free Library,  
Halifax, N.S. September 4th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor and City Council  
Gentlemen:-

The Library Commission beg to recommend the following bills for payment.

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| T.S. Allen & Co.         | .50       |
| Manufacturers Press Ltd. | 38.50     |
| Royal Print & Litho Ltd. | 5.00      |
|                          | <hr/>     |
|                          | \$ 44 .00 |

L. Barnaby,  
Librarian.

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

WORKS DEPARTMENT LATHE.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending the purchase of a lathe for the Works Department.

City Works Office, Sept, 4, 19

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Works Committee beg to recommend the purchase from Austen Bros. Ltd., of an 18"x8" Perfect Machine Company's Lathe, at a cost of \$1300. for meter repairing as recommended in the attached report of the City Engineer.

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
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His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

Mr. A.L. Smith, meter foreman, has been overseas. During his absence the meter department has suffered in various ways. The work has had to be done by less skilful men and the lathe which was in use has become unservicable.

As Mr. Smith is capable of repairing any of the meters owned by the City, including the larger ones, a large lathe is required. Mr. Smith has made enquiries and obtained prices for lathes which can be obtained quickly, and I would recommend the purchase from Austen Bros. Limited, of an 18" X 8' Perfect Machine Company's lathe, double backed gear, quick change gear, at \$1300.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending accounts for payment.

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

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

The attached accounts totalling \$2,903.18 passed by the Board of Health, are submitted for approval.

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

Smallpox Hospital:

|                        |                            |        |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| G. M. Meagher          | Bread                      | 38.54  |
| C. P. R. 5             | Telegraphs                 | 2.47   |
| Stroud & Eveleigh      | Rep. Ambulance             | 111.25 |
| King Edward Stables    | Conveyance                 |        |
|                        | Patients                   | 286.50 |
| J. A. Leaman & Co.     | Meats                      | 275.62 |
| Wentzells Ltd.         | Groceries                  | 348.37 |
| Leonard Fisheries Ltd. | Fish                       | 36.88  |
| Farquhar Bros          | Stove-Elec-<br>trical work | 13.30  |

*Engineer  
Clerk & works.*

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|                        |              |           |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| MacLeod & Balcom       | Drugs        | 94.70     |
| Kinley & Ltd.          | Drugs        | 129.05    |
| Cragg Bros.            | Hardware     | 9.50      |
| S. Cunard & Co.        | Coal         | 50.75     |
| S. D. Innes            | Milk         | 143.75    |
| P. T. Shea             | Butter, etc  | 166.48    |
| G. M. Smith & Co. Ltd. | Drygoods     | 5.98      |
| Halifax Herald         | Advertising  | 24.50     |
| Chronicle Pub. Co.     | Advertising  | 46.20     |
| Casino Drug Store      | Drugs        | 47.75     |
| Ross Print             | Printing     | 24.25     |
| Hfx. Steam Laundry     | Washing      | 148.14    |
| The Citizen            | Advertising  | 19.20     |
| J. Lycon               | Taxi service | 103.50    |
|                        |              | \$2126.68 |

Isolation Hospital

|                        |            |           |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|
| G. M. Meagher          | Bread      | 7.98      |
| J. A. Leaman & Co.     | Meat       | 37.13     |
| Wentzells Ltd.         | Groceries  | 63.57     |
| Leonard Fisheries Ltd. | Fish       | 1.60      |
| McLeod & Balcom        | Drugs      | 7.15      |
| S. Cunard & Co.        | Coal       | 52.50     |
| S. D. Innes            | Milk       | 23.00     |
| P. T. Shea             | Butter etc | 32.15     |
| Casino Drug Store      | Drugs      | 12.15     |
| Hfx. Steam Laundry     | Washing    | 13.17     |
| Hugh D. MacKenzie      | Coal       | 247.50    |
|                        |            | \$ 497.90 |

General Account:

|                      |           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Office Specialty Co. | Furniture | 273.25    |
| G. A. Burbridge      | Drugs     | 3.85      |
| Holland & Kuhn       | Draming   | 1.50      |
|                      |           | 278.60    |
|                      |           | \$2903.18 |

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Hoyt that the said accounts be referred to the Committee on Finance for report. Motion passed.

ROSEBANK AVENUE SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer and water extension Rosebank Avenue.

City Works Office, Sept. 4, 1919

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Works Committee beg to recommend for

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adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer recommending sewer and water extension in Rosebank Avenue from Jubilee Road to Quinpool Road.

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Sep. 2, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on petitions received asking for the extension of the sewer and water service on Rosebank Avenue between Jubilee Road and Quinpool Road.

There are four houses to be supplied and others in prospect. The estimated cost of constructing a sewer is \$9870. The estimated cost of extending the water pipe in the same trench is \$2900.

