

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber, City Hall,
April 9th 1925.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening, at the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen, Munnis, Russell, Finlay, Bissett, Sanford, Gastonguay, Kenny, H.W. Cameron, Rains, Hubley, Whelan, O'Toole, Drysdale, Power, Daw, W.O. Cameron and Smeltzer.

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

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Works Department \$14,374.04 and to Water Department \$1,127.94:

Halifax, N.S. Apr. 8-25

APPROPRIATIONS

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 8th instant, accounts for the under-mentioned appropriations for March were approved and recommended to Council for payment as follows:-

Works Appropriations-	\$14,206.30
Capital	167.74
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	\$14,374.04
Water	
Maintenance -	1,003.43
Capital -	124.51
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	\$ 1,127.94

Respectfully submitted,
H. F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee of Fire Wards recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$12,571.02:

Committee Room,
City Hall, Apr. 8 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire Wards held this day the attached list of accounts, - chargeable to the Fire Alarm Maintenance \$561.35; to Fire Department Maintenance \$11,479.55, and a deferred account of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company \$530.12, amounting in all to \$12,571.02, were passed as correct and are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W.J. O'Toole,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Munnis that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

- DENIS MURPHY -

Read report Committee of Fire Wards recommending for payment the account of Denis Murphy for making and trimming uniform suits etc.

Committee Room, City Hall,
April 9th, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Firewards recommend for payment the attached account of Denis Murphy \$183.00 for making and trimming uniform suits and trousers for members of the Halifax Fire Department

Respectfully submitted,

W.J. O'Toole,
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded
by Alderman Munnis that the report be adopted and
account paid. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT-SUN LIFE

✓ INSURANCE COMPANY

Read report Committee of Fire Wards re-
commending for payment the account of the Sun Life
Insurance Company of Canada \$206.75.

Committee Room,
City Hall, Apr. 9th, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

The Committee of Fire Wards beg to recommend
for payment the attached account of the Sun Life
Insurance Company of Canada \$206.75, covering Pro-
Rata Premium due under the Group Policy on Members
of the Fire Department. This extension having
been ordered by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.J. O'Toole,
CHAIRMAN.

amended
Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by
Alderman Munnis that the report be adopted and the
account paid. Motion passed.

✓ CITY HOME AND T.B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report Charities Committee recommend-
ing for payment accounts amounting to \$6,315.71
chargeable to City Home Maintenance, and \$2,321.53
to T.B. Hospital Maintenance.

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

Gentlemen:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT- Aldermen Rains, Gastonguay, Daw and O'Toole.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS MARCH 1925, AMOUNT \$6,315.71

City Home accounts for the month of March 1925 amounting to \$6,315.71 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL, ACCOUNTS MARCH 1925 AMOUNT \$2,321.53

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of March 1925 amounting to \$2,321.53 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,180.28 and the adoption of the recommendations contained in the report:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
April 7th, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$1,180.28 was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

The following recommendations in connection with the accounts were made.

1st. That the subscription to the Canadian Criminal Cases and the Canadian Annual Digest should be discontinued, and all Law books previously purchased by the City, now in the Citizens Free Library

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be placed in the Law Library in the City Solicitor's Office.

Solicitor

2nd. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an amendment to the Charter in reference to the sales of property under the lien law that it will be necessary to advertise in one Newspaper only.

auditor

3rd. That the account of the Canadian National Express Company for expressage on the pair of Swans presented by His Majesty the King to the Public Gardens amounting to \$76.98 be paid out of the Gardens appropriation, and if at the end of the year there is a shortage and appropriation to be re-embursed from the Common Commutation Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Kenny,
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓
CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$2,277.96:

Halifax, N.S. Apr. 8-25

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, April 8th, 1925, the following named accounts amounting to \$2,277.96 were passed as correct and are recommended for payment.

Respectfully

Arthur Pettipas.

SECRETARY C.H.B.

City Health Board.....	\$1,613.67
Isolation Hospital.....	664.29
	<u>\$2,277.96</u>

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

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GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMON-ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Gardens Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$11.16:

Committee Room, City Hall,

Apr. 7th, 1925

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

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common, held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$11.16 was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy,

MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

✓
CITY PRISON-MONTHLY REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS

Read report City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,219.15 and covering report of Governor Grant for the month of March 1925:-

April 9th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
AND Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$1,219.15, was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

The Monthly Report of the Governor showing the number of Prisoners in custody on March 31st to be 32 Males and 8 females, is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Gastonguay,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay

seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

✓ POLICE DEPARTMENT -ACCOUNTS

Read report Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$8,057.48:

Committee Room, City Hall
April 9th,

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$8,057.48. was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy,

MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Hubley

seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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✓
W.W. FOSTER vs CITY OF HALIFAX

Read report Committee of Laws and Privileges re judgment of Mr. Justice Mellish in the case of W.W. Foster, late City Auditor, against the City of Halifax:

Committee Room, City Hall,

April 6th, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day, the attached letter of Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart, addressed to His Worship the Mayor covering a copy of the decision of Mr. Justice Mellish in the suit of Foster vs City of Halifax and referred to this Committee by the Council, was under consideration.

It was moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Hubley, assuming that the City have an opinion in writing from J. McG. Stewart, Esq. K.C. favourable to the City on the merits, apart from the two preliminary accounts mentioned in Mr. Stewart's letter, that this Committee recommend to the Council that an appeal be asserted from the decision of Mr. Justice Mellish.

On vote being taken on this motion there appeared as follows:-

For the Motion

Alderman Kenny,
Hubley

Against it:

Alderma Power
Finlay,
W.O. Cameron
Russell.

The matter is referred to the City Council for its action.

Respectfully submitted,

B.W. Russell,
CHAIRMAN.

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Office of City Solicitor,

Halifax, N.S. Mar. 11, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
City Hall,
CITY.

RE: FOSTER JUDGMENT

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your request for my opinion as to the advisability of an Appeal from the Judgment in this matter, I beg to say as follows:-

There are a number of points involved in the case and discussed at the trial, some of which only are dealt with in the Judgment. The greater part of the Judgment is taken up with a discussion of whether or not Mr. Foster had an absolute right to resign under Section 304.

You will remember that in the opinion which I gave to Council I stated that this point was extremely doubtful and I was not prepared to go further than that the Council if it believed it had good reason for dismissing an Official for misconduct was not bound to accept the resignation, but was entitled to exercise its powers of dismissal and to withhold acceptance for a reasonable period for that purpose. The Learned Judge has not dealt with the argument which I addressed to him, pointing out that if an Official against whom charges of misconduct were brought had an absolute right of resignation, he could practically defeat the portion of the Section which deprived him of his Superannuation on dismissal for misconduct. Although this point is extremely doubtful, if it were the only point in the case, it might be advisable to settle the question by an appeal.

The next point dealt with by the learned Judge is whether or not the members of the Finance Committee were incapacitated from sitting in Judgment on Mr. Foster by reason of their express finding and recommendation that he should be dismissed. The English cases cited on the argument extremely strong.- if the members of the Committee had merely recommended the matter to the Council for investigation, they would have been in a different position but the law as laid down in the English cases would make the matter so doubtful that I should hesitate to recommend an appeal on that ground.

The Learned Judge however, states that other reasons can be given in support of a Judgment for the Plaintiff in addition to those specifically dealt with. These other reasons, I assume would include the question whether or not the other existent reason would give good cause for the dismissal of Mr. Foster. When the charges were first brought before the Finance Committee I gave my verbal opinion that they were not sufficient to justify his dismissal, and my subsequent study of the case has not weakened my opinion in that respect.

Consequently, even if the Judgment can be reversed on the grounds taken by the learned Judge, there would still remain the question whether or not the dismissal was justified. As my opinion is that it could not, I am therefore, unable to recommend that an appeal should be taken.

Yours truly

F.H. Bell,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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Note: Copy of Judgment of Mr. Justice Mellish
See Minutes of Council March 5th 1925
Pages 486 A-F.

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Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart,
Halifax N.S.
March 4th, 1925

His Worship
Mayor Murphy,
City Hall,

Re Foster vs City of Halifax

Dear Sir:-

We are enclosing herewith copy of the decision of Mr. Justice Mellish in this matter.

The decision is based, as you will observe, on two grounds;

First: That the term "resignation" as used in sections of the Charter dealing with Superannuation means a voluntary retirement and that the consent or acceptance of Council is not required to make it effective.

Second: That the members of the Finance Committee by reporting the matter to Council became disqualified from voting on the matter as members of the Council.

The order for judgment has not yet been taken out but it will undoubtedly be initialled within the next two or three days. The City and the Trustees will have ten days thereafter within which to give notice of appeal if such course is finally decided upon.

In considering the question of appeal we would point out that, irrespective of the merits of this case, the interpretation placed by the learned judge upon the Superannuation Sections of the Charter, places the City in a very serious position. According to this interpretation any civic official, no matter how grave may be his dereliction of duty, -even to the point of defalcation- may present his resignation at any time and become entitled to the benefits of the Superannuation provisions. Thus the provisions as to superannuation on dismissal practically become inoperative especially in the clearer cases; because all the official need do is to present his resignation when he finds he is facing dismissal. He thereby becomes entitled to the higher scale of superannuation.

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As to the second ground we are also of opinion that an appeal should be asserted. The Aldermen are elected for the purpose among other things of supervising the work of the officials. They have the power to dismiss for cause. Someone must set the wheels in motion. If those who set the wheels of investigation in motion are to be precluded from voting on the question of dismissal, it appears to us that it has been and always will be extremely difficult if not impossible to effect a dismissal even in clear cases. While we agree that the official is entitled to a fair hearing, and that ill-will or indirect motive will cause a dismissal to be set aside, we do not think that any Alderman is disqualified because he has bona fide come to the conclusion that the Official should be dismissed.

We are strongly of opinion that an appeal should be asserted.

This is a matter which should be dealt with not only by the Council but also by the Trustees of the Superannuation Fund.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY ROGERS HARRIS & STEWART

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Halifax, N.S. Apr. 3rd, 1925

F.H. Bell, Esq., K.C.
City Solicitor,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

✓ Re Foster v City of Halifax

Pursuant to Order of Mr. Justice Mellish made the 28th of March 1925, we have entered Judgment in this matter aggregating \$3308.15. There is a further payment aggregating \$532.50 due April 25th. We have to request settlement of the Judgment forthwith.

We have your Notice of Appeal dated March 6th 1925, but this as you know does not operate as a stay of proceedings and the circumstances are such that we cannot forego or postpone any of our Client's rights, and therefore request that we be advised without delay what the defendants propose to do in respect to the Judgment already entered and in respect to the amount above referred to which accrues this month

Yours very truly,

BURCHILL & RALSTON

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Henry Rogers Harris & Stewart,
Apr. 8th, 1925

The City of Halifax
c/o The City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.

✓ Re Foster v The City of Halifax,

Dear Sir:-

We have been requested by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and by the City Clerk on behalf of the Laws and Privileges Committee to write to you with reference to the above case, particularly as to whether good cause for dismissal existed. In our opinion, the recitals in the resolution of the Finance Committee which was adopted by the City Council, constitute good cause, and each and every paragraph constitutes good cause. As to the evidence in support of these charges:

1. As to the first charge the evidence in support of it is the report of the Chairman of the Finance Committee made in early 1923 which revealed the fact that the indebtedness of the City to the Royal Bank of Canada had been paid by transferring amounts belonging to a number of years to the year in which the indebtedness to the Royal Bank of Canada was incurred then issuing a cheque to the Bank in payment. In our opinion, the transferring of funds from the credit of one year to the credit of another year, is not justified by the Charter, and is a practice which should have been stopped by the Auditor and could have been stopped had he exercised the powers vested in him by the Charter.
2. As to the second charge- The report of the Chairman of the Finance Committee already referred to together with the Auditor's own statements for the various years up to 1923 indicate clearly that the reserve fund was not used in anticipation of the taxes for the year in which it was borrowed but was from time to time placed to the credit of former years, which is, in our opinion, contrary to the section which constitutes the reserve fund.
3. As to the third charge, namely with reference to the Secretary of the Halifax Housing Commission the evidence is contained in the Report of Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Company which indicates that the Auditor became aware that cash received was not being deposited required Hayes to balance his accounts, but did not report the matter to the Council or to anyone in authority.

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- (4) As to neglect in ascertaining the revenue of the City the evidence of this is contained in the Report of Messrs Price Waterhouse & Company which reports an interview with Mr. Foster in which the latter states that he always took the word of an Official that moneys received by him were deposited.
- (5) As to the City Collector's Department- The Evidence consists of the general statement made in Price Waterhouse & Co's Report, and is further to be found in the Collector's Books and in the transfer books between the Collector and the Treasurer which clearly indicate on their face that the Collector was not daily depositing the moneys received by him, but was holding them for long periods- in one case running forty days. This is a situation that was never called to the attention of the Council or of any one in authority, and in our opinion failure to insist on the daily deposit enabled the Collector to misappropriate the moneys of the City

In connection with all these charges, it must be borne in mind that Mr. Foster himself neither before Council nor on the trial vouchsafed any explanation or excuse. He did not take the stand in either case. Consequently any argument based on a misapprehension of his duty must fail as there is no evidence of misapprehension.

Referring generally to the case- We are of opinion, that in dealing with the merits, the duties of the Auditor are considerably wider than the duties of an Auditor in an ordinary commercial corporation. The auditor is not merely an Official to verify entries in books, and to check receipts and Vouchers corresponding to these entries, but he has general supervision of the finances of the City and must pass upon all cheques issued before they are issued, certifying that they are properly drawn, and that there are funds out of which they can properly be paid

We do not wish to be understood as being of opinion that the City Auditor was guilty of any moral wrong. The evidence does not, in our opinion, warrant such an inference. The case rests on negligence in the discharge of the statutory duties incidental to his office, and there is, in our opinion, evidence upon which a finding to that effect should be made.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY ROGERS & CO.

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Moved by Alderman Bissett, seconded by

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Alderman Daw, that the City Solicitor be instructed to assert an appeal to the Full Bench of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in the suit of W.W. Foster vs the City of Halifax, and that Mr. J. McG. Stewart, K.C., of the firm of Messrs. Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart be associated with the City Solicitor in asserting this appeal. Motion put and passed, ten voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

*Solicitor
J.M. Stewart
W.W. Foster
J.L.R. Alston*

For the Motion

Against it

Alderman Munnis
Bissett
Gastonguay
Kenny
H.W. Cameron
Hubley
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
Daw.

Alderman Russell
Finlay
Sanford
Whelan
Power
Smeltzer
W.O. Cameron

✓ CIVIC ELECTIONS-APPOINTMENT
OF PRESIDING OFFICERS-

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following Aldermen presiding Officers, to conduct Civic Elections for Mayor and Aldermen, to be held on April 29th inst:

Presiding Officers,
Civic Election
Apr. 29th, 25

Ward 1	A	Alderman Munnis
	B	Russell
2	A	Sanford
	B	Bissett
3	A	H.W. Cameron
	B	Kenny
4	A	Whelan
	B	Hubley

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5 A
B

Alderman Power
Drysdale

6 A
B

W.O. Cameron
Smeltzer.

Approved.

✓
SCHOOL TEACHERS' PENSION FUND

Read report of the Finance Committee covering report of the City Auditor on the application of the Board of Management of the Halifax Teachers' Pension System for an appropriation of \$1,707.68 to meet Pensions due on April 1st:

April 7th, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of the City Auditor, covering a Requisition of the Board of School Commissioners for an appropriation of \$1,707.68 to pay pensions under the Halifax Teachers' Pensions System due April 1st, was read.

Your Committee recommend that the City Auditor be authorized to pay said amount from any Fund available.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Kenny,

CHAIRMAN.

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April 3rd, 1925

J.B. Kenny, Esq.,
Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the attached letter from the Board of School Commissioners, requesting the payment of \$1,707.68 necessary to pay the Halifax Teachers' Pension System.

I have looked into the books of the Teachers' System and find that an amount of \$3,622.88 is due in respect of Pensions April 10th. Against this item they will have on hand \$1,915.20, leaving a balance of \$1,707.68 which they are making application to the City for payment. In accordance with the Acts of 1923, Chapter 69 Section 27, I would recommend that this payment be made.

Yours truly,

H.F. Glass,
CITY AUDITOR.

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Board of School Commissioners
March 14th, 1925

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

Gentlemen:-

The Secretary of the Board of Management, Halifax Teachers Pension System, informs me that he will require One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seven Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$1,707.68) by April 1.

Trusting that you will be able to Finance this item.

I am,
Yours very truly,

S.J. Wilson,
SECRETARY.

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Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by

Alderman Munnis that the report be adopted. Motion
passed.

The following Resolution is submitted:

*Under
Treasurer
Miss S.J. Wilson*

*see memo
6/2/25*

WHEREAS no appropriation has been made by the City in respect to the matters aforesaid,

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City do under the authority of Section 27, Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1923 borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada or any Fund available the said sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$1,707.68) for the purposes aforesaid, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, and empowered to affect the said Loan and so pledge the credit of the City therefor,

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount so borrowed with interest thereon be included in the yearly estimates of the Civic Year 1926-27, and be rated and collected as part thereof.

Moved by Alderman Kenny, seconded by Alderman Munnis and passed unanimously.

✓ TAX COLLECTIONS-FOR MARCH 1925

Read report of City Auditor covering Statement of tax collections during March 1925:

City Auditor's Office,
Apr. 6th, 1925

The Mayor & Members of City Council.
CITY OF HALIFAX.

Sir:-

Re Tax Collections

I enclose herewith monthly statement as to the collections of Taxes for March and have the following remarks to make in regard thereto.

The collections during March on account of Tax arrears other than for the Current Year amount to \$28,614.16 as compared with \$25,578.41 during February reducing the outstandings of back years Taxes to \$1,702,240.10 at 31 March 1925. In this connection it is pleasing to note that the cash collections of back years taxes during the eleven months to 31st March last total \$491,521.61 or 22.3% of the amount outstanding at 1st May 1924.

m I would report that consolidated Statements of arrears outstanding in respect to General Property Taxes have been sent to Tax Payers

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in arrears in Wards 1 and 2 and that in a few days statements will be rendered in respect to Ward 3.

The collections of Current Years Taxes during March last, total \$47,400.73 as compared with \$41,418.59 in February reducing the outstandings of Current Years General Taxes to \$539,129.53 or 29.4% of the total years Taxation.

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the outstandings in respect of the current years Taxes are \$13,500.00 less than the outstanding taxes still on the books of the City in respect of the previous Civic Year, which shows that the situation regarding the collections of Taxes is improving.

It will be seen that the total collections of the Taxes & Rates appearing on the Statement for March total \$84,571.48 as compared with \$72,573.29 for February, an improvement of practically \$12,000.00

There is no doubt that our efforts to get in the Taxes have produced considerable results nevertheless to end, as we will, the Civic Year with about \$475,000.00 Taxes outstanding is not a healthy situation.

I would state that the majority of Taxpayers in arrears are responding to our demand for the payment of taxes, but that it is still necessary to issue a large number of summonses to those who do not respond to our notices.

Yours truly,

Sgd, H.F. Glass,
CITY AUDITOR.

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STATEMENT AS TO COLLECTIONS

OF TAXES AS AT

31 Mar./25

General Tax Arrears (Exclusive of Current Year)

Balance as at 28 Feby. 1925	\$1,730,854.28
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during Month of Mar/25	28,614.16
<u>Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31Mar 1925</u>	<u>\$1,702,240.10</u>
<u>Exclusive of Current Year.</u>	

Current Year Taxes (Exclusive of Poll Tax ,Licenses etc)

Balance as at 28 Feby. 1925	\$586,530.26
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of Mar.1925	<u>47,400.73</u>
<u>Total Current Year Taxes outstanding</u>	
<u>31 March 1925.</u>	<u>\$539,129.53</u>

Poll Taxes

Estimated outstanding 28 Feb.1925	\$ 2,412.50
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during Month of March	<u>74.50</u>
Total Estimated outstanding 31 Mar.1925	<u>\$ 2,338.00</u>

Dog Taxes

Amount collected in excess of Estimate (No Collections during March)	322.00
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Water Rates & Taxes

Balance outstanding 28 Feb..1925	\$ 198, 626.49
<u>Add. Monthly Meter charges</u>	<u>2, 497.57</u>
	\$ 201, 124.06
<u>Less Cash Collections during March</u>	<u>8, 482.09</u>
Total Water Rates etc.,outstanding <u>31 March 1925</u>	<u>\$ 192, 641.97</u>

<u>Total Cash Collected on Account of above</u> <u>Taxes & Rates during month of March 1925</u>	<u>\$84,571.48</u>
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FILED.

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DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor covering
Statements of Departmental Appropriations as at February
28th 1925:

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Apr. 8th, 1925

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

Sirs:-

I enclose herewith the usual monthly
reports covering the various Departmental Appropriations
copies of which have been supplied to the various
Committees.

I would inform you that I have reported
to the Board of Works that their appropriation covering
City Hall Telephones will be about \$220.00 short of
the amount required to pay the April Account.

Further, in connection with the City
Home, the Charities Committee have been advised that
they will be short between \$1500.00 and \$2000.00 of
the amount required to settle their April Accounts due
to the increased cost of maintaining the insane, and
shortage in the revenue as estimated, both of which
matters are beyond their control.

I have suggested to both these Committees
that they make application to Council requesting that
Legislation be sought to authorize this expenditure
and the borrowing of the amount required, so that I
will be able to pay the accounts in question.

Yours truly,

H. F. Glass,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED.

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CITY HOME APPROPRIATIONS 1924-1925

Read report Charities Committee re-
commending that Legislation be obtained at the present
session of the Legislature for power to borrow a

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sum not exceeding \$2,000.00 to meet shortage in the appropriation of the City Home.

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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: Aldermen Rains, Gastonguay, Daw and O'Toole.

Your Committee would recommend, following report of City Auditor, that owing to maintenance charge of insane having been exceeded and there being a shortage of revenue in the City Home appropriation for the year 1924-25, Legislation be sought for an overdraft of between \$1500. and \$2000. to meet shortage required to pay April 1925 Accounts.

Yours truly,

L.A. Gastonguay,
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the report be adopted unless the matter can be arranged through Legislation now in force under Section 976 of the City Charter. Motion passed.

*Solicitor
Auditor*

✓ CITY PRISON-TENDERS UNIFORM CLOTHING

Read report City Prison Committee recommending the acceptance of Messrs. Clayton & Sons tender for uniform clothing for Officials and Prisoners at the City Prison.

April 9th, 1925

Committee Room, City Hall,
April 7th, 1925

To His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, a Tender of Messrs. Clayton & Sons, for six uniform suits for Officials and Thirty (30) suits of Prison Clothing was submitted as follows:-

6 Uniform suits for Officials, Sample 72684 @ \$34.00 per suit.

30 Suits Prison Clothing, Sample 10994 @ \$8.00 per suit.

Your Committee recommend this tender to be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

L.A. Gastonguay,

CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded

by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

*Bob Grant
Clayton & Sons
Auditor*

CITY HOME AND T.B. HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT

Read report Charities Committee for the month of March 1925 showing the number of inmates on the 31st of March in the City Home to be 325. and the number of patients in the T.B. Hospital to be 38.

Halifax N.S. Apr. 7th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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

April 9th, 1925

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Rains, Gastonguay,
Daw and O'Toole.

SUPT. REPORT CITY HOME, MARCH 1925, NUMBER OF INMATES 325

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of March there were 9 persons admitted into the City Home 13 were discharged and 3 died. Of the number admitted 1 was chargeable to the Province and 8 to the City.

The total number of inmates March 31st. 1925 was 325, made up of 182 men, 137 women and 6 children. On the same date last year there were 171 men, 131 women and 10 children a total of 312.

SUPT. REPORT T.B. HOSPITAL, MARCH 1925, NUMBER OF PATIENTS 38

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of March 1925 there were 9 patients admitted into the City tuberculosis Hospital 5 men and 4 women 3 men and 2 women were discharged and 3 men and 5 women died.

The total number of patients March 31st. 1925 was 38, made up of 19 men and 19 women. On the same date last year there were 22 men, 18 women and 1 child a total of 41.

Respectfully submitted,

L.A. Gastonguay,
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

FILED.

✓ FIRES THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES

Read report Committee on Fire wards,
covering report of Chief Churchill re Fires their
causes and losses during the month of March 1925.

Committee Room, City Hall,
April 9th 1925.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached report of Chief Churchill re Fires their causes and losses during the month of March was submitted, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W.J. O'Toole,
CHAIRMAN

April 9th, 1925

Halifax, April 8th, 1925

Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit the following report for the month of March during which there were 25 alarms from the following causes:

Chimneys, 14, unknown 2, grass fires 2, boys playing with matches 1, false 1, sparks igniting film 1, defective flues 1, careless use gasoline 1, sparks from chimney 1, defective wiring 1.

Property at risk \$439,145.00

Insurance Losses	\$11,270.40
Losses not insured.	531.00
	<u>\$11,801.40</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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

FILED. ✓

PAVING CONTRACT-SOUTH PARK STREET AND
QUINPOOL ROAD-STEPHENS CONSTRUCTION CO

Read report Committee on Works City
Solicitor and City Engineer covering final estimate
of amount due to Stephen Construction Company for
work done under their contract for paving South
Park Street and Quinpool Road.

April 8th, 1925

STEPHEN CONSTRUCTION CO CONTRACT

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 8th inst., the City Engineer submitted a final estimate of amount due the Stephen Construction Company for work done under their contract for paving Quinpool Road and South Park Street, amounting to \$7,716.03, also the opinion of the City Solicitor in respect to same. The report of the City Engineer was approved and recommended to Council for adoption the amount to be paid under the direction of the City Solicitor and the City Engineer, the City Solicitor to draft a form of release that will absolutely protect the City from loss.

Respectfully submitted,
A.F. Messervey,

CLERK OF WORKS

April 9th, 1925

Office of City Solicitor
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 31-25

CHAIRMAN,
Committee on Works,
CITY.

Re. STEPHENS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
CONTRACT

Dear Sir:-

This matter which has been pending for some time is now approaching the finish and I beg to submit for your consideration the following brief report:

The Company had a contract for the paving of certain streets which it completed, as I understand from the Engineer satisfactorily, and would have been entailed to a final certificate upon filing the customary Maintenance Bond. The Company, however, became involved financially and had difficulty in procuring a Bond, and several of the Company's creditors took out Garnishee Orders for the balance in the City's hands. The City was anxious that so far as it possibly would, it would protect the workmen and persons who had furnished material for the contract. There was also a general assignment of the rights under the contract made by the contractors to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Under these circumstances the City deemed it wisest to exercise its rights to retain the monies due, and make a distribution of them as provided in the Contract. The matter was taken before Mr. Justice Russell and the City's contentions were upheld and an Order was passed allowing the City to retain the monies and make a distribution under the provisions of the Contract.

The difficulty then arose that the contractors having no further interest in the matter were not anxious to furnish a Bond and the City refused to part with any money until a Bond had been put up and satisfactory arrangements made for the distribution of the money. These difficulties have, after lengthy negotiations been overcome. The contractors have procured a Bond of the Canada Fire and Accident Company which is satisfactory and an arrangement has been come to between the Contractors and its creditors by which the monies in the hands of the City are to be divided proportionately among the Contractor's creditors, the Contractors concurring in these arrangements and releasing the City and the Creditors, also executing releases to the City of any Claim that they may have either by Garnishee Order or otherwise.

If this arrangement is carried out as now appears certain, a satisfactory solution of the matter will be arrived at.

Yours very truly,
F.H. Bell
CITY SOLICITOR

April 9th, 1925

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Apr. 1st 1925

STEPHEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CONTRACT

Sir:-

I am submitting the final estimate to the Stephen Construction Company for the work done under their contract for paving Quinpool Road and South Park Street.

The reason for the delay, has been that until now, the Company has not furnished a Maintenance Bond as required under the contract. This Bond has now been properly executed, and is in the hands of the Royal Bank for delivery to the City, when the amount of the premium is paid.

There are also claims and court orders against the balance due the Stephen Construction Company. I have asked the City Solicitor to make a report to you on the whole situation, and would recommend that when the final estimate passes the Council, that the money be paid under the direction and instructions of the city Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. JOHNSTON
CITY ENGINEER.

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Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Munnis that the report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer be adopted, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft a form of release that will absolutely protect the City from any loss in the matter. Motion passed unanimously

*City Engineer
Solicitor
Auditor*

WATER METER BILL 152 GOTTINGEN STREET

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 152 Gottingen Street.

March 12th, 1925

152 Gottingen Street-water meter bill
His Worship the Mayor and City Council
Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held

April 9th, 1925

on March 12th, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for #152 Gottingen Street for the period between September 1921 and March 1925. It was decided to recommend to Council that where the Consumption shown was 18,200 gallons or over, the consumption of said months be reduced to that amount thereby reducing the bill for the half year ending March 1923, \$5.04 and for the half year ending September 1923, \$1.50

Respectfully submitted,

A.F.Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Feb. 24th, 1925

152 Gottingen Street, -Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached bills for Water supplied the premises # 152 Gottingen Street and claimed to be excessive, that the total amount of the bill is \$98.88 of which the arrears amount to \$79.00 I find that an error has been made in sending out the bill on the 1st of November 1924. The arrears are charged as being \$79.00, this should be \$74.18 made up as follows:-

Half year ending	March 1922-	\$10.76
"	"	5.92
"	Sept. "	20.60
"	Mar. 1923	14.02
"	Sept. "	22.88
"	Mar. 1924	<u>\$74.18</u>

I presume that the bills complained of are those for the half year ending March 1923 \$20.60 and March 1924 \$22.88 A reference to the records shows the following readings and consumption for these periods.

	<u>1922</u>		
Sept.	92,500	5,700	
Oct.	98,100	5,600	
Nov.	103,900	5,800	
Dec.	110,300	6,400	
	<u>1923</u>		
Jan.	134,900	24,200	W.C.Wasting
Feb.	172,300	37,400	" " " N 21/2/23
Mar.	190,500	18,200	" " "
Apr.	216,200	25,700	" " " N23/4/23
May	228,100	11,900	

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June-	233,900	5,800
July	239,900	6,000
Aug.	249,000	9,100
Sept.	255,600	6,600
Oct.	260,900	5,300
Nov.	280,000	19,100
Dec.	-Door locked	

W.C. Wasting N. 27/11/23

It will be seen that the reason for the larger bill in March 1923, was due to a closet wasting in January, February and March and in 1924 to the same cause. Notices were sent in each case and under the circumstances, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

*Anderson
Engineer
Chief of Works
Collector*

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

WATER METER BILL 105-105 1/2 GOTTINGEN STREET

Read Report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for Premises 105-105 1/2 Gottingen Street.

March 12th, 1925

105-105 1/2 Gottingen St.-WATER METER BILL

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held the 12th inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for premises # 105-105 1/2 Gottingen Street for the half year ending March 1925.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the bill for the half year ending March 1923, be reduced to \$19.38 being the amount of bill rendered March 1924.

Respectfully submitted,
A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS.

April 9th, 1925

February 9th, 1925

105-105 1/2 Gottingen Street-Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bill for the premises 105-105 1/2 Gottingen Street, claimed to be excessive, that the total amount of the bill is \$112.88, which includes the following:

Year ending March 1922-	\$65.46
" " 1923	26.78
Half " " Sept. 1923	1.28
" " Mar. 1924	19.38

The bill for the year ending March 1922 is accounted for by the fact that a closet was reported wasting for four months and notices were sent the owner in November, December, January and February. The readings and consumption since that date were as follows:-

	<u>1922</u>	<u>1923</u>
Mar.-	503,400- 9,800	Jan.-48,400 New Meter WC.Wasting
Apr.	506,200- 2,800	Feb.-91,700-91,700
May	509,200- 3,000	Mar.112,300-20,400
June	512,800- 3,600	
July	514,900- 2,100	
Aug.	517,000- 2,000	
Sept.	519,000- 2,000	
Oct.	521,500- 2,500	
Nov.	523,000- 1,500	
Dec.	525,000- 2,000	

For the year ending March 1923, the bill of \$26.78 was made up of \$4.12 for the half year ending Sept. and \$22.68 for the half year ending March.

The meter froze and burst in these premises in January and a new meter was put on. A closet was wasting and evidently the water was allowed to run during February and March to avoid freezing, which accounts for the large bill for the second half of the year.

The bill for the half year ending March 1924 of \$19.38 is accounted for by the water being allowed to run during January, February and March, evidently to prevent freezing.

Notices of the waste were sent on the 25th of January and 26 of March, but the waste continued until April.

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

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER

April 19th, 1925

*Alderman
City Engineer
Clerk of Works
Auditor*

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

✓ WATER METER BILL 3-5 CUNARD COURT

Read report Committee on Works and
City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for premises 3-5
Cunard Court.

March 12th, 1925

3-5 Cunard Court-Water Meter Bill

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee
held the 12th inst., the City Engineer submitted a
report on water meter bill for the premises # 3-5
Cunard Court for the period between September 1922
and October 1924.

It was decided to recommend to Council
that the consumption for June 1924 be reduced 35,100
gallons, or a reduction of \$7.02 on the bill rendered
October 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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February 21st, 1925

3-5 Cunard Court-Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water
Bill for the premises # 3-5 Cunard Court, claimed to
be excessive, that the period covered by the bill is
the half year ending Oct. 1924, and the amount of the
bill is \$35.64. The consumption for the year at
these premises is as follows:-

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1924

Jan.	14,400			
Feb.	14,100			
Mar.	16,700			
Apr.	21,000			
May	18,800			
June	61,900	W.C. Wasting	Notice	10/6/24
July	26,800	" "	"	"
Aug.	24,300	" "	"	24/8/24
Sept.	16,400	" "	"	27/9/24
Oct.	9,000	" "	"	"
Nov.	15,700	" "	"	19/11/24
Dec.	6,900			

The half yearly bills for the two years have been

Half year ending March 1923-	\$13.12
Sept. "	15.98
March 1924*	14.48
Oct. "	35.64

The reference to the above record shows that a large consumption took place in June, due to a closet wasting. Notices of excessive use of water was sent in June, August and September. The large consumption was apparently due to defects in the plumbing and I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill. I am attaching hereto four original bills.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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*Inspector
Engineer
Clerk of Works
Inspector*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by

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

WATER METER BILL 3 FALKLAND STREET

Read report Committee on Works and the City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for premises No. 3 Falkland Street.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 12, 1925

WATER METER BILL 3 FALKLAND STREET

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

April 9th, 1925

Sirs:-

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At a meeting of the Works Committee held on March 12th, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for premises # 3 Falkland Street for the period between April 1923 and November 1924.

It was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for May and June 1923 be reduced to 4,000 gallons each month instead of the consumption registered thereby making a reduction in the bill rendered September 1923, of \$4.08.

It was further decided to recommend to Council that on the bill for the half year ending March 1924 the consumption for February and March be reduced one-third, thereby making a reduction off said bill of \$1.70, and on the bill for the period ending October 1924, the consumption for April be reduced one-third, thereby making a reduction on the bill of .73¢

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 10-25

3 Falkland Street-Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the water bill for the premises # 3 Falkland Street, claimed to be excessive, that from the complaint submitted I am unable to say just which bills are referred to. The unpaid bills at this property are as follows:-

Half year ending	Sept. 1922	\$ 2.76
" "	Mar. 1923	1.92
" "	Sept. 1923	8.48
" "	Mar. 1924	7.44
" "	Oct. 1924	10.78

The monthly consumption since March 1923 has been as follows:-

1923		1924	
Apr.	4,100	Jan.	6,200
May	11,000	Feb.	11,900
June.	17,400	Mar.	13,800
July	2,300	Apr.	11,000
Aug.	1,900	May	5,200
Sept.	5,700	June	4,000
Oct.	1,500	July	

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		August	6,000		
Nov.	2,000	Sept.	15,100		
Dec.b	2,000	Oct.	12,600	W.C.Wasting	(N)
		Nov.	11,600	" " "	"
		Dec.	9,300	" " "	"

There was a large consumption in May and June, 1923, due to a closet wasting, also in February March and April 1924, due to causes which I am now unable to determine, and in Sept. and October due to a closet wasting.

As there is no doubt the water was used or wasted withing the premises, I am unable to re-commend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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

*Understand
Engineer
Clerk of Works
Collector*

WATER METER BILL PILKINGTON BROS

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill of premises Dandomald Street owned by Pilkington Brothers.

March 19th 1924

WATER METER BILL DUNDONALD STREET

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 18th inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Meter Bill for premises Dundonald Street, owned by Pilkington Bros. Report is attached hereto. It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the bill for year ending March 1924, amounting to \$45.56 be reduced one-half thereby making the same \$22.78 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F.Messervey
CLERK OF WORKS

April 9th, 1925

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
March 2nd, 1925

DUNDONALD STREET - WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached Water Bill for the premises Dundonald Street owned by Pilkington Bros., and claimed to be excessive, that the periods complained of are the two half years ending Sept. 1923 and November 1924 and the bills amount to \$30.54 for the former and \$15.02 for the latter period.

The half yearly bills at this property since the meter was installed have been as follows:-

March 1922-	\$21.00
Sept. "	5.02
March 1923	4.70
Sept. "	30.54
March 1924	15.02
Nov. "	1.48

The premises are occupied as a garage and the consumption during the periods complained of was as follows:

	<u>1923</u>	<u>1924</u>
Mar.-	9,500	Jan. 7,600
Apr.		Feb. 100 Water off at Stopcock
May	43,300	
June	22,200	
July	28,100	
Aug.	22,800	
Sept.	24,400	
Oct.		
Nov.	44,400	
Dec.	17,900	

From this record it will be seen that the consumption was large throughout the whole period, and I am unable at this date to say what the cause of the extra consumption was. During the current year the average monthly consumption has been reduced to about 300 gallons.

As I am satisfied the water went through the meter and was used or wasted within the premises, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER.

April 9th, 1925

*Auditor
Engineer
Club of Works
Collector*

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

WATER METER BILL 103 GRAFTON STREET

Read report Committee on Works
re Water Meter Bill for premises 103 Grafton Street.

April 9th, 1925

WATER METER BILL # 103 GRAFTON STREET

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 8th instant Alderman Munnis called attention to Water Meter Bill # 103 Grafton Street. In view of there being a large consumption of Water of which the owner was not aware and there being special circumstances attached to same, it was moved by Alderman Munnis, and seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the bill for the half year ending October 1924, amounting to \$67.26 be reduced one -half making the net bill \$33.62, instead of as originally rendered, Motion carried, and the reduction noted, recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS.

*Auditor
Engineer
Club of Works
Collector*

Moved by Alderman Hubley and seconded
by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted. Motion
passed.

WATER METER BILL 183 CREIGHTON STREET

Read report Committee on Works and
City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for premises 183

April 9th, 1925

Creighton Street:

March 19th, 1925

Water Meter Bill # 183 Creighton Street

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 18th instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on water meter bill for premises # 183 Creighton Street. It was unanimously decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the months of February, January and March 1924, be reduced each month to that shown for April 1924, namely, 20,500 gallons, thereby making the bill \$12.51 instead of as originally rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,

CLERK OF WORKS.

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 17th, 1925

No. 183 Creighton St. Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water bills for the premises No. 183 Creighton Street, claimed to be excessive, that the bills are for the half years ending March and October 1924, the former amounting to \$44.01 and the latter October 1924, the former amounting to 44.01 and the latter to \$9.46. The consumption during this period was as follows:-

October	'23	2,200	
November	"	2,400	
December	"	2,100	
January	'24	67,100	Closest Wasting
			N 22-1-24
February		106,600	N 20-2-24
March		45,300	N 20-3-24
April		20,500	
May		3,000	
June		12,700	
July		4,700	
August		4,300	
September		10,000	
October		11,000	

The half yearly bills for these premises for the past few years were as follows:-

Half year ending Sept. '20 \$2.55

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Half year ending	March	'21	\$2.38
"	"	Sept. 21	2.00
"	"	March 22	1.74
"	"	Sept. 22	2.60
"	"	March 23	3.82
"	"	Sept. 23	3.86
"	"	Mar 24	44.01
"	"	Oct. 24	9.46

The records show that the large consumption complained of is due to a closet wasting during the first three months of 1924. The water passed through the meter and was used or wasted in the premises, and I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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*Inspector
Engineer
Chief of Works
Collector*

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

✓ TAG DAY- BOY SCOUTS

His Worship the Mayor submits a request of G. Ross Marshall, President of the Boy Scouts Association for permission to hold a tag day, the date to be later fixed by his Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the application be granted. Motion passed.

G Ross Marshall

✓ RE-INSTATEMENT EX POLICE OFFICER CARROLL

Alderman O'Toole, a member of the Police Committee, asked permission to bring up the matter of reinstatement of Ex-Police Officer Carroll.

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Whelan that ex-Police Officer Carroll be now re-instated, Alderman Hubley objecting to this matter being considered by the Council contending that the

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matter should be dealt with by the Police Committee, that Mr Carroll could not be reinstated, but would have to be reappointed.

Alderman Rains asked that Mr. Carroll's father who was present be permitted to address the Council. Permission granted. The Council was then addressed by Mr. Carroll. The Council was also addressed on the subject by His Worship the Mayor from the floor of the Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Sanford that this matter be referred to the Police Committee. Amendment put and passed 12 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment

Alderman Russell
Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
Kenny
H.W. Cameron
Hubley
Rains
W.O. Cameron
Daw.

Against it

Alderman Whelan
O'Toole
Drysdale
Smeltz r

✓ LEGISLATION TO BORROW \$1,000.00
FOR DREDGING SEWER DOCKS

Read report Committee on Works recommending that Legislation be sought to borrow the sum of \$1,000.00 for dredging McFatridges and other docks where there is sewer outlet.

City Works Office
Halifax, N.S.
Apr. 9th, 1925

DREDGING MCFATRIDGES DOCK

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council

Apr. 9th, 1925

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 1st inst., the City Engineer called attention to the necessity, for dredging McFatrighes dock in connection with the Trunk Sewer outlet at the Ordinance Wharf which had not been attended to since 1915, the estimated cost of which was \$1200.00. There was on hand \$231.08 specifically for this work, it was recommended that legislation be obtained to borrow the sum of \$1000.00 and to suggest that in borrowing of same that no particular location be specified so that should there be a balance it could be utilized for similar work at other places. The recommendations were approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded

by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor

✓
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Alderman Bissett asked that the report Committee on Laws & Privileges re Traffic Regulations be now considered and submitted the following Resolution.

RESOLVED that Blowers Street from Barrington Street to Grafton Street be made a one way street going west.

Moved by Alderman Bissett

Seconded by Alderman Finlay that the said Resolution be adopted and that the City Solicitor be instructed to incorporate the same in a draft Traffic Ordinance now before the Council as an amendment.

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Moved an amendment by Alderman Kenny seconded by Alderman Munnis that the further consideration of this matter be adjourned until another meeting. Amendment passed 9 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

For the Amendment

Alderman Munnis
Kenny
H.W. Cameron
Hubley
Whelan
O'Toole
Smeltzer
W.O. Cameron
Daw.

Against it

Alderman Russell
Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
Rains
Drysdale

✓ ASSESSMENT ISNOR BLOCK-AGRICOLA STREET

Read report Committee on Laws and Privileges re application of G.B. Isnor for some relief from taxation of the Isnor Block Agricola Street recently destroyed by fire

Committee Room,
City Hall Apr. 6th, 25

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws & Privileges held this day the attached extract from Minutes of City Council Meeting held on February 23rd, re Assessment Isnor Block, Agricola Street was under consideration.

Your Committee report that under the present Assessment Law no relief can be given to Mr. Isnor. Alderman Finlay and Hubley dissenting from this finding.

Respectfully submitted,

B.W. Russell,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Drysdale that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted.

Moved an amendment by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Whelan that the City seek Legislation to enable it in future to deal with cases such as this on their merits. Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:

For the Amendment

Alderman Finlay
Gastonguay
Whelan

Against it

Alderman Russell
Munnis
Bissett
Kenny
H.W. Cameron
Hubley
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
Smeltzer
W.O. Cameron
Daw.

SB Isnor

Original motion was put and passed.

✓ DAY-LIGHT SAVING TIME

The following Resolution is submitted:

RESOLVED that this Council authorize His Worship the Mayor to inaugurate the Daylight Saving Time during the summer of 1925 to be effective with Civic Officials and employees of the City Hall commencing the first Sunday in May (3rd) at midnight, and ending at midnight September 27th inclusive, and that during such period, time for all Civic activities shall be reckoned as three hours behind Greenwich mean solar time

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Munnis .

Moved an amendment by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Russell that the consideration of this Resolution be deferred until next meeting of Council. Amendment put and lost 7 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:

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For the Amendment

Alderman Russell
Hubley
Rains
Drysdale
Smeltzer
W.O. Cameron
Daw.

Against it

Alderman Munnis
Finlay
Bissett
Gastonguay
Kenny
H.W. Cameron
Whelan
O'Toole

The original Resolution is put and passed 9 voting for the same and six against it as follows:

For the Resolution

Alderman Russell
Munnis
Finlay
Bissett
Gastonguay
Kenny
H.W. Cameron
Whelan
O'Toole

Against it

Alderman Hubley
Rains
Drysdale
Smeltzer
W.O. Cameron
Daw.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Munnis that Daylight Saving time be fixed to conform with the time adopted by the Railway Department. Motion passed. Alderman Daw and Hubley dissenting.

RESIGNATION OF MISS MARIE DUSTAN

Read resignation of Marie Dustan

Stenographer City Clerk's Office:

Halifax, N.S.
March 1st, 1925

H.S. Rhind, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

I hereby resign from the position of Stenographer in your Department, same to take effect one month from date, April 1st 1925.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Marie Dustan

Apr. 9th, 1925

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay

Miss Dunlop
seconded by Alderman Hubley that the resignation be accepted, and that the appointment of her successor be referred to the Finance Committee. Also, that this Council place on record its full appreciation of the valuable services of Miss Dustan while employed in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion put and passed unanimously.

✓ LEGISLATION

The following Resolution is submitted:

THAT the City Solicitor be asked to prepare Legislation empowering the Camp Hill Cemetery Commission to expend monies paid in after the Civic Year for work done during the previous year, to be expended for purposes of improving and upkeep instead of reverting to the Sinking Fund.

Moved by Alderman W.O. Cameron,
seconded by Alderman Hubley and passed.

REESTABLISHMENT OF Nova SCOTIA

✓ PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

His Worship the Mayor requested the Chairman of the Finance Committee to take up without delay the matter of Financing the re-establishment of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

11.55 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Hubley that this meeting do now adjourn.
Motion put and passed.

Meeting adjourned.

H. S. Rhind
H. S. Rhind
CITY CLERK.

John Murphy
John Murphy
MAYOR

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

5.10 o'clock,

Council Chamber, City Hall.

April 27th, 1925

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Munnis, Hubley, Bissett, Sanford, Gastonguay, H.W. Cameron, Rains, Hubley, O'Toole, Drysdale, Daw and Smeltzer.

The meeting was called specially to deal with report of the Committee on Works covering the estimates of the Water Department for the Civic Year ending April 30th 1926, and to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

✓ WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES

Read report Committee on Works covering estimates of the Water Department 1925-26:

April 27th, 1925

Water Estimates 1925-26

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 23rd inst, the Water Estimates for 1925-26 as prepared by the City Engineer were submitted recommending total expenditure of \$214,689.83 and an estimated revenue of \$216,500.00. The estimates as submitted were unanimously approved and recommended to Council for adoption. Copies of the said estimates are herewith attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES
1925-26

	1924-25 Estimate	Estimate 1925-26
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Wages.	\$58,221.50	\$45,000.00
Materials & Supplies		8,000.00
General Expenses		4,000.00
	<u>\$58,221.50</u>	<u>\$57,000.00</u>

Salaries:		
Asst. City Engineer	3,600.00	2,675.15
Clerk of Works.	1,980.00	1,980.00
Asst. Clerk of Works	1,530.00	765.00
Superintendent.	1,800.00	1,800.00
Stenographer.	1,086.80	1,086.50
Meter Ledger Keeper	1,350.00	1,500.00
Meter Entry Clerk.	1,330.00	1,330.00
Six Meter Readers \$1330.	7,980.00	7,980.00
Cashier Collector's Office (part)	1,800.00	600.00
Sub Collector.	1,140.00	1,140.00
Asst. Engineer (Part)	1,620.00	1,620.00
Stenographer.	855.00	-----
Asst. Plumbing Insp, (Part)	<u>855.00</u>	<u>855.00</u>

	\$26,926.80	\$23,331.00
Interest Funded Debt.)	110,926.47	104,049.39
Interest Bank Loans etc.		8,500.00
Sinking Fund.....	<u>20,938.04</u>	<u>19,683.95</u>

	<u>\$1,864.51</u>	<u>\$132,233.24</u>
	<u>\$217,012.81</u>	<u>\$212,564.24</u>
Add 1% for short Collections.		3,125.64
Total Estimated Expenditure..		<u>\$214,689.88</u>

<u>REVENUE</u>		
Meter Rates Domestic Pre-		
mises...	61,090.46	68,000.00
" " Government		
Premises	28,309.06	25,000.00
" " Educational		
Charitable & Religious	4,507.64	6,500.00
" " Shops, Fact-		
ories Laundries etc.	32,778.07	32,000.00
Meter Rentals.	4,367.10	4,300.00
Bonds.	6,946.04	5,900.00
Fire Protection.	77,185.25	77,000.00
New Buildings, Sale off Scrap Etc.	<u>1,940.73</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$217,124.55</u>	<u>\$219,700.00</u>
Less Discounts.		3,200.00
Total Estimated Revenue.		<u>\$216,500.00</u>

Apr. 27th, 1925

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Munnis that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and the estimates as submitted be approved and confirmed by this Council. Motion passed. Alderman Hubley dissenting.

*City Engineer
" Auditor
Clerk Works
City Collector*

✓
INSURANCE CITY PROPERTY

Read report Committee on Works covering tenders for insurance of City property:

Apr. 27th, 1925

Insurance on City Property

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

Pursuant to advertisement calling for tenders for insurance on several civic properties under a schedule amounting to \$212,900. for a period of twelve months from May 1st next. Tender were received and opened from the undermentioned firms as follows:

W.R. McInnes & Co.
Hfx. Fire Insurance
Faulkner & Co.
A.S. Wylde.
Dale & Co., Ltd.
John Strachan & Co. Ltd
F.W. Annand
Saunders & Duffus
Major Bros. Ltd.
John P. Quinn
Grant, Oxley & Co. Ltd.
A.J. Bell & Co., Ltd.
G.E. Fraser & Co.
F.W. Dickie & Co.
H.J. Freeman & Co.
A.M. Jack & Son
Rainnie & Keator.
George J. Lynch
Thompson Adams & Co. Ltd.
Acadia Fire Insurance Co.
Royal Insurance Co.

All offered to insure at the same rate \$1.48 per \$100. for the whole or any portion of the amount which is the same rate as that paid last year plus the extra charge due to a policy of \$15,000 on City Hall Furniture which was written under a separate policy and now incorporated in the Schedule.

Apr. 27th, 1925

The North-Western Fire Association offered to undertake the total risk for an annual premium of \$2,999.81 or \$150.07 less than the figure quoted by the Tariff companies subject to the probable refund of 25% of the premium paid at the end of the year.

It was moved by Alderman Daw and seconded by Alderman Munnis that their tender being the lowest be recommended to Council for acceptance. Alderman Daw and Munnis voted for the motion Alderman Gastonguay, Sanford and Hubley against. Motion was declared lost.

It was moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Sanford that it be recommended to Council that the insurance be divided pro-rata between all those whose tenders had been received and opened and on the vote being taken the motion was declared carried. Alderman Daw dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

A.F. Messervey,

Clerk of Works.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following letter from Arthur J. Haliburton & Co., with reference to the tenders submitted for Fire Insurance on City Property.

Halifax, N.S. Apr. 27-28

His Worship Mayor Murphy
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.

Your Worship:

With reference to our conversation this morning, we attach a list of Halifax City Agents, representing Board Companies, and we were authorized at a full meeting of the Board of Fire Underwriters this morning, to supply you with this list, together with the suggestion that, if the tender is awarded with the suggestion that, if the tender is awarded to Board Companies, at the rate of \$1.48 it should be divided pro rata among the agents listed on the attached sheet.

If you will phone Mr. Fahie, Secretary of the Board, at Sackville 6 98 he will be very pleased to verify this list.

Trusting this will be satisfactory and that you will be able to bring it before the Council meeting we are.

Yours very truly,

A.J. Haliburton, & Co.
S. A.J. Haliburton.

HALIFAX CITY AGENTS

NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS

G.J. Lynch
A.J. Bell
T.C. Patterson,
A.S. Garten & Company Limited.
A.S. Wylde
Grant Oxley & Co.
Dale & Company
J.P. Quinn
A.E. Curren & Company
R.K. Elliot
Nova Scotia Trust Company
R.H. Pugh
G.E. Faulkner & Company
W.R. MacInnes & Company
Saunders & Duffus
G.E. Fraser & Company
A.M. Jack & Sons
Thompson Adams & Company, Limited
Oakland Agencies Limited
Major Bros.
G. McL. Daley
F.W. Dickie & Company
F.W. Annand
N.S. Realty & Investment
Rainnie & Keator
A.J. Haliburton & Company
E.G. Westall
W.J. G. Thompson
Hebb & Son
H.J. Freeman & Company
John Strachan
W.R. Shortt
W. Currie
E.C. Fraser.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Bissett that the insurance on City Property be placed in accordance with the list as submitted by the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters at their tender price of \$1.48 per \$100.00 and any tender included in the Board of Works report which is not included in the list submitted by Mr Haliburton be given a proportionate amount of the insurance.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Munnis, that the North Western Mutual Fire Association, being the lowest tender received, they be awarded the insurance for the full amount of \$212,900.00 Motion put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:

For the Motion

Against it

Alderman Munnis
H.W. Cameron
Daw

Alderman Finlay
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
Hubley
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
Smeltzer

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The original Motion was put and passed,
11 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

For the Motion

Against it

Alderman Munnis
Sanford
Bissett
Gastonguay
H.W. Cameron
Hubley
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
Smeltzer
Daw.

Alderman Finlay

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5.50 o'clock p.m.

Moved by Alderman Munnis seconded by Alderman
Finlay that this meeting do now adjourn until
Thursday afternoon the 30th inst., at 4 o'clock to
receive returns on the Civic Election." Motion
passed.

*Engineer
and
Clerk of Works*

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Meeting adjourned

H.S. Rhind
H.S. Rhind,
CITY CLERK.

John Murphy
John Murphy,
MAYOR

ADJOURNED MEETING

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

4.10 o'clock P.M.
Council Chamber, City Hall,
April 30th, 1925

A meeting of the City Council called for this afternoon, at the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Sanford, O'Toole, Munnis, Finlay, Daw, Rains, Hubley, and W.O. Cameron.

4.10 o'clock

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman W.O. Cameron that the time of meeting be extended until there is a quorum present or until 4.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

4.20 o'clock

Roll Call. Present the above named and Aldermen Bissett, Gastonguay, H.W. Cameron and Drysdale.

Council met pursuant to adjournment to receive returns of the Civic Elections held on the 29th inst., to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

CIVIC ELECTIONS

Read return H.S. Rhind, City Clerk, covering nomination papers of Joseph Burke Kenny, and Bernard Wallace Russell for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, together with the Poll Books containing the returns of presiding Officers at the several Polling places in the different wards of the City for the election of Mayor for the City of Halifax held on the 29th of April 1925, said return

April 30th, 1925

showing as follows:-

Apr. 30th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Agreeably to the Provisions of the Halifax City Charter and Acts in amendment thereof in respect to the election of a Mayor for the City of Halifax, I herewith submit the original nomination papers of Joseph Burke Kenny and Bernard Wallace Russell for the office of Mayor of the City of Halifax, together with the Polling Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling Places in the different Wards for the election of Mayor, held on the 29th of April 1 inst., said return showing as follows:-

Ward	J.B. Kenny	Total by Wards	B.W.R ussell	Total by Wards
1 A	214	466	160	328
B	252		168	
2 A	242	487	202	396
B	245		194	
3 A	171	339	109	196
B	168		87	
4 A	151	287	168	321
B	136		153	
5 A	176	305	138	284
B	129		146	
6 A	233	461	249	496
B	228		247	
		<u>2345</u>		<u>2021</u>

Majority for J.B. Kenny 324

Respectfully submitted,
H.S. Rhind,
CITY CLERK.

April 30th, 1925

The City Clerk declares JOSEPH B KENNY
duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the
Civic Year 1925-1926

The following Resolution was submitted:

RESOLVED that the City Clerk do and he
is hereby directed to notify the Honorable
The Provincial Secretary of the election of
JOSEPH BURKE KENNY, Esq., K.C. to the Office of
Mayor of the City of Halifax, and to request
that His Honor Lieutenant-Governor may be
pleased to name the time and place on which
His Honor may be pleased to administer the Oaths
of Office to the Mayor elect.

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

Read return of City Clerk covering
nomination papers of Stephen Galway Ritchie and Byron
Arthur Weston for the Office of Aldermen for Ward No.
One, together with the Poll Books containing the returns
of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling places
in said Ward at the election held April 29th, 1925,
said return showing BYRON ARTHUR WESTON to have received
507 votes and STEPHEN GALWAY RITCHIE 280 votes, giving
Byron Arthur Weston a majority of 227 votes over Stephen
Galway Ritchie.

The City Clerk declares BYRON ARTHUR
WESTON, the Candidate having the greater number of votes
duly elected an Alderman for the City of Halifax for
Ward No. One.

Read returns City Clerk covering
Nomination papers of THOMAS FINLAYSON TOBIN for the
office of Alderman for Ward No. Two, he being the only
Candidate nominated for said office for the election held

April 30th, 1925

April 29th, 1925.

The City Clerk declares THOMAS FINLAYSON TOBIN duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Two.

Read return City Clerk covering nomination papers of Louis Amable Gastonguay for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Three, he being the only Candidate nominated for said office for the election held April 29th, 1925.

The City Clerk declares LOUIS AMABLE GASTONGUAY duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Three.

Read return City Clerk covering nomination papers of Stephen Harry Enoch Rains for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Four, he being the only Candidate nominated for said Office for the election held April 29th, 1925.

The City Clerk declares STEPHEN HARRY ENOCH RAINS duly, elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Four.

Read Return City Clerk covering nomination papers of William Joseph O'Toole for the office of Alderman for Ward No. Five, he being the only Candidate nominated for said Office for the election held April 29th, 1925.

The City Clerk declares WILLIAM JOSEPH O'TOOLE duly elected an Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. Five.

April 30th, 1925

Read return City Clerk covering nomination papers of Charles Joshua Craig and Robert Daw for the Office of Aldermen for Ward No. Six, together with the Poll Books containing the returns of the Presiding Officers at the several Polling places in the said Ward at the election held April 29th, 1925, said return showing Robert Daw to receive 721 votes and Charles Joshua Craig 229 votes, giving Robert Daw a majority of 492 votes over Charles Joshua Craig.

The City Clerk declares ROBERT DAW, the Candidate having the greater number of votes duly elected an Alderman for the City of Halifax for the Ward No. Six.

CIVIC ELECTION- CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Halifax Apr. 30th, 1925

To His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Pursuant to the Provisions of the City Charter and Acts in amendment thereof in respect to the election for Mayor and Aldermen, I have the honor to submit the following returns of the elections for Mayor and Aldermen held on the 29th of April 1925.

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

Election for Mayor:

Ward No.	J.B. Kenny		B.W. Russell	
		Total by Wards		Total by Wards
1 A	214	466	160	328
B	252		168	
2 A	242	487	202	396
B	245		194	
3 A	171	339	109	196
B	168		87	
4 A	151	287	168	321
B	136		153	

(Contd)

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Ward No.	J.B. Kenny		B.W. Russell	
5 A	176		138	
B	129	305	148	284
6 A	233		249	
B	228	461	247	496
		<u>2345</u>		<u>2021</u>

Majority for J.B. Kenny, K.C. 324.

ELECTION FOR ALDERMEN

Ward No.	Candidates	Polling places A To K.	Polling places L. to Z	Total
1	S.G. Ritchie	119	247	280
	B.A. Weston	161	260	507

Majority for B.A. Weston of 227

2 Thomas Finlayson Tobin, returned unopposed.

3. Louis Amable Gastonguay, returned unopposed

4. Stephen Henry Enoch Rains, returned unopposed.

5. William Joseph o'Toole, returned unopposed.

6.	G.J. Craig.	123	106	229
	Robert Daw.	356	365	721

Majority for Robert Daw of 492

Respectfully subitted,

H.S. Rhind,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously. ✓

ALDERMANIC VACANCIES

Read report City Clerk re vacancies in the office of Aldermen for Wards No's one and Three

Apr. 30th, 1925

Halifax, N.S. Apr. 30th, 1925

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

Sirs:-

I beg to report that Mr. B.W. Russell an Alderman representing Ward One and Mr. J.B. Kenny an Alderman representing Ward Three having filed with me Nominations for the Office of Mayor thereby under Section 86 of the City Charter vacated their said Offices as such Aldermen and it thereby becomes necessary that the Council shall under Section 89 of the Charter declare the said vacancies, and under section 82 fix a day for the election of duly qualified persons to fill the same. The unexpired term of office in the case of each vacancy is two years from 1st May 1925.

Respectfully submitted

H.S. Rhind,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the report be adopted and that the vacancies embodied in the report be declared. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the Election to fill the office of Aldermen for W ards Numbers One and Three be held on Wednesday the 13th day of May 1925.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the date of the election be fixed for Wednesday May 20th, 1925. Amendment put and lost, five voting for the same and seven against it as follows:

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For The Amendment

Alderman Munnis
Sanford
Gastonguay
Drysdale
Daw.

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Against it:

Alderman Finlay
Bissett
H.W. Cameron
Hubley
Rains
O'Toole
W.O. Cameron

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The original motion is put and passed.

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT TENDERS
FOR UNIFORM CLOTHING

Read report Committee of Fire Wards covering tenders for the supplying of cloth for uniform suits, pants and over-coats for members of the Fire Department.

Committee Room, City Hall,
Apr. 30th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Sirs:

TENDERS FOR CLOTH AND UNIFORM CLOTHING

At a meeting of the Committee on Fire wards held this day the attached Tenders for supplying cloth to the Fire Department were submitted.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of S.R. Cossey & Co., for Fox Serge Sample No. 5000 at \$2.01 per yard, and that of Clayton & Sons for Frieze, Sample No. 147182 for over-coats \$2.50 per yd be accepted.

Your Committee further recommend that the tender of Messrs. Clayton & Son for making and trimming uniforms and over coats be accepted.

Suits	\$19.50	each
Pants.	3.50	"
Over-coats	19.50	"

Respectfully submitted,

W.J. O'Toole,
CHAIRMAN.

Apr. 30th, 1925

C Claytonson
J R Cossey

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT
TENDERS ROOFING MORRIS STREET FIRE STATION
STABLE

Read report Committee of Fire wards
covering tenders for roofing Stable at Morris Street
Fire Station:

Committee Room, City Hall,
Halifax, N.S. Apr. 30-25

Tenders for Roofing

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Fire-wards held this day, the attached Tenders of James Donohue, Ltd., and Farquhar Bros, Ltd. for roofing the stables at Morris Street Engine House were submitted.

Your Committee recommend that the Tender of James Donohue Ltd. \$232.00 be accepted, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. O'Toole,
CHAIRMAN.

Jas Donohue

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT-Furniture etc

Read report Committee of Fire-wards
recommending the purchase of chairs and smoke masks
for the Department:

Apr. 30th, 1925

Committee Room, City Hall,
Halifax, N.S. Apr. 30-25

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Fire-wards held this day it was decided to recommend that the Chairman and Chief be authorized to purchase 1 doz chairs at \$1.15 each and 6 smoke mask canisters at \$4.00 each for the use of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

W.J. O'Toole,
CHAIRMAN.

Joe Chamberlain ✓
Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Daw that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ CITY HOME AND T.B. HOSPITAL

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

Read report Charities Committee re Tenders for supplies for City Home and T.B. Hospital for a period of six months from May 1st 1925.

Halifax, N.S. Apr. 24-25

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen O'Toole
Gastonguay, Rains, and Finlay.

Tenders for supplying City Home and Tuberculosis Hospital for a period of six months from May 1st, 1925 were opened as follows:

It was unanimously decided that tenders as opened be handed to the Superintendent to be checked as to extensions and additions, the lowest tender in all cases to be accepted and reported to Council.

CITY HOME

GROCERIES:

Howards Ltd.	\$4276.17
Wentzells Ltd.	4350.76
M.J. Ritcey & Co.	4133.04

MEATS :

W.A.Maling & Co.	1717.00
The Maritime Market	1800.25
Scotia Market Ltd.	2603.50

W.A.Maling & Co., did not quote price on one of the items called for in the Specification which item would not if added to the total of their tender increase the total to bring it higher than the next lowest tender.

MESS PORK:	Davis & Fraser	.17½ per lb.
	W.A.Maling & Co.	.19 " "

FISH.	Boutilier's Ltd.	.06½ " "
	H. Bowman	.05 " "

BUTTER & EGGS:

R.B.Colwell, Ltd.	1328.75	" "
P.T. Shea	1405.00	" "
Smith & Proctor, Ltd	1277.50	" "

MILK

Ideal Dairy Ltd.	.11¼ per qt.
Fraser & Casey	.11¼ " "
A.D.Johnson	.11¼ " "

DRY GOODS:

T.J. Whalen & Co.	1555.80
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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

GROCERIES	Wentzells Ltd.	1674.48
	M.J. Ritcey & Co.Ltd	1776.76

MEATS:	The Maritime Market	749.25
	Scotia Market Ltd.	918.75
	W.A.Maling & Co.	858.50

BREAD:

Moirs Ltd.	.08 ½ per loaf
John Fry	.08 " "
J.J. Scriven & Son	.08¼ " "

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MILK & CREAM:

Ideal Dairy, Ltd.	\$1077.00
Fraser & Casey	1077.00
A. D. Johnston	1077.00

BUTTER & EGGS:

Smith & Proctor Ltd.	859.00
P. T. Shea	936.00
R. B. Colwell, Ltd.	877.90

FISH.

H. Bowman	94.10
Boutilier Ltd.	94.68

LAUNDRY WORK:

Globe Laundry Co. Ltd.	1.90 per 100 pcs.
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RECOMMENDATIONS CITY HOME

GROCERIES	J. J. Ritcey & Co., Ltd.	4133.04
MEATS	W. A. Maling & Co.	1702.00
MESS PORK	Davis & Fraser	.17½ per lb.
FISH	H. Bowman	.05
BUTTER & EGGS	Smith & Proctor.	1277.50
MILK	A. D. Johnson	.11¼ per qt.
DRY GOODS	T. J. Whalen & Co.	1555.80.

RECOMMENDATIONS TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

GROCERIES	Wentzells Ltd.	1674.48
MEATS	Maritime Market	749.25
BREAD	John Fry	.08 per loaf
MILK & CREAM	Ideal Dairy Ltd. Milk	.11¼ per qt.
	Light Cream	.50 " "
	Heavy Cream	.65 " "
BUTTER & EGGS.	Smith & Proctor.	859.00 " "
LAUNDRY Work	Globe Laundry Co. Ltd.	1.90 per 100 pcs.
FISH.	H. Bowman	94.10

Respectfully submitted

L. A. Gastonguay,
CHAIRMAN.

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Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Finlay that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley seconded by H.W. Cameron that the consideration of this report be deferred, and that the Charities Committee be authorized to purchase the supplies required at the lowest possible figure until the next meeting of this Council.

Amendment put and lost four voting for the same and eight against it as follows:

For the Amendment:

Alderman Munnis
Bissett
H.W. Cameron
Hubley

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Against it:

Alderman Gastonguay
Alderman Finlay
Sanford
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
W.O. Cameron
Daw. -8

The original motion was put and passed.

EX-POLICE OFFICER-JAMES MALONEY
SUPERANNUATION RE-FUND

Read report of City Treasurer recommending a refund to Ex-Police Officer James Maloney who has resigned from the Police Force:

City Treasurer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Apr. 28-25

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached please find resignation, and memorandum of payments of James Maloney from the Police Department.

He has paid into the Superannuation Fund \$555.43 under Section 53 of Chap. 60 Acts 1924 he is entitled to receive from the Fund an amount equal to one-half of his contributions without interest which would be \$277.71

Respectfully submitted,

J.J. Hopewell,

TREASURER.

Apr. 30th, 1925

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Alderman Drysdale that the report be adopted, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to Mr. Maloney the sum of \$277.71, being one-half of the amount he has contributed to the Superannuation Fund. Motion passed.

*Auditor
Treasurer
Mr. Maloney*

✓
BLOWER STREET-ONE WAY TRAFFIC

Read petition of Rate Payers protesting against the proposition to make Blower Street a one way Street from Barrington to Grafton Street.

Halifax, N.S. Apr. 14th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council

Gentlemen:-

We notice by the daily press that you are about to make Blowers Street from Barrington to Grafton Sts., a one way street. We the undersigned doing business on Blowers St., and vicinity, do strongly protest to any such action, as it would greatly interfere with business in this section, and, furthermore, it is not necessary as there is no congestion or blockade.

Yours respectfully,

Kline & Mullins, etc., etc.,

*Mr. Russell
clerk*

Referred to the Committee on Laws & Privileges for report.

✓
CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,164.74:

Committee Room, City Hall,
Apr. 27th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

April 30th, 1925

Committee Room, City Hall,

April 27th, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$1,164.74 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Gastonguay,
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓ COAL WEIGHERS REPORT

Read reports A.H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers for the months of February and March showing the coal weighers to have received during the month of February \$87.26, and in the month of March \$72.45 each in fees.

FILED.

✓ BURIAL OF DEAD HORSES ETC

Read report City Health Board re account of City Prison for burial of dead horses:

Halifax, N.S. Apr. 9th, 1925

His W orship t he Mayor,
and City Council

Gentlemen:

Apr. 30 th, 1925

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, Apr. 8th a Report was read dealing with an account submitted by Governor Grant of the City Prison for the burial of 58 Horses from May 22nd, 1924, up to March 31st, 1925. A charge of \$5.00 for each burial was made, making a total account of \$290.00

The Board directed me to recommend to the City Council that \$100.00 be credited to the appropriation of the City Prison payable out of the joint appropriations covering maintenance of the City Health Board and the Isolation Hospital funds for which are available.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur C. Pettipas,
SECRETARY C.H.B.

Moved by Alderman H.W. Cameron, seconded by Alderman Bissett, that said report be referred to the City Prison Committee for report. Motion passed.

*Geo Grant ✓
Alderman Bissett ✓*

WORKS DEPARTMENT - TENDERS FOR FORAGE

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Tenders for forage for the several Civic Departments:

Apr. 30th, 1925

TENDERS FOR FORAGE

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 27th instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on Tenders received for the supply of forage to the several Civic Departments. Copy of his report and tenders received are hereto attached. The report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS.

April 30th, 1925

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Apr. 27th, 1925

TENDERS FOR FORAGE

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report that in response to an advertisement three tenders were received for the supply of forage. From the best information I can obtain No. 2 C.W. Oats are worth the difference in the prices quoted between them and No. 1 Feed

I would recommend that the tender of S.C. Thompson for the Forage required, including the No. 2 C.W. Oats, for six months, delivered as required, be accepted. Tenders are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

Moved by Alderman Sanford, seconded by Alderman Munnis that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted, and the Tender of S.C. Thompson be accepted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett seconded by H. W. Cameron that the consideration of this report be deferred until the next meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime the various departments be authorized to purchase the forage necessary at the lowest possible price. Amendment put and lost three voting for the same and Nine against it as follows:

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For the Amendment

Alderman Bissett
H.W. Cameron
Hubley

Against it

Alderman Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Gastonguay
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
W.O. Cameron
Daw.

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The original motion is put and lost

✓
ORDINANCE RELATING TO HORSES
CATTLE & POUNDS

Read report Committee on Works, recommending an amendment to the Ordinance relating to Pounds and covering a draft Ordinance.

April 27th, 1925

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE No. 25

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the works Committee held April 22nd; His Worship the Mayor called attention to the present Pound Ordinance and the hardship entailed in many cases due to the charge of \$5.00 per day that has to be paid before any animal impounded can be released.

It was moved by Alderman Munnis and seconded by Alderman Sanford and unanimously passed that it be recommended to Council that Ordinance No. 25 be amended and a fee be charged for each animal impounded of \$1.00 per day for the first two days and each succeeding day thereafter \$2.00 per day or portion of a day.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Messervey
CLERK OF WORKS.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works
in office*

April 30th, 1925

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No.25

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council that Ordinance 25 be amended by striking out of the Schedule fee and charge therein specified except that for a goodē or poultry bird, and substituting therefor the following:

For every animal impounded for the first day or part of a day \$1.00 . For the second and every subsequent day \$2.00 or portion of a day.

Moved by Alderman Munnis seconded by Alderman Sanford that the report be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relating to Horses, Cattle & Pounds be read the first time. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance relating to Pounds-
First reading.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relating to Horses, Cattle & Pounds be read the second time. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance relating to Pounds-
Second reading.

✓
STREET LINE COBURG ROAD
ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer and letter of Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart, Solicitors for Trustees of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church re strip of land on the South side of Coburg Road, corner of LeMarchant Street, laid down by the City on the Official plan for street purposes.

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Clerk of Works,
Apr. 27th, 1925

Land St. Andrew's Church Coburg Road

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee held April 8th, the City Engineer submitted a report on a request from the Trustees, St. Andrew's Church, asking compensation for a strip of land on the South side of Coburg Road, commencing at the south-east corner of LeMarchant Street and the said road laid down by the City on the Official plan for street purposes. The offer made by said church was considered excessive and action was deferred on the report and a copy of same sent them for their information.

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 22nd instant, a letter from the Solicitor of the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church under date of the 22nd instant, was read, stating that the trustees were agreeable subject to the approval of the Congregation to accept the sum of \$250.00 for the land in question. Mr. R.D. McCleave, Solicitor for the Trustees was present, and heard in support of the offer. It was moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Sanford and passed unanimously that the Works Committee recommend to Council that the offer now made be accepted. Payment to be made from the street widening appropriation. Correspondence in connection therewith is hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

Henry, Rogers, Harris & Stewart
Halifax, N. S.

Apr. 2nd, 1925

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Sir:-

Re St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

The Trustees of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church met a few days ago and decided, subject to the approval of the congregation to be obtained later, that they would agree to take two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the strip of land on the South side of Coburg Road in front of their property, taken by the City for widening Coburg Road.

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We shall be pleased to learn, at the earliest possible moment, whether this is satisfactory to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY ROGERS HARRIS & STEWART.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and the offer of the Trustees of St. Andrews Church be accepted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Bissett seconded by Alderman Hubley that the consideration of this matter be deferred, and to be dealt with by the incoming Council.

Amendment put and lost two voting for the same and ten against it as follows:-

For the Amendment

Alderman Bissett
Hubley

Against it

Alderman Munnis
Finlay
Sanford
Gastonguay
H.W. Cameron
Rains
O'Toole
Drysdale
W.O. Cameron
Daw. - 10

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The original motion is put and passed.

✓ CITY'S BANKING ACCOUNT

His Worship the Mayor reported verbally as follows, with reference to the City's Banking Account.

CONSOLIDATION CITY'S BANKING ACCOUNTS

Mayor Murphy reported up the action of Finance Committee respecting the consolidation of the City's Banking Accounts advising that the clause passed by Council repealing the requirements of keeping

*Engineer ✓
and clerk ✓
Clerk of Works ✓
Henry Rogers ✓
Harris, Stewart ✓*

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Bank Accounts for each year had passed, and in order to enable the City Auditor to adjust all financial affairs to end of Civic Year, the consideration being affected as at this date, April 30th. The Mayor further explained that for some six months the City had been working under the new arrangement of borrowing on current taxes only as required instead of in lump sum as under the agreement which has existed for so many years and until further arranged we will be required to pay only $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ on all outstanding obligations to the Bank, and $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ on advances and overdrafts.

The Council unanimously approved of the carrying through the arrangement outlined and passed the following resolution.

The following Resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that the Finance Committee be authorized to make whatever arrangements are necessary with the City's Bankers to bring about the consolidation of the City's Bank accounts

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by

Alderman Bissett and passed unanimously.

✓ Resolution of Sympathy to Alderman Colwell
His Worship the Mayor informs the Council

that Alderman H.S. Colwell was leaving the City for Europe for the benefit of his health when the following resolution is submitted.

RESOLVED that this Council has learned with great regret of the indisposition of Henry S. Colwell for Ten years one of the representatives of this Council of Ward One. During the period in which he was a member Mr. Colwell was assiduous in the discharge of his duties and most cordial and courteous in his relations with his brother Alderman. Mr. Colwell is taking a well earned holiday and rest and we desire to express our hope that his trip abroad will be both pleasant and beneficial to his health.

Moved by Alderman Finlay, seconded by

Alderman Gastonguay and passed unanimously by the standing vote of the whole Council.

✓ H.S. Colwell sec

April 30th, 1925

✓
FAIRWELL MESSAGE FROM HIS WORSHIP

THE MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor submits the following message to the Council on his retirement from office.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE TO COUNCIL, APRIL 30, 1925

To Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

At this, the closing Meeting of my term of Office as Mayor, I desire to place on record my sincere appreciation for the assistance extended and the unfailing courtesies shown me by this, as well as preceding Councils.

During the past three years, our City has dealt with many important Civic Problems and while our individual views may have differed as to method, I do not hesitate to say that the course of each and every Alderman was guided by what he conceived to be in the City's interest. We have passed through troubled waters and I am sure that those who now take up the administration of this City's affairs will find so far as its various Departments are concerned, they are in good running order.

OUTSTANDING TAXES

In the handling of our financial situation which has been and still remains the most serious problem, I have endeavoured throughout to guide both Council and Officials along lines which would give those indebted to the City, an opportunity to work out their situation. Without desiring to hamper the incoming administration, I am forced to say that the policy laid down has proven a wise one, and I believe it would be disastrous to the City to materially disturb it. We must take time and nurse the situation along, as by so doing I am confident that in the course of a few years, Halifax will find itself in a very healthy financial state.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:

During the past three years we have succeeded in holding our Capital expenditures down to an amount never previously approached for a similar period, having added to our bonded indebtedness approximately \$150k000,00. This is due to the fact that we sat down on further paving, sidewalk and other work of this nature. I am hopeful that the incoming Council, for a couple of years at least, will follow a similar course as only by the strictest economy can we work out of

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our present position.

PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH

Our efforts during the past couple of years have been directed very largely to the straightening out of financial problems. It was not my desire to throw everything into a whirlpool but rather to dispose of matters in their order of importance. Feeling that the Departments dealing with financial matters are now in an efficient and business-like condition, it would seem desirable to take up other matters which now confront us, and I would place next in order to be dealt with, the question of a thorough investigation into our whole Assessment System.

I believe a re-valuation of all properties should be undertaken in the hope of a more equitably distributing the burdens than at the present time. It would seem to me necessary for the purpose of this re-valuation to associate with our present Board of Assessors either in an independent or co-operate capacity, men whose experience in building construction and real estate would enable them to reach their own conclusions without special guidance from values as they now exist. It is not a difficult matter to reach a fairly accurate value on properties within a range of \$2,000 to \$5,000 as the factors entering in can be very readily sized up, but above these values opinions differ very widely.

There are conditions, in various parts of the City however, which are deserving of special study. Houses built following, and as a result of the Explosion were constructed under abnormal costs, both as regards labor and material, and being assessed largely on that bases are consequently bearing proportionately heavier taxation than those built under normal conditions. These might well justify re-valuation of this particular class.

TAX RATE:

In conjunction with the above re-valuation a word bearing on the question of tax rate would seem in order. Year by year we have struggled to keep the rate down, but in order to do so have gradually built up our valuations, adding whatever amount in the judgment of the Assessors the various properties could bear without undue protest. The result today is that a large proportion of our properties are set beyond their fair or marketable values. I think the public mind should be educated not to view the question as to whether the rate can be held at 3.08 as at present, but rather whether the values on which it is based, are fair and reasonable.

Personally, if I were continuing in the Office which I now relinquish, I would make an effort to have our values gradually scaled down, so as to first remedy the many injustices which at present, exist, of excessive valuations and would further serve to save this

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City from large sums which are now existing As an example, paying the one-tenth of one percent. Road Rax, takes from the rate-payers of Halifax a sum in the neighbourhood of \$48,000, which is worked out on our present total assessment of about \$8,000.00 the entire contribution made by all towns of the Province, per year. This same applied to all expenditures worked on this basis of value. I would, there fore, like to recommend for the consideration of incoming council a thorough study of this whole Assessment problem along lines herein indicated.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

For some time, I have had under consideration the question of consolidating in some way all the Public Health activities of this City. At the present time a number of organizations are carrying on their activities along their own particular lines and it is very doubtful whether the City is getting the maximum return for the expenditure made. Aside from the appropriation made to Board of Health, we have a large sum in the School Board appropriations as well as sundry grants to other organizations to use for Public Health purposes.

The work which has been carried on during the past four to five years by the Massachusetts-Halifax Relief will in the ordinary course come to an end within, the next year or so at the outside. It would, therefore, seem desirable to find out what portions of the work carried on by them should be continued by the City and along what lines these varied branches of public health could be consolidated so that the best results possible may be obtained.

In the Annual Report now in course of preparation, I purpose to leave a Summary of the work accomplished by the Council during the past few years, as well as to my successor in office, recommendations, respecting a number of matters now pending, among them several of very considerable importance to our tax payers. I will, therefore, not dwell at any length in this short message on these different subjects.

After a continuous service of thirteen years in the administration of this City, the past three of which I have been honoured as Chief Magistrate, I now lay down the reins of office, turning over the Civic Ship of State to my successor on what I trust will be found an even keel, freed of disturbed waters through which we have endeavoured to guide it. I am forced to say that the severance of my connection with Civic life is a matter of regret to me. The work has been most interesting and one to which I have devoted considerable time and study. I desire to here record my lasting appreciation of the support and co-operation shown me by all members of the Three Councils over which I have

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been privileged to preside. Their patience and loyalty to me was beyond measure and to them most generously I give full measure of credit for anything we have been able to do for the betterment of Halifax.

To the Heads of the various Departments and those under them with whom I have had such long associations, I wish to tender my gratitude for the helpful and every courteous service and treatment shown me.

On any matters affecting anyone in the City's employ whether of the highest or humblest position, I endeavoured to deal with it justly as I saw it, demanding only a reasonable standard of conduct, making allowances for the faults which we all possess and every mindful of my own weaknesses in passing on theirs.

As I previously took occasion to state, the Officials and employees of a Corporation such as the City of Halifax, stand in perhaps a different position to those employed by private corporation, and are more frequently subjected to criticisms which are not always based on a full knowledge of the facts. I believe, the City today, taken all around has as faithful a group of employees as has any Corporation private or otherwise, and that with a word of encouragement for the services which they render would feel that their efforts are appreciated at something like their due worth. I am sure my successor in office will find this to be the case and will receive from them that same co-operation and consideration which they have accorded me throughout.

THE PRESS

During recent years I find it will be generally conceived that a very marked change has taken place in the attitude of the Public Press toward the administration of Civic Affairs. There was a time when these matters were dealt with in lighter vein, but I feel the happenings of the past few years has commanded a more serious and helpful support from the press which has done more to help those who have struggled with these matters, and has gone farther to create a stronger and more healthy public opinion respecting matters of civic moment than anything which could have occurred. I would like to express my personal indebtedness for the support which I have received and to say that without this support I could not have carried on.

OUR CITIZENS AS A WHOLE

Few men who have taken any active part in Civic Government have enjoyed over so long a period and in such generous degree the support and confidence which you have accorded me.

On each succeeding occasion as Alderman, Controller and Mayor, your confidence has been renewed in increasing measure.

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Today I return you the trust placed in my keeping, hopeful that you will feel that trust has been honorably discharged and that in administering the City's affairs, I have been guided by a sincere desire to advance your welfare, lessen your burdens and make Halifax a more prosperous and contented home for us all.

Sincerely yours,

Sgd. John Murphy,

MAYOR

Expressions of regret at the retirement of His Worship was spoken by the Aldermen Present, who all expressed opinion that the City is losing a faithful and well tried Official

5.50 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Munnis, seconded by Alderman Daw that the meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Meeting adjourned.

H.S. Rhind

H.S. Rhind,
CITY CLERK

John Murphy
John Murphy,
MAYOR