

EVENING SESSION,

8.10 O'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 29th, 1920

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

The Council was summoned to receive the returns of the Civic Elections 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 summoned.

HOUSING PROBLEM - RECONSIDERATION.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the resolution passed by the City Council at session April 23rd, 1920 for 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

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for the administration of the Act be now reconsidered.

Motion put and lost 4 voting for the same and

13 against it as follows :-

For reconsideration :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst,

Hoyt, Douglas -4

Against :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Bissett,

Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Ritchie, Power,  
Guildford, Hubley, Thompson -13

STREET RAILWAY FARES AND PAVING.

Alderman Whitman declines to move for the reconsideration of resolution passed by the Council at its session on the 26th inst. in respect to Tramway Legislation and withdraws the notice for reconsideration given by him at that meeting.

Alderman Godwin here arrives and takes his seat in Council.

CIVIC ELECTIONS, CANVASSING FOR VOTES.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Buckley that the resolution passed by the City Council at its session April 23rd, 1920 adopting a report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges recommending that legislation be sought prohibiting candidates for mayor or alderman from canvassing for votes be now reconsidered. Motion put and lost 6 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows :-

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

*Cy Sabalon ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Secretary  
Housing Comm. ✓*

*Sabalon ✓*

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*Solicitor ✓*  
Against :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay,  
Hoyt, Regan, Bissett, Kelly, Douglas, Butler, Ritchie,  
Power, Guildford, Thompson -12

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Colwell that the Council do now consider the question of adopting for the present year the so called Daylight Saving Scheme and that the correspondence on file in respect thereto be read.

His Worship the Mayor rules the motion out of order.

CIVIC ELECTIONS.

Read letter Josiah C. Stredder notifying the City Clerk of application made by him to the Judge of the County Court for District No. 1 for a recount of the votes polled at the election for Alderman Ward No. 2 held on the 28th instant.

22 Vernon St., Halifax, N.S.,  
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The City Clerk,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with the Act, I beg leave to apply for a re-count of the votes polled in the Aldermanic Election for Ward 2 on Wednesday April, 28th, 1920.

J.C. Stredder.

Filed.

Read return of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Arthur C. Hawkins and John S. Parker for the

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office of Mayor of the City of Halifax together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers in the several Polling Places at the Election held on the 28th instant said returns showing John S. Parker to have received 3084 votes and Arthur C. Hawkins 2407 votes giving John S. Parker a majority of 677 votes.

The City Clerk declares that John S. Parker the candidate having the greatest number of votes for the office of Mayor is Mayor of the City of Halifax for the ensuing civic year.

The following resolution is submitted :-

RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of the election of John S. Parker to the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax and to request that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor may be pleased to name the time and place at which His Honor may be pleased to administer the oaths of office to the Mayor elect.

Moved by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Ackhurst and passed.

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Charles W. Ackhurst, Roderick McColl and Murray Macneil for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 1 together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 28th. instant said returns showing Charles W. Ackhurst to have received 306 votes, Roderick McColl 148 votes and Murray Macneil 240 votes giving Charles W. Ackhurst a majority of 66 votes over Murray Macneil

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and 158 votes over Roderick McColl.

The City Clerk declares Charles W. Ackhurst the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected and an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. 1

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Frederick W. Bissett and Josiah C. Stredder for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 2 together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 28th inst., said returns showing Frederick W. Bissett to have received 526 votes and Josiah C. Stredder 523 votes giving Frederick W. Bissett a majority of 3 votes over Josiah C. Stredder.

The City Clerk declares Frederick W. Bissett the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected and an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. 2

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Hugh W. Cameron, Robert O. Harris and Thomas W. Martin for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 3 together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 28th inst., said returns showing Hugh W. Cameron to have received 372 votes, Robert O. Harris 131 votes and Thomas W. Martin 192 votes, giving Hugh W. Cameron

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a majority of 180 votes over Thomas W. Martin and 241 votes over Robert O. Harris.

The City Clerk declares Hugh W. Cameron the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected ~~and~~ an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. 3

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Norman E. MacKay and Edward J. Scanlon for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 4 together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 28th. inst., said returns showing Edward J. Scanlon to have received 542 votes and Norman E. Mackay 352 votes giving Edward J. Scanlon a majority of 190 votes over Norman E. MacKay.

