

EVENING SESSION

7.10 o'clock
Council Chamber,
City Hall
June 17th, 1926

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Russell, Weston, Shannon, Sanford, Gastonguay, MacCarthy, Hubley, Rains, Power, O'Toole, Drysdale, Daw and Robinson.

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

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HALIFAX NATAL DAY

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Daw that Monday, June 21st. Halifax Natal Day, be proclaimed a public Holiday. That all Civic Offices be closed, and that the public be invited by His Worship the Mayor to observe the day as a public holiday. Motion passed ✓

Alderman Power requested His Worship the Mayor to obtain leave of Council to suspend the order of business to allow the matter of his resignation as a member of the Laws & Privileges Committee to be now dealt with.

The Council by unanimous consent granted the request.

His Worship the Mayor requests Alderman Power to withdraw his resignation, stating that his

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valuable services were required on the Laws & Privileges Committee.

Alderman Power accedes to the Mayor's request on condition that he would be permitted to resign from the Committee of Firewards.

The Council accepts Alderman Powers resignation from the Committee of Firewards, and the appointment of his successor to that Committee was allowed to stand over until next meeting of Council.

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NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Daw that the amendment moved by Alderman Sanford, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer at the last meeting of this Council, fixing the salary of Mr. Frank C. Ward, Engineer at the City Home at \$1,330.00 per annum, be now reconsidered.

Motion put and passed eight voting for the same and five against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Weston
Shannon
McCarthy
Power
Drysdale
Robinson
Daw - 8

AGAINST IT

Alderman Russell
Sanford
Gastonyay
Rains
O'Toole

-5

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw that the report of the Charities Committee, dated June 2nd, 1926, fixing the salary of Frank C. Ward, Engineer at the City Home at \$1,200.00 per annum be adopted.

(Alderman McDuff arrives and takes his seat in Council)

The motion is put and lost six voting for the same and eight against it as follows:

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FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston
Shannon
Hubley
Power
Drysdale
Daw -6

Alderman Russell
Sanford
Gastonguay
MacDuff
McCarthy
Rains
O'Toole
Robinson -8

Moved by Alderman Sanford, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the salary of Frank O. Ward, Engineer at the City Home be fixed at \$1,330.00 per annum.

Motion put and passed eight voting for the same and six against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Russell
Sanford
Gastonguay
MacDuff
McCarthy
Rains
O'Toole
Robinson - 8

Alderman Weston
Shannon
Hubley
Power
Drysdale
Daw - 6

*Carroll
J. H. Bushman*

HOUSING COMMISSION

Read letter of R. D. Guildford in reference to his qualifications to serve on the Housing Commission.

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The City Clerk
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council I was nominated as a member of the Housing Commission. I beg to inform you that I am qualified to serve on that Commission, and am willing to accept if elected

Yours very truly,

R. D. Guildford

*Fielding
Shue-offord
Sater.*

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✓ Moved by Alderman Drysdale, seconded by Alderman Sanford that Mr. R.D. Guildford be appointed a member of the Housing Commission. Motion passed.

✓ Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Drysdale that Major H.E. Gates be appointed a member of the Housing Commission. Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$18,161.76:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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ACCOUNTS -WORKS AND WATER DEPT.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 16th day of June, the undermentioned accounts were approved and recommended to Council for adoption:

Works- Current- For April 1925-26	\$695.02	
" " May 1926	15047.04	
Capital " "	840.00	\$16582.06
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Water- Current	1279.17	
Capital	300.53	1579.70
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		\$18161.76

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

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

✓ FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1234.23

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Committee Room,
City Hall,
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7.30 p.m.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached lists of accounts amounting in all to \$12,034.23 were submitted and recommended to the City Council for payment:

Chargeable to Fire Alarm Maintenance		
1926-1927 Account		\$897.11
1925-1926 "		23.25

Chargeable to Fire Department		
1926-1927 Account		11024.48
1925-1926 "		89.39
		<u>\$12034.23</u>

Respectfully submitted

H. E. Rains
CHAIRMAN

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

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$8,541.81, also the account of R.V. Sinclair, K.O., Solicitor at Ottawa, \$79.90, fees in connection with the Suit of the City of Halifax vs Estate of Fairbanks on appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
June 16th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to

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\$8,541.81 were passed as correct and recommended for payment.

Your Committee also recommend for payment the account of R.V Sinclair K.C., Solicitor Ottawa, for services in connection with the suit of City of Halifax vs the Estate of Fairbanks, amounting to \$79.90.

Respectfully submitted,

B.A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

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

✓
CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1, 669.37

Halifax, N.S. June 16th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, June 16th, 1926, the following named accounts amounting to \$1,669.37, were passed as correct and are recommended for payment.

Respectfully yours
Arthur C. Pettipas
SECRETARY C.H.B.

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

✓
POLICE DEPARTMENT -ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$8,522.80:

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His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Commission

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held this date, the attached accounts amounting to \$8,522.80 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted

J.B. Kenny
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

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CAMP HILL CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

Read report Camp Hill Cemetery Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$820.22

Committee Room,
City Hall
June 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Camp Hill Cemetery held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$820.22 was submitted and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted

I.E. Sanford
CHAIRMAN

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

✓
GARDENS PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$2,107.24:

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Committee Room,
June 16th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Gardens
Parks and Common held this day the attached list of
accounts amounting in all to \$2,107.24 was submitted and
recommended to the City Council for payment:-

Public Gardens	\$1,713.59
Fleming Park	393.65
	<u>\$2,107.24</u>

Respectfully submitted

L. A. Gastonguay
ACTING CHAIRMAN

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

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CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee
recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the
City Home amounting to \$7,311.15 and chargeable to the
T.B.Hospital \$2,084.13:

Halifax, N.S. June 11th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee met this day
and beg to submit the following report MEMBERS PRESENT
The Chairman Alderman Hubley, Sanford, Gastonguay and
Drysdale.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS MAY 1926 AMOUNT \$7311.15

City Home accounts for the month of
May 1926, amounting to \$7311.15 are recommended for pay-
ment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, MAY 1926, AMOUNT \$2084.13

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Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of May 1926, amounting to \$2084.13 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston
CHAIRMAN

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

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CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL MONTHLY
REPORT

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of May covering report of the Superintendent of the City Home and T.B.Hospital, showing the number of inmates at the City Home to be 276 and the number of patients at the T.B.Hospital to be 34.

Committee Room, City Hall
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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 \$1,148.43 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Your Committee submit the report of the Governor for the month of May to date, showing there are twenty-nine prisoners in custody, 26 males and 3 females

Respectfully submitted

I.E. Sanford,
CHAIRMAN

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CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison Committee

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recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$11,048.43 and covering report of the Governor of the Prison for the month of May showing the number of prisoners in custody on May 31st to be 26 males and 3 females.

Committee Room, City Hall

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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 \$1,148.43 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Your Committee submit the report of the Governor for the month of May to date, showing there are twenty-nine prisoners in custody, 26 males and 3 females.

Respectfully submitted

I E. Sanford
CHAIRMAN

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

(8.15 p.m. ALDERMEN SMELTZER here arrives and takes his seat in Council)

✓
TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY 1926

Read report of the City Auditor covering collections of taxes, water rates etc., for the month of May 1926:

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
June 15th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

RE TAX COLLECTIONS

June 17th, 1926

I attach hereto the usual monthly statement of Tax Collections and outstanding taxes as at 31st May last and have the following remarks to make in regard thereto.

The Collections during May on account of back years taxes including those in respect of the Civic Year which closed 30th April last amounted to \$79,556.71, as compared with a total of \$79,350.80 for the month of April last.

The following is a comparison of the collections on account of back years taxes this year as compared with last year:

	<u>1925</u>	<u>1926</u>
May collections	<u>\$46,102.64</u>	<u>\$79,556.71</u>

showing an increase this year of \$33,454.07.

The collections on account of the taxes of the current year which commenced the 1st of May last to date amount to \$25,088.77 as compared with \$24,127.62 for the same period last year.

It will, therefore, be seen that the collections during the month of May this year show a considerable improvement as compared with the same month last year.

I would, however, draw your particular attention to the fact that there are still arrears outstanding of \$299,019.48 for the year 1924-25, and that the total arrears of back years taxes amounted at 31st May last to the huge sum of \$2,036,643.50 as compared with \$2,126,822.24 at the 31st of May of the year previous.

As I have already pointed out, the Tax situation for the years prior to 30th April 1925, will probably be taken care of by the recent funding operation with its Sinking Fund derived from Collections, but the fact of so large an amount as \$554,502.49 still remaining outstanding for the Civic Year ending 30th April last calls for very serious consideration. There exists a reserve of only \$18,000.00 to cover non-collection, and any amount eventually uncollected over this figure will have to be raised by taxation as a second Funding operation is out of the question.

In order to throw further light on the tax situation I have gone over the list of arrears as at 30th April last for the last Civic Year, i.e. 1925-26, comprising the total of \$554,502.49, and find that they consist of about 9335 individual amounts of taxation to collect, made up approximately as follows:

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	PROPERTY TAX ITEMS	BUSINESS & PERSONAL TAX ITEMS	TOTAL
Ward 1.	387	474	861
2	630	927	1557
3	438	529	967
4	859	810	1669
5	705	1086	1791
6	1354	1136	2490
	<u>4373</u>	<u>4962</u>	<u>9335</u>

Approximate Total of
Arrears \$467,730.82 \$86,771.67 \$554,502.49

It must be borne in mind that a very large proportion of the Taxpayers making up the above total of 9335 owing arrears for earlier years in addition to 1925-1926.

