

EVENING      SESSION.

8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,

January 10th., 1924.

A meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour there were present, His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Munnis, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, Schaffner, H. W. Cameron, McDonald, Guildford, Whelan, O'Toole, Power, Drysdale, Hubley, W. O. Cameron and Daw.

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RECONSIDERATION - MILK REGULATIONS.

Read Extract from Minutes of City Council of December 6th. 1923, covering Alderman Daw's Notice of Reconsideration of resolution recommending the repeal of the regulations regarding the compulsory bottling of Milk.

Alderman Daw moves that the said matter be now considered. His Worship the Mayor rules the Notice for reconsideration out of order.

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SUPERANNUATION OF L. FRED. MONAGHAN.

Alderman Bissett asks for the indulgence of Council for leave to introduce a resolution.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that the rules of order of the Council be suspended so as to allow Alderman Bissett to introduce a resolution. The motion is put and passed 13 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Colwell,  
Munnis,  
Sanford,

Against it:-

Alderman Whitman,  
Drysdale,  
Daw.

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For the Motion (Cont'd.)

Alderman Bissett,  
Gastonguay,  
Schaffner,  
H. W. Cameron,  
McDonald,  
Guildford,  
Whelan,  
O'Toole,  
Power,  
W. O. Cameron.

Alderman Bissett submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Halifax in meeting assembled on the 25th. day of October, 1923, adopted a report of the Finance Committee recommending that L. Fred. Monaghan be dismissed from his office as City Clerk of the City of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS by advice of counsel, the said L. Fred. Monaghan on the said 25th. day of October at the said meeting made no statement by way of explanation to the said Council, contending by his counsel that the report of the Finance Committee did not disclose good cause for his dismissal;

AND WHEREAS the said L. Fred. Monaghan has since the 25th. day of October, 1923, duly notified the said City of Halifax of his intention to commence proceedings for a Writ of Mandamus, and did on the day of December, 1923, file with the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Crown Side, and serve upon the said City of Halifax a Notice that an application would be made to the Court for an Order directing and commanding the City of Halifax to forthwith restore the said L. Fred. Monaghan to his office as said City Clerk, together with his affidavit in support thereof; but the said application has since been abandoned and discontinued;

AND WHEREAS said affidavit fully sets forth the methods adopted by the said L. Fred. Monaghan in collecting monies for the Cemetery Commission and fully and frankly explains the difficult circumstances under which the said L. Fred. Monaghan was compelled to work, which information had not been laid before the said Finance Committee or before the Council;

AND WHEREAS if the said information and explanations had been given and made by the said L. Fred. Monaghan on the said 25th. day of October, the action of the Council in dismissing the said L. Fred. Monaghan might have been otherwise;

AND WHEREAS the said Council is now of the opinion that there was no actual dishonest intent on the part

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of the said L. Fred Monaghan to defraud the City ultimately;

AND WHEREAS the said L. Fred. Monaghan has been in the employ of the City of Halifax in the office of the City Clerk continuously for upwards of thirty-one years;

AND WHEREAS the said L. Fred. Monaghan has contributed to the Superannuation Fund regularly and continuously since the said Fund was established;

AND WHEREAS by the said action of the Council in dismissing the said L. Fred. Monaghan, he is deprived of Superannuation to which he would otherwise have been entitled and such deprivation would be unfair and unbritish in punishing him twice for the same thing;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said Council grant to the said L. Fred Monaghan a Superannuation to the amount of thirty-fiftieths of his average annual salaries as said City Clerk and Registrar of Voters for the three years next preceding October 25th. 1923, such Superannuation to commence from the 1st day of February 1924;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Solicitor prepare such Legislation as may be necessary for the authorization of the Superannuation, as aforesaid.

The resolution is moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Guildford.

His Worship the Mayor rules under Section 45 of the Rules of Council that the matter be deferred and refers the said Resolution to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

*Mayor, or  
at Council  
L. Fred Monaghan*

ACCOUNT FIRE DEPARTMENT - NORTHERN ELECTRIC COMPANY \$712.65.

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending account of the Northern Electric Company, \$712.65, for payment.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
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To His Worship The Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen,

The Committee of Firewards recommend for payment the

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attached account of the Northern Electric Company for  
Fire Alarm Signal Boxes \$712.65.

H. W. CAMERON,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman  
McDonald, that the report be adopted and account paid. Mot-  
ion passed.

GARDENS ACCOUNTS.

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Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common recommend-  
ing for payment accounts amounting to \$445.64.

City Hall,  
November 19th., 1923.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Halifax Garden's Commission, held  
this date, in the Mayor's office City Hall, the following  
accounts amounting to \$445.64, were passed and recommend-  
ed for payment:-

Austen Bros.	.77
Baldwin & Co	16.97
A. H. Lamphier	11.00
Longards Ltd	1.25
S. C. Thomson	15.25
John Ead	287.50
William Roche	105.00
Halifax Steel Company	7.90
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	\$ 445.64
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JOHN MURPHY,  
Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman  
Whelan, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whitman, seconded by  
Alderman Munnis, that the report be adopted and the acc-  
ounts paid with the exception of the account of William  
Roche - \$105.00, for Coal for Superintendent Power's res-  
idence.

The Amendment is put and passed, 13 voting for it and  
4 against it as follows:-

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For the Amendment:

Against it:

Alderman Colwell,  
Whitman,  
Munnis,  
Bissett,  
H.W. Cameron,  
McDonald,  
Whelan,  
O'Toole,  
Power,  
Drysdale,  
Hubley,  
W.O. Cameron,  
Daw.

Alderman Sanford,  
Gastonguay,  
Schaffner,  
Guildford.

Alderman Munnis submits the following as Notice of Motion:-

That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft an amendment to the Act superannuating Richard Power, late Superintendent of the Public Gardens, that in addition to the amount of his Superannuation and the use of the Gardens Lodge, that provision be made for the heating of said Lodge during his life-time and that this Bill be made retroactive for the present year.

*Council ✓*

GARDENS ACCOUNTS NO. 2

Read report Commissioners of Halifax Common recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$151.67.

City Hall,  
January 10th., 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Halifax Common held this date in the Mayor's Office City Hall, the following accounts, amounting to \$151.67, were passed and recommended to Council for payment.

Davison Parker Co Ltd	\$ 6.64
Austen Bros Ltd	3.10
do	.51
Thomas Muldowney	10.25
Whiting Seed Company	22.00
Arthur Dean	14.00
Halifax Seed Co	33.00
S. C. Thompson	19.06
do	12.40
Evans & Co	5.25
do	5.83

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D. A. McCulloch	\$12.25
Priest & Sons	.45
Brookfield Bros Ltd	1.00
Wm. Robertson & Son	.61
do	2.97
do	2.35
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	\$ 151.67

JOHN MURPHY,  
Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Guildford, that the report be adopted and accounts paid.

CITY HOME & TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Charities Committee recommending accounts chargeable to the City Home amounting to \$5520.88 for payment and to the Tuberculosis Hospital \$2644.58.

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 8, 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present The Chairman, Aldermen Daw, McDonald, Sanford and O'Toole.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS, DECEMBER 1923, AMOUNT \$5520.88.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:-

Wentzells Ltd	Groceries & Flour	\$1053.72
Maritime Market	Meats	533.60
Davis & Fraser	Mess Pork	60.60
Smith & Proctor	Butter	249.38
S. C. Thompson	Forage	69.99
G. E. VanBuskirk Ltd	Coal	183.74
G. Hutchinson	Ice	14.00
T.J. Whalen & Co	Dry goods	243.22
N.S. Tramways & Power	Light & Power (2)	56.06
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Exchange Service	17.38
Ideal Dairy Ltd	Milk	261.56
H. Bowman	Fresh Fish	63.75
D.A. Cummings & Co.	Repairs to kettles	92.50
A. Fordham & Co	Leather	15.42
R. J. Hurley	Repairs to furnace	430.75
Evans & Co	Crockeryware	51.92
W. McFatridge	Rope	45.81
Fleischmann Co	Yeast	5.49
H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	9.25
D. A. McCulloch	do	3.50
Canadian Oil Co	Gasoline	42.95

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Kellys Ltd	Sundries	\$ 9.50
Nickerson & Crease	Fruit	30.00
R. J. Hurley	Repairs to furnace	6.55
W. Robertson & Son	Hardware	42.22
McLeod Balcom Ltd	Nipples	1.00
W. D. Forrest, M.D.,	Lunacy Certificates	15.00
J. H. Buchanan	Cash expended	366.02
Salaries	December	1546.02
		<u>\$ 5520.88</u>

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, DECEMBER 1923. AMOUNT \$2644.58

M. J. Ritcey & Co Ltd	Groceries	237.65
Maritime Market	Meats	171.21
Smith & Proctor	Butter	194.00
Ideal Dairy Ltd	Milk & Cream	181.85
H. Bowman	Fish	16.05
John Fry	Bread	35.12
Globe Laundry Co Ltd	Laundrywork	61.92
N. S. Tramways & Power	Light & Power	85.18
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co	Exchange service	14.41
McLeod, Balcom Ltd	Drugs	80.27
Nickerson & Crease	Vegetables & Fruit	43.45
G. Hutchinson	Ice	10.50
Farquhar Bros	El. Lamps	14.40
T. C. Allen & Co	Printing	35.53
W. W. Hoyt	Repairs Etc.	29.40
T. J. Whalen & Co	Dry goods	137.19
do	Night shirts	72.00
Evans & Co	Sundries	10.55
Richmond Paper Co	Napkins, etc. (2)	22.30
Wm. Robertson & Son	Hardware	10.47
J. H. Buchanan	Cash expended	37.08
Salaries	December	1144.07
		<u>\$2644.58</u>

H. S. COLWELL,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Daw,  
that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion pass-  
ed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

✓  
Read report Committee of Firewards recommending for  
payment accounts chargeable to Fire Alarm Maintenance am-  
ounting to \$80.27, and General Accounts \$3151.32.

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and City Council.  
Gentlemen,

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Kellys Ltd	Sundries	\$ 9.50
Nickerson & Crease	Fruit	30.00
R. J. Hurley	Repairs to furnace	6.55
W. Robertson & Son	Hardware	42.22
McLeod Baloom Ltd	Nipples	1.00
W. D. Forrest, M.D.,	Lunacy Certificates	15.00
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H. Bowman	Fish	16.05
John Fry	Bread	35.12
Globe Laundry Co Ltd	Laundrywork	61.82
N. S. Tramways & Power	Light & Power	85.18
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co	Exchange service	14.41
McLeod, Baloom Ltd	Drugs	80.27
Nickerson & Crease	Vegetables & Fruit	43.45
G. Hutchinson	Ice	10.50
Farquhar Bros	El. Lamps	14.40
T. O. Allen & Co	Printing	35.53
W. W. Hoyt	Repairs Etc.	29.40
T. J. Whalen & Co	Dry goods	137.19
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H. S. COLWELL,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Daw,  
that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion pass-  
ed.

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and City Council.  
Gentlemen,



January 10th., 1924.

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, there being present Aldermen H. W. Cameron, Chairman; Munnis, McDonald, O'Toole and Daw, the following accounts - \$60.27 chargeable to Fire Alarm Maintenance, and \$3151.32 to General Account, were passed as correct and recommended for payment:-

Fire Alarm Maintenance.

Northern Electric Co Ltd.	Supplies	\$14.38
David Roche	Glasses	10.00
Jas. Simmonds Ltd	Supplies	3.53
Halifax Universal Motors Ltd	Reline Brake bands	5.00
W. W. Hoyt	Brushes, etc.	6.00
Can. General Elec Co Ltd	1 set chains	8.24
Halifax Vulcanizing Works		4.60
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co Ltd	Service December	3.00
N. S. Tramways & Power Co Ltd	Power do	4.52
G. H. Durling	Motor fee for 1924 (City Ford Truck)	1.00
		<u>\$60.27</u>

General Accounts.

N. S. Government	Number plate for cars	9.00
J. A. Scallion	Horseshoeing	30.00
Cragg Bros Ltd	Supplies	25.58
Wm. Robertson & Son	do	.48
Wm. Jakeman & Son	Veterinary services	10.00
A. J. McNutt	Repairs	6.50
H. McFtridge	Horseshoeing	25.63
Melvin & Co	Supplies	13.50
Union Coal Co Ltd	Coal	1425.00
Kline & Mullins	Caps	51.00
T. C. Allen & Co.	Supplies	8.10
Kelly's Ltd	Harness repairs	15.25
A. H. Lamphier	Equipment repairs	19.50
O. C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	5.50
Wentzells Ltd	Stores & Supplies	37.62
W. W. Hoyt	Supplies	8.00
Frank Reardon	Glass	22.09
O. H. Petch	Fire coats	144.21
E. B. Eddy Co Ltd	Stores & Supplies	10.87
Brookfield Bros Ltd	Lumber	60.90
C. R. Hoben & Co	Supplies	58.86
Sun Life Assurance Co	Insurance of Firemen	7.28
Halifax Steam Laundry	Laundry	24.64
N.S. Tramways & Power Co	Lighting	75.46
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co Ltd	Telephone	26.45
S. C. Thompson	Feed	285.95
American LaFrance Fire Engine Comapny		458.24
R. J. Hurley	Repairs	274.06
Can. General Elec Co	Supplies	11.19
J. W. Churchill	Telegram	.48
		<u>\$3151.32</u>

H. W. CAMERON,  
Chairman.

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Moved by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Read report Finance Committee recommending accounts amounting to \$2430.91 for payment.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 8, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the following named accounts amounting to \$2430.91 were passed as correct and recommended for payment:-

Wm. McNab & Son	Printing		
	Collectors Office	\$ 105.20	
	City Assessors	185.00	
	City Clerk	44.50	\$ 334.70
Blackadar Bros	Advertising	5.00	
		13.80	
		6.30	28.10
The Citizen	Advertising	2.10	
		4.20	
		3.60	9.90
Chronicle Publ. Co	Advertising	10.08	
		8.40	18.48
Halifax Herald Ltd	Advertising	11.76	
		11.76	23.52
A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Stationery, etc.		
	Collectors Office	143.64	
	City Clerk	6.27	
	City Auditor	5.25	
	City Collector	7.36	
	City Treasurer	8.15	170.67
T. O. Allen & Co	Stationery, etc.		
	City Clerk	14.42	
	City Collector	10.40	
	City Auditor	635.04	659.86
Ross Print	Printing -		
	City Assessor		21.94
London Rubber Stamp	City Collector		1.50
Royal Print & Litho Printing			49.64

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A. G. Cummings	Prothonotary's fees	2.40
Western Union Tel.	Telegrams	4.70
Religious of the Good Shepherd	Maintenance children	138.59
Halifax Children's Aid Society	Support children	398.57
Supt. Neglected & Delinquent Children -		
	Maintenance children	\$ 612.56
	Less	<u>44.22</u>
		<u>568.34</u>
		<u>\$2,430.91</u>

ALFRED WHITMAN,  
Chairman.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDIT - NOVEMBER 1923.

Read report Finance Committee recommending account of  
Price, Waterhouse & Company, expenses of independent audit  
for month of November 1923, \$2560.00, for payment.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 8, 1924

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day,  
the attached account of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company,  
amounting to \$2560.00 - Expenses of independent audit for  
month of November 1923, was passed as correct and recommend-  
ed for payment.

ALFRED WHITMAN,  
Chairman.

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

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HENRY, ROGERS, HARRIS & STEWART'S ACCOUNT.

Read report of Finance Committee recommending for payment account of Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart - \$200.00, expenses in re dismissal of Robert Theakston and appointment of his Successor.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 8, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, the attached account of Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart, amounting to Two Hundred (\$200.00) dollars - legal expenses in re dismissal of Robert Theakston, late City Collector, preliminary hearing and appointing of a Successor, was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

ALFRED WHITMAN,  
Chairman.

*City Treasurer ✓*

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron that the report be adopted and the account paid from any fund available. Motion passed.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Citizen's Free Library Commission recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$55.10.

Citizens' Free Library,  
Halifax,  
January 8, 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

The Library Commission begs to submit the following bills for payment:-

T. O. Allen & Co.	Books	\$ 24.60
Baldwin Transfer Co.	Cartage	1.00
National Geographical Society	Subscription	3.50
L. Scott Publishing Co.	do	26.00
		<u>\$ 55.10</u>

J. J. POWER,  
Chairman.

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

CAMP HILL CEMETERY ACCOUNTS.

Read report Camp Hill Cemetery Commission recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$47.54.

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January 9, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen,

The Camp Hill Cemetery Commission beg to recommend for payment the following accounts:-

A. & W. MacKinlay Ltd.	Stationery, etc.	\$6.85
John MacInnes & Son Ltd	Lumber	4.69
W. R. MacInnes & Co	Prem. on \$2000. policy	<u>36.00</u>
		<u>\$47.54</u>

F. W. BISSETT,  
Chairman.

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

POLICE ACCOUNTS.

Read report Police Commission recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$587.07.

City Hall,  
January 7, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Police Commission, held this date, the following accounts amounting to \$587.07, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Alex. Frizzel	Police Batons	\$ 25.31
West Disinfecting Co	Toilet Paper	75.24
White Truck Sales Co	Mdse	1.07
J. C. Foster	repair Clothing	32.50
Annand & Carten	Insurance	271.93
Sculis Typewriter	Supplies	1.25
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	do	1.53
T. C. Allen & Co	Order book	.35
C. R. Hoben	repair Auto muffler	2.50
R. J. Leary	clean. suit	2.00
Mahons Ltd.	Coats for P. women	58.00
Maritime Welders	Welding	2.00

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Auto Equipment	charging batteries	\$3.65
T. J. Whalen	Caps	20.70
Amherst Boot & Shoe	Rubber Boots	5.38
Wm. Robertson & Son	Oil coat	6.39
A. H. Lamphier	repairing Car	35.00
Dr. McFatrige	destroying Horse	2.00
Cragg Bros	Mdse	21.85
Imperial Oil Co	Oil	3.44
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co Ltd	Telephone service	15.00
		<u>\$587.07</u>

JOHN MURPHY,

Mayor and Chairman.

*Mayor* ✓  
Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman O'Toole,  
that the report be adopted and the accounts paid excepting  
the account of Annand & Carten, insurance on Police Patrol,  
\$271.93. Motion passed.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board recommending accounts  
amounting to \$329.57 for payment.

Halifax,

January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday,  
January 8th. 1924, the following named accounts amounting  
to \$329.57, were passed as correct and are recommended for  
payment:-

Isolation Hospital.

Geo. Burgess	Milk-Cream	$\frac{3}{4}$ \$21.08
Ideal Dairy Ltd	do	9.49
J. J. Scriven	Bread	6.24
Acadian Recorder	Advertising	5.80
Hagen & Co.	Repairs furnace	3.50
N. S. Undertaking	Ambulance service	28.00
N. S. Tramways	Lighting	11.07
P. T. Shea	Butter - Eggs	32.70
Halifax Steam Laundry	Washing	33.95
John McDonald	Carpenter Work	9.50
G. C. Hartlen	Meatstuffs	5.72
Maritime Market	do	14.57
Evans & Co.	Hardware	11.05
Wentzells Ltd	Groceries	69.67
		<u>282.14</u>

General Account.

S. Cunard & Co	Coal	1.65
Maritime Tel. Co	Telephone service	14.47
Ross Print	Printing	17.24
Maritime Meat Market	Meatstuffs	.95
Cragg Bros	Batteries, etc.	2.20
A. Milne Fraser	Type Ribbon	1.00

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T. C. Allen & Co	Office supplies	\$5.70
Kinley's Ltd	Drugs	13.05
Wentalls Ltd	Groceries	<u>11.17</u>
		\$67.43

Recapitulation.

Isolation Hospital	\$262.14
General Accounts	<u>67.43</u>
Total .....	329.57

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Schaffner, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY PRISON, MONTHLY REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending accounts amounting to \$1280.25 for payment, also covering report of the Governor of the Prison for the month of December.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 8, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on City Prison, held this afternoon, there being present Aldermen Bissett, Chairman; Munnis, Guildford and Daw, the following named accounts amounting to \$1280.25, were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment:-

Maritime Market	Beef	\$41.03
Neil Fox	Harness supplies	3.45
Evans & Co	Hardware	26.61
MacLeod & Balcom	Drugs	6.40
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co	Boots	18.18
D. J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	15.25
Union Coal Co	Coal	300.00
Howards Limited	Groceries	94.74
S. C. Thompson	Feed	6.00
N. S. Tramways & Power Co	Current	13.05
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co	Rental	12.24
Moirs Ltd	Bread	35.40
A. & W. MacKinlay	Diary	4.00
Moirs Ltd	Rolls & Plum Loaves	7.80
Pay Roll	December 15, 1923	348.05
do	December 30, 1923	<u>348.05</u>
		\$1280.25

The following report for the month of December 1923 was submitted by Governor Grant:-

To the Chairman  
and Members of City Prison Committee.

January 10th., 1924.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the report of the City Prison for month ending December 31st. A. D. 1923, as follows:-

Number prisoners admitted during the month, 2 males. Number discharged 4 males, leaving in custody 17 males and 4 females - total of 21 Prisoners, as against 22 at this date last year, made up of 20 men and 2 women.

I would also report that on the night of December 19th., 1923, at 7 o'clock P. M., the Chemical Engine from West Street was called and responded quickly to extinguish a blaze in the Prison smoke stack. In the absence of Alderman Bissett, Chairman of the Committee, the matter was reported to Alderman Daw who inquired as to damage; the Alderman was informed that happily there was no damage done.

Geoge Grant,  
Governor.

F. W. BISSETT,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$12,233.08.

City Works Office,  
January 9, 1924.

To the City Council.  
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 9th. instant, accounts attached hereto amounting to the sum of \$12,233.08, were recommended for payment:-

Water Maintenance	\$ 810.39	
Water Construction	<u>954.07</u>	\$ 1764.46
Cleaning Paved Streets	26.70	
Telephones	405.45	
Internal Health May to December	237.18	
City Property	551.50	
Market Revenue	160.86	
Teams & Stables	1585.05	
Streets May to December	42.73	
City Hall Lighting	146.87	
Fuel	525.00	
Rents City Property	20.15	
Fleming Park	7.50	
City Hall Wiring	5.59	
Street Lighting	<u>5635.17</u>	9349.75



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Loan widening Streets	\$50.00	
City Hall Furniture	25.34	
Street Lighting Loan	5.93	
Sewerage	921.02	
Market Improvement	88.58	
Permanent Pavement	28.00	\$ 118.87
		<u>\$12233.08</u>

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman W. O. Cameron, that the report be adopted and the accounts paid.  
Motion passed.

CHIMNEY, VETERAN FIREMEN'S HALL.

Read report Committee on Works recommending the final payment to Messrs. Adams & McCarthy - \$34.60, the balance due on their contract for building chimney at the Veteran Firemen's Hall, Spring Garden Road.

City Work's Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 26th 1923, final payment to Thos Adams and Michael McCarthy for balance of \$34.60 due them on contract for building chimney at Veteran Firemen's Hall, Spring Garden Road, was approved and recommended to Council, payment to be made out of City Property rentals.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report be adopted and account paid. Motion passed.

STEPHEN PAVING CONTRACT - CLAIM IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY.

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment account of the Imperial Oil Company, \$700.00, for material Supplied to the Stephen Construction Company, Contractors.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 26th.

January 10th., 1924.

1923, the attached letter dated Dec. 20th. from Murray, MacKinnon & Inglis, Solicitors for the Imperial Oil Ltd., wrote in respect to the payment of claim for \$700.00 for material supplied the Stephen Construction Company, Contractors for paving. As His Worship had guaranteed payment of same in behalf of City previous to delivery of goods, the claim was approved and recommended to Council for payment, the same to be deducted from balance due on contract.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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MURRAY, MACKINNON & INGLIS,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
December 20, 1923

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.  
Dear Sir,

Re Imperial Oil Ltd. vs Stephen Construction Company.

During the course of the contract with the Stephen Construction Company our clients, the Imperial Oil Ltd., refused to advance further supplies unless the order was accepted by the City, and an order for supplies to the amount of \$700.00 was accepted and O. K'd. by Your Worship on behalf of the City. We would, on behalf of our clients, ask that this amount be paid by the City as early as possible. There is, of course, an additional claim of the Company against the Stephen Construction Company.

MURRAY, MACKINNON & INGLIS,  
Per J. S. MacKinnon.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,  
that the report be adopted and account paid. Motion passed.

STEPHEN PAVING CONTRACT - HEALEY & COMPANY'S  
CLAIM.

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment  
account of Healey & Company - \$50.00, for Coal supplied in  
connection with the Stephen's Paving Contract.

City Work's Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.  
Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 9th., 1924, the City Engineer submitted a report on account of Healey & Co. Ltd., for Coal supplied the Stephen Construction Company, Contractors for Paving. It was decided to recommend to Council that the amount \$50.00 be paid said firm, payment to be made from balance due on contract, evidence of delivery to be first produced.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

January 10th., 1924.

City Engineer's Office,  
January 9th., 1924.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

Referring to the account of Healey & Company for coal supplied to the contractor for Paving, the 5 tons of coal delivered on November 3rd., should be included in the necessary supplies for the completion of the work and paid for as suggested out of the amount covered by the contract. The acceptance \$41.50, is a different matter altogether. It would be necessary before paying \$50.00 to have Mr. Stephen's receipt or other evidence that he received the coal.

F. W. W. DOANE,  
City Engineer.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works ✓*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report be adopted and account paid. Motion passed.

LEASE - SHOP #3-#5 SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

Read report Committee on Works in re lease of the shop in the Veteran Firemen's Hall, #3-#5 Spring Garden Road, to Peter Laba.

City Work's Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 2nd. 1924, the attached letter from Peter Laba under date of December 31, 1923, was read in respect to renewal of lease of premises now occupied by him at 3-5 Spring Garden Road.

It was decided to recommend to Council the lease be renewed at the expiration of same in October next for a further period of three years at the rate of \$720.00 per annum, payable in monthly instalments of \$60.00.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works ✓*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Drysdale, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

COAL WEIGHERS REPORT NOVEMBER 1923.

Read report Supervisor Coal Weighers for the month of November 1923, showing that each permanent - Weigher received the sum of \$107.80.

Filed.

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✓ FIRES AND THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES.

Read report Committee of Firewards covering report Chief of the Fire Department re Fires, their causes and losses during the Month of December 1923.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 8, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards, held this day, the attached report of the Chief of the Department on Fires, their causes and losses, was submitted and ordered to be reported up to the City Council for its information.

H. W. CAMERON,  
Chairman.

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Halifax,  
January 8, 1924.

Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen,

Herewith I submit the following report for the month of December during which there were 41 alarms of fire as follows:-

Chimneys 25, unknown 2, overheated peanut roaster 1, false 2, electric wiring 3, careless use matches 1, defective fire place 1, oil lamp upset 1, overheated stove pipe 3, hot ashes 1, oil stove exploded 1.

Property at risk	\$312,030.00	
Insurance losses		\$ 5,287.88
Losses not insured		115.00
		<u>\$ 5,402.88</u>

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

Filed.

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CITY HOME & TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL -  
REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1923.

Read report Charities Committee for the month of December 1923, showing the number of inmates on the 31st. of December in the City Home to be 303, and in the Tuberculosis Hospital 34.

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Halifax, N. S.,  
January 8, 1924.

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

Gentlemen,

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report. Members present The Chairman, Aldermen Daw, McDonald, Sanford and O'Toole.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, CITY HOME, NUMBER OF INMATES  
DECEMBER 31st. 1923 - 303.

The Superintendent's reports shows that during the month of December 1923, there were 18 persons admitted into the City Home, 1 born, 8 discharged and 1 died. Of the number admitted 7 were chargeable to the Province and 11 to the City.

The total number of inmates December 31st. 1923, was 303, made up of 173 men, 125 women and 5 children. On the same date last year there were 180 men, 123 women and 7 children, a total of 310.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, CITY TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL,  
NUMBER OF PATIENTS DECEMBER 31st. 1923 - 34.

The Superintendent's report shos that during the month of December 1923, there were 7 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, - 4 men, 2 women and 1 child, 3 women and 1 child were discharged and 2 men and 2 women died.

The total number of patients December 31st. 1923 was 34, made up of 18 men, 15 women and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 17 men, 14 women and 2 children, a total of 33.

H. S. COLWELL,  
Chairman.

Filed.

LETTER CITIZENS' RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

Read letter Citizens' Research Institute of Canada, offering to co-operate with the City in it's administrative problems covering circulars and other date.

Citizen's Research Institute of  
Canada,

TORONTO office,  
January 5, 1924.

To City Clerk,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir,

As a part of its citizen service the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada desires to assist municipalities by co-operating with their municipal executive officials in their administrative problems. Perhaps, the most practical way to accomplish this is to provide a means whereby the services of specialists may be available at a reasonable cost. With this object in view, the enclosed "Consulting Service Announcement" is going forward to Canadian Municipalities

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and, in order that some definite cost may be named for consideration, a maximum figure is given.

The Institute has no share capital, is not conducted for profit, and accumulates no working fund. It, therefore, wishes to point out that the work as covered in the Announcement, can only be undertaken providing a sufficient number of municipalities signify their willingness to co-operate in the plans so that, at the cost named, expenses may be covered. If more than this number take advantage of the service, the cost to each will be further reduced.

The Institute would ask that you place this letter, together with the enclosed Announcement and Agreement, before your Council at their first meeting and advise this office as to their decision, in order that the plan of Service throughout the Dominion may be expeditiously arranged.

H. M. NOLAN,  
Field Secretary.

Filed.

WATER METER BILL - FURNESS WITHY COMPANY.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer in re Water Meter Bill, Furness Withy Wharf, Upper Water Street.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 26th. 1923, the City Engineer's report under date of July 7th. 1923, on water meter bill for Furness Withy Company Wharf for half year ending March 1923 amounting to \$882.80, was further considered and after hearing His Worship's statement of conference held with representative of said firm, it was decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one-third.

Copy of Engineer's report is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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Office City Engineer,  
July 7th., 1923.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

I beg to report on the complaint of Messrs. Furness Withy & Company of excessive consumption at their wharf premises Upper Water Street, that the amount of the bill for the half year ending March 1923 is \$882.80 of which \$5.00 is meter rental. The consumption during this period was 6,270,000 gallons. The half yearly consumption and bills in this property for the past few years, have been as follows:-

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	Consumption	Bill
Sept 1917	5,874,000	\$ 533.66
Mar. 1918	19,242,000	1351.94 = reduced -
by resolution of Council August 8th. 1918 to \$480.00		
Sept 1918	4,037,000	388.51
Mar. 1919	4,456,000	428.33
Sept 1919	3,230,000	328.00
Mar. 1920	4,191,000	403.15
Sept 1920	7,522,000	681.98
Mar. 1921	15,210,000	1069.70 = reduced -
by City Council Nov. 24th. 1921 to \$671.74		
Sept 1921	2,345,000	328.95
Mar. 1922	1,528,000	249.48
Sept 1922	797,000	148.46
Mar. 1923	6,270,000	882.80

The facts as stated in the letter are correct with regard to leaks in the main and that the Company have endeavored to locate and repair the same. The pipe is, in places, 12 feet deep on the wharf and it is difficult to locate leaks. I understand tenders have been asked for laying a new pipe.

I am satisfied that the Company have tried to remedy conditions here, but as I am also satisfied that the quantity of water charged for has passed through the meter, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Power, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Daw dissenting.

WATER METER BILL - #732 ROBIE STREET.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer in re Water Meter Bill, #732 Robie Street.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.  
Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 9th the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for the premises #732 Robie Street for the half year ending September 1923 amounting to \$22.16, no recommendation was recommended.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one-third.

Engineer's report is attached hereto.

A. FL MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

January 10th., 1924.

City Engineer's Office,  
January 8th., 1924.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached bill for water supplied the premises #732 Robie Street and claimed to be excessive, that the bill is for the half year ending September 1923 and amounts to \$22.16 of which \$2.00 is meter rental. The meter readings and consumption were as follows:

<u>1922</u>		<u>1923</u>	
Sept.	- 150,000 - 9,300	Jan.	
Oct	165,300 4,700	Feb.	
Nov	181,000 15,700	Mar.	- 285,500 - 81,700
Dec	203,800 22,800	Apr.	
		May	325,500 40,000
		June	1,900 new Meter
		July	2,000 100
		Aug.	55,100 53,100 W.C.W. (N)
		Sept.	60,800 5,700

The owner of these premises came to the Office in December and stated that he had tested the meter in service and found that it was over-registering over 100%. I made an appointment with the owner to have the meter tested by our Inspector in his presence and on the 17th. of December the meter was tested in place, by running the water from a tap into a gallon measure, and it was found to register accurately. There are fifteen people in these premises with eight taps and four closets.

