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Office of City Treasurer,  
April 16th, 1920

His Worship Mayor Parker  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman reported that he had interviewed several Bank Managers and Bond Brokers who strongly advised the calling for tenders on the loans which have legislative authority. As the refunding of consols. \$482,490 and the order for the building of certain Schools have the necessary legal authority it was decided to submit for the approval of Council the attached resolution instructing the City Treasurer to call for tenders from persons willing to loan the City of Halifax a sum or sums sufficient to produce \$482,490 for the refunding of consols. matured January 1st, ~~1919~~ 1920 and a further sum of \$500,000 towards the erection of the four schools as ordered by the Governor in Council.

Alfred Whitman,  
Chairman.

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

Alderman Whitman submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS by Acts of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia passed in the year 1905 as Cap. 51 and in 1909 as Cap. 84 the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow money and issue debentures for the purpose of paying off outstanding debentures and stock of the said City as the same mature;

AND WHEREAS debentures and stock of the said City amounting to \$522,490 matured on the first day of January 1920 of which \$40,000 was paid by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds under Minute of Council Dec. 4th, 1919 and it is necessary to issue debentures of the City of Halifax for the purpose of paying off the balance of the said debentures \$482,490 which have matured as aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS an Order in Council of the Provincial Legislature dated the 28th. day of October A.D. 1919 under and by virtue of Section 901 of the City Charter and directs and orders the City of Halifax to issue debentures or stock to raise the sum of \$817,559.50 as may be required for the erection of the school buildings.

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NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that for the purposes aforesaid the City Treasurer be instructed to advertise for tenders from persons willing to loan the City on stock or debentures of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 a sum or sums sufficient to realize the sums of \$482,490 for refunding and \$500,000 towards the erection of the afore mentioned schools. The debentures or stock to bear interest at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum, the date to be January 1st, 1920, the term of the refunding loan to be 10 years and to be repayable July 1st, 1930; the term of the loan for schools to be 33 years and to be repayable July 1st, 1953. Principal and interest to be payable in lawful money of Canada at the Royal Bank of Canada at Montreal, or Toronto or at the office of the City Treasurer at Halifax, N.S., Tenders to close at 12 noon May 6th, 1920.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Whatman seconded by Alderman Thompson.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Power that the resolution as submitted by Alderman Whatman be amended by fixing the rate of interest at 6 per cent instead of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum. Amendment put and passed nine voting for the same and four against it as follows :-

For the Amendment:-, Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Power, Guildford -9

Against it :- Aldermen Whatman, Regan, Kelly, Thompson -4

Moved by Alderman Whatman seconded by Alderman Thompson that the resolution as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed unanimously the following named members of Council being present and voting

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for the same -

For the Motion -, Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Regan, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Thompson.

CAST IRON PIPE TENDERS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re tenders for cast iron pipe.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
April 16th, 1920

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held on the 14th inst. the City Engineer submitted the attached report on cast iron pipe, and on motion was authorized to accept, subject to confirmation of Council the tender of the Canada Iron Foundries Ltd. Montreal.

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
April 15th, 1920

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

At a meeting of the Council held on the 26th. day of March a tender from Drummond McCall & Co. for cast iron pipe was accepted. The pipe was to be manufactured in Glasgow and a telegram was sent at once to Drummond McCall notifying them of the acceptance. They notified their principals in Scotland without delay, but have heard from them recently the information that it will be impossible to fill the order at the prices quoted, as there has been a substantial advance. Drummond McCall's tender was \$86.50 for 6-in. pipe, \$85.50 for 9-inch and \$84 for 12 inch pipe. They notify us that they are obliged to charge \$99.00 for 6-inch, \$98.00 for 9-inch pipe that is for turned and bored joints.

The Canadian Iron Foundries Limited offer lead-joint pipe at \$98.00 for 9-inch, \$96.00 for 6-inch and offer early delivery. Under the circumstances I would recommend that the tender of the Canada Iron Foundries Limited be accepted and that they be notified at once subject to ratification by the City Council. We shall require some of this pipe without

*Auditor ✓  
Treasurer ✓*

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Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Curb & works ✓

delay so that the work of the paving contractor may not be retarded.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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

HOUSING PROBLEM.

Council

Alderman Kelly gives notice that at a future meeting of the City Council he will moved for the consideration of the Housing Problem.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Salary of City Solicitor.  
Street Railway Fares.  
Building Laws.  
Salaries of Officials.  
Water Department Financial Statement.  
Civic Estimates.  
Civic Elections Canvassing for Votes.  
Legislation - Bill No. 21  
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Cast Iron Pipe tenders.  
Housing Problem.