In view of the fact that the Collector has only four Collectors on the Street, it seems to me a physical impossibility for the Collector to handle such a large number of taxpayers in arrears without additional collectors, especially as it has been found impracticable to handle arrears by correspondence, and that Collectors have to call many times on most Taxpayers to receive instalment payments. In addition they have to locate the large number of personal taxpayers who have changed their address since they were assessed. The Tax Adjusters inform me that it is only by constantly calling on Taxpayers that they can collect arrears, and with the large number to handle it can readily be seen how inadequate are four Collectors. I am as fully alive as anybody to the question of economy, but it seems to me that unless the Collections are handled more expeditiously as time goes on arrearages are bound to accumulate. At the present time the City is collecting arrears and correspondingly going behind in current taxes, so that no improvement in the general tax situation can take place under these circumstances.

I can quite understand how difficult it is for anyone not conversant with the huge mass of detail that faces the Collector, to appreciate the necessity of the Staff in the Collector's Department, but I feel sure that anyone used to handling huge collection problems such as this would, after spending a day or so in the Collector's Department and seeing what a huge problem confronts him, readily come to the conclusion that he is considerably hampered by want of Staff

Yours truly

H.F. Glass,

CITY AUDITOR

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STATEMENT AS TO TAX COLLECTIONS
AS AT 31st MAY 1926

<u>General Tax Arrears prior to 30 April 1924</u>	
Balance as at 30 April 1926	\$1,227,344.39
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collected during month of May \$38,881.10	
Adjustments made by Board of Tax	
Arrears and Defalcations written off	
etc.	5,341.76
	<u>44,222.86</u>
Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 May 1926	\$1,183,121.53
in respect of years prior to 30th April 1924	
<u>General Tax Arrears for year ending 30 April 1925 including Poll Tax</u>	
Balance as at 30 April 1926	\$310,387.41
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of May	<u>11,367.93</u>
Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 May 1926	
for Year 1924-25	<u>\$299,019.48</u>
<u>General Tax Arrears for year ending 30 April 1926 including Poll Tax</u>	
	\$583,855.13
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of May \$29,307.68	
Adjustments etc.	44.96
	<u>29,352.64</u>
Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 May 1926 for year 1925-26	<u>\$554,502.49</u>
<u>Total Arrears of back years taxes as above</u>	<u>\$ 2,036,643.50</u>
<u>General Taxes for New Civic Year commencing 1st May 1926, including Highway Tax</u>	
	\$1,887,707.32
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections to date.	<u>25,088.77</u>
Total Taxes outstanding 31 May 1926 for current Year just commenced	<u>\$1,862,618.55</u>
<u>Poll Tax for Current Year ending 30 April 1927</u>	
Total Estimated (No collections yet, as only just due)	<u>\$4,500.00</u>

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Dog Tax Current Year ending 30 April 1927

Total Estimated	\$2,950.00
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections	<u>1,370.00</u>
Total Estimated Outstanding 31 May 1926	<u>\$1,580.00</u>

Water Rates

Total outstanding as at 30 April 1926	\$171,142.49
<u>Add</u>	
Additional monthly charges	<u>1,344.01</u>
	\$172,486.50
Less	
Cash Collections during month of	
May 1926	\$15,346.37
Adjustments in respect of	
Rates incorrectly charged	
etc.	<u>3,358.74</u>
	18,705.11

Total Water Rates outstanding 31 May 1926 \$ 153,781.39
(Subject to addition later in respect to rates to 30th April 1926)

Total Cash Collected during May 1926 on the above rates & Taxes \$121,361.85

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Power that the report be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration with the request that the Committee report their findings at a special meeting of this Council to be called at an early date to deal with the matter.

Also that the Committee report as to the advisability of appointing an Assistant City Solicitor . Motion passed.

*Ald. Hubley
J. Hubley*

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SCHOOL TEACHERS PENSION SYSTEM

Read report of the Finance Committee on the application of the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners for an appropriation of \$1,463.96 for Teachers Pensions due June 25-26, and covering report of the City Auditor on same:

Committee Room,

City Hall,

June 16th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

SCHOOL TEACHERS PENSION SYSTEM

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached application of Miss S.J. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners, asking for an appropriation of \$1463.96 for Teachers Pensions to June 25th next was submitted and read.

Your Committee had also under consideration the report of the City Auditor on this application which is attached hereto.

It is recommended that the report of the City Auditor be concurred in, and that the Trustees of the School Teachers Pension System be paid the sum of \$851.94 as recommended by the City Auditor.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston
CHAIRMAN

Halifax, N.S. June 14-26

J.B. Kenny, Esq. K.C.
Mayor
Halifax, N.S.

Your Worship:

I am in receipt of a request from S.A. Morton, Secretary, -Treasurer, Board of Management H.T. P.S., stating that he will require the amount of Fourteen Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$1,463.96) for pensions due June 25th as follows:

\$851.94 to meet payment of Pensions and \$612.02 to meet refunds to Mr. L.C. Basanta and Miss M. Brodie.