The records show that there was a large consumption in August, at which time there was a closet wasting and the owner was notified of this. It will also be noticed that a new meter was installed in these premises at the latter end of May and the old meter was removed to the shop, cleaned and found to register accurately.

The water bill for these premises for the previous half year amounted to \$28.98 which the City Council at a meeting held on the 9th. of August, 1923, on the recommendation of the Committee on Works, reduced by one-third.

There is no doubt that the water passed through the meter and I see no reason for reducing the bill, especially in view of the fact that a reduction was made in the previous half yearly bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,

*Engineer  
Clark of Works*

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - #6 Proctor Street.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
Water Meter Bill, #6 Proctor Street.



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City Works Office,  
December 18th., 1923.

To the City Council.  
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 12th. instant, the Assistant City Engineer submitted the attached report on Water bill #6 Proctor Street, property of J. P. Wamboldt, from March to September 1923.

It was decided to recommend to Council that said account of \$17.34 be reduced by one-third, namely, to the sum of \$11.56.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
December 12th., 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the complaint of Mr. J. P. Wamboldt, of excessive bill for water, that the period complained of is from March to September 1923, and the amount of the bill is \$17.34. The records show the following readings for the twelve months preceding the date of the bill.

<u>1922</u>		<u>Consumption</u>
September	70,200	
October	72,100	1,900
November	84,300	12,200
December	locked	
<u>1923.</u>		
January	106,500	22,200
February	144,000	37,500 (pipe burst)(N)
March	164,100	
April		
May	170,000	5,599
June	Locked.	
July	206,300	36,300
August	249,600	43,300
September	258,800	9,200

I have had the meter tested and it was found to register accurately, no waste was found on the property at the date of the inspection. There are six persons, two taps and two closets supplied. The large consumption took place in July and August and the only way I can account for it, is that taps were let run during this period. I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

January 10th., 1924.

WATER METER BILL - ST. PATRICKS HOME.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
Water Meter Bill, St. Patricks Home.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 26th., 1923, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for St. Patrick's Home, Mumford Road, for half year ending September 1923, amounting to \$143.10. No reduction was recommended to Council.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council, Alderman Hubley dissenting, the amount be reduced one-third. Report of City Engineer is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
December 17th., 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached meter bill for the premises at St. Patrick's Home, occupied as an Industrial School, and claimed to be excessive, that the period covered by the bill is for the half year ending September 1923 and amounts to \$142.10, which includes meter rental of \$3.50. The consumption was 1,386,000 gallons. The bill is made up at the rate of 10¢ per 1,000 gallons. The readings and consumption for the half year were as follows:-

	<u>1923.</u>
March	1,130,000
April	
May	1,506,000 - 376,000
June	
July	2,028,000 - 522,000
August	
September	2,516,000 - 488,000

These premises are supplied with water through a 4 inch main running from the Dutch Village Road north of the Arm Bridge through the Chisholm property, and the meter is located about twenty feet east of the railway fence near the old piggery, the first of the outbuildings connected with the Insitution. In November a complaint was made of the high consumption and an inspection and test was made and five small leaks were discovered in the main pipe, between the meter and the main building, this was dug up and repaired at that time. The present meter was tested and found to register accurately when it was installed a year ago. The half-yearly bills for the past three years were -

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	<u>1921</u>	<u>1922</u>	<u>1923</u>
March	\$2.55	\$ 50.55	\$43.40
September	4.83 )	38.10	142.10
	22.64 )		

As I have no doubt the water went through the meter I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

✓ Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,  
that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion  
passed.

WATER METER BILL - #10 JAMES STREET.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
Water Meter Bill, #10 James Street.

City Work's Office,  
January 10th., 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.  
Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 26th. 1923, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #10 James Street for half year ending September 1923 amounting to \$26.70. No reduction was recommended.

The Works Committee decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one-third.

Report of City Engineer is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
December 19, 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #10 James Street and claimed to be excessive, that the bill is for the half year ending September 1923, and amounts to \$26.70, of which \$1.00 is for meter rental. The meter readings and consumption at these premises are as follows:-

<u>1923.</u>		
January	74,800	
February	92,500	- 17,700 W. O. wasting
March	109,500	17,000
April	229,700	120,200 (N)
May	230,900	1,200
June	232,800	1,900
July		

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August	236,100	=	3,300
Sept	238,000		1,900
Oct	239,100		1,100

It will be seen that the large consumption took place in April. The meter reader reports a waste of water at these premises during the months of March and April. The meter has been tested and found to register accurately. Four horses are supplied in this stable, through one tap.

I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - #160 YOUNG STREET.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
Water Meter Bill, #160 Young Street.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on December 26th. 1923, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #160 Young Street for a half year ending September 1923 amounting to \$16.28. No reduction was recommended.

The Works Committee decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one-third.

Report of City Engineer is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
December 15, 1923.

W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #160 Young Street and claimed to be excessive, that the bill is for the half year ending September 1923, and amounts to \$16.28. The meter readings and consumption for the year ending September are as follows:-

<u>1922</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Consumption</u>
September	195,500	2,500
October	198,300	2,800
November	201,100	2,800
December	204,100	3,000

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<u>1923</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Consumption</u>
January	207,300	
February	211,800	4,500
March	246,600	34,800
April	302,200	55,900
May	316,900	14,600
June	319,500	2,600
July	323,300	3,800
August	325,200	5,700
September	328,000	2,800

It will be seen that the large consumption took place in March, April and May and was due to a closet wasting. The Owner informs me that proper washers could not be obtained in the City for fixtures through which the water was wasting. There are twelve people in the premises and eight taps and one closet. There is no question but that the water went through the meter and the waste continued for a period of three months, and I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,  
that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

WATER METER BILL - #3 Miller Street.

Read reports of Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
Water Meter Bill, #3 Miller Street.

City Work's Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 26, 1923, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #3 Miller Street for half year ending September 1923 amounting to \$4.56. No reduction was recommended but Works Committee decided to recommend to Council the amount be reduced one-half.

Report of City Engineer is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
December 17, 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

January 10th., 1924.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report on the complaint of excessive water rates at #3 Miller Street, that the readings and consumption for the past year on these premises were as follows:-

1922

September	- 6,500	- 500
October	6,800	- 300
November	7,100	- 600
December	7,300	- 200

1923

January		
February	7,600	- 300
March	10,300	2300
April	31,000	20700
May	31,300	300
June	31,600	300
July	32,100	500
August		
September	33,100	1000
October	33,500	

The half yearly bills for the past two years have been -

1922

1923

March	.28	.....	.76
September	.48	.....	4.56

The water is supplied through one domestic hydrant. The records show a large consumption in March and April of this year, apparently due to a leak in the hydrant or water being let run during these months.

The total bill for the whole year is only \$5.32. I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Assistant City Engineer.

*Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works*

Moved by Alderman Hubleby, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - #280 Upper Water Street.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill, #280 Upper Water Street.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.  
Sirs,

January 10th., 1924.

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 26, 1923, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for #280 Upper Water Street for half year ending September 1923, amounting to \$23.30. No reduction was recommended.

The Works Committee decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one-third.

Report of City Engineer is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

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City Engineer's Office,  
December 17, 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #280 Upper Water Street and complained of as being excessive, that the period covered by the bill is the half year ending September 1923, and the amount of the bill is \$23.30, of which \$1.00 is for meter rental. The record of consumption on these premises is as follows:-

<u>1922.</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Consumption</u>
May	53,000	30,200
June	74,500	21,500
July	140,900	66,400 W. C. wasting
August	170,800	29,900
September	184,300	13,500
October	197,400	13,100
November	210,400	13,000
December	224,100	13,700
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<u>1923.</u>		
January	235,300	11,200
February	244,100	8,800
March	255,400	11,300
April		
May	270,600	15,200
June	281,200	10,600
July	295,300	14,100 Pipe wasting
August		
September	366,900	71,600 " " (N)
October	378,400	11,500
November	385,600	7,200 " "
December	388,800	

The large consumption is apparently due to a pipe wasting for three months during the summer. The meter has been tested and found to register 2% slow. There are sixteen people supplied with water and five taps and two closets. I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,

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*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - #965 BARRINGTON ST.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
Water Meter Bill, #965 Barrington Street.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held December 28, 1923, the City Engineer's report on water meter bill for premises #965 Barrington Street, for half year ending March 1923, amounting to \$90.46, was read. No reduction was recommended. After hearing Mr. Pliskow, the owner of same, it was decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one-third.

Report of City Engineer is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

.....  
City Engineer's Office,  
November 29, 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for water supplied the premises 965 Barrington Street and complained of as being excessive that the bill is for the half year ending March 5, 1923, and the amount of the bill \$90.46, the consumption being 476,100 gallons. The monthly readings for this period are as follows:-

1922	Readings	Consumption
September	156,900 gals	
October		6,800
November	163,300	4,300
December	167,600	
<b>1923.</b>		
January	189,900	22,300 tap & closet wasting (N)
February	463,800	273,900 do (N)
March	632,600	168,800 closet wasting (N)
May	795,100	2,700

The half yearly bills for this period for the last two years have been as follows:-

September 1921	\$4.00
March 1922	7.22
September 1923	5.30
March 1923	90.46



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I have had the meter tested and it was found to register accurately. No waste was found at the date of inspection. At present there are eleven people supplied with water with eight taps and three closets.

The records show that there was a large consumption and waste during the months of January, February and March, which accounts for the large bill. The owner was notified in each of these months of the large consumption.

Under the circumstances I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - #81 LAWRENCE STREET.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill, #81 Lawrence Street.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.  
Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 9th. the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for the premises #81 Lawrence Street for the half year ending September 1923 amounting to \$21.16, the report stated the premises had a good record previously and since May of last year to date, the consumption was normal.

It was decided to recommend to Council the amount be reduced one-third. Engineer's report is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

.....  
City Engineer's Office,  
January 8, 1924.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached bill for water supplied the premises #81 Lawrence Street and claimed to be excessive, that the period covered by the bill is for the half year ending September 1923, and the amount of the bill is \$21.16. The following is a record of consumption at these premises.

	<u>1922</u>	
Sept.	6,900	2,900
October	10,400	3,500
November	14,400	4,000
December	21,600	7,200

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1923.			
January			
February	43,800	22,200	W. C. W.
March	112,000	68,200	" " " (N)
April	177,700	65,700	" " " (N)
May	209,600	31,900	
June	213,500	3,900	
July			Out
August	216,600	3,100	
September	217,800	1,200	
October	219,200	1,400	
November	221,100	1,900	
December	223,100	2,000	

It will be noticed that there was a large consumption in these premises during April and May of the half year complained of due apparently to a closet wasting. From 1913 until March 1923, the largest half yearly bill at these premises was \$2.50, showing that care was used in the premises to keep the plumbing in good condition and avoid the waste of water during this time.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

*Engineer  
Clerk of works*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - #246 UPPER WATER STREET.