The City Clerk declares Edward J. Scanlon the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected ~~and~~ an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. 4

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Robert D. Guildford and Ira G. Mason for the office of Alderman for Ward No. 5 together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 28th, inst., said returns showing Robert D. Guildford to have received 492 votes and Ira G. Mason 537 votes giving

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Ira G. Mason a majority of 45 votes over Robert D. Guildford.

The City Clerk declares Ira G. Mason the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected and an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. 5

Read returns of City Clerk covering the nomination papers of Ernie James Rudge and James A. Thompson for the office of Alderman Ward No. 6 together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in said Ward at the election held April 28th. inst., said returns showing Ernie James Rudge to have received 583 votes and James A. Thompson 404 votes giving Ernie James Rudge a majority of 179 votes over James A. Thompson.

The City Clerk declares Ernie James Rudge the candidate having the greatest number of votes duly elected and an Alderman for the City of Halifax for Ward No. 6

Office of the City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S., April 29th, 1920

The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

Pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter and the Acts in amendment thereof in respect to the election of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Halifax I have the honor to submit the following returns of the elections for Mayor and Aldermen held on the 28th day of April. inst.

I have made separate returns in respect to the election for Mayor and for the election of an Alderman for each Ward, attached to which separate returns are the original nomination papers for all the candidates.

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Election for Mayor.

Ward	Polling Place.	For Arthur C. Hawkins	For John S. Parker
1	A to K	98	245
	L to Z	113	251
2	A to K	168	357
	L to Z	179	359
3	A to K	149	199
	L to Z	147	212
4	A to K	202	282
	L to Z	204	232
5	A to K	334	245
	L to Z	302	181
6	A to K	243	277
	L to Z	268	244
Totals...		2407	3084

Total for Arthur C. Hawkins.....2407  
 Total for John S. Parker.....3084  
 Majority for John S. Parker...677

Election for Aldermen.

Ward.	Polling Place	Polling Place	Totals
	A to K	L to Z	
1	Charles W. Ackhurst	146	160
	Roderick McColl	70	78
	Murray Macneil	115	125
Majority for Charles W. Ackhurst.....			66
2	Frederick W. Bissett	267	259
	Josiah C. Stredder	254	269
	Majority for Frederick W. Bissett.....		9
3	Hugh W. Cameron	194	178
	Robert O. Harris	55	76
	Thomas W. Martin	93	99
Majority for Hugh W. Cameron.....			180
4	Norman E. MacKay	199	153
	Edward J. Scanlon	271	271
	Majority for Edward J. Scanlon.....		190
5	Robert D. Guildford	259	233
	Ira G. Mason	303	234
	Majority for Ira G. Mason.....		45
6	Ernlie J. Rudge	277	306
	James A. Thompson	210	194
	Majority for Ernlie J. Rudge.....		179

L. Fred Monaghan, City Clerk.



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ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending  
accounts for payment.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S., April 7th, 1920.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held  
this day the following general accounts amounting to  
\$1850.45 and account Victoria General Hospital for  
March \$919.00 making a total of \$2769.45 were examined  
found correct and recommended for payment.

Dr. Finn, M.E.	Certificates of death of:-	
Edw. Mailman, 4.00,	W.G. Wright 4.00	
Duncan Grant, 4.00,	MS. Bragg 4.00	
Hugh I. Alward 4.00,	Female Unknown	
4.00, Female Child,	Andrews Bayers	
4.00 C.J. Ead, 4.00	Male Child, Phil-	
ip Young 4.00	Annie Dorsey 4.00	
W.B. Putnam 4.00	Jos. Davis 4.00	
Bridget Richards 4.00	M. Merchant	
4.00 Ephriam Faucher	4.00 Jas. J.	
Handley 4.00	John F. Ellison 4.00	
W.A. Monaghan 4.00		72.00
A.&W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Stationery	
	City Collector	8.75
T.C. Allen & Co.	Printing & Stationery	
	City Assessor 31.25	
	" Collector 51.70	
	" Clerk 88.95	171.90
W.B. Williams	Eng. Badges	.50
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	4.20
United Typewriter Co.	Ribbon	1.00
Religious Good Shepherd	Maintenance of girls 1 qtr. to Apr. 1/20	186.75
E.H. Blois, Supt.	Maintenance of Neglected and Delinquent Child- ren 3 mos to Apr. 1/20	1214.30
A.&W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Rep. Book	1.45

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London Rubber Stamp Co.	Stamp,	4.60
Canadian Law Book Co.	C.C.Cases Vol.32	3.00
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	56.00
Chronicle Pub; Co.	Advertising 4.20	
	16.80, 25.20, 16.80	63.00
Halifax Herald	Advertising	63.00
		<u>1850.45</u>
Victoria General Hospital	Accts. Month	
of March.....		919.00
		<u>\$2769.45</u>

Alfred Whitman,  
Chairman.

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

CITY PRISON.

Read report City Prison Committee re tenders  
for supplies, accounts etc.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
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The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on City Prison met this after-  
noon at 4.30 o'clock; present Aldermen Ritchie, Chair-  
man, Hoyt, Colwell, Murphy and Hubley.

Tenders for Supplies.

Tenders for supplies for various services in re-  
sponse to advertisement in the newspapers were received  
and opened as follows :-

Bread

Scriven's Bakery 3 or 6 months at 8 2/3 cents per  
pound.

Lynch's Ltd. 3 or 6 months at 8 2/3 cents per pound.

It is recommended that the tender of Scriven's  
Bakery be accepted.

Beef Fore Quarters.

J.A.Leaman & Co. 3 or 6 months 16¢ per pound.

Robert McLeod & Son 3 or 6 months 16¢ " "

W.A.Maling & Co. 3 or 6 months 15.90 per cwt.

do 6 months 14.90 " "

It is recommended that the tender of W.A.Maling  
and Co. for Beef at \$14.90 for 6 months be accepted.

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It is recommended that the tender of Scriven's Bakery for bread at 8 2/3 per pound for six months be accepted.

Plumbing.

It is recommended that the necessary plumbing work, which can be done within the limit of the current appropriation be done at once.

Accounts.

The following named accounts are recommended for payment:-

Lynchs Ltd.	Bread	130.00
R.N.McDonald	Groceries	244.60
J.A.Leaman & Co.	Beef	129.94
S.C.Thompson	Feed	80.10
J.&M.Murphy	Dry Goods	18.91
Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.	Leather	6.45
Soldiers Civic Re- establishment	5 prs boots	13.75
H.D.McKenzie Co.	Coal	232.50
A.L.Melvin & Co.	Hardware	28.38
Hillis & Sons	Stove fittings	22.65
T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationary	1.15
Halifax Herald	Advertising	10.08
E.Eveleigh	Rep. express wag.	28.00
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	8.70
Howard McFatridge	Prof. Services	60.00
Maritime Telephone Co.	Rental	9.00
N.S.Tramways Co.	Rental	33.57
		\$ 1057.78

George Ritchie,  
Chairman.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report Committee of Fire Wards re current appropriation and re accounts.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
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The City Council.  
Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Fire Wards met this

*Governor Grant  
City Auditor*

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afternoon at 4 o'clock; present Aldermen Hoyt, Chairman, Whitman, Ritchie, Godwin and Murphy.

Current Appropriation.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following report of the Chief of the Department respecting the disposal of funds preserved up till the end of the current year in case of unforeseen circumstances or contingencies.

Office of Chief of  
Fire Department,  
Halifax, April 29/20

Board of Fire Wards,  
Gentlemen:-

It has been the usual custom when there is a surplus unexpended for the current year that the department be given the privilege of using such unexpended balance for some minor equipment that has not been expended from the current year's estimates, such as, bedding and furnishings for the department houses. The rooms occupied by the deputies have never been properly furnished and I would recommend the procedure concurred in by previous Boards be adhered to in this case.

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

Accounts.

The following named accounts are recommended for payment :-

R. N. McDonald	Soda	91.00
Wm. Collings & Son	Repairs to car	10.68
American La France Fire Engine Co.	Engine supplies	267.05
H. D. McKenzie Coal Co.	Coal	85.25
Halifax Broom Factory	Brooms	11.00
Northern Electric Co.	Batteries	20.98
Halifax Vulcanizing Works.	Vulcanizing	8.50
British Fire Pre- vention Committee	Subscription	5.11
Canadian National Rail- ways	Freight	1.72
Sheehan Motor Co.	Motor supplies	.75
Metropolitan Motors Ltd.	Motor supplies	44.50
John McInnes	Lumber	27.60
Cragg Bros. Co. Ltd.	Hardware	.50
Gutta Percha Rubber Co.	Rubber supplies	1.46

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Frederick Horner	horseshoeing	16.50
Martin & Moore	Painting etc.	6.50
Imperial Oil Ltd.	gasoline	56.11
Austen Bros. Ltd.	Hardware supplies	14.57
S.C. Thompson	Feed	310.15
		<u>\$979.93</u>

**City Hall Fire Damages.**

Northern Electric Co.	Elec. supplies	13.83
Maritime Tel & Tel Co.	Phone	1.60
		<u>\$ 15.43</u>

**Engine House Wiring, Outside Lights.**

Northern Electric Co.	Elec. supplies	51.56
	Less credit	4.60
		<u>\$ 46.96</u>

**Ordinary Fire Alarm Service.**

E.S. Cottingham	Car repairs	21.20
N.S. Tram. Co.	battery charge etc	8.97
Century Mfg. Co.	Box Paint	22.30
Gutta Percha Rubber Co.	Gloves, boots etc.,	20.35
Mar. Tel & Tel Co.	Service	12.00
Northern Elec. Co.	Elec. Supplies	268.26
		<u>\$ 353.08</u>

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

W.W. Hoyt, Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the clause with respect to the purchasing of supplies out of current appropriation be struck from the report. Amendment put and passed.

On motion of Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Ritchie the report as amended is adopted.

CHIEF OF POLICE MOTOR CAR.

Read report Police Committee re purchase of a motor car for the Chief of Police.

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Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
April 29th, 1920

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Police Commission wish to report that the Chief's auto is beyond repair through extra hard usage during the winter of 1918-19 and respectfully ask the Council to provide money to purchase a new five passenger car.

With the growth of the City it is impossible for the Chief and Deputy to properly visit the men on duty without proper means of quick transportation. To keep the force in a high state of efficiency it is imperative that the Chief or Deputy be on the street a very considerable portion of their time.

John S. Parker,  
Mayor and Chairman.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Power that a car of the type of a Ford car or a Chevrolet be purchased for the Police Department.

Amendment put and lost 8 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows :-

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

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Power that the report be referred back to the Committee for further report and giving prices of various cars.

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Amendment put and passed 14 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows :-

For the amendment:- Aldermen Whitman, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Butler, Power, Guildford, Godwin, Thompson, Hubley -14

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Ritchie -4

STREET RAILWAY FARES AND FILING.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman

Bissett that the Council now take up the consideration of House of Assembly Bill No. 170 entitled

"An Act to amend Chapter 180, Acts of 1914, entitled an Act to incorporate Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company Limited "

Motion put and lost 7 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Douglas, Butler, Ritchie, Power, Guildford -7

Against it :- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Buckley, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -11

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Regan that the Council now take up the further consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Street Railway. Motion passed. (See Minutes City Council, April 26th, 1920.)

Read clause 5 of the report as follows :-

*Mayor  
Chief of Police*

*Solicitor  
Acting Premier  
Hon. R. C. Sims  
Hon. J. S. Faulkner  
J. S. Connolly  
W. S. Bauld  
Ald. Power  
" Thompson  
" Whitman  
" Kelly  
W. H. Grant  
W. S. Wallace  
His Worship the Mayor  
Hon. A. W. Redden  
Hon. P. J. Beaulieu  
Hon. J. J. Rogan*

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5 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 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 Regan seconded by Alderman Murphy that clause 5 of the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Douglas seconded by Alderman Thompson that the Council approve of Clause (e) of the Tramway Company's Bill No. 170 and that said clause (e) be substituted for clause 5 of the Committee's report with the amendments that the Company be privileged to sell 18 tickets for one dollar; 8 school children's tickets for 25 cents good for use between 12 o'clock noon and 2 p.m and between 3 o'clock and 4 o'clock p.m. and 20 working mens tickets for \$1.00 good for use up to 8 o'clock a.m, said rates to remain in effect for two years only from date.

And further that before this Council agrees to any increased charge in regard to the Tramway rates at present charged it shall be binding upon the Company to simultaneously put into effect the increased wage scale as recently agreed to between the employees of its various departments and the Company.