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Will you kindly arrange for this at your earliest convenience.

I am,
Yours very truly,

S.J. Wilson,
SECRETARY

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE
Halifax, N.S.
June 16th, 1926

The Chairman
Finance Committee
CITY HALL

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the attached letter from the Board of School Commissioners requesting the payment of the sum of \$1463.96, required in connection with the Teachers Pensions due June 25th next. I have examined the books of the Teacher's Pension System, and find that they will have on hand the sum of \$3074.94, toward meeting pensions and expenditure amounting to \$3926.88, leaving a deficit of \$851.94, which amount I recommend be paid to the Board of School Commissioners in accordance with the authority of the Acts of 1923, Chapter 69, Section 27.

In regard to the balance of \$612.02 asked for by the Board of School Commissioners, I understand this is requested to make refunds to Mr. L.C. Bastanta, and Miss M. Brodie, These two parties were accepted as teachers and have paid contributions to the Fund for some years. It is now claimed that they should not have paid into the Pension Scheme on the grounds that Mr. Basanta is not a teacher, but a physical instructor, and that Miss Brodie is not a licensed teacher.

The Halifax Teachers Pension System was incorporated by Special Act in 1907, with power to make Rules and Regulations. The Regulations of the System provide Section 3. "That every person who begins teaching in the Halifax Schools after the adoption of these Regulations shall be a contributor to the Pension Fund" Therefore, I fail to see why Mr. Basanta and Miss Brodie do not come under this Section as Mr. Basanta teaches physical drill, and in regard to Miss Brodie, the Regulations say nothing as to whether a teacher should be licensed or not furthermore, they have previously been considered as teachers by the System, I, therefore, cannot recommend that this amount be supplied to the Board of School Commissioners to enable them to make refunds in question.

I might state that this matter was discussed by me with the City Solicitor, and he concurs in my views.

Yours truly,
H.F. Glass
CITY AUDITOR

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*✓
Ald. Weston
City Council
School Board*

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed

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**REFUND DR. P.A. GOUGH-LATE DAIRY AND FOOD
INSPECTOR**

Read report of the Finance Committee in re refund of Superannuation Assessment to Dr. P.A. Gough, Late Dairy and Food Inspector covering report of the City Treasurer and City Solicitor on same; also recommendation of the Committee that he be paid the salary as Dairy and Food Inspector from May 1st 1926 until June 4th 1926, the date of which his successor was appointed:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
June 16th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached application of Dr. Phillip A. Gough, Late Dairy and Food Inspector for the City of Halifax, for refund of the amount he has contributed to the Officials Superannuation Fund, also for the payment of his salary until his successor was appointed, was submitted and read, together with a report of the City Treasurer and City Solicitor on the same.

Your Committee recommend that Dr. Gough be refunded the sum of \$660.33, the amount he has contributed to the Officials Superannuation Fund, and is entitled to receive on retirement under the provisions of the Officials Superannuation Fund Act. Also that he be paid his salary as Dairy and Food Inspector from May 1st, until June 4th, 1926 at the rate of \$2500.00 per annum in accordance with the opinion submitted by the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted

B. A. Weston,
CHAIRMAN

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Halifax, N.S.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council
City of Halifax

and

The Finance Committee and
City Treasurer.

Dear Sirs:-

I hereby apply to the City of Halifax for payment of the sum of \$896.02, due me made up as follows, (1) \$660.33 due me out of the Superannuation Fund, thus; Since I was Dairy and Food Inspector I have received from the City of Halifax, the sum of \$16,508.34, and 4 per cent of this amount, which I am entitled to get is the \$660.33 (2) \$208.33 for salary for the month of May A.D. 1926, which salary I have never received, and which I am legally entitled to. (3) \$27.36 for salary for June A.D. 1926, thus, the salary for the Dairy and Food Inspector for 1926 was \$2500.00 per annum and since the new Dairy and Food Inspector was not appointed until the 4th of June I submit that I am entitled to payment of my salary for those four days.

I trust that you will pay this amount without any unnecessary delay under the circumstances and would respectfully suggest that its details be attended to so to be finally paid and dealt with at the next meeting of the Council on the 17th inst.,

Yours respectfully

P.A.Gough, V.S.
LATE DAIRY AND FOOD INSPECTOR

Halifax, N.S. June 14th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

In connection with the application of Dr. P.A.Gough, V.S. City Health Board herewith attached I beg to report that he has paid into the Official Superannuation Fund for five years from date of his appointment May 1st 1921 with the exception of the first month May 1921.

Salary received	1921-1922	\$3208.34
	1922-1923	3500.00
	1923-1924	3500.00
	1924-1925	3150.00
	1925-1926	3150.00

Total \$16508.34 upon which amount 4% was deducted for Superannuation \$660.32.