Council adjourns 12.35 o'clock a.m.

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

J. S. Parker,  
MAYOR.

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N,

5.40 o'clock ,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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A special meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at the above named hour, present His Worship Mayor Parker and Aldermen Whitman, Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bisset, Regan, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Power, 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 :-

( For the purpose of ready reference the list of papers submitted and the list of other headlines are all incorporated in one schedule at the end of the meeting. )

The Council proceeds with the consideration of the general business for which the meeting was called.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read report Special Committee on Tuberculosis Hospital plans and specifications.

Halifax, N.S. April 23rd, 1920

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Special Committee, appointed by Council to obtain plans and specifications for a tuberculosis hospital to be erected on the City Home grounds held in the Committee Room, City Hall, April 22nd at 4 p.m. the following resolution was moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Thompson :-

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Resolved, this committee recommend to the Council that Mr. H.E. Gates be engaged as architect to prepare plans and specifications and supervise the erection of a tuberculosis hospital on the City Home grounds to cost not exceeding \$150,000.00 exclusive of any grant from the Local Legislature at the inclusive fee of 5% of the cost; and the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a contract to cover the understanding on the terms that the City is not liable for any previous work on plans for said hospital performed by Mr. Gates and this committee further recommend that Dr. Hattie, Dr. Royer and Mr. Doane, City Engineer, be asked to act with Mr. Gates in preparing these proposed plans.

Motion passed unanimously.

~~R. D. Guildford,~~  
Secretary to Special Committee

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Regan that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Whitman that the provisions be included in any agreement to be made with the Architect for the Hospital that he shall not be paid if the tender prices received from contractors exceed \$150,000.00 plus any Provincial Grant and that the supervision of the construction of the building be done by Mr. Fegan of the City Engineer's Department.

After discussion the reference to the supervision of construction being done by the Engineer's Department is withdrawn.

After further discussion Alderman Hoyt's amendment is withdrawn.

The original motion is put and passed unanimously.

CIVIC ELECTIONS CANVASSING FOR VOTES..

Read report Laws and Privileges Committee recommending an amendment to the City Charter provid-

*Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

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that no candidates for mayor or aldermen shall canvass for votes.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
April 21st, 1920

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

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day it was decided to recommend the adoption of the following amendment to Section No. 81 of the City Charter of 1907, viz -

Section 81 of the City Charter of 1907 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsection -

3 A. No candidate for Mayor or Alderman shall by himself or his agent, either within six months before or at any time after his official nomination or on any election day, under this Charter, either directly or indirectly canvass, solicit, or ask any voter to cast a vote at any election under this Charter for such or any candidate for Mayor or Alderman at any election for which he, or any person, is a candidate as such, and every such canvassing, soliciting or asking any vote for such or any candidate by himself or his agent shall be held and deemed to be a corrupt practice within the meaning of this Charter and within the provisions of Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes, 1900, and such candidate, if elected, and who is found by the Judge to have committed such corrupt practice shall forfeit his seat and if such canvassing, soliciting or asking for such vote is done by the candidate in person and is so found by the Judge he shall be incapable of being nominated or elected to the office of Mayor or Alderman in the City of Halifax for a period of three years next ensuing after the nomination day for which such election is then being or was held, provided, however that the stating or publishing by speech, advertisement or letter of the policy and aims of any such candidate as Mayor or Alderman on any public platform or in any recognized newspaper shall not be deemed or held to be a contravention of the provisions of this section.

3 B. This section shall not go into effect until the 1st day of June A.D. 1920

John J. Power,  
Chairman.

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Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Regan that the consideration of the report be deferred.

Amendment put and lost 6 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Whitman, Regan, Murphy Buckley, Godwin, Hubley -6

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Thompson -11

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Buckley that the following clause be added to the City Charter of 1907 Section 81, Sub-Section (5) B

81 (5) B Any voter who fails or omits to vote at any election for Mayor or Alderman in the City shall be disqualified from voting at the next succeeding annual civic election or any civic bye-election within that period.

The amendment is put and lost.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Hubley that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Laws and Privileges for further consideration and report.

Amendment put and lost 7 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Regan, Murphy, Buckley, Godwin, Hubley -7



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Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Thompson -10

Moved in amendment by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Murphy that the motion for the adoption of the report and the recommendation in the report do not come into effect until same have been published in the public press for three months.