Read report Committee on Works and report of City Engineer re Water Meter Bill, #246 Upper Water Street.

City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.  
Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 2nd., 1924, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill #246-248 Up. Water Street, for eighteen months ending September 1923, amounting to \$180.07. No reduction was recommended.

The Works Committee decided to recommend to Council that the bill for the half year ending September 1923 amounting to \$93.57, be reduced one third.

Engineer's report is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

.....  
City Engineer's Office,  
December 31, 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for water supplied the premises #246-248 Up. Water Street and claimed to be excessive, that the period complained of is for 18

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months ending September 1923 and the amount of the bill is \$180.07, \$93.57 for the half year ending September 1923, \$41.36 for the half year ending March 1923, and \$45.14 for the half year ending September 1922. A reference to the records shows the following readings and consumption at these premises.

1922.

January	492,400	40,800
February	564,300	71,900
March	644,200	79,800
April	668,000	23,800
May	673,100	5,100
June	678,200	5,100
July	683,400	5,200
August	Covered	
September	689,400	6,000
October	Covered	
November	701,600	12,200
December	Covered	

1923.

January	781,800	40,200 let run
February	Locked.	
March	859,900	118,100
April		
May	965,900	106,000
June	1066,300	100,400 (N)
July	1256,400	190,100 pipe wasting
August		
September	1360,300	103,900
October	1364,000	3,700
November	1369,000	

It will be seen that the large consumption is due apparently to the water being let run and that a closet was wasting. At the date of inspection last week, two closets were still wasting. There are nine people supplied and four taps and two closets. There is a restaurant and barber shop on the premises. The meter has been tested and found to register accurately.

As I have no doubt the water has been supplied to these premises I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill. I am attaching copy of letter from the owner of the property.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - #130 LOWER WATER STREET.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re  
Water Meter Bill, #130 Lower Water Street.

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City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 9th. 1924, the City Engineer's report on water meter bill for premises #130 Lower Water Street for the half year ending September 1923, amounting to \$138.43, was read, no reduction was recommended.

Alderman Bissett addressed the Committee in behalf of the owners,

It was decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one-third.

Engineer's report is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

.....  
City Engineer's Office,  
December 13, 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached bill for water supplied the premises #130 Lower Water Street and claimed to be excessive, that the bill is for the half year ending September 1923 and amounts to \$138.43, of which \$1.00 is for meter rental, the consumption during this period being 763,500 gallons.

The reading of the meter in March was 475,200 gallons and in September 1, 238,700 gallons. At the time of the March reading the meter reader reports that the water was turned on and running. The meter was not read between the above dates as the hatchway was covered with wheels and waggon gear and the stable was locked. At the time of the September reading a closet was found to be wasting very badly, one of our Inspectors was there at this time and found that the leakage from the closet was at the rate of 5,000 gallons per day.

I have had the meter tested and it was found to register 1% slow and at the time of the inspection a closet was found wasting slightly. There are five persons and ten horses using water in the premises and three taps and one closet.

I have no doubt that the water actually passed through the meter the larger part of it being wasted, and I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,

that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER METER BILL - 159 $\frac{1}{2}$  HOLLIS STREET.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re

Water Meter Bill, #159 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hollis street.

*Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works*

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City Works Office,  
January 10, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Sirs,

At a meeting of the Works Committee held January 9, the City Engineer reported on water meter bill for the premises 159 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hollis St., for the half year ending September 1923, amounting to \$66.93. No reduction was recommended.

Mr. J. C. Jones, representing the owner, was present and after some discussion it was decided to recommend to Council the bill be reduced one-half.

Engineer's report is attached hereto.

A. F. MESSERVEY,  
Clerk of Works.

.....

City Engineer's Office,  
December 13, 1923.

F. W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises #159 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hollis Street and claimed to be excessive, that the period covered by the bill is for the half year ending September 1923, the consumption during that period was 347,000 gallons and the amount of the bill is \$66.93, of which \$1.00 is for meter rental.

I find on turning up the records that this meter was not read between March and September, the notation in the book being that the premises were locked. I have had the meter tested and it registers about 2% slow. At the time of the inspection no waste was found, but the tenant stated that the plumber had been there the same morning and repaired the closet tanks. There are about twenty people supplied and eighteen taps and eight closets.

As I am satisfied the water went through the meter I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. JOHNSTON,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw,  
that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted.

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS.

Alderman Daw asked His Worship the Mayor to inform the Council what steps he had taken to have J. A. Waters, late Secretary of the Health Board of the City, brought back. His Worship replied that he would give such information in the proper time and place.

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Traffic Regulations.

Alderman Bissett asked His Worship the Mayor when the amended Traffic regulations would be submitted to the Council for consideration.

His Worship informed the Council that the Committee on Laws and Privileges' report covering this matter was now, with the papers, before the Council.

HOUSING COMMISSION.

Read report Finance Committee recommending the adoption of Resolution in reference to transferring the duties of the Housing Commission to a Trust Company.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 8th., 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, it was decided to recommend the adoption of the attached Resolution in reference to the transferring of the duties of the Housing Commission to a trust Company.

ALFRED WHITMAN,  
Chairman.

The following Resolution is submitted and read:-

RESOLVED that this Council, under the authority of Section 33 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1921, hereby orders and directs, subject to the approval of the Housing Director, that the Housing Commission of the City of Halifax do delegate to a Trust Company or other corporation to be hereafter appointed by the Council, the duties of the said Commission in respect to the collection of all instalments of moneys loaned by the said Commission, and of interest thereon, and the deposit and custody of all moneys so collected.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Daw, that the report of the Finance Committee and Resolution be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that this matter be referred back to the

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Finance Committee for further consideration and to consult  
with the Housing Commission and report. Amendment passed.

*Ald Whitman  
hook by Clerk*

S. M. BROOKFIELD'S RESIGNATION.

Read resignation of S. M. Brookfield, Esq., from the  
Chairmanship of the Halifax Housing Commission.

Halifax, N. S.,  
December 21, 1923.

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

My dear Mayor,

I hereby resign the Chairmanship of the Halifax Housing Commission, to take immediate effect.

Thanking you for the courtesy you have extended to me at all times, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD.

Action deferred until next meeting of Council.

*Council*

LOAN \$100,000. for WATER MAINTENANCE.

Read report Finance Committee re borrowing of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) from the Royal Bank of Canada on account Water Maintenance.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 8, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, held this day, it was decided to recommend for adoption the attached resolution providing for the temporary borrowing of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.) dollars "under authority of The Acts "of 1921" in sums as required for maintenance of the Water supply until the Water Rates for the current year are collected.

ALFRED WHITMAN,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman O'Toole,  
that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution was submitted:-

WHEREAS it is considered advisable for the purpose of defraying expenditures for the maintenance of the Water supply for which the Water Rates of the current year would, if now collected, be applied, that the City of Halifax do borrow under Section 27, Chapter 77, Acts 1921, from the Royal bank of Canada from time to time as required, a sum not exceeding One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars for the cur-

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Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman O'Toole,  
that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

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rent year,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax do forthwith borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars to be applied for defraying expenditures for which the water rates for the current year would, if now collected, be applied, to be repaid to the said Royal Bank of Canada out of the said Water Rates when collected and that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Halifax to negotiate the said loan and to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax therefor.

*City Treasurer ✓  
City Auditor ✓*

The Resolution is moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, and passed.

✓ RESIGNATION, CITY AUDITOR, W. W. FOSTER.

His Worship the Mayor submits for the information of the Council, the following letter which he addressed to W. W. Foster, Esq., City Auditor, on December 26th., 1923.

Mayor's Office,  
City Hall,  
December 26, 1923.

W. W. Foster, Esq.,  
City Auditor,  
#415 North St.,  
City.

Dear Sir,

Would you be good enough to advise me at your earliest convenience when you will be able to resume your duties as City Auditor.

Yours truly,  
JOHN MURPHY, Mayor.

His Worship informed the Council that Mr. Foster had called on him and stated that his resignation stands.

✓ SALVATION ARMY HOME - TOWER ROAD.

Read letter from the Salvation Army asking for Exemption from taxation on the Salvation Army Home, Tower Road.

Toronto, Ontario,  
September 24, 1923.

His Worship Mayor Murphy,  
Halifax, N. S.

January 10th., 1924.

Dear Sir,

RE THE SALVATION ARMY HOME, TOWER ROAD.

In connection with the Assessment on the above Institution we have had considerable correspondence with the civic departmental heads, as well as interviews by our local Divisional Officer, in an endeavour to secure exemption, but so far without success. We are therefore, at the suggestion of the City Solicitor, making this appeal to you.

For many years this property has been used as a Maternity Hospital and Rescue Home for Women and Children combined, and as such always enjoyed exemption from taxation. Since the completion of the new hospital, all private patients, are taken direct there, but the unmarried Mothers only go to the Grace Hospital for the actual period of their confinement, usually two or three weeks. For several months before the confinement and for usually nine months after, the Mother and her child return to the Tower Road Institution. When the child is weaned, we endeavour to secure a situation for the Mother where she can take her child. In many instances, however, this is not possible, the Mother going into a situation and the child remaining in the Home under our care.

In view of the foregoing, we therefore consider, and are making our appeal accordingly, that the Tower Road Institution comes under the Exemption By-law, Section 391, as follows:-

Clause D - "Every orphan's home, home or refuge  
"and infant's home, used for the purposes indicated by their respective  
"designations."

The property in question then is covered by this clause, as explained above, and also in Clause F., which reads as follows:-

"any property occupied by the Salvation  
"Army, as a Maternity Hospital."

The view we therefore take is, that the Maternity work may be carried on in more than one building if this is necessary, and in view of the nature of this work it is absolutely necessary that it be carried on in two separate buildings.

We trust that the foregoing explanation will be sufficient and that you will grant exemption on the Tower Road property.

We appreciate to the fullest extent possible the kindly attitude of, and sympathy rendered to our work by the City of Halifax, at all times, and thank you for your continued kind consideration.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. M. JENNINGS,

Property Secretary

January 10th., 1924.

*sent to chairman  
of City Clerk ✓*

Referred to the Finance Committee for report.

CITY HOME EXTENSION

Read report Charities Committee, covering sketch, on proposed extension to the building at the City Home.

Halifax, January 8, 1924.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

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

Members present, The Chairman, Aldermen Daw, McDonald, Sanford and O'Toole.

Under the provisions of regulations approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for Local Asylums the air space in sleeping rooms should not be less than 800 cubic feet and there must be ample provision for ventilation. There is no ventilation system in the City Home with the exception of the Windows.

WARDS 1 & 2 F.

In the Ward set apart for the Female Insane where the patients both live and sleep with the present number of patients (65) the air space per patient is only 710 cubic feet. Where patients are living and sleeping we are advised by the City Medical Officer there should be at least 1200 cubic feet of air space per patient. Allowing 1200 feet of air space per patient this ward should not accommodate more than 40 patients.

WARD 3 F.

This female ward is a semi-hospital ward housing the very old and infirm women. In this ward there are 30 beds of which 20 are at present occupied. The air space here should be at least 1200 cubic feet. If fully occupied the air space per patient would be 765 cubic feet.

WARD 4 F.

Ward 4 F. is the Infirmary or Hospital Ward in which there are 30 beds with 28 patients at present. The air space per bed is 765 cubic feet. There should be at least 1200 cubic feet per bed.

WARD 5 F.

This ward is set apart for the women who are able to work. 30 beds are provided of which 11 are at present in use. The air space per bed is 765 cubic feet.

WARD 6 F.

This ward which is set apart for maternity cases contains 15 beds. There is one lying-in room, one sewing room, 2 sleeping rooms and a small dormitory.

WARDS 1 & 2 MALE.

There are at present 59 patients in this ward. This ward is of the same dimensions as the ward set apart for the female insane. The same condition as to air space applies to this ward.

WARD 3 MALE.

This Ward contains 40 beds which allows 557 cubic

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feet per bed. At present there are 23 patients. This ward houses the old and infirm men who are unable to work. There should be 1200 cubic feet of air space in this ward where the patients live and sleep.

WARD 4 MALE.

This is the Hospital or Infirmary Ward which provides 30 beds of which 29 are occupied. 1200 cubic feet per patient should be allowed for this ward. At present the cubic air space per patient is 765 feet.

WARD 5 MALE.

This is one of the working mens wards and contains 40 beds of which 35 are at present occupied. The cubic air space is 577 feet per bed.

WARD 6 MALE.

This is also the working mens ward which contains 40 beds 32 of which are at present occupied. The cubic air space per bed is 577 cubic feet.

WARDS 7 FEMALE and 2 MALE.

These wards are situated at the top of the centre building and are at present unoccupied. They provide accomodation for 30 beds, 15 female and 15 male. They are used in case of an epidemic and should be reserved for this purpose. They were used during the last Influenza outbreak to good advantage.

If this portion of the building were used for Insane patients an additional staff costing approximately \$2730.00 per year would be required. Additional room for the extra staff would also be necessary. If the suggested extension be made the present staff would be sufficient. Patients inhabiting these quarters would have to travel up and down eight flights of stairs to get their meals. Additional fire escapes would also be necessary.

There are at present in the Nova Scotia Hospital 30 patients who could be cared for in this institution but cannot be admitted owing to lack of room. At the rate of \$7.50 per week or \$390.00 per year the difference in the cost of maintaining those patients at the City Home, the amount saved would be greatly in excess of the cost of Interest on the proposed extension. The cost of maintaining a patient at the City Home for the year ending April 30th., 1923, was \$2.86 per week.

H. S. COLWELL,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that the report be received, that copies be sent to each member of Council and that the matter be dealt with at the next meeting of this Council. Motion passed.

N. S. TRAMWAYS & POWER COMPANY VALUATION.

Read report City Electrician on evidence submitted

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to the Public Utilities Board at the valuation hearing of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited.

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 8, 1924.

His Worship, Mayor Murphy.

Dear Sir,

As instructed by you on December 14th. 1923 to read over and report on the copy of report received from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities in connection with evidence submitted before the above Board at hearings held by them for the purpose of making a valuation of the physical assets of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company for rate making purposes, also to make any suggestions I may have in mind regarding this matter of rate hearing about to be made by the Board, I beg to state as follows:-

In reading over very carefully this voluminous report in connection with the evidence heard on the valuation of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company's physical assets, I find it contains very much matter which would require the interpretation of a legal mind as well as financial opinion. For instance, the court decisions as quoted from the various judicial authorities of the United States in connection with valuation are considerably complicated and too deep for the ordinary mind to grasp. Also, in my opinion, the financial questions discussed are such as only men familiar with transactions of a complicated financial nature would be conversant with. These two factors alone appear to enter into this report to a very considerable extent and have a great bearing on the question of this valuation. I feel sure Your Worship has found in reading this report that the above observations are correct.

This report on the whole strikes me as intended to principally give the public some idea as to the methods adopted in arriving at the valuation of the Company's physical assets and whether this is accomplished depends solely on the mind of the person reading the report and if he is able to grasp the technical phrases it contains. I admit there is very much of its contents which embraces subjects I am unfamiliar with as an Electrician.

I was under the impression when I first read the report that there was data and details of this valuation as made by the Board of Public Utilities which could be obtained making certain phrases of the valuation report clearer in detail, but I have been informed this is not the case. As for instance, a certain item may be shown by the evidence in this report to be valued at so much, but when you wish to see what final value was placed on this item by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, this is not shown. This of course may not make any difference at this stage of the proceedings as the valuation of the physical assets of the Company has been struck and I believe is not open to question, or at least the Board is satisfied with the evidence they have heard in determining the final figures which they show in this report.

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There remains, as I understand it, principally three items of importance open for discussion at the next hearing of the Board, namely - Management, the Steam Plant as a stand by proposition, and Rate Making Forms; that is, how far the above factors affect the question of rates for electrical service, etc., to the consumers in the City of Halifax.

MANAGEMENT.

The present management is that of Stone & Webster and I believe under yearly contract.

The question involved in this respect would appear to be a matter of cost and efficiency.

THE STEAM PLANT AS A STAND BY PROPOSITION.

This plant is evidently already endorsed by the Board, as I read the report of evidence submitted in connection with the valuation of the Company's assets as a necessity for breakdown or stand by service.

FORMS FOR RATE MAKING PURPOSES.

This question involves the cost of electrical energy, tramways fares and gas, to the customers of such services.

To make this feature of the question as clear as I possibly can, it means what rates should be charged for the various services according to their importance and necessity to the public at large.

The methods used for the purpose of rate making to-day are not haphazard ones but rather methods involving keen consideration and expert opinion coupled with a careful survey of local conditions in order to give the maximum satisfaction and benefits to the various customers, according to their necessary and individual requirements.

From information received, I understand both the Company and the Board of Public Utility Commissioners will have the services of recognized experts at this rate making hearing, and if Your Worship feels that it would be more beneficial to the citizens interests to have representation at this hearing, I feel it should be EQUAL representation by a recognized expert familiar with all details, forms and methods of rate making. Such representative would no doubt receive proper consideration from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

If this policy is adopted of securing expert representation it would mean everything possible had been done, at least at this stage of the proceedings, to protect the citizens' interests.

Should the City adopt this view for equal representation it would no doubt be necessary to request a postponement of the hearing slated for January 16th. 1924, in order to have time to secure the necessary services of such an expert and to give this party time to view and study the situation and local conditions.

The question of placing light and power, tramways and gas each on their own basis, distinct and separate, is a possible feature of the situation and may to a considerable extent complicate matters in connection with the rate making for these various services.

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The importance of this feature of the situation should not be overlooked when considering what representation the City should secure if it decides to be represented at the coming rate making hearing.

G. H. DURLING,  
City Electrician.

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Also read decision of the Public Utilities Board on the application of the City Council of the City of Halifax to employ an expert at the rate hearing on January 16th., 1924.

THE NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
PUBLIC UTILITIES.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT  
AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN RATES AND CHARGES OF THE NOVA SCOTIA TRAMWAYS & POWER COMPANY, LIMITED, FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY FOR THE PURPOSES OF LIGHT AND POWER, THE SAID COMPANY BEING A PUBLIC UTILITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF SAID ACT.

When this matter came on for hearing on the 18th. instant, an application was made on behalf of the City of Halifax for an Order authorizing the City to retain an Expert to act on its behalf in this inquiry and requiring the Respondent Company to pay the charges and expenses in connection with that Expert.

At the conclusion of the argument in this somewhat unusual application, the Board asked the City Solicitor to file a memorandum citing any authority he might be able to find in support. He has now verbally notified the Board that he has found none.

The Board is created by the Public Utilities Act and it cannot exceed the powers granted to it by that Statute. The Act contains no provision enabling the Board to grant such an application as this and therefore, apart altogether from the merits, it must fail.

It may be added that regulatory statutes in several other jurisdictions have been examined and none of them provide for such a case as that presented on this application.

HALIFAX, N. S., DECEMBER 31ST., 1923.

(Signed) JOHN U. ROSS,  
R. T. MACILREITH,  
P. R. COLPITT.

January 10th., 1924.

Moved by Alderman H. W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that this matter be referred to a Special Committee composed of His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Alderman Power, the City Engineer and the City Electrician, and that the Board of Trade be requested to appoint two (2) Members, and that this Committee take up and report on the advisability of obtaining an Expert to represent the City before said hearing. Motion passed.

*Mayor ✓*

UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

His Worship the Mayor reports, verbally, that the Committee on Works has purchased a quantity of Stone and propose to open a Stone-shed to relieve the unemployment situation.

11.50 o'clock.

Moved by Alderman Colwell, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay, that this Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned 11.15 P. M.

  
JOHN MURPHY, MAYOR.

  
H. S. RHIND,  
Assistant City Clerk.

E V E N I N G      S E S S I O N.

8.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,

January 31st., 1924.

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held this Evening. At the above named hour present His Worship, the Mayor, Aldermen Colwell, Whitman, Munnis, Finlay, Sanford, Bissett, Gastonguay, H. W. Cameron, McDonald, Guildford, Whelan, O'Toole, Power, Drysdale, Daw and W. O. Cameron.

The meeting was called specially to consider the advisability of engaging an Expert to represent the City at the Hearing before the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities to fix the rates and charges for Electric light, Power, Gas, and Tramway fares by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited.

ANNUAL REPORT - WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Read report of the Clerk of Works for the civic year ending April 30th., 1923.

Filed.

COAL WEIGHERS REPORT - DECEMBER 1923.

Read report Supervisor of Coal Weighers for the month of December 1923, showing that each of the Coal Weighers received \$76.86.

Filed.

✓ SUPERNUMERARY COAL WEIGHERS.

Read report Laws & Privileges Committee in re Supernumerary Coal Weighers.

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Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 24, 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee, held this day, the Chairman submitted the attached letter of Mr. A. D. Currie, a Supernumerary Coal Weigher, complaining he was being unfairly treated with respect to allotment of work by the Supervisor, Mr. Cullymore.

After hearing an explanation from the Supervisor, your Committee dismissed the complaint with the expression of hope that on account of the disability of the Complainant the Supervisor would place as much work in his way as possible.

Your Committee recommend that in future if a Supernumerary is requested to attend a Scale and does not respond within one month, he shall lose precedence on list of Supernumeraries and be placed at foot of said list.

JOHN J. POWER,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

RE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

✓  
Read letter from C. H. Black, Secretary Cumberland County Farmers' Association, covering copy of Resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting of that Association in reference to the re-establishment of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition at Halifax.

Amherst, N.S.,  
January 15, 1924.

John Murphy,  
Mayor of Halifax.

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the Cumberland County Farmers Association.

We hope that this may help you with the Aldermen of Halifax as showing that the Farmers of this County are strongly of the opinion that great benefits would accrue to the Province and consequently to the City of Halifax, through the holding of a Provincial Exhibition.

C. H. BLACK,  
Secretary, C.C.F. Association.

January 31st., 1924.

WHEREAS some of the very best Live Stock in Canada is owned in the province, as demonstrated by the winning of three Grand Championships at the Royal Show in Toronto, and the making of a new World Record at the Dairy Test of the Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst;

AND WHEREAS breeders of pure bred live stock in Nova Scotia find a very unsatisfactory market for their surplus stock, owing to lack of proper advertising;

AND WHEREAS our Province possesses tremendous resources in Agriculture, Horticulture, Timber, Fisheries and Minerals;

AND WHEREAS there is a prospect of more settlers coming to Canada during the next few years than have come in the past, and it is therefore of the greatest importance that Nova Scotia should lose no opportunity to advertise her natural advantages so that as many as possible of the best class of settlers may be induced to settle in the province;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Legislature has made no appropriation toward the equipment of buildings and the holding of a Provincial Exhibition;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Cumberland County Farmers Association respectfully urge the City of Halifax to cooperate with the Provincial Legislature and the Exhibition Commission in making arrangements for the holding of a Provincial Exhibition at Halifax during the present year;

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Hon. E. H. Armstrong, President of the Exhibition Commission, and to John Murphy, Esq., Mayor of the City of Halifax.

*used by the Mayor*  
Referred to the Special Committee on the Re-establishment of the Provincial Exhibition.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - DETECTIVE KENNEDY.

Read report Police Commission re application of Chief Detective Kennedy for four months leave of absence starting from February 1st. 1924.

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 15th., 1924.

To His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Police Commission, held this day, the following Motion was submitted and approved:-

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Moved by Alderman Bissett and seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the Board of Police Commissioners recommend to the City Council, that leave of absence be granted to Chief Detective Kennedy, as from February 1st. 1924 to April 30th. 1924, and that any necessary legislation be obtained to make effective as though the full time had been completed, for the other month.

Motion passed.

JOHN MURPHY,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that the report be adopted and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare Legislation that the Superannuation applied for by Mr. Kennedy be made effective as from May 1st. 1924. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell,  
Munnis,  
Finlay,  
Sanford,  
Bissett,  
Gastonguay,  
H.W.Cameron,  
McDonald,  
Guildford,  
Whelan,  
O'Toole,  
Power,  
Drysdale,  
W.O.Cameron.

Alderman Whitman,  
Daw.

*Mayor ✓  
City Solicitor ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
H. H. Cameron ✓*

His Worship the Mayor informs the Council that the Legislature will probably be sitting about the 20th. of the coming month and suggested to the Aldermen that if they had any measures to bring forward affecting the City's legislation, they should submit the same at an early date.

✓ COPY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.

Read letter Halifax Ratepayers Association asking if it would be possible for the City Clerk to send to the

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Executive of the Association copies of the Minutes of the Council meetings as the same are held.

Halifax, N. S.,  
December 7, 1923.

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

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Executive of the Halifax Ratepayers Association held recently, it was decided to ask if it would be possible for the City Clerk to send to the Executive of the Association copies of the Minutes of Council meetings as the same are held. This would be of great assistance to the Association in keeping in touch with the Council and with the affairs of the City.

Your personal attention to this matter would be appreciated.

G. McL. Daley,  
Secretary.

*Mayor ✓  
G McL Daley ✓*

Referred to His Worship the Mayor to deal with.

LIGHTING SYSTEM - PUBLIC GARDENS.

✓  
Read letter Halifax Ratepayers Association with regard to installing lighting system in the Public Gardens.

Halifax, N. S.,  
December 7, 1923.

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

Dear Sir,

The Executive of the Halifax Ratepayers Association have directed me to write you asking that the decision of the Council with regard to installing the lighting system in the Public Gardens be deferred until the Executive of the Ratepayers Association have an opportunity to consider the advisability of taking this action at the present time.

The next meeting of the Association is Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock and by that time the Association will probably be in a position to make a definite expression of its views on this subject.

G. McL. Daley,  
Secretary.

*G McL Daley ✓*

Filed.

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CITY CLERK'S APPOINTMENT.

Read letter Halifax Ratepayers Association asking that the appointment of a City Clerk be deferred.

Halifax, N. S.,  
December 7, 1923.

January 31st., 1923.

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

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Executive of the Halifax Ratepayers Association to write to you asking that the appointment of a City Clerk be deferred until the Executive of this Association have an opportunity of looking into this important subject.

Any information which you could give to our Executive as to the duties of the Clerk and the necessity of a Clerk and an assistant Clerk would be greatly appreciated, as the writer understands the Clerk takes the minutes of the meetings of the Council, is Clerk of the City Court, collects the dog tax and is reviser of Provincial Voters list. Probably he has other duties and we would be very glad to be advised of the same.

G. McL. Daley,  
Secretary.

*G. McL. Daley ✓*

Filed.

Aldermen Schaffner and Hubley here arrive and take their seats in Council.

✓  
NOVA SCOTIA TRAMWAYS & POWER COMPANY LIMITED  
VALUATION.

Read report of Special Committee appointed to consider the question of engaging expert assistance to represent the City at the coming Hearing before the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities respecting the rates to be charged by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited for Light and Power services.

Mayor's Office,  
City Hall, Halifax, N.S.,  
January 28th., 1924.

To the Members of the City Council.  
Dear Sirs,

Re RATE MAKING EXPERT.

The Special Committee named by Council to report on question of coming hearing before Board of Public Utilities respecting rates to be charged for Light and Power services, held several meetings.

At meeting held this Monday morning, there being present Aldermen Whitman and Power, City Electrician and myself, it was decided to call a meeting of Council for Thursday evening, the 31st., to place before you the information secured on this subject.

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You will please find attached copy of a proposal submitted by the firm of Walter J. Francis & Company, Montreal. In reply to a telegraphic inquiry sent Sir Adam Beck, he recommended Mr. Frederick B. Brown of this firm as a qualified man for our purpose. Mr. Brown, who happened to be in Amherst, came into Halifax to discuss the situation and as a result of interview made us the proposal herewith submitted.

To place us in a position to finally deal with this matter a letter was written to the Hon. Mr. Armstrong, asking if he would assure us the good offices of his Government in confirming by Legislation any expenditure which the City might incur at this Hearing, should it decide to be directly represented. You will find attached copy of letter sent, with Premier's reply that the good offices of the Government would be used to this end.

From the views expressed by members of Special Committee they feel that the City should be properly represented in this important matter.

Should any member of Council desire further particulars on the attached communications, or wish the Committee to obtain any other information than that submitted, I would appreciate your phoning me on receipt, so that an effort might be made to have it available for Thursday night's meeting.

JOHN MURPHY,  
M A Y O R.

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Halifax, N. S.,  
January 14, 1924.

Sir Adam Beck,  
Toronto.

Board Public Utilities has just handed down decision fixing value of Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company's properties here stop They will now proceed with the question of rates to be allowed on this valuation stop Under order of Utility Board each Department has been valued separately - that is Light and Power Gas and Tram stop Company will argue against power of Board to separate the earnings of these Departments and make each self carrying stop City anxious secure services of competent rate making expert can you recommend suitable man if so how soon would he be available and what would charge be stop Would appreciate full telegraphic reply.

JOHN MURPHY,  
M A Y O R.

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Toronto, January 19, 1924.

Mr. John Murphy,  
Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.

Reply your wire eighteenth stop Would advise Sir Adam writing you in full on matter in question.

Hydro-Electric Power Commission  
of Ontario, F.A.Gaby.



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Toronto,  
January 22, 1924.

Mr. John Murphy,  
Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.

Further reference your wire fourteenth. Would recommend Frederick B. Brown of the Walter J. Francis Company, Consulting Engineers, 260 St. James Street, Montreal, as a competent rate expert. Expect they would charge the regular consulting engineers' fees, and I believe would be able to arrange to take this matter up with you at once. Would advise getting in touch with the above mentioned firm.

ADAM BECK.

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Mayor's Office,  
City Hall, Halifax, N.S.,  
January 26th., 1924.

Sir Adam Beck,  
Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission,  
Toronto, Ont.  
Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for telegram of the 22nd. recommending Mr. Frederick B. Brown, of the Walter J. Francis Company of Montreal as a competent man to retain in connection with coming hearing on Public Utility rates here.

By a coincidence Mr. Brown happened to be in Amherst, Nova Scotia, at the time. His Company communicated our wire to him and he very kindly came down to Halifax to discuss the situation, and has submitted us proposal to undertake this work, should Council so desire.

I appreciate your kindness in this matter and am sure that any person recommended by you will entirely meet our requirements.

JOHN MURPHY,  
M A Y O R.

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Mayor's Office,  
City Hall, Halifax, N.S.  
January 31st., 1924.

To Members of the City Council.  
Gentlemen,

Re Rate-Making Expert for hearing  
Board of Public Utilities.

This meeting is called to decide if the City should be directly represented by a rate making expert at the Hearing which re-opens on February 20th. to decide on rates to be charged for Electric Light and Power.

The question as to whether we are justified in involving the City in any further expense in this matter, has no doubt given members of Council the same concern as it has myself. The financial position of the City is such that we should hesitate to add further to its load, but after careful thought, it is my judgment that the City should be represented and represented by the most competent expert obtainable.

SEPARATING OF VARIOUS SERVICES:

Some discussion took place at the last Sitting of the Board of Utilities on the question as to whether the Light and Power, Gas and Tramway Departments should be separated, and the earning powers of each so based. The Solicitor for the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company opposed this being done, contending that the Company should be permitted to bulk these earnings.

I do not consider that we need waste any time or energy on this question, as I feel satisfied in view of the ruling made by the Utility Board in the case of the Cape Breton Electric Company, Sydney, the issue being exactly the same as involved here, the Board can take no other course than to insist on each of these Departments being kept separate.

The decision handed down by the Board in the case cited above, reads as follows:-

"During the course of the argument and in the briefs of  
"counsel filed, it was contended that in considering this  
"application the whole property of the company should be  
"considered and earnings from all three branches of its  
"business taken into account. In the case of this company  
"its tramway and electrical departments come under the  
"jurisdiction of the Board while the Board has no control  
"over its ferry service as previously stated. If the whole  
"undertaking of the company were to be considered it would  
"be likely to bring the Board into the position of exceed-  
"ing its powers. However convenient it might appear to so  
"treat the undertakings, the Board conceives it to be its  
"function to deal in the present and similar cases with  
"those branches of service comitted to its supervision and  
"it must endeavour to separate and keep distinct from the  
"tram service, the steam ferry of this company as well as  
"the electrical branch of it's business over which it may  
"exercise control and to impose the burden of maintaining  
"each respective service upon its patrons and not upon oth-  
"ers. As already stated the fair return to be allowed is  
"on the value of the property used and useful for the par-  
"ticular service under consideration. If the company is  
"earning a larger return in its electrical department than  
"it is entitled to, the rates charged for electrical energy  
"should, after investigation, be reduced but the revenue  
"derived from consumers of electrical energy cannot be us-  
"ed for the purpose of providing lower fares for tramway  
"passengers. Authority for this practice may be found in  
"carefully reasoned decisions of Commissions elsewhere."

HYDRO ELECTRIC:

After 18 months of continuous service, it has been sat-  
isfactorily demonstrated that the development at St. Margar-  
et's Bay has the capacity claimed for it. The Nova Scotia  
Tramways & Power Company was connected up with the Hydro  
development on June 7th. 1922, and during the remaining six  
months of that year, used 10,362,000 kilowatt hours. Dur-  
ing the 12 months of 1923 they used from this development  
19,097,000 kilowatt hours.

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In 1922 the Nova Scotia Tramway Company paid the Hydro Commission the sum of \$129,520.00 for the current supplied and in 1923 the sum of \$238,707.00. This power cost 1¢ per kilowatt hour delivered to the Company and this price included interest and sinking fund as well as operating expenses of the development.

The question with which the Board of Utilities is now dealing is the rates to be charged to users of electric light and power only, and that a very material reduction will be made from the rates at present in force need not be questioned.

I believe our citizens have every justification to hope and expect that a scale down of from 30% to 50% for these services can be made.

TRAMWAY FARES:

The Company's Solicitor notified the Utility Board at the last meeting that they desired them to deal also with the question of present rates to Tram and Gas users, indicating that it would be necessary in the event of the Board insisting on separating their services to increase charges in these departments. The purpose of this is so apparent on its face that our citizens should not be stampeded by such tactics. If this Company has succeeded in so inflating the values of their properties here that they are unable to show a just return, they must accept the responsibility and if it so happens that the Board of Utilities approve any further increase in Tram fares, then our citizens will find ways and means of meeting that situation.

Halifax has always shown itself ready and willing to give capital invested here a square deal, that is legitimate investment. If those who have controlled this Company during recent years have overplayed their hand, they must pay the price. Our citizens should keep before them the fact when the Halifax Electric Tram was taken over and the present reorganization permitted, it stood as one of the best Public Utilities in this country, with surplus earnings of upwards of \$150,000.00 after paying all interest and operating charges. Its operations were directed by local men and directed most successfully, as its statements year after year will prove.

What has since happened to these utilities is a matter on which most of our people are fully informed.

In recommending to Council our retaining assistance in this matter I do so with the feeling that we should make it a final work out so far as this City is concerned. If the result does not bring us the benefits hoped for, then the expense and effort will have been wasted. We will at least have the satisfaction of knowing we did our best to protect public interest and to secure for the City whatever benefits are possible for these services.

JOHN MURPHY,  
M A Y O R .

January 31st., 1924.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that the City Solicitor be instructed to advocate before the Public Utilities Board that the services for Lighting, Power, Gas and Tram be considered separately in the making up of the rates. Motion passed unanimously - 18 Aldermen being present and voting for the same.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, that this Council authorize an expenditure of a sum not to exceed Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars to employ an Expert in connection with the Hearing before the Public Utilities Board of the rates to be charged by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited and to instruct and assist the City Solicitor in presenting the City's case.

9.45 o'clock. His Worship the Mayor calls upon the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair and addresses the Council on the subject.

9.55 o'clock. His Worship resumes the Chair.

The Motion is put and on the vote being taken there appeared 11 for the Motion and 7 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Whitman,  
Munnis,  
Finlay,  
Sanford,  
Gastonguay,  
Schaffner,  
H.W.Cameron,  
McDonald,  
Whelan,  
Drysdale,  
W.O.Cameron.

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell,  
Bissett,  
Guildford,  
O'Toole,  
Power,  
Hubley,  
Daw.

Alderman Power and Alderman Bissett raised the question as to whether this Motion did not require a two third vote. His Worship the Mayor ruled that such an expenditure

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need not come under Section 347 of the City Charter inasmuch as the amount would be taken care of in the current expenditure and embodied in the regular estimates, while the two third vote was intended to cover loans on capital account, and suggested that a Motion to so finance the expenditure be recorded.

Alderman Bissett gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman H. W. Cameron, that the amount required for the employment of expert assistance to represent the City before the Public Utilities Board be included in the Estimates for the ensuing year. Motion passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against it, as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Alderman Whitman  
Munnis  
Finlay  
Sanford  
Gastonguay  
Schaffner  
H.W.Cameron  
McDonald  
Whelan  
Drysdale  
W.O.Cameron

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell,  
Bissett,  
Guildford,  
O'Toole,  
Power,  
Hubley,  
Daw.

Alderman Power gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that no action be taken in regard to engaging an Expert pending the decision of the Council on the motion for Reconsideration moved by Alderman Bissett.

His Worship the Mayor submits copy of the following letter sent to the Hon. E. H. Armstrong, asking his Government to use its good offices at the coming session of the Legislature to approve of any financial expenditure incurred for this purpose.

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Mayor's Office,  
City Hall, Halifax, N.S.,  
January 25, 1924.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong,  
Premier, Province of Nova Scotia,  
Province Building, City.

Dear Sir,  
Re Expert - Rate Making Board of  
Public Utilities.

The City Council have under consideration retaining some expert assistance in connection with the Hearing shortly to be held on the question of rates for Light and Power charged by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company.

From preliminary information in hand, it would likely involve an outlay of anywhere from \$5,000. to \$10,000. As you know, we cannot commit ourselves to any expenditure of this nature without Legislative authority. Inasmuch as this matter will come before Council for decision at an early meeting, in order to be in a position to inform them as to the attitude of the Government on this matter, I am writing to ask if you would be good enough to advise us whether the Government would undertake to use its good offices at the coming Session to approve any financial expenditure incurred for this purpose, within the amounts indicated above.

A reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated.

JOHN MURPHY,  
M A Y O R.

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Also read Premier's reply.

Halifax, January 25, 1924.

John Murphy, Esq.,  
Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.  
Dear Sir,

Re Expert - Rate Making Board of Public Utilities.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 25th. inst. and note that the City Council have under consideration retaining some expert assistance in connection with the above matter. I note further that you estimate the expense of such an expert may be anywhere from \$5,000. to \$10,000., and that in your opinion it is necessary that Legislative authority for this expenditure should be secured.

I note further your request to be advised as to whether the Government would undertake to use its good offices at the next session to approve of any financial expenditure incurred for the above purposes and within the amount indicated above.

I beg to advise that if the City Council by resolut-

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ion approves of an expenditure not exceeding \$10,000.00 for the above purposes and as outlined in your letter, and it is necessary to have Legislative authority therefor, the Government will use its good offices at the coming session to give the necessary approval for any financial expenditure on behalf of the City that may be requisite and necessary.

E. H. ARMSTRONG,  
P R E M I E R .

His Worship the Mayor also submits following letter to the Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Premier, and his reply in reference to the Government lending financial aid to the City of Halifax in the matter of engaging an Expert.

Mayor's Office,  
City Hall, Halifax, N. S.,  
January 29, 1924.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong,  
Premier, Province of Nova Scotia,  
Province Building, C I T Y.

Dear Sir,

At meeting of the Special Committee appointed by Council to investigate and report on the matter of the City being directly represented by expert advice in the coming Hearing before the Board of Public Utilities, respecting rates for light and power to be charged by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, I was requested to place before you the situation confronting us.

As you are no doubt aware, the City had an appropriation of \$3,000. to assist in protecting its interest in the valuation made of these utilities; this fund being entirely exhausted. In view of all these circumstances surrounding the services in this City with which you and members of your Government are familiar, it was felt by some members of this Special Committee that the Government should assist the City financially in further conducting its case.

A request by Resolution of Council was submitted to the Board of Public Utilities that any additional expenditure that the City might find it necessary to incur, could be charged in the same manner as expenses of the Utility Board and of the Nova Scotia Tramway & Power for their experts. In reply to this, we were informed that the Board of Public Utilities had no power to so deal with the matter.

Would you kindly submit to members of your Government the question as to whether or not you feel disposed to give the City any direct financial aid in this matter. A special meeting of Council has been called for Thursday evening to discuss the situation and if at all possible, will appreciate having a reply so that it can be presented at this meeting.

JOHN MURPHY,  
M A Y O R .

January 31st., 1924.

Halifax, January 29, 1924.

John Murphy, Esq.,  
Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I have yours of the 29th. The subject matter of this letter will be submitted to the Members of the Government at the first meeting. Just at present I am not able to advise as to the date, further than to say that I think it quite impossible that there will be a meeting of the Government before the time of the special meeting of your Council called for Thursday next.

E. H. ARMSTRONG,  
PREMIER.

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The Motion of Alderman Bissett is put and lost 8 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Against it:-

Alderman Colwell,  
Bissett,  
Guildford,  
Whelan,  
O'Toole,  
Power,  
Hubley,  
Daw.

Alderman Whitman,  
Munnis,  
Finlay,  
Sanford,  
Gastonguay,  
Schaffner,  
H.W.Cameron,  
McDonald,  
Drysdale,  
W.O.Cameron.

*Murray  
City Solicitor*

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Whitman, that the Provincial Government be asked to pay a percentage of the cost of employing an Expert to represent the City before the Public Utilities Board at the hearing to fix the rates of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company Limited. Motion passed.

ABOLITION OF TAX EXEMPTIONS

Alderman Power submits the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that a committee be appointed by the Mayor to prepare legislation for passage at the coming session of the Provincial Parliament and report back to this Council, to amend the City Charter so as to abolish all tax exemptions in this city to the end that all property within



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the city of Halifax be taxed to contribute to the City Treasury in taxes in some amount, and that a scheme be devised by said Committee to tax also all Government property fully-Imperial Dominion and Provincial, and, for that purpose, to take steps to get legislation from any said Parliament in order to tax property controlled by it.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Finlay, and passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor named the following Committee:-

Deputy Mayor Colwell,  
Alderman Schaffner,  
Finlay,  
Guildford,  
Power,  
W.O.Cameron, and  
Mr. H. S. Rhind.

*and Colwell ✓  
Alderman Schaffner ✓*

RE WATER METERS.

Alderman Power submits the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED that the Board of Works and the City Engineer do furnish this Council with full and detailed information as to the Metering of Water in this city and which will include a statement as to the number of Meters installed, and how long installed, and where installed and with a statement as to the number of complaints, if any, as to defective metering of water and the number of complaints received about the working and usefulness of said meters, and what recommendation, if any, can be made either to abolish the use of said meters or to increase their use and what number of meters each winter has been destroyed and replaced, and also an approximate estimate of water available for use in this City, with a statement of the amount of water running to waste both at the lakes and by reason of broken and defective pipes in this City.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman O'Toole,

*Mayor ✓  
City-Engineer ✓* and passed.

Moved by Alderman Whitman, seconded by Alderman Colwell, that this Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Council adjourned 10.40 o'clock.

  
JOHN MURPHY, MAYOR.

  
H. S. RHIND,  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.