While the extension is being made, it would be better to complete the block between Norwood Street and Quinpool Road and to lay the water pipe at the same time.

I would recommend that the sewer and water extension be ordered to be laid in Rosebank Avenue from Jubilee Road to Quinpool Road and that a special rate for the houses between Norwood Street and Quinpool Road be fixed at \$54, to be reduced as other houses are erected.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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

HUGH SMITH BILLIARDROOM LICENSE.

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee recommending the granting of a Billiard Room License to Hugh Smith.

Halifax, N.S. August 29, 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 application of Hugh Smith for a license to operate a Public Billiard room at the premises corner Almon



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and Agricola Streets was read.

Your Committee recommend that the application be granted.

John J. Power,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

COAL WEIGHERS.

(See Minutes City Council, August 6th, 1919)

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges recommending the appointment of two additional coal weighers.

Halifax, N.S., August 29th, 1919

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

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day the report of the Supervisor of Coal Weighers asking for the appointment of two additional Coal Weighers was read.

Your Committee recommend that the appointment of Messrs. W.T.R. Grant and Wm. Wood as Coal Weighers for the City of Halifax.

John J. Power,  
Chairman.

Also read letter Supervisor Cummings recommending the appointment of a weigher to fill the vacancy <sup>caused by the death of</sup> of H. C. Morris.

Halifax, N.S. August 22nd, 1919

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

I beg to inform your Honorable Body that the death occurred on June 23rd of H.C. Morris a member of the permanent coal weighing staff.

The appointment of a permanent weigher to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Morris is urgently needed.

S. Cummins,  
Supervisor of Weighers.

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*Simon  
Cummins ✓*

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that William Wood be appointed a permanent Coal Weigher and that W.T.R. Grant be appointed a supernumary Coal Weigher. Motion passed.

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Read account C.W. Raine against the Camp Hill Cemetery Commission \$65.59 for fencing.

Moved by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Thompson that the account be paid. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS OF HALIFAX COMMON.

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges and opinion City Solicitor re the constitution of the Halifax Commons Commission (see Minutes of City Council, August 6, 1919)

Halifax, N.S., August 29, 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 report of the Commissioners of Halifax Common re the constitution of the Committee referred to the Committee for report was read together with the opinion of the City Solicitor on the matter.

Your Committee concur in the opinion of the City Solicitor and recommend its adoption by the City Council.

John J. Power,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Office of City Solicitor,  
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 7, 1919

The Chairman of the Committee  
on Laws & Privileges.

Dear Sir:-

I have already given a short opinion in this matter that the Mayor is ex-officio Chairman of the Commons and Gardens Commission under Section 714 of the Charter, which provides expressly that he shall be Chairman of the Board. In view

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of the suggestions made by Alderman Regan I will now give my reasons at greater length.

Mr. Regan's argument is based on the supposition that the Charter of 1907 was revised in its entirety. This is a mistake. The problem for legal drafting presented by the Act to change the form of civic government was an extremely difficult one. It was necessary to effect the change without causing any obstruction or delay in the conduct of civic business. The Act has also to be as short and simple as possible to prevent unnecessary discussion and consideration during its passage through the legislature, and it had also to be prepared in a very short time so as to enable a plebiscite to be taken and the change effected with the least possible delay and in time for the ordinary civic elections or very soon thereafter.

After considerable study it was resolved to effect the change by substituting for the provisions of the existing Charter relating to a Board of Control the provisions of the Charter of 1907 constituting a form of government by a Council of aldermen and committees. As to the other provisions of the Charter it was impossible to re-instate the Charter of 1907. Not only was there a mass of legislation between 1907 and 1914 which was embodied in the revision of 1914, but the amendments since 1914 all related to the Charter of that date and could not have been re-incorporated in the Charter of 1907 without almost redrafting the Act at great length. The scheme therefore resolved on was to provide in general terms that the functions to be discharged ~~under~~ by the Board of Control under the Charter of 1914 were transferred in general terms to the bodies by which they would respectively have been discharged under the Charter of 1907. These changes were confined to the Board of Control, and clearly in my opinion did not deprive the Mayor of a function specifically conferred upon him such as that of the chairmanship of the Gardens Commission.

It is inevitable that some difficulties will arise in working out these general terms. Such a difficulty does exist in connection with Section 713, but I think a fair construction of that Section as interpreted in connection with the general powers mentioned is that six members of the City Council, including the Mayor are substituted for the five members of the Board of Control and one alderman provided for by that Section, and that the succeeding Section providing that the Mayor shall be the chairman of the Board is operative.

F. H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman

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Ackhurst that the report be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Whitmans that the question be now put. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the Council adjourn.