Amendment put and lost 7 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment :- Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Regan, Murphy, Buckley, Godwin, Hubley -7

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Thompson -10

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Colwell that the question be now put.

In amendment to the original motion it is moved by Alderman Godwin seconded by Alderman Buckley that this matter be placed upon the list of deferred business. Amendment put and lost 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows :-

For the amendment:- Aldermen Whitman, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Murphy, Buckley, Godwin, Hubley -8

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Thompson -9

The original motion for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges is put and passed

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11 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

For the motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Thompson -11

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Regan, Murphy, Buckley, Godwin, Hubley -6

Alderman Murphy gives notice of reconsideration.

LOAN \$982,490.00 FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of motion that he will move in Council that the resolution passed by the City Council at its meeting held on April 16th, 1920 fixing the rate of interest on proposed loan of \$982,490.00 for various purposes be reconsidered and rescinded and that the rate of interest be fixed at 5 1/2 per cent instead.

Alderman Whitman asks for the unanimous consent of the council for the suspension of the Rules of Order to enable him to move at the present session of council for the reconsideration and rescission of the resolution in respect to the rate of interest on said loans.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the rules of Council with respect to the reconsideration and rescission of resolutions be suspended to permit Alderman Whitman to move for the reconsideration and rescission of resolution respecting rate of interest on proposed loan. Motion passed unanimously.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Deputy

*Council  
City Solicitor*

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Mayor Kelly takes the Chair.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Regan that the resolution passed at meeting of City Council April 16th, 1920 respecting proposed loan of approximately \$1,000,000.00 in so far as the same relates to the rate of interest be now reconsidered and rescinded. Motion put and passed unanimously.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Regan that the resolution of last meeting respecting loan of approximately \$1,000,000.00 be now amended by fixing the rate of interest at 5 1/2 per cent instead of 6 per cent.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Kelly that the interest on the loan for refunding matured debentures \$482,490.00 be fixed at 6 per cent and the rate of interest on proposed loan of \$500,000.00 for Public Schools be fixed at 5 1/2 per cent.

Amendment put and passed 11 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -11

Against it :- Aldermen Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Douglas, Ritchie, Power -6

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Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the short term bonds \$482,490.00 be issued at 6 per cent. Motion put and passed un-animously 14 Aldermen being present and voting for the same as follows :-

For the Motion- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Douglas, Buckley, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -14

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett that the long term bonds for school purposes \$500,000.00 be issued at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent interest. Motion put and passed 12 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -12

Against it :- Aldermen Ackhurst, Finaly, Douglas, Ritchie, Power -5

The resolution passed at meeting April 16th, 1920 as amended at the present session is now submitted as follows :-

WHEREAS by Acts of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia passed in the year 1905 as Cap. 51 and in 1909 as Cap. 84 the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow money and issue debentures for the purpose of paying off outstanding debentures and stock of the said City as the same mature;

AND WHEREAS debentures and stock of the said City amounting to \$522,490 matured on the first day of January 1920 of which \$400,000.00 was paid by the Trustees of the Sinking Funds under Minute of Council December 4th, 1919 and it is necessary to issue de-

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bentures of the City of Halifax for the purpose of paying off the balance of the said debentures \$482,490.00 which have matured as aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS an order in Council of the Provincial Legislature dated the 28th day of October A.D. 1919 under and by virtue of Section 901 of the City Charter directs and orders the City of Halifax to issue debentures or stock to raise the sum of \$817,559.50 as may be required for the erection of school buildings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes aforesaid the City treasurer be instructed to advertise for tenders from persons willing to loan the City on stock or debentures of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 a sum or sums sufficient to realize the sums of \$482,490.00 for refunding and \$500,000.00 towards the erection of the aforementioned schools.

The debentures or stock of the refunding loan shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum the date to be January 1st, 1920, the term 10 years and to be repayable January 1st, 1930;

The debentures or stock for the loan for school buildings shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent, the date to be January 1st, 1920, the term 33 years and to be repayable January 1st, 1953

Principal and interest to be payable in lawful money of Canada at the Royal Bank of Canada at Montreal, or Toronto or at the office of the City Treasurer at Halifax, N.S. Tenders to close at 12 noon May 6th, 1920.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett and passed unanimously.

BLIND INSTITUTE - CIVIC GRANT.

Read report Finance Committee recommending a civic grant of \$2,500.00 towards the cost of a factory site for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Maritime Division.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
March 25th, 1920

The City Council  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached extract from Minutes of City Council, February 15th, 1920 in reference to an application for a City Grant towards cost of a factory

*Treasurer*  
*Auditor*  
*A. C. Amos & Co.*  
*Toronto*

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site for Canadian National Institute for the Blind was read.

Your Committee recommend that a grant of \$2500.00 be given for this purpose and that the City Solicitor be and is hereby instructed to prepare and the necessary legislation to give effect to this grant.

Alderman Whitman dissenting.

Alfred Whitman,  
Chairman.

By consent of Council the meeting is addressed by H.B. Campbell Divisional Superintendent of the Institute.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion passed.

JUVENILE COURT - CIVIC GRANT.

By consent of Council Alderman Kelly submits the following resolution :-

After the first day of May A.D. 1920, the City shall pay annually to the Treasurer of Nova Scotia the sum of One Thousand Dollars towards the cost of maintenance of the Juvenile Court for the City, and that amount shall be placed in the yearly estimates and rated and collected therewith. The said sum shall be paid to the Provincial Treasurer in two equal payments each year, namely, on the first day of November and the first day of May.

Such amounts payable for the year ending April 30, 1921, may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and together with the interest thereon included in the estimates for the year 1921-22.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Finlay and passed 15 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson-15

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst -2

*Solicitor -  
Auditor -*

*Solicitor -  
Auditor -  
E.H. Blois -*

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STREET RAILWAY FARES AND PAVING.

Read report Special Committee on proposed legis-  
lation to permit the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power  
Company to increase their tramway fares and also read  
reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
proposed amendments to legislation respecting the  
Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company relating to  
street paving.

Halifax, N.S., April 23, 1920

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

In connection with the application of the  
Nova Scotia Tramway Company for increased tramway fares  
and for other concessions, all of which are set out in  
a letter from the Company, a copy of which is attached,  
your special committee beg to report they visited the  
office of the tramway company and had a long conference  
with the officers of the company. Since then your  
committee have had three meetings and have very care-  
fully considered the application.

The committee wish to say that in the short  
time at their disposal it was impossible to go into  
the matter thoroughly especially as there has been a  
change in the tramway company's system of accounting  
so that it is difficult to make a comparison with pre-  
vious years.

Your Committee recommend that the application  
of the company to remove the legislative restriction  
on fares should be refused as they consider this res-  
triction a most valuable safeguard for the citizens.

Your Committee recommend that during the  
next year the whole question of the relations between  
the city and the tramway company should be carefully  
and fully considered with a view to a readjustment of  
all matters as between this City and Company.

Your Committee favor cooperating with the  
Company in arranging additional finance to cover the  
Company's present programme of new construction ,  
also proposed wage increase to the various employees  
of this Company. We think the Company should be allowed  
a temporary increase of fares for a definite period  
not to exceed two years. The amount of said increase

*Acting Premier  
R.S. Finlay  
John R. Connolly  
Hon. J.S. Faulkner  
Hector McInnes  
Henry J. Bauld  
Olliver Power  
" Thompson  
" Whitehead  
" Kelly  
Hon. R. J. Blyden  
Hon. J. G. Hogg  
Wm. A. W. Peden  
W. H. Cowie  
W. S. Wheaton  
The Mayor*

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to be forthwith determined either by agreement between the Company and the Council or by any other method that may be mutually agreed on having in mind the earliest possible decision on this matter.

At the expiration of the period agreed on the increased fare whatever it may happen to be as to automatically terminate unless extended in whole or part for any further period.

It is the condition of the above recommendations that in any hearing held on this matter of increased fares the capital of this Company shall be determined and agreed on before proceeding with same.

John W. Regan,  
John Murphy.

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Clerk of Works,  
April 23, 1920

City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held this day the City Engineer submitted a report calling attention to a proposed amendment to the Tramway Act now before the Legislature. A copy of the report is attached hereto. On motion the report was unanimously approved and ordered sent to Council for its information.

A. F. Messervey,  
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City Engineer's Office,  
Apr. 22, 1920

His Worship the Mayor.  
Sir,

I beg to call attention to clause 3 of the Tramway Act now before the House, which provides for a change in respect to paving. The change is in my opinion a most undesirable one. Under the existing Act, the City Council has the power to determine the material to be used by the Tramway Company in paving its track allowance. The Tram Company has never appealed to the City Council against a decision made respecting any paving. The new Act provides that the Tramway Company shall not be obliged to pave with other or better material than that used by the City on the rest of the street.

Where block pavement is used by the City, the new Act would make no difference, but experience has shown that asphalt and similar pavements are not suitable for paving tramway track allowance, the vibration of the rails and sleepers destroying the pavement. We had experience ourselves on Granville Street



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between George and Buckingham Streets where the track allowance was paved with the same kind of material as the rest of the street. It was beyond question the worst piece of tramway track allowance pavement in the City. Further, the tramway Company have no plant for relaying such pavement when they take it up; nor are they likely to have one. It is absolutely necessary that their track allowance shall be opened from time to time to readjust rails, joints, etc., and no sheet pavement can be relaid to match the old as satisfactorily as block pavement can. Further, the block pavement in the long run is the cheaper because it will outwear many sheet pavements. For that reason it has been no hardship on the Company.

The Company have a public franchise which is to all intents and purposes exclusive. The public have a right to the best return possible; they are well satisfied with the paved track allowance except in such places as Granville Street, and there is no good reason why the decision in such matters should be taken away from the City Council and made cast iron by an Act of the Legislature. Surely the City Council should have the privilege of deciding what is best for its own streets.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

*Council* ✓  
Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Regan that copies of the reports be furnished to each member of the Council before its next meeting.  
Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Works Department Supplies.

Works Department,  
April 23, 1920

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held this day the City Engineer submitted a report on tenders received for supplies for the Works Department for the civic year 1920-21.

The various items were approved and the report recommended to Council for adoption.

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
Apr. 22, 1920

His Worship the Mayor  
Sir,

I beg to report on the tenders received for supplies for the Works Department, as follows :-  
Veterinary Services.

H. McFatridge \$15. per horse.

Tenders were asked for the veterinary services for all the horses owned by the Works Department, Fire Department, City Home, Police and City Prison, but since the tenders were called for, the Chief of the Fire Department, owing to the comparatively small number of horses now used by that Department, suggests that his Department be left out and he be authorized to employ the services of the veterinary as required. The Police Department has also sold its horse. It is recommended that no contract be awarded for veterinary services, but that when required, a veterinary be called in and paid the regular fee.

Sand and Gravel.

The only tender received for the supply of sand and gravel was from the Chester Sand and Gravel Co. Ltd., who propose to furnish Chester sand and gravel. Prices are as follows -

Sand-10-3/4 ¢	per bushel	delivered on wharf or cars	at Deep Water
12-3/4 ¢	"	"	delivered on cars at City siding
Gravel-10-3/4 ¢	"	"	delivered on wharf or cars at Deep Water.
12-3/4 ¢	"	"	delivered on cars at City siding Kempt Road.

It is recommended that this tender be accepted.

Oil and Gasoline.

The only tender received for the supply of oil and gasoline is from the Canadian Oil Co. Ltd., which offers to supply kerosene oil at current wholesale rates when the order is given. This is a fair proposition and it is recommended that the tender be accepted.

Granite.

Only one tender was received for granite, and the prices are so high that it is recommended that no tender be awarded but that when any of this material is required, it be purchased at the then market rate.

Scrap Iron.

John Simon	\$25.00 per ton.
J.M. Garson	21.25 " "

Both these tenders are considerably below the existing market price for scrap iron, and it is recommended that no tender be awarded but that the City Engineer be authorized to sell the scrap from time to time at the best rate he can procure.

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Removal of Manure.

Thos. Ritchie \$15.

It is recommended that this tender be accepted.  
Bricks.

Brookfield Bros. -\$16.50 delivered at Cotton  
Factory siding.

Musgrave Construction & Supplies Ltd. -\$20.25  
delivered at Cotton Factory siding.

Messrs. Brookfield Bros. specify that any addition  
to the present freight rates be borne by the pur-  
chaser. It is recommended that the tender of Brook-  
field Bros. be accepted.

Castings.

Douglas Fullerton Co. Ltd., schedule rates.

Fleming Bros. " "

The tender of the Douglas Fullerton Co. Ltd. is lower  
and it is recommended that it be accepted.

Hardware.

James Simmonds Ltd. - Schedule rates.

This is the only tender received from the supply  
of hardware and it is recommended that this tender be  
accepted.

Crushed Stone.

Tenders were asked for supplying stone for crushing  
at the City Crusher and also for the supply of crushed  
stone. For the former service Heber Hartlen tendered  
to supply the stone for crushing at the Crusher for  
12¢ a bushel. J.M. McGrath tendered to supply crushed  
stone f.o.b. cars Halifax for 17¢ a bushel.

The Dominion General Equipment Co., successors  
to W.E. Rood who had the contract for supplying stone  
last year, offer to continue the contract at the same  
rate, namely 12¢ per bushel for the large sized stone  
and 12½¢ for the small sized, delivered on cars,  
teams or motor trucks at the Crusher on Barrington  
Street.

Mr. Hartlen's tender for stone for crushing is  
practically the same as the Dominion General Equip-  
ment Company's price for stone already broken, and  
it is considered advisable to buy the crushed stone  
rather than to crush it at the City Crusher. It is  
recommended that the tender of the Dominion  
General Equipment Company be accepted.

Lumber. Brookfield Bros. Ltd. schedule rates.

Musgrave Construction Co.

Ltd. " "

The tender of the former for the estimated require-  
ments for this year is the lower, and it is recommended  
that it be accepted.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The report of the City Engineer is considered  
clause by clause and the several clauses thereof  
adopted with the exception of the clause re crushed  
stone.

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Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Buckley that the clause re tenders for crushed stone be referred back to the Committee on Works for further report.

Motion put and lost 7 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Whitman, Regan, Murphy, Buckley, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -7

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Acknurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Ritchie, Power, Guildford -10

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

HOUSING PROBLEM

Alderman Kelly requests the Council to agree that the motion of which he gave notice at Meeting April 16th re the Housing Problem be now taken up. The Council agrees.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Finlay that this Council recommend the adoption of the Provisions of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1919 the Nova Scotia Housing Act and that the Council seek legislation providing for the sum of \$2500.00 for the administration of the Act.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Godwin that this matter be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

Amendment put and lost 7 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows :-

Engineer ✓  
Club & Works ✓  
Auditor ✓

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For the amendment:- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Douglas, Ritchie, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley -7

Against it :- Aldermen Finlay, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Power, Thompson -8

Alderman Kelly's motion is put and passed 9 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

For the motion :- Alderman Finlay, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Power, Guildford, Thompson -9

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Douglas, Ritchie, Godwin, Hubley -6

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration.

THEATRES, CINEMATOGRAPHS AND OTHER AMUSEMENTS  
LICENSES AND FEES.

Alderman Murphy calls attention of the Council to House of Assembly Bill No. 148 at present before the Legislature entitled "An Act Respecting Theatres and Cinematographs " which he considered of considerable importance to the City of Halifax and gives notice that he will move a resolution at the next meeting of Council in respect to it.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Godwin that the Council do now adjourn until Monday evening, 26th. instant at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Tuberculosis Hospital  
Civic Elections Canvassing for Votes.  
Loan \$982,490.00 For Various Purposes.  
Blind Institute -Civic Grant.  
Juvenile Court -Civic Grant,  
Street Railway Fares and Paving.

*Solicitor  
Council*

*Council*

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Works Department Supplies.  
Housing Problem.  
Theatres, Cinematographs and Other Amusements  
Licenses and Fees.

Council adjourns 6.40 o'clock.

  
L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,  
MAYOR.

EVENING SESSION

(Adjourned Meeting)

8.10 o'clock

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 26th. 1920

The City Council met this evening at the above named hour pursuant to adjournment of the 23rd instant; present Deputy Mayor Kelly, Chairman and Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Aokhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted :-

( For the purpose of ready reference the list of papers submitted and the list of other headlines are all incorporated in one schedule at the end of the meeting. )

The Council proceeds with the consideration of the general business for which the meeting was summoned.

STREET RAILWAY FARES AND PAVING.

Read letter W.H. Covert, K.C., covering copies for each Member of the Council of House of Assembly Bill No. 170 now before the Provincial Legislature entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 180, Acts of 1914, Entitled An Act to Incorporate Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company Limited."

Read majority report Special Committee re Street Railway Legislation and reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Street Railway Street Paving submitted at meeting of City Council

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April, 23rd, 1920 and incorporated in the Minutes of that Meeting.

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Murphy that the majority report of the special Committee be adopted.

Alderman Whitman, Chairman of the Special Committee submits a minority report as follows :-

Halifax, N.S., April 26, 1920

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Sirs:-

Your Committee appointed at the meeting of the City Council held on the 16th day of April 1920 to consider the application of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company Ltd., for an increase in fares and other matters have met a number of times and the undersigned begs to report as follows :-

1. That the City of Halifax agree to an amendment of sub-sections (e) and (f) of Section 22 of Chapter 180 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1914, whereby the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company Ltd., be authorized to charge a fare of seven cents for each passenger carried and be entitled to sell four tickets each good for a single fare, for twenty-five cents and also to sell sixteen tickets, each good for a single fare, for ninety cents, to continue for one year from the 1st day of May, 1920 and unless the Board of Public Utilities do approve of a rate equal to or less than the rate stated in this paragraph within said year then the present existing rate as fixed by said Chapter, 180 Section 22 be restored.
2. That it be distinctly enacted that the fares shall not be increased above the rates in last paragraph set out, and shall after the expiration of one year from the 1st, May 1920 be increased to the amount in the last paragraph thereof set out only upon the recommendation and report of the Board of Public Utilities.
3. That it should be clearly provided that the City Council may at any time and from time to time make an application to the Board of Public Utilities



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for the reduction in the rates set out in paragraph one hereof.

4. That we would not be warranted in the short time at our disposal to recommend the changes in fares set out in paragraph one hereof to continue for a longer period than one year from the 1st, May, 1920 until the question is carefully and thoroughly threshed out before the Board of Public Utilities. The Company's reports for the years 1918 and 1919 show very large increases in the gross earnings of the Railway Department of the Company's Property and the same reports show very large increases in the operation expenses.

Alfred Whitman,

By unanimous consent of Council the members of the Special Committee are permitted to retire to the Committee Room to peruse and consider the minority report.

COMMISSIONER OF HALIFAX COMMON.

Awaiting the return of the members of the Special Committee on Street Railway Legislation it is moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Douglas that the Council do now proceed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners of Halifax Common caused by the death of Commissioner George A. MacKenzie.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that this matter be deferred until the regular time for appointment of Committees and officials in the ensuing civic year.

Amendment put and passed 11 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows :-



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that the majority report of the Special Committee be considered clause by clause.

Alderman Regan's motion for the division of the question is withdrawn.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Ritchie that this Council approve of House of Assembly Bill #170 namely "An Act to Amend Chapter 180 Acts of 1914 entitled An Act to Incorporate Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company Limited " with the following amendment, viz:-

Clause 1 Section (e)

The Company to be permitted to sell 4 tickets for twenty-five cents, 18 tickets for One Dollar and 8 School Children's tickets for twenty-five cents;

That Clause 1 Section (f) be amended by striking out the third line thereof (which reads as follows :- "to be made as provided by the Public Utilities Act") and inserting in place thereof the words "of the Nova Scotia tramways and Power Company Limited and on the recommendation of the City Council of Halifax ";

And that Clause 3 of said Bill No. 170 be deleted.

His Worship the Mayor acting upon the opinion of the City Solicitor rules Alderman Douglas's amendment out of order on the ground that House of Assembly

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Bill No. 170 is not now under consideration by the City Council.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Regan that the majority report of the special Committee be now taken up for consideration clause by clause.

Motion put and passed 9 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Finlay, Hoyt, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley -9

Against it:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Ackhurst, Bissett, Douglas, Ritchie, Power -7

Read clause (1) of said report.

1. In connection with the application of the Nova Scotia Tramways Company for increased tramway fares and for other concessions, all of which are set out in a letter from the Company, copy of which is attached your special committee beg to report they visited the office of the tramway company and had a long conference with the officers of the company. Since then your committee have had three meetings and have very carefully considered the application.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Regan that the clause be approved. Motion passed.

Read clause (2).

2. The Committee wish to say that in the short time at their disposal it was impossible to go into the matter thoroughly especially as there has been a change in the tramway company's system of accounting so that it is difficult to make a comparison with previous years.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Regan that the clause be approved. Motion passed.

Read clause (3).

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3. Your Committee recommend that the application of the company to remove the legislative restriction on fares should be refused as they consider this restriction a most valuable safeguard for the citizens.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Colwell that said clause be approved. Motion passed.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Kelly takes the Chair.

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

Read clause 4.

4 Your Committee recommend that during the next year the whole question of the relations between the city and the tramway company should be carefully and fully considered with a view to a readjustment of all matters as between this City and Company.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Hubley that the clause be approved. Motion passed Alderman Whitman dissenting.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Read clause (5).