Amendment put and passed 14 voting for the



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same and 4 against it as follows :-

For the Amendment:- Aldermen Colwell, Ackhurst, Finlay, Hoyt, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Douglas, Murphy, Buckley, Ritchie, Guildford, Godwin, Hubley, Thompson -14

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Bissett, Butler, Power -4

Read clause 6 of the majority report as follows :-

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

At the suggestion of Alderman Ritchie the following words are added to Clause 6 of the report "excepting by consent of the City Council of Halifax "

Moved by Alderman Regan seconded by Alderman Finlay that clause 6 of the report as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 7 of the report as follows :-

7. 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.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Regan that said clause be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ritchie seconded by Alderman Power that the majority report of the Committee as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Whitman that this Council add to the majority report its approval of Section 1 (e) of Bill 170 as amended by paragraph 5 of said report as adopted by Council and that Clauses 1 (f) and 3 and all clauses of said

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Bill No. 170 inconsistent with said majority report as adopted by Council be cut out.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Finlay that clauses 2 and 4 of Bill No. 170 be added to the report of the majority of the Committee and adopted as part thereof. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Murphy that the majority report of the Committee as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed Alderman Power dissenting.

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Finlay that copies of the Minutes of Council and of the Majority report of the Special Committee as amended and of the portions of Bill No. 170 as approved be forwarded to the Honorable the Acting Premier of the Province and to the Members of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council representing the City and County of Halifax. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEFICIT.

Read report Finance Committee covering letter from the Board of School Commissioners re deficit in the appropriation for public schools for the current year amounting to \$13,171.25

Committee Room, City Hall,  
April 15th, 1920

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

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the Board of School

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Commissioners <sup>advising</sup> ~~asking~~ your Committee of certain unavoidable deficits in several of their appropriations was read.

Your Committee recommend that the request of School Commissioners with respect to financing the certain deficits to be granted and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation to enable the City to borrow the said sum of Thirteen thousand and one hundred and seventy one dollars and twenty five cents from the ~~Board~~ or any fund available and that the same be included in the next general assessment.

Alfred Whitman,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report of the Committee be adopted and the City Solicitor instructed accordingly.

Motion passed.

DAY LIGHT SAVING.

Read letter various bodies requesting the adoption by the City of Halifax of the Daylight Saving Scheme for the coming Summer.

Board of School Commissioners,  
April 7th, 1920

His Worship, the Mayor of Halifax.  
Your Worship:-

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners held March 31st. it was stated that the Board of Trade was considering the advisability of adopting the Daylight Saving Scheme between May 1st and September 30; whereupon, the Board passed a resolution concurring in any action of the Board of Trade relative to the institution of the Daylight Saving Scheme.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

-- --The Retail Merchants Assn.  
of Canada.  
Halifax, N.S. Apl. 9th, 1920

His Worship Mayor Parker  
and Members of the City Council,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sirs:-

We beg to bring to your attention the importance of securing daylight saving for Halifax

*Miss S. J. Wilson  
Solicitor*

*Bank*

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to begin, say, the first of May and to continue to the end of September.

We wish to state that at various meetings held in connection with our Association this matter was brought up for consideration and a Resolution passed unanimously, adopting the daylight saving scheme. It has also been endorsed at all our Provincial and Dominion Conventions throughout Canada.

We trust that your honorable body may see your way clear to have this scheme in operation in Halifax at the earliest possible date.

J. Cuthbertson Doyle,  
Secretary  
Nova Scotia & P.E.I. Provincial Boards.

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Union Bank of Canada,  
Halifax, N.S., April 10th, 1920

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

At a special meeting of the Halifax Clearing House Association held on the 8th inst., it was unanimously resolved that we place ourselves on record as being in favor of the adoption of Daylight Saving in the City of Halifax, and I was instructed to write you requesting you to take action to bring Daylight Saving into effect this year, covering a period from the first of May, to the first of September.

F. O. Robertson,  
Secretary, Halifax Clearing House,  
Association.

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Customs Canada, Halifax, N.S.,  
April 13th, 1920

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

I have been instructed by the Officers and members of the Halifax Customs Association, to notify your body that they are all heartily in favor of the putting into force of the Daylight Saving Scheme for this City for the present year from about the first Sunday in May to the last Sunday in September, and would thank your honorably body to take such action as will bring about this much desired arrangement.

A. G. Lovett,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Halifax Customs Assn.,

*Council*

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Nova Scotia Marine Civil Service  
Association.  
Halifax, N.S., April 15th, 1920

Mayor J.S. Parker and  
Aldermen, City of Halifax.  
Gentlemen:-

At a monthly meeting of the above Association held yesterday a communication from the Board of Trade, Halifax, was read, asking the opinion of the employees of our Agency regarding the Daylight Saving Scheme, and requesting that this opinion be communicated to the Mayor and Aldermen.

I beg to advise you that our Association adopted a resolution strongly favoring Daylight Saving for the summer months.

R.J. Boutillier,  
Secretary.

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Board of Trade, Halifax, N.S.,  
April 22, 1920

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the City  
Council.

Gentlemen:-

I have been desired by the President and members of the Council of this Board to write you that on January 20th. last, at the Annual Meeting of the Board, a resolution was unanimously passed favouring the adoption of "Daylight Saving" in this City the present year - dating from not earlier than the first Sunday in May and not later than the last Sunday in September.

Trusting this matter will have your favourable consideration at any early date.

E. A. Saunders,  
Secretary.

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Provincial Secretary, Nova Scotia,  
Halifax, N.S. 23rd, April, 1920

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

The Members of the Halifax Rotary Club, at a largely attended meeting held on Tuesday evening, the 6th of April, at which their wives were present, unanimously passed a Resolution in favor of adopting "Daylight Saving" in the City of Halifax for the coming summer, dating from early in May until the last Sunday in September.

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The Executive of the Rotary Club were requested to direct your attention to this Resolution and to express their wish that the Council would concur therein and issue a notice accordingly.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
President Halifax Rotary Club.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Colwell that this Council adopt the Daylight Saving Scheme to be put into effect from Monday, May 10th, and that the same apply to all Civic Departments.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Hubley that the consideration of this question be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

Amendment put and lost. The original motion is put and passed.

Alderman Murphy gives notice of reconsideration.

PUBLIC BATHING FACILITIES.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Regan that this Council apply for legislation authorizing the expenditure of \$2500.00 in addition to any funds at present available for the purpose of providing public bathing facilities at Horse shoe Island, foot of Quinpool Road. Motion passed.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Read report Committee on Works covering Estimates for the Water Department for the Civic Year 1920-21 as follows :-

Water Department Estimates  
Schedule A

	<u>Expenditure</u> <u>1919-20</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Expenditure</u> <u>1920-21</u>
Shop	\$8164.29	\$8000.00
Repairs	32439.01	25000.00

*Solicitor  
Engineer  
Auditor*

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	Expenditure 1919-20	Estimated Expenditure 1920-21
Coal	1096.98	1100.00
Meters and Parts	10437.64	8000.00
Horses	1555.00	1100.00
Supplies	10412.87	7500.00
Contingencies	4008.09	1850.00
 Salaries :-		
Asst. City Engineer	3000.00	3750.00
" Engr. DeWolfe (part)	1500.00	1700.00
Clerk of Works	1700.00	2100.00
Asst. Clerk of Works	1300.00	1600.00
City Collector	200.00	200.00
First Clerk, Collector's Office	1500.00	1800.00
Second " " "	900.00	1100.00
Stenographer " "	700.00	800.00
Supt. Water Dept.	1700.00	2000.00
Asst. Supt. Water Dept.	1400.00	1600.00
Asst. Plumbing Inspector (Part Salary)	650.00	800.00
Meter Foreman	1965.60	1965.60
" Readers (4 @ 1144)	4576.00 (1300)	5200.00
Water Inspector	1088.00	1196.00
Entry Clerk	1088.00	1196.00
 Short Collection		 1000.00
Discount		1100.00
		\$81657.60
Interest		72692.44
Sinking Fund		10740.54
		\$165090.58
Estimated total expenditure		

Schedule B  
Estimated Revenue

Meter Rentals	2850.00	2850.00
Shops, schools, churches, charitable institutions	20000.00	19000.00
Factories, breweries, laundries	12000.00	12000.00
Military, naval, Customs, Post Office, Railway	24000.00	24000.00
Domestic meter rates	21251.35	21000.00
Houses under Bond	1000.00	1200.00
Water for building purposes, steamers, etc.	1000.00	3050.00
	\$ 82101.35	\$83100.00

Schedule C

Fire Protection and Pipe rates (9¢ per \$100)	40000.00	52000.00
Domestic or Flat Rate (11¢ per \$100)	28847.23	30000.00
	\$68847.23	\$82000.00
		83100.00

Estimated total revenue \$165100.00

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The said Estimates are considered item by item and the several items thereof approved as submitted, excepting as may appear below.

Water Inspector \$1196.00

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Finlay that this item be placed at \$1300.00

Motion put and passed 9 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Finlay, Bissett, Regan, Kelly, Murphy, Guildford, Hubley, Thompson -9

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Ritchie -4

Entry Clerk \$1196.00

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Murphy that this item be increased by the sum of \$1.00 per week.

Motion put and lost 4 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows :-

For the Motion :- Aldermen Colwell, Bissett, Regan, Murphy -4

Against it :- Aldermen Whitman, Ackhurst, Hoyt, Ritchie, Power, Hubley, Thompson -7

Alderman Murphy gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Ritchie that the Water Department Estimates as amended be adopted as a whole. Motion passed.

*Council ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Collector ✓  
Clerk & works ✓  
Awards ✓*



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WATER DEPARTMENT MINIMUM RATE.

*Council  
engineer* →  
Alderman Kelly gives notice that at a future meeting of the Council he will move a resolution providing for a minimum rate of \$6.00 per year for water takers whether supplied through water meters or otherwise.

FIRE WARDS COMMITTEE -REDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP.

*ald Hoyt  
city clerk* →  
In accordance with notice of motion given by him at meeting of Council April 8th. Alderman Ritchie submits the following resolution :-

"Resolved that the necessary legislation be procured to reduce the number of Fire Wards from six to three. "

The resolution is moved by Alderman Ritchie and seconded by Alderman Ackhurst.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Regan that the resolution be referred to the Committee of Fire Wards for report.

Amendment put and passed 7 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows :-

For the amendment :- Aldermen Whitman, Finlay, Regan, Murphy, Guildford, Hubley, Thompson -7

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

Adjournment.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Colwell that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost 3 voting for adjournment and 8 against it as follows :-

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For adjournment:- Aldermen Colwell, Whitman,  
Hoyt -3

Against:- Aldermen Finlay, Regan, Kelly, Murphy,  
Ritchie, Guildford, Hubley, Thompson -8

SALARY SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Read report Committee on Works re salary of  
Superintendent of Streets.

Office of Clerk of Works,  
March 24, 1920

The City Council.  
Gentlemen :-

At a meeting of the Works Department  
it held on the 28th day of January 1920 it was  
decided to recommend to Council that the salary  
of the Superintendent of Streets be increased from  
\$1700.00 to \$2000.00 per annum, commencing May 1st,  
next.

A.F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman  
Ackhurst that the report be adopted and the City  
Solicitor instructed to prepare any legislation  
necessary to carry the recommendation into effect.  
Motion passed.

CIVIC ELECTIONS-HOURS FOR VOTING.

Alderman Murphy submits the following notice  
of motion.

Section 53 of the City Charter provides "that  
polling shall take place between the hours of 8  
o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

It would seem advisable that this Council consider  
extending the time of closing from 5 to 6 o'clock  
as by so doing it would enable a very large number  
of ratepayers, whose employment prevents their  
reaching the polling places at 5, to exercise their  
franchise if this additional hour were granted them.

*Solicitor ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Supt. of Streets ✓*

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*Council* → I would therefore, recommend that an amendment be sought to paragraph (2) of Section 53, at the present session of the Legislature, to make this change and have the polling continued until 6 o'clock.

Adjournment.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Ackhurst that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Housing Problem - Reconsideration.  
Street Railway Fares and Paving.  
Civic Elections Canvassing for Votes.  
Daylight Saving.  
Civic Elections.  
Accounts.  
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Chief of Police Motor Car.  
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Water Department Minimum Rate.  
Fire Wards Committee-Reduction of Membership.  
Salary Superintendent of Streets.  
Civic Elections-Hours of Voting.  
Adjournment.

Council adjourns 11.50 o'clock.

*L. Fred Monaghan*  
L. Fred Monaghan,

CITY CLERK.

J. S. Parker,

MAYOR.