The question is not pressed.

The motion for the adoption of the report is put and passed.

CITY HOME.

Read report Charities Committee for the month of August.

Halifax, N.S. September 3rd, 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, Aldermen Hoyt, Murphy, Ritchie and Hubley.

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of August 1919 there were 15 persons admitted into the City Home, 2 born, 13 discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted 2 were chargeable to the Province and 13 to the City. The total number of inmates August 31st, was 250, made up of 128 men, 119 women and 3 children. On the same day last year there were 150 men, 118 women and 6 children a total of 274.

The Committee would recommend that the tender of Gordon & Keith for supplying the institution with Hospital Beds, Springs and Mattresses complete for the sum of \$18.40 each, being the lowest, be accepted.

The Committee would recommend that the offer of Messrs. C.R. Hoben & Co. to do the trenching, digging, etc., necessary to connect the down spouting with the sewer for the sum of \$250.00 be accepted.

The following accounts are recommended for payment -

September 4th, 1919

|                              |               |                   |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Wentzells Ltd.               | Groceries     | 1259.89           |
| J.A. Leaman & Co.            | Meat          | 759.48            |
| Leonard Fisheries Ltd.       | Fish          | 55.45             |
| Smith & Proctor              | Butter        | 240.24            |
| Frank W. Fraser              | Feed          | 49.65             |
| Kennedy's Limited            | Drygoods      | 65.62             |
| H.D. Grant                   | Milk          | 204.23            |
| Chronicle Pub. Co.           | Advertising   | 1.40              |
| Halifax Herald               | do            | 1.40              |
| Blackadar Bros.              | do            | 1.40              |
| H.D. MacKenzie Co. Ltd.      | Coal          | 220.80            |
| Union Coal Co. Ltd.          | Coal          | 30.50             |
| The Fleischmann Co.          | Yeast         | 4.55              |
| Hillis & Sons Ltd.           | Fittings      | 36.00             |
| T.J. Whalen & Co.            | Underwear     | 32.00             |
| N.S. Tramways & Power Co.    | Light         | 23.68             |
|                              | Power         | 5.32              |
| Nickerson & Coe Ltd.         | Groceries     | 29.00             |
| Jas. Simmonds Ltd.           | Hardware      | 93.57             |
| National Drug & Chemical Co. | Drugs         | 4.13              |
| Brookfield Bros. Ltd.        | Sand          | 4.00              |
| Saml. Marshall & Sons        | Building      | 2.25              |
| W/H. Nye                     | Repairs       | 33.50             |
| Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.          | Phone         | 4.50              |
| Victoria General Hosp.       | Dispensing    | 5.10              |
| H. MacFatrige                | Horseshoeing  | 124.45            |
| J. H. Buchanan               | Cash expended | 7.25              |
| Salaries                     |               | 455.99            |
|                              |               | 1023.26           |
|                              |               | <u>\$ 4749.61</u> |

*Gas & Bryan*

H.S. Colwell,  
Chairman.

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

11.40 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman  
Regan that the Council do now adjourn. Motion  
put and lost 4 voting for the same and 12 against  
it as follows -

For the Motion.  
Aldermen Whitman  
Bissett  
Regan  
Guildford-4

Against it.  
Aldermen Colwell  
Askhurst  
Finlay  
Douglas  
Murphy  
Buckley  
Butler  
Ritchie  
Power  
Godwin  
Hupley  
Thompson-12

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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL PLANS.

Alderman Ackhurst addressed the Council in relation to the action at law proposed to be taken by Ross and Macdonald to recover their claim for cost of making plans for the proposed Tuberculosis Hospital.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Read Cash Statement City Treasurer for the month of August. Filed.

ST. PATRICK'S GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL -ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PROPERTY.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners re the acquisition of land for extension of St. Patrick's Girls High School property.

Board of School Commissioners,  
August 26, 1919

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners yesterday, the following resolutions were adopted :

"RESOLVED That, the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, being desirous of obtaining, for school extension purposes, the lot of land adjacent west of St. Patrick's Girl's High School and fronting on Mattland St., apply to the owners of said land for purchase of ~~same~~ same asking them to name the lowest price they will accept in payment thereof, and requesting a reply within five days from date "

"RESOLVED That, the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, being desirous of obtaining the site known as St. John's Church immediately north of St. Patrick's Girls' High School, for school extension purposes, apply to the owners of said site for purchase of same asking them to name the lowest price they will accept, and requesting a reply within five days from date".

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

September 4th, 1919

*S. J. Wilson  
Secy School Board*

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Buckley that the letter be referred back to the Board of School Commissioners to be dealt with by them as requested by this Council.

The letter is filed.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Regan that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.50 o'clock.

*Fred W. Wagoner*

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK .