

November 10th, 1919

Mayor's Office, Halifax, N.S.,
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To the City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Police Committee beg to recommend for your approval the accompanying report of the Assistant Building Inspector estimating the cost of alterations in the Court Room and Police Rooms to be seven hundred and fifty dollars.

J.S. Parker,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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City Engineer's Office,
July 24th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,
Chairman Police Department.

Sir.,

In compliance with your request I have examined the Court Room and Police rooms and estimate the cost to make the alterations to be seven hundred and fifty dollars.

W.R. Fegan,
Asst. Bldg. Inspector.

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

CITY PRISON.

Read report City Prison Committee on various matters.

Committee Room, City Hall,
November 5th, 1919

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on City Prison beg to report that since their last report to City Council they have held three meetings; October 23rd, present Aldermen Ritchie, Chairman, Hubley, Buckley, Colwell and Murphy; October 30th, Alderman Ritchie chairman, Hoyt, Colwell, and Murphy; November 5th, Aldermen Ritchie, Chairman, Hoyt, and Murphy.

*Engineer ✓
Chief of Works ✓
Auditor ✓*

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Uniform Clothing.

1 In response to call for tenders for uniform clothing for Prison Officials three bids were received. It is recommended that the tender of Maxwell's Ltd. \$48.00 be accepted.

Prison Underkeepers.

2 W.J.Hanebury and P.J.Driscoll, prison officials have resigned. The acceptance of their resignations is recommended.

It is recommended that Wm.H. Burns and Charles T.Yeadon be appointed to fill the vacancies.

Housing of Officials.

3 The Chairman presented a scheme for the housing of the keepers, He suggested moving the bungalow to the road by the entrance gates, the buying of two or three of the Bloomfield St. properties now owned by the School Board, having same removed to the Prison property. The whole scheme would entail an expense under \$5,000.00 from which we would get splendid returns in rentals, also making it possible to obtain and keep officials that would be thoroughly satisfactory. The Scheme was approved by the Board. The Chairman, Governor and Building Inspector to arrange for options on suitable properties until the approval of the Council is obtained.

*Governor
Grant
and William
and Clerk
Engineer*

Accounts.

4 The following named accounts are recommended for payment:-

Lynch's Ltd.	Bread	159.00
Wentzells Ltd.	Groceries	280.25
W.A.Maling & Co,	Beef	213.77
R.G.Morton	Drygoods	199.00
Frank Fraser	Feed	58.65
Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.	Boots & Shoes	64.80
Hillis & Sons	Enamelware	
	Stove fittings	14.55
J.F.Topp	Horseshoeing	7.90
Neil Fox	Harness supplies	14.30
I rwin & Sons	Drugs	10.60
Morrissey & Purcell	Repairs & plumbing	4.00
Halifax Herald	Advertising	6.30
N. S. Tramway & Power Co.	Current	49.86
T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery	2.40
Har. Tel. Co.	Rental	7.65
A.L.Melvin & Co.	Hardware	10.38
		<u>\$ 1094.39</u>

George E. Ritchie,
Chairman.

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Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Hubley that the clause of the report relating to the housing of Prison Officials be referred to the Finance Committee and the City Engineer for report and that the balance of the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER RIGHT OF WAY
EXPENSES.

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment expenses in connection with the expropriation of the right of way for the North West Arm Trunk Sewer.

Committee Room, City Hall,
October, 7th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached accounts, bills of cost in connection with the expropriation of North West Arm Trunk Sewer, Right of Way were passed as correct and recommended for payment, viz:-

Covert Pearson & McNutt, Solicitors.	
Nova Scotia Tramway & Power Co. Ltd.	99.25
Est. Rod'k McDonald, south	89.25
" " " north	89.25
Est. B.F. Pearson	84.25
G. Fred Pearson	84.25
Application for payment out of Court	
Nova Scotia Tramway & Power Co. Ltd.	18.00
Est Rod'k McDonald, south	18.00
" " " north	18.00
E.P. Allison, Solicitor.	
Bircendale Ltd.	119.25
" " Application for payment out of Court	18.00

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City Engineer's Office,
October 30th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the Halifax Dredging Company for a lease of the Horse shoe Island property in connection with their business, until the City desires to utilize it. The Company are desirous of landing material on it for distribution in the western part of the City, and propose to pay a rental at the rate of \$500.00 per annum.

The City will not be using or developing the property in any way until next summer and possibly not then, as no definite plan or policy has yet been decided upon. In the meantime, if the City can obtain some revenue from it without injury to City interests, I think it would be wise to do so, and I would recommend that a lease be given on such terms as your Committee may decide, the conditions to provide that the City can take the property over at any time on reasonable notice, if they desire to do so.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Power that the reports be referred back to the Committee for further report and that the City Engineer submit a plan showing the portion of the property proposed to be leased.

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

For the amendment.

Aldermen Warkton, Bissett, Regan, Kelly,
Butler, Power, Guildford, Hubley, Thompson -9

Against it.

Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Douglas,
Murphy, Rice -6

Engineer ✓

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VICTORY LOAN ADVERTISING.

Read offer Morning Chronicle to insert a display Victory Loan advertisement for \$100.00
Filed.

POLES AND WIRES IN STREETS-PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD.

Read notification from Board of Public Utilities of a hearing by that body in the matter of Poles and Wires in streets.

Board of Commissioners of Public
Utilities,
November 7th, 1919

Mr. L. Fred Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Complaint: City of Halifax vs Nova Scotia
Tramways & Power Co. Ltd. & Maritime Tel.
& Tel. Co. Ltd. Re Pole Lines.

Dear Sir:-

The Board had before it yesterday the extract from the minutes of the City Council meeting held on October 2nd.

I was directed to notify you that the Board will hear the City's representatives informally in regard to the above matter as requested on Tuesday, November 18th, at 2.30 p.m. at the office of the Board, the City to give notice to the Respondent companies of such conference.

L. B. Taylor,
Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Whitman that this matter be referred to a special Committee consisting of Alderman Hoyt, the City Engineer, the City Solicitor and the City Electrician to appear before the Board of Public Utilities and that the City Solicitor give the respondent companies notice of the proposed conference.

9 Green
Adv. Mags
Chronicle

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*als Haysl - v
Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Electrician ✓
als Murphy ✓*

Motion put and passed Alderman Murphy being added to the Committee by consent of Council.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Council do now adjourn until 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, 13th inst. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.05 o'clock.

L. Fred Monaghan
L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,

MAYOR.

EVENING SESSION,

Adjourned meeting

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 13th, 1919

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment of 10th. instant. At the above named hour there were present His Worship Mayor Parker and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Douglas, Murray, Butler, Ratche, Power, Gullisford, Godwin, Mubley and Thompson.

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted.

Oiling Streets - Report Finance Committee by Alderman Whitman, Chairman.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers :-

Old Home, Summer Meeting at Board of Trade Rooms.

Library Accounts.

Halifax Power Co - Hydro Electric Power - reports and correspondence.

Horseshoe Island Lease - petition against.

Schools Property, acquisition of additional.

Reports (7) Committee on Works, viz:-

Creighton Street Sidewalk.

Larch Street Grading and Sidewalk.

Accounts.

Horseshoe Island, Lease of.

Abattoir Sewer Outlet - Railway Agreements.

Robit St, Henry St. and Quinpool Road Sidewalks.

Engineer's Department Inspection Car Account.

Maynard and Pepperell Streets Sidewalks.

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Gottingen Street Sewer Trench.
Cunard Street Water Trench.
Shops in Residential District, Quinpool Rd.

Other Headlines.

Alderman Kelly.

STREET LIGHTING - HALIFAX POWER CO. - HYDRO
ELECTRIC POWER.

Alderman Hoyt asked permission to address the Council on the matter of Street Lighting and the Halifax Power Company's Contract to bring Hydro Electric Power into the City.

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Aldermen Colwell that the order of business be suspended to enable Alderman Hoyt to address the Council.

After discussion the City Electrician is sent for and the matter deferred until that official arrives at the meeting.

OLD HOME SUMMER.

Read invitation Board of Trade to attend a meeting at their rooms this evening in connection with proposed Old Home Summer and International Exposition in 1922.

Board of Trade,
November 10, 1919

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,
Dear Sir:-

I have been desired by the President and members of Council to extend to you an invitation to attend the quarterly meeting of this Board on Thursday evening of this week, November 13th, at 8 o'clock, when Mr. H.C. Crowell will explain in full the details in connection with the proposed Old Home Summer and International Exposition of 1922.

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Mr. Crowell has, during the past three months, visited, under the auspices and at the expense of this Board, practically all the sabbre towns of this Province, addressing meetings with reference to the proposed "Old Home Summer" and has met with co-operation and support wherever he lectured; it is expected that a large gathering representative of nearly every county of the Province will attend the Conference to be held in connection with this matter in this City on December 3rd and 4th next.

This scheme is one of the most ambitious ever attempted, and if successfully carried out, will be the means of advertising Nova Scotia as it has never been advertised before - Halifax will figure very prominently in connection therewith, and, therefore, the matter will be one of keen interest to you.

Trusting you will be with us on Thursday evening.

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary.

The Council being in session the invitation is filed.

LARCH STREET.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re the taking over by the City of Larch Street and grading and sidewalks.

Office of Clerk of Works,
November 5th, 1919

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

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 3rd inst the City Engineer submitted a report re petition from residents of Larch Street re taking over by the City of said street. A copy of the report is attached hereto. On motion the report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Oct. 24th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached petitions asking for the acceptance of Larch Street, the grading of the same and the laying off sidewalks.

Sections 602, 603, 604 and 605 of the City Charter lay down the course to be followed in such cases. This street should have been graded by the owner or owners of the property before it was sold in sub-division, but as this was not done there is no other means of having the street graded and taken over except that provided by the sections named. In my opinion, it is desirable that the street shall be accepted by the City. I estimate the cost of grading the street at \$450 provided that material can be obtained without cost. It is possible that if the work were done at once, the filling could be deposited by the Tram Company while they are doing their paving work on Spring Garden Road and Coburg Road. If the filling had to be paid for, the total cost I estimate at \$1250.

I respectfully recommend that the City Council accept that part of Larch Street described as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the north official line of Coburg Road where it is intersected by the west official line of Larch Street; thence running northwardly by the said west official line of Larch Street 682 feet more or less; thence eastwardly at right angles to the said official line 11 feet more or less; thence northwardly by the west line of Larch Street 608 feet 6 inches to the south official line of Jubilee Road; thence eastwardly by the official line of Jubilee Road 60 feet; thence southwardly by the east official line of Larch Street 672 feet more or less; thence westwardly 25 feet more or less; thence southwardly 95 feet 6 inches more or less; thence eastwardly 26 feet more or less to the east official street line of Larch Street; thence southwardly by the said east official line of Larch Street 431 feet more or less to the north official line of Coburg Road; thence westwardly by the said north official line of Coburg Road 60 feet to the place of beginning. Being that portion of Larch Street dedicated to the public between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road and shown on a plan entitled "Larch Street Straightening" signed by the F.W.W. Doane, City Engineer, dated August 14th, 1919 and filed in the City Engineer's office as plan Z-1-4514.

and that the Council decide to grade the street from Coburg Road to Jubilee Road at the cost of the owners of land fronting on the said street or part thereof, and that the Works Committee be instructed to execute the work of grading.

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I further recommend that the sidewalks on Larch Street between Payzant Street and Jubilee Road be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that concrete sidewalks with concrete curbs and gutters be constructed on both sides of Larch Street between Coburg Road and Jubilee Road under the Sidewalk Act. The estimated cost is \$17,200. 00

Engineer ✓

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Citizens Free Library Commission recommending accounts for payment.

Citizens Free Library,
Nov. 5th, 1919

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

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

T.C. Allen & Co.	Paper	3.68
Book Room	History	.92
Macmillan Co. of Canada	Book	2.15
Nat. Geog. Society	Book	3.00
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		\$ 14.75

L. Barnaby,
Librarian.

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

MAYNARD AND PEPPERELL STREETS SIDEWALKS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Maynard and Pepperell Streets.

Office of Clerk of Works,
November 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held

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on the 22nd of October at the request of the Works Committee the City Engineer submitted a report on concrete sidewalks for Maynard St. both sides, from Cogswell to Cornwallis Sts., also Pepperell St. north side, between Louisburg and Preston Sts. A copy of report is attached hereto. On motion the report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
October 18th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In compliance with the request of your Committee I beg to report on concrete sidewalks as follows :-

Maynard Street The request is for sidewalk on both sides of this street from Cogswell to Cornwallis Street. As on Creighton Street, the construction of sidewalks would make a great improvement in this block, and I would recommend that the sidewalks on both sides of Maynard Street between Cogswell and Cornwallis Streets be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on both sides of Maynard Street from Cogswell Street to Cornwallis Street under the Sidewalk Act. The estimated cost is \$10,769.00

Pepperell Street. The request is for a sidewalk on the north side of Pepperell Street between Louisburg and Preston Streets. The street is very nearly level and it is a practical impossibility to keep it in a satisfactory condition without permanent gutters. I would recommend that both sidewalks on Pepperell Street be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the north side of Pepperell Street from Louisburg Street to Preston Street under the Sidewalk Act. The estimated cost is \$10,560.00

FLW.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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

ROBIE STREET, HENRY STREET AND QUINPOOL ROAD
SIDEWALKS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalks Robie Street, Henry Street and

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Quinpool Road.

Office of Clerk of Works,
November 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 22nd of October at the request of the Works Committee the City Engineer submitted a report on concrete sidewalk on Robie Street between St. Albans and Almon St., Henry St. east side, between Coburg Road and Morris Street and Quinpool Rd. north side, from Oxford to Harvard St. A copy of report is attached hereto. On motion the report was approved and recommended to Council, for adoption.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Oct. 16, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the following sidewalks as directed by your Committee.-

Robie Street The request is for a sidewalk on the east side between St. Albans and Almon Streets. There is a portion of this sidewalk already constructed and a portion of the missing link between St. Albans and North Streets under contract; the remainder is ordered. I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be constructed on the west side of Robie Street between St. Albans and Almon Streets under the Sidewalk Act. The estimated cost is \$1375.00

Henry Street East side from Coburg Road to Morris Street. I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutters be constructed on the east side of Henry Street from Coburg Road to Morris Street under the Sidewalk Act. The estimated cost is \$6979.00

Quinpool Road. I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be constructed on the north side of Quinpool Road from Oxford Street to Harvard Street under the Sidewalk Act. The estimated cost is \$1412.00

F. W. W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman

Douglas that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

Engineer

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CREIGHTON STREET SIDEWALK.

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

Office of Clerk of Works,
Nov. 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 22nd of October the City Engineer submitted a report on petition for concrete sidewalk on Creighton St. between Cornwallis and North Streets. A copy of the report is attached hereto. On motion the report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Oct. 15, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition asking for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on Creighton Street.

I would recommend that the sidewalks on Creighton Street between Cornwallis and North Streets be placed in the Sidewalk Schedule and that a concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter be constructed on the west side of Creighton Street between Cornwallis and Cunard Streets under the Sidewalk Act. The estimated cost is \$3190.00

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

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

HORSESHOE ISLAND LEASE.

Read report Committee on Works covering reports Assistant City Engineer and City Solicitor re proposed lease of Horseshoe Island at the foot of Quinpool Road. (See Minutes of City Council, Evening Session, November 13th, 1919)

Engineer ✓

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Office of Clerk of Works,
Nov. 13th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day the resolution of Council of the 10th inst. referring back to this committee the matter of the lease of the wharf at Horseshoe Island was considered, and in view of the reports of the City Engineer and City Solicitor, which are attached hereto, the Committee ask permission to withdraw their recommendation of the 3rd inst, that a lease be granted.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Nov. 13, 1919

The City Solicitor,
Dear Sir:-

The property at the North West Arm known as Horseshoe Island was granted to the City on 21st of June 1918 by the Crown. This was one of the properties involved in the transfer and adjustment of claims due to the building of the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway. The grant of this particular lot provides that it shall be used by the Corporation of the City of Halifax only for a Public Park, Recreation ground and other public purposes.