Under Sec. 11 Sub-Sec. 2 Acts 1914 repealing Sec. 300 City Charter "Any Official or Employee who has contributed to the Fund for not less than 2 years and (Sub Sec B) who, if appointed annually fails

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of reappointment, shall be entitled to receive from the fund in one payment an amount equal to the whole of his contributions without interest"

Respectfully submitted

James J. Hopewell
CITY TREASURER

Halifax, N.S. June 12-26

The Chairman of the Finance
Committee



RE: GOUGH CLAIM

Sir:-

Dr. Gough is clearly entitled to a return of the amount contributed by him to the Superannuation Fund under Sec. 300 as an Official who has failed to be re-appointed. The amount is a matter for the Treasurer.

I am also of opinion that he is entitled to be paid up to the time his successor was appointed. Section 144 Provides that any officer of the City though appointed for a year or other term certain, shall continue in office until the appointment of his successor.

The payment however, must be at the rate fixed for the year and by the estimates

Yours very truly,
F.H. Bell,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Power that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed. Alderman Daw dissenting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TENDERS FOR WINTER OVERCOATS

Read report of the Police Committee re tenders for supplying, making and trimming police uniform overcoats:

Halifax, N.S.
June 14th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Commission held on Monday the 7th day of June 1926, the following tenders for the making of Police Overcoats were opened

*Am. Clapton
Incorporating
a. c. Pettigrew
D. J. Forrest
D. Gough*

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Clayton & Sons	\$28.75
Chas. Lowe	49.80
Thos. Brenton	42.20

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Clayton & Sons, for all wool Melton #15009, price \$28.75 per coat, sales tax included, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted

J.B. Kenny
MAYOR & CHAIRMAN

*audited by
Chief of Police
Clayton & Sons*

Moved by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT-TENDERS UNIFORM CAPS

Read report Committee of Firewards re tenders for uniform caps for the Fire Department:

Committee Room,
City Hall, June 16th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day tenders for uniform caps from the following were considered.

Colwell Bros. Ltd.	\$2 09	each
do do	2.39	"
Frank Colwell Ltd.	2.75	"

Your Committee respectfully recommend that the tender of Colwell Bros. Ltd. @ \$2.39 per cap be accepted.

Respectfully submitted

H.E. Rains
CHAIRMAN

*Audited by
Chief of Police
Colwell Bros
do*

Moved by Alderman Rains, seconded by Alderman Daw that the report be adopted. Motion passed

June 17th, 1926

FIRE DEPARTMENT TENDERS FOR SERGE

Read report of the Committee of Firewards covering tender for serge for firemens uniforms:

Committee Room,
June 16-26

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, tenders for cloth for firemens uniforms were considered from the following:

S.R. Cossey & Co.	17-18 oz	@ \$2.00	yd
Clayton & Son	"	2.05	"
Mark Fisher & Co.	"	2.05	"

Your Committee recommend that the tender of S.R. Cossey & Co., @ \$2.00 per yd. net be recommended to the City Council for acceptance.

Yours respectfully,

H. E. Rains
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Rains, seconded by Alderman Daw that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

*Auditor
Chas. A. P.
J.R. Co.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT-TENDERS FOR MAKING AND TRIMMING
UNIFORM SUITS

Read report Committee of Firewards covering tenders for making and trimming of Firemens uniform suits:

Committee Room,
City Hall, June 16th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, tenders for making and trimming of firemens uniforms from the following were considered:

S. D. MacCormack	\$18.25
M. E. Giffen	17.45
Robt. Stanford Ltd	25.00
M. A. McEachren	20.00
Scotia Tailors Ltd	18.00
T. M. Vaughan	14.50
Clayton & Sons	19.00

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Your Committee respectfully recommend that the tender of T.M. Vaughan \$14.50 per suit a per letter letter June 11th, 1926 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted
H.E. Rains
CHAIRMAN

*Understand
copy to F of
Jm Vaughan*

Moved by Alderman Rains seconded by Alderman Daw that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRE CHIEFS CONVENTION WINDSOR ONTARIO

Read report Committee of Firewards covering invitation of Mayor Mitchell of Windsor Ontario to Chief Churchill to attend the convention of Fire Chiefs to be held in that City from August 24th to 27th.

Windsor, Ontario,
May 26th, 1926

Mayor and Aldermen
Halifax, N.S.

Gentlemen:-

The Annual Convention of Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs will be held in Windsor, Ontario, during the days, August 24th, 25th 26th and 27th next, and these will be days for real education for those interested in Fire fighting and fire protection.

I am particularly desirous, in view of the widespread interest taken throughout the breath of the Country in fire protection and fire prevention and their consequent saving, that a representative be present from the various municipalities so that all may benefit through the given experience of others, and would urge upon you to take advantage by sending your Fire Chief on this occasion.

It is intended to make this Convention one worth while, and those in charge here are bending every effort to fulfil this desire.

The City of Windsor awaits their arrival when they will be given a real welcome

Yours faithfully

G. Mitchell
MAYOR

June 17th, 1926

Committee Room,
City Hall, June 14th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, there was under consideration the attached letter requesting the attendance of Chief Churchill at the Convention of Fire Chiefs to be held in Windsor, Ontario.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that Chief Churchill be sent to the convention and that a sum not exceeding \$175.00 be allowed for his expenses

Respectfully submitted
H.E. Rains
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Rains, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted.

Motion put and passed eight voting for the same and six against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Russell
Shannon
Gastonguay
Rains
McCarthy
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer -8

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston
MacDuff
Hubley
Drysdale
Robinson
Daw -6

*Amended
Chief Churchill
and Rains*

COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT

Read report A.H. Cullymore, superintendent of Coal Weighers for the month of May 1926 showing each of the permanent weighers to have received \$55.62 in fees during the month:

FILED.

ANNUAL REPORT SUPERINTENDENT OF COAL WEIGHERS

Read annual report of the Superintendent of Coal Weighers for the year ending April 30th 1926:-

June 17th, 1926

Halifax, N.S. May 31st 1926

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit herewith my annual report for the Civic Year ending April 30th, 1926, showing the tonnage of Coal and Coke weighed by the quantity of the different coals as follows:

	Tons	Lbs
Sydney	28456	366
Run of Mine	23150	1100
Inverness	21941	230
Slack	13530	530
Besco Coke	9430	612
Acadia Lump	6418	1051
Gas Coke	4296	690
Acadia Nut	2618	1160
McKay	2330	1500
Reserve	2187	850
Island Creek	1698	437
Dominion	1548	413
Drummond	954	1055
Indian Cove	923	140
American	883	1392
Empire Block	730	580
McBean	711	1185
Acadia Stove	546	869
Springhill	473	355
Victoria	348	100
Bay View	296	830
Acadia	272	380
Petroleum Coke	235	970
Kemptown	208	1000
Fundy	207	
Lawson	177	1480
Boston	171	145
Queen	107	675
Carter	58	975
Dominion # 1	49	650
Run of Oven Coke	44	1330
Pochontus	40	300
Drummond Lump	38	1530
Economy	17	
Kimberley	5	
Anthracite, Welsh & American	25724	980
	150830	1800

150830 / 1800
2000 at 10 ¢ per ton- \$15,083.09

Cash paid Supernumeries, Expense & Telephone	\$3,548.32	
Cash Paid Late P.E. Doyle	842.70	
" " " D.J. Sullivan	797.70	
" " " L.D. Murrans, Permanent Weigher	129.69	
" " " A.D. Currie " W.	40.76	5,359.17
Balance		\$ 9,723.92

The balance divided among ten (10) Permanent Weighers given each the sum of Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars and thirty nine cents (\$972.39)

Respectfully submitted

A.H. Gullymore
SUPERVISOR OF COAL WEIGHERS

June 17th, 1926

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR-SALARY

Read report of the City Solicitor in re payment of the salary of the Assistant Building Inspector under the Provisions of Section 976 of the City Charter as amended by the Acts of 1924:

Halifax, N.S. May 13th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor
CITY HALL.

RE ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Sir:-

In response to your enquiry whether or not the Council can appoint an Assistant Building Inspector and resolve to pay his salary out of Section 976 as enacted by Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1924, I beg to say as follows:-

The relevant facts as I understand are the following; There has been for several years an Assistant Building Inspector appointed yearly as one of the annual appointments and the salary of that Official has been included in the yearly estimates. When the estimates were before the Council last March, the Council, though it could not deal with the appointment directly, did so indirectly by declining to include the salary of that Official in the estimates.

Assuming that the present Council is of opinion that the City requires the services of an Assistant Building Inspector they have the power to appoint one but there is no provision of money by which he can be paid unless it is legal to provide the same under Section 976 above referred to.

That Section provides that whenever the City requires money for a purpose for which no appropriation has been made, the Council may by a two thirds majority resolve that the money required for such purpose shall be borrowed, etc".

On its face, the present case comes literally within the words of the Act. The City on the assumption mentioned requires the money for the services of the Assistant Building Inspector and no appropriation has been made in that behalf. The only question therefore is whether or not the plain language of the Act can by implication be cut down and limited by the fact that a previous Council deliberately refused to make the necessary appropriation. I am unable to see how this can be done. It is not properly a case in which the principle of interpretation by implication can be applied. That principle is properly applicable where words have to be read into a Statute to make sense of what would otherwise be meaningless, or where two enactments are in such apparent conflict that some limitation or qualification must be given to one of them.

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them . But no such situation arises here. Each Council must be the judge of its own requirements. The outgoing council can undoubtedly impose its views on the incoming sofar as the general estimates are concerned, and it would be impossible for the present Council to add to them for the purpose of paying an Assistant Building Inspector no matter how strongly they were convinced that such an Official was required. But this would not be a payment out of the estimates.

The Act, in fact seems to have had a con-templation just some such situation as has arisen, and to enable an incoming Council to deal with something omitted by the previous Council.

For these reasons, I am of opinion that it is open to the Council if it sees fit, to provide the money required by a borrowing under Section 976.

Yours truly,

F.H. Bell,
CITY SOLICITOR

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Power that the opinion of the City Solicitor be filed and a copy furnished each member of the Council.
Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT -TENDERS FOR OILS & GASOLINE

The City Solicitor submits a report on the matter of the tender of the Canadian Oil Co., Limited for oils and gasoline accepted by the City Council at a meeting held on April 29th last:

Halifax, N.S. June 11-26

His Worship the Mayor
CITY HALL

RE: CANADIAN OIL COMPANIES LIMITED

Sir:-

The facts on which as I understand my opinion is wished by the Council are the following:-

The City advertised for tenders for a supply of oil for the Civic Year 1926-27, tenders to be in by noon on April 27th, 1926. The tenders according to custom were to be passed on by the Committee on Works. At the time named, the only tender before the Committee was that of the Canadian Oil Companies Ltd. The Committee recommended the acceptance of this tender and this recommendation was, at a meeting of the Council held on the 29th April last, adopted by Resolution of the Council. The company was notified of this resolution by a communication from the Clerk of Works. A Contract in

*Accepted
by
Engineer
W. K. Logan*

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form was prepared in the Works Office and was executed by the Company. The seal of the City was affixed to this contract but not by the Mayor or Clerk or by the direction of either, and the contract was not executed by either the Mayor or Clerk or any one on behalf of the City. Subsequent to the signing of the contract by the Company the Works Department ordered from the Company goods of the nature covered by the tender and draft contract and these were supplied to and used by that Department. The question as I understand is whether or not these facts constitute a contract binding on the City, for breach of which it would be liable in damages.

The question of what will constitute a contract binding upon a municipal corporation is one that has caused a great deal of controversy in the Courts. The cases are numerous and not easy to reconcile. I believe, however, the principles are now fairly settled. The point has been before our own Courts in three cases namely, *Jenett v Sinclair*, 10 N.S. 392; *Mackintosh v Commissioners of Court House*, 20 N.S. 430; and *Lawrence v Town of Truro* 26, N.S. 231. It has also been before the English Courts in several cases of which the ones most in point are *Clarke v Cuckfield Union* 21 L/ Q.B. 349, and *Lawford v Bellericay*, Rural District 19, T.L.R. 322. As I read these cases the law stands as follows:-

A mere resolution of a municipal Council accepting an offer even though communicated to a tenderer does not of itself create a contract. In *Jenett v Sinclair*, J.W. Ritchie, E.J. said:

"The resolution of the Council cannot of itself be considered in the light of an agreement with the Plaintiff. After it had passed there was nothing to have prevented that body from re-considering the subject and rescinding the resolution and the Plaintiff would have had no just ground of complaint, especially if neither the Mayor nor the Council had authorized the communication of it to him"

Nor can in my opinion the fact that a draft contract was prepared and executed by the tenderer affect the case. The law formerly was most strict that nothing could bind a municipal corporation short of a written document to which the corporate seal had been duly affixed by the proper authority. That doctrine has unquestionably been somewhat relaxed. The principle as it stands today is enunciated by Wightman J. in *Clake v Cuckfield Union* in the passage quoted by Townshend J. in *Mackintosh vs The Court House Commissioners*, as follows:

"The result of the cases to which I have referred appears to be that wherever a corporation is created for particular purposes, which involve the necessity of frequently entering into contracts for goods, or works, essentially necessary for carrying the purposes, for which the corporation is created, into execution, a demand in respect of goods or works, which have been actually supplied to and accepted by the corporation, and of which they had the full benefit, may be enforced

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by action of assumpsit and the corporation will be liable though the contract was by parol only"

It appears to me that the present case falls short of this principle. The goods were undoubtedly such as were required by the City, but the order for them was evidently only given for a small quantity and in anticipation of the execution of the formal contract. Subsequent cases have emphasized the point that to render the corporation liable the consideration must have been completely executed, in which case the liability depends not on the resolution of the Council but on the contract implied by law from the acceptance and use of the goods. Such was clearly not the case here, and it is therefore in my opinion still open to the Council to reconsider the matter.

I should add that in my opinion the City is liable to pay for the goods ordered. See the remarks of Blackburn J. in Hocholson v Bradford L.R. I.Q.B. at page 626

Respectfully submitted
F.H. Bell
CITY SOLICITOR

FILED

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Alderman Rains submits the following Notice of Motion:

"
RESOLVED that the resolution adopted at a meeting of the City Council held on April 29th, 1926, accepting the tender of the Canadian Oil Company, Limited for Kerosene Oil, gasoline and engine oil be rescinded"

✓
WORKS DEPARTMENT-STREET OILING

Read report Committee on Works recommending that the following streets be added to the Schedule of streets to be oiled this season:

Fenwick Street.
Quinpool Road.
Willow Street.