5 Your committee favour cooperating with the Company in arranging additional finance to cover the Company's present programme of new construction, also proposed wage increase to the various employees of this Company. We think the Company should be allowed a temporary increase of fares for a definite period not to exceed two years; the amount of said increase to be forthwith determined either by agreement between the Company and the Council or by any other method that may be mutually agreed on having in mind the earliest possible decision on this matter.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Regan that the clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by

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Alderman Hoyt that this Council consent to a revision of the fares charged by the Tramway Company under Section 22 Sub-Section (e) Chapter 180 Acts 1914 so as to limit them to a charge of \$1.00 for 18 tickets; seven cents for 1 single fare; twenty-five cents for four tickets, twenty-five cents for 8 school children's tickets and \$1.00 for 20 tickets for use between 6 a m and 8 a m.

Moved by Alderman Buckley seconded by Alderman Bissett that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost 6 voting for adjournment and 8 against it as follows :-

For adjournment:- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Bissett, Power, Guildford -6

Against :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Hoyt, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Ritchie, Hubley -8

By permission of the Seconder and of the Council Alderman Finlay is permitted to withdraw his amendment and to substitute in its place the following amendments viz:-

Moved in amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Kelly that this Council consent to a revision of the fares charged by the Tramway Company under Section 22 sub-section (e) chapter 180 Acts 1914 so as to limit them to a charge of six cents for a single fare \$1.00 for twenty tickets for use between 6 a m and 8 a m and between 5 p m and 6 p m and twenty-five cents for eight tickets for School Children this provision to apply only for one year from May 15th, 1920.

Alderman Whitman gives notice of reconsideration as to all resolutions passed at this session of the Council in respect to Tramway Legislation.

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: Note:- Bill No #170 referred to above as  
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submitted to the House of Assembly reads as follows :-

No. 170 Bill 1920

A Bill Entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 180, Acts of 1914, Entitled An Act to Incorporate Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited."

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

1. Subsections "E" and "F" of Section 22, Chapter 180, of the Acts of 1914, and the amendments thereof, are repealed and the following is substituted therefor:

(e) The Company may charge a fare of Seven Cents for each passenger carried, but may sell four tickets, each good for a single fare for Twenty-five Cents, and may also sell sixteen tickets, each good for a single fare, for ninety Cents. The payment of a fare, whether in cash or by ticket shall entitle the passenger paying such fare, to a continuous ride from any point on a main line or branch of the Company's railway within the City limits. City Policemen in uniform and firemen on duty, provided with a badge affixed to a conspicuous part of their dress, shall be carried on the cars of the Company free of charge.

(f) After the first day of July 1921, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on application to be made as provided by the Public Utilities Act, may from time to time make such order as shall be just in respect to the amount of such fares to be charged by the Company, and may amend or rescind such orders and make new orders in substitution therefor; but until the said Board shall make such order, the amount charged for a fare shall be that fixed by the preceding subsection of this Act.

2. No person shall stand or sit on the steps, fenders, bumpers, drawbars, trucks or any outside portion of any of the street cars of the Company and any person who shall stand or sit on any step, fenders, bumpers, drawbars, trucks or any outside portion of the street cars of the Company, and shall not get off upon being told to do so by any conductor, motorman or inspector in the employ of the Company, or by any police constable in the employ of the City of Halifax shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Ten Dollars.

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3. The Company shall not be obliged to pave between the rails and tracks and two feet outside of each rail with other or better material than that used by the City of Halifax for paving directly outside of the space which the Company is ordered to pave.

4. WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Water Commission is proceeding to develop water powers at Indian River, North East River and other Rivers and streams in the County of Halifax and elsewhere in the Province of Nova Scotia with a view to supplying electricity for light, heat and power purposes in the City of Halifax,

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :-

Section 32 of said Chapter 180 of the Acts 1914, as amended, is hereby repealed.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Whitman that the Council do now adjourn.

The vote being taken their appeared for adjournment 5, against 5, as follows :-

For adjournment:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Regan, Power, Guildford -5

Against :- Aldermen Finlay, Hoyt, Murphy, Ritchie, Hubley -5

His Worship the Mayor gives his casting vote against adjournment.

A number of Aldermen retiring leaving the Council without a quorum to do business the Council informally adjourns.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Street Railway Fares and Paving.  
Commissioner of Halifax Commons.  
Street Railway Fares and Paving.

Council adjourns 12.01 o'clock

*L. Fred Monaghan*  
L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

J.S. Parker,  
Mayor.