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

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Office of City Solicitor,
Nov. 13, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to enclose a letter from the Asst. City Engineer giving the City title to the above property. In my opinion the restriction in the grant prohibits the City from making a lease of the property for private purposes.

F.H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Also read petition against the granting of the said lease.

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Armdale, Nov. 13/19

To the Mayor and Members of
City Council.

Sirs:-

We notice by the papers it is proposed to lease Horseshoe Island property. We call to your notice that this place is used in the summer by hundreds of women and children for picnicing and bathing as it is easy to reach by walking or by tramway. They principally use the north cove. Young men also use the head of the wharf for swimming. A good many small contractors and others also land supplies here.

It is respectfully submitted that no exclusive privileges should be granted which would interfere with the use of the property for recreation, especially the north cove and ground adjoining, by the public.

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

OILING OF STREETS - FUNDS FOR.

Read reports Finance Committee covering reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re the providing of funds to defray the cost of oiling streets.

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 6th, 19

To His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached report of the Committee on Works re providing Funds for paying for oiling of streets was read. Your Committee recommend that the Governor in Council be requested to promise its good offices to procure the passage of legislation sanctioning the borrowing of a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars to defray the cost of oiling streets in the current civic year, Chairman Dissenting.

Alfred Whitham,
Chairman

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City Works Office,
Nov. 5, 1919

Chairman Finance Committee,
Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 3rd inst. the City Engineer submitted a report on the cost of oiling a number of streets ordered to be

Engineer ✓

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done by Council this season. A copy of the report is attached hereto. On motion it was decided to make application to the Finance Committee to arrange to provide the funds required as quickly as possible.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
November 3rd, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir,

The balance to the credit of the Street appropriation as shown on the return furnished me by the Clerk of Works, is almost at vanishing point. There are certain charges, however, which have been made against this appropriation, which are not legitimate. The cost of oiling street has been paid for so far, out of the Street appropriation, while the Act of 1915 which authorizes street oiling, provides that the cost shall be paid by the owners of property fronting on the street, and consequently should not come out of the Street appropriation.

We need this money to pay for street and internal health work to the end of the year; otherwise, we should be overdrawn.

I beg to ask, therefore, that steps be taken at once to provide this money by temporary borrowing or otherwise, so that the money which should be available for street work, can be used. The cost of oiling ~~of~~ to date is \$2992.39

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman

Regan that the reports be referred back to the Finance Committee and that the Committee on Works be requested to furnish the Finance Committee with a detailed statement of bills unpaid and balances in hand in the various services of that Department.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Amendment put and passed 14 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows :-

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Letter
Hon Geo H
Murray ✓

For the Amendment:- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoytk Bissett, Douglas, Murphy, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubleym Thompson - 14

Against it:- Aldermen Whitman, Regan - 2

ABATTOIR - ROBIE STREET SEWER.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer Robie Street and Drain from City Abattoir covering two agreements in connection with the matter between the City and the Canadian Government Railways.

Office of Clerk of works,
Nov. 12, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held this day the City Engineer submitted a report and draft of agreements with the Canadian Government Railways and Halifax and South Western Railway Company in connection with sewer outlet from new Abattoir to Bedford Basin. On motion it was decided to recommend that the agreements be approved by the City Council. Agreements and Engineer's report attached.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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

Permission was obtained from the railway authorities to carry the Robie Street sewer under their tracks to reach an outlet at Bedford Basin. The railway authorities laid down certain conditions for carrying out the work and have drafted agreements which I have submitted to the City Solicitor and which he has endorsed.

I therefore recommend that these agreements be approved by the City Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign them and affix the

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seal of the City.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Engineer ✓
Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman
Finlay that the reports be adopted and the agree-
ments approved and signed. Motion passed.

QUINPOOL ROAD -SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT-
A.J.DAVIS.

Read report Committee on Works re application
A.J.Davis to erect a building Quinpool Road and
Robie Streets to contain three shops, the property
being in the residential district.

Office of Clerk of Works,
Nov. 13, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held
this day the minute of Council of the 6th inst. was
read and the Works Committee decided that they could
see no reason to change their decision in reference to
permit asked for by Mr. A.J.Davis to erect a building
at the corner of Quinpool Road and Robie St. under
the present plan which proposes that the lower por-
tion of the building be occupied as stores.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman
that the report be approved .

Acting upon the opinion of the City Solicitor

His Worship the Mayor ordered that the report be
filed the jurisdiction to deal with the matter being
with the Committee on Works and not the City Council
The report is filed.

Alderman Murphy asks permission to address the

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Council on the subject.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Douglas that Alderman Murphy be permitted to address the Council on this matter. Motion passed.

Alderman Murphy after speaking moves seconded by Alderman Hubley that this Council convey to the Committee on Works an expression of opinion that the action of said Committee in refusing a permit for the erection of the contemplated structure is not in the best interests of the City and that said Committee be requested to reconsider their action.

The vote being taken on Alderman Murphy's motion there appeared.

For the Motion :- Aldermen Hubley, Godwin, Guildford, Butler, Murphy -5

Against it:- Aldermen Thompson, Power, Ritchie, Douglas -4

(ALDERMAN KELLY

At this stage of the voting Alderman Kelly arrived and took his seat in Council.

The question before the meeting is explained to Alderman Kelly by His Worship the Mayor and several Aldermen.)

The recording of the division being continued there appeared the following in addition to those named above.

For the motion :- Aldermen Regan, Whitman -2

Against it:- Aldermen Kelly, Bissett, Hoyt, Finlay, Ackhurst, Colwell -6

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His Worship the Mayor declared the motion lost
7 voting for the same and 10 against it.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works covering accounts
for payment.

City Works Office,
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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Attached hereto are accounts for the Works Dept.
for the month of October, 1919 amounting to the sum
of \$9635.68 chargeable to the following services:

Street Lighting	2753.57
Sewerage	2184.27
Streets	38.02
Internal Health	.50
City Property	282.30
Fleming Park Improvement	113.63
Telephones	16.70
Teams & Stables	8.75
City Hall Lighting	99.15
Permanent Sidewalks	897.75
Public Baths	.40
Fleming Park	7.62
Permanent Pavement	11.65
Market Revenue	48.92
Abattoir	20.71
Cleaning Paved Streets	18.70
Electric Wiring Inspection	18.54
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	6521.18
Water Construction	2037.82
Water Maintenance	1076.68
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	\$ 9635.68

On motion Works Committee recommended to
Council that above accounts be paid.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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

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CUNARD STREET WATER TRENCH.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer recommending final payment on contract for Cunard Street Water Trenching.

Office of Clerk of Works,
Nov, 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 22nd of October on motion final certificate to Bate-Mollann & Co. for work in connection with water trench Cunard Street amounting to \$3,802.45 was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Oct. 17, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:- Certificate #1 (Final)

I beg to recommend payment to the Bate Mollahon Co., of the sum of Three thousand eight hundred two dollars and forty-five cents (\$3,802.45) being the amount in full on their contract for water pipe on Cunard Street between Robie and Agricola Streets.

H. W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer

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

GOTTINGEN STREET SEWER TRENCH.

Read reports Committee on Works and Assistant City Engineer recommending final payment on GOTTINGEN Street sewer trenching.

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Clerk of Works,
November 5th, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 22nd day of October on motion final certificate to Victor Bianco for work in connection with Gottingen Street sewer trench, amounting to \$1099.45 was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A.F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,
Oct. 21, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #3 (final)

I beg to recommend payment to Victor Bianco of the sum of One thousand ninety-nine dollars and forty-five cents (\$1,099.45) being balance in full on his contract for sewer on Gottingen Street from Duffus Street northwardly.

Estimated value of work done	\$5,497.28
Less paid on certificates 1 and 2	<u>4,397.83</u>
Bal. recommended in full	\$ 1,099.45

H.W. Johnston,
Asst. City Engineer.

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

SCHOOLS PUBLIC - ADDITIONAL LANDS.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary as follows +

Provincial Secretary,
Halifax, 21st, October, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor in Council for the approval, under Section 893, Clause 2, and Section 889, Part XI of the City Charter, of

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certain contracts for the purchase of land proposed to be entered into by said Board, as set forth in the following resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting on Thursday, July 3rd, 1919

"WHEREAS the Board of School Commissioners, in view of the crowded condition of the West end Schools, deems it advisable to acquire lands in the vicinity of said schools in view of extension of same.

"RESOLVED that application be made to the Governor in Council for its approval of contract to purchase lots of land between Cambridge, Norwood and Beech Streets, twelve lots, approximate area 41,880.02 square feet, at a total cost of Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-Four (\$8,364) Dollars; and between Willow and North Streets, six lots, at Six Hundred and Twenty-Five (\$625) Dollars each, total Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$3,750) Dollars.

"Both these parcels of land to be paid for from monies on deposit at the Royal Bank of Canada to the credit of the Board of School Commissioners Construction Fund".

I am also to inform you that the Governor-in-Council has appointed Friday the 24th day of October A.D. 1919, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m., in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, as the time and place at which the matter of the said application will be heard.

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Guildford that the letter be filed. Motion passed.

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT INSPECTION CAR.

Read report Committee on Works recommending payment of account for Engineer's Department Inspection Car.

Office of Clerk of Works,
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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 22nd of October on motion the account of the Nova Motor Co. Ltd. amounting to \$1010.00 for one Chevrolet #490 Roadster purchase of which had been previously authorized by Council was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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

HALIFAX POWER COMPANY - HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER.

Read correspondence submitted at meeting November 6th, 1919 re Halifax Power Company contract for furnishing Electric Power to the City for lighting the Streets, City Buildings &c.

Also read the following papers submitted at this evening's meeting.

Halifax, N.S. October 21/19

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

We have been much disappointed in financing our scheme owing to the onerous terms exacted by the City. Had the City been willing to take a first mortgage upon the property when the power was brought in and worked to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, we feel that the result would have been different, but the city demanded \$510,000. of the common stock which not only gave them control but barred any capitalist from assisting us.

Our plans have been prepared by one of the most capable hydraulic and electrical engineering firms in Canada, and we have built the big dam at Wright's Lake, graded the pipe line, located the power house and Coon Pond dam sites, built camps, roads and stores, and have a plant capable of finishing the work in connection with the first developments. We also have sundry materials, so the whole undertaking is in good shape and well under way.

As Halifax urgently needs additional power and light, we, without further delay, respectfully ask the City Council to relieve us of our contract, especially as we have been informed that the Government, under the new Water Power Legislation, will bring the power in, so the City will not be delayed nor suffer any loss.

The Halifax Power Company Limited,
W.I. MacDougall,
Secretary.

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Office of City Solicitor,
Nov. 12, 1919

S. H. Brookfield, Esq.,
Dear Mr. Brookfield :-

The Mayor has instructed me to acknowledge receipt of a letter in the above dated October 21st, in substitution for a former letter. The letter, however, is not signed by anybody, and I am returning it to obtain the name of the Secretary.

Would it not in such an important matter be more advisable if we had a formal resolution of the Company notifying the City that it will be unable to carry out its contract and asking to be relieved from it. If this can be obtained without too much delay or inconvenience I would suggest that it would be advisable.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

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City Engineer's Office,
Nov. 12th, 1919

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

Although we are in some doubt as to the exact nature of the report required of us in the above, we understand that the Council wishes to be informed generally as to the position in which the City stands in relation to the Company in view of the recent communications received from the President of the Company.

The first connection between the Company and the City was the contract for the lighting of the City entered into in 1915. This contract provided for the lighting of the City, giving 50% more current for lighting for the sum of \$30,000.00 the amount which the lighting was costing the City at that time. The Company also agreed to reduce the cost of private lighting not less than 25%.

As it was possible that that contract was beyond the powers of the City to make, it was deemed advisable to obtain legislative ratification, which was done by Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916. The time within which this contract was to be completed, having expired and the contract being therefore no longer binding upon either party unless continued by mutual consent, a fresh agreement was made between the City and the Company which was set

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out in Chapter 88 of the Acts of 1917, by which the City was authorized to lend the Company \$400.00 receiving from the Company as security, a mortgage on all the Company's assets and likewise a controlling interest in the Company's stock.

This agreement was conditional in the first place upon the agreement meeting the approval of the citizens of Halifax at a plebiscite, and also upon the Company being able to complete its development at the Margaret Bay, to the satisfaction of the City within two years from the date of the plebiscite being taken, which was taken on the last Wednesday of April 1918.

The plebiscite resulting favorably, the Company started operations at Margaret's Bay.

As some controversy had arisen between the Company and the Board of Control respecting the meaning of certain clauses in the contract, and the Act of 1918 and as the company also required certain modifications of that Act which could not be granted without further legislation, an Act was passed at the last session of the Legislature, Chap. 185, confirming the agreement with certain modifications, which are, in view of what is taking place, immaterial, but the contract remains as originally, as purely permissive one on the part of the City, creating no obligations whatever until the completion by the Company of the development sufficient to carry out the contract previously made by the City.

In this position, the Company, through its Vice-President, has notified the City of its inability to complete the development and its desire to be relieved of the further performance of the contract. The Company has undoubtedly the same right as any other contracting party to notify the other party to the contract, of its inability to complete the contract, subject of course to any claim which the other party to the contract sees fit to make for damages, of which there has been so far, no consideration by the City. This leaves the matter entirely open to the City to deal with the question in such way as it deems most suitable for its interests, either by further negotiations with the Company if deemed fit, or with any other body controlling the water power subject to the contract.

Such a body apparently exists in the Water Power Commission recently established by the Provincial Government, and we understand that a communication has already been received from that body, intimating that it is the policy of that body itself to take over the development of the power and deliver

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current to the municipality at cost. If this can be satisfactorily arranged, it would be in our judgment a definite settlement of a troublesome question, possibly greatly to the benefit of the City, while any other arrangement would necessarily be only temporary.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.
F.H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

Alderman Regan asked for the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether this matter could be considered at this meeting the Council having at a previous meeting determined to hold a special meeting to deal with it.

The City Solicitor gave it as his opinion that the Council could now take the matter up.

Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Colwell that a special committee of five be appointed to go into this whole matter and report to a special meeting of the Council to be held at the call of the Mayor.

Alderman Ackhurst submits the following amendment.

That the Board of Works be requested to negotiate with the Nova Scotia Power Commission and to have them to submit to the City an offer to supply power within the City limits at cost.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Bissett.

Alderman Murphy desired to submit a further amendment in respect to the installation of a temporary street lighting system by incandescent lamps and otherwise through the Nova Scotia Tramways and

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Power Company.

Ruled out of order there being already before the meeting one amendment to the original motion.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Power that the further consideration of this matter be deferred to an adjourned meeting to be held on Tuesday evening 18th inst. at 8 o'clock.

Alderman Murphy reads and submits the following letter.

Street Lighting:-

The Board of Works promised that a report regarding Street Lighting would be submitted about a month ago, no doubt, circumstances have prevented their doing so.

Some eight months ago a specification was prepared to cover the most modern Street Lighting Equipment and tenders were to have been received during the month of June but apparently were not called for. As practically six months have since been allowed to pass, it is utterly impossible now to do anything on the new outfit which would relieve the situation for the coming Winter as it will, undoubtedly require from six to nine months to secure the necessary apparatus.

The conditions, particularly in the extreme north-end, on streets like Duffus, West Young, Union, North Albert and others are such that it is absolutely necessary that, at least some temporary lighting be installed.

Our appropriation for the present year was increased from \$30,000.00 to \$42,000. so that there is sufficient surplus to enable us to make some arrangements which will give these streets such lighting as will ensure safety for those who live on them.

While it may not be possible to arrange for arc lights, we can, at least, make an undertaking to have incandescent lights put in position until such time as a permanent installation is ready. I would, therefore recommend that this matter be taken up with the Tram Company along these lines and see under what conditions and how quickly they could instal the temporary lamps suggested herein. This matter is too urgent to permit further loss of time.

John Murphy.

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The letter is referred to the Committee on
Works.

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

Council adjourns 11.40 o'clock.

L. Fred Monaghan

L. Fred Monaghan,

City Clerk.

J. S. Parker,

Mayor.

*Engineer ✓
Electrician ✓
Club & works ✓*