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Council

June 17th, 1926

Clerk of Works Office,
June 17th, 1926

STREET OILING

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 16th inst., the City Engineer stated he would recommend in addition to the streets previously ordered to be oiled by Council this season, that the following be also similarly treated:

FENWICK STREET from South Park to Queen
estimated cost \$540.00 of which one-half
will be paid by property owners.

LUCKNOW STREET- From Inglis to Fenwick,
estimated cost \$600.00 one half to be paid
for by property owners.

WILLOW STREET - from Robie to Windsor,
estimated cost \$600.00 one-half to be paid
for by property owners.

His recommendations were approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

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

WATER METER BILL 24 BAUER STREET

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for premises 24 Bauer Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
June 1st 1926

No. 24 Bauer Street Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of

*Engineer
Councilor*

June 17th, 1926

the owner of the premises No. 24 Bauer Street for a reduction in the consumption of water at these premises, that the records show the following consumption during the past few months:

October 30	1,600
November	2,900
December	-
January	-
February 4	9,000
March 12	14,400
April 15	11,300
May	2,700

The owner states that on his attention being brought to the increased consumption, he investigated and found that there was a leak in the closet, and claims that this was remedied immediately. The records would appear to bear this statement out, and I would recommend that the reading for March and April be reduced to 3,000 for each month.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
June 17th, 1926

24 Bauer St.- Water meter Account

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 9th instant, the City Engineer submitted a letter on Water consumption for the above mentioned premises for March and April 1926. He recommended that the consumption be reduced to 3,000 gallons for each month which was approved and recommended to Council

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

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

*Accepted
Engineer
Clerk of Works
Collector*

June 17th, 1926

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WATER METER BILL NO. 29
COGSWELL STREET

Read report Committee on Works and
City Engineer re Water Meter Bill for premises 29 Cogswell Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
May 27th, 1926

29 Cogswell Street- Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the complaint of the owner of the premises # 29 Cogswell Street of excessive consumption, that the period complained of is the month of March, 1926. The consumption at these premises was as follows:

Dec. 31-	14,200
Jan.	No reading
Feb. 3,	23,400 W.C. Wasting
Mar. 12,	39,300 (N) 22-3-26
Apr. 14,	7,800

The owner claims that on receipt of notice he found that the pipe had burst on Saturday and nothing could be done to stop the flow until Monday, when the leak was repaired. On investigation I find that the water was allowed to run to prevent freezing that the large consumption would not be entirely due to the broken pipe. I think some reduction should be made and I would recommend that the March reading be reduced by 10,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office
Halifax, N.S.
June 17-26

29 Cogswell St- Water Account

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 9th inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on the above mentioned premises on Water consumption for March 1926. His recommendation that the consumption for said month be reduced by 10,000 gallons was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted
A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

June 17th, 1926

*Auditor
Engineer
Clerk of Works
Collector*

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

WATER METER BILL 23 CUNARD STREET

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 23 Cunard Street:-

City Engineers Office
Halifax, N.S.
May 28th, 1926

23 CUNARD STREET WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached letter claiming a reduction in the January 1926 reading at the premises # 23 Cunard Street, that the consumption at these premises for the past nine months has been as follows:-

1925	Aug. 11-	5,200	
	Sept. 11-	6,200	
	Oct. 12-	6,000	
	Nov. 11-	10,200	
	Dec. 11-	6,100	
1926	Jan. 12-	28,400	N-13-1-26
	Feb. - -	-	
	Mar. 18	18,000	
	Apr. 18	4,500	

The owner states he received our notice on the 15th of January, and immediately engaged plumbers to repair a leak, which occurred outside of the wall of his building. This service also supplies seven houses on Connolly Place. The premises were inspected on February 9th, and no waste was found at that time.

As the owner took immediate steps to remedy the defects and owing to the location of leak I would recommend that the consumption for the month of January be reduced to the average of the previous five months.

Respectfully submitted

H.W. Johnston,

CITY ENGINEER

June 17th, 1926

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
June 17th, 1926

23 Cunard St-Water Meter Account

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 9th instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on excessive, consumption on premises # 23 Cunard Street for April 1926. His recommendation that the consumption for said month be reduced to the average of the monthly consumption for the previous five months was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted
A.F Messervey
CLERK OF WORKS

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

*Auditor
City Engineer
Clerk of Works
Collector*

WATER METER BILL No. 25 MAITLAND ST

Read report Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 25 Maitland
Street:

City Engineer's Office
Halifax, N.S.
May 27th, 1926

25 MAITLAND STREET-WATER BILL

Sir:-

I beg to report on the complaint of the owner of the premises # 25 Maitland St., of excessive consumption, that the large consumption took place in the month of April, as shown by the monthly readings.

Dec.3- 800
Jan.8 800
Feb.10 800
Mar.19 1000
Apr.21 104,700 T. & W.C. Wasting
(N) 27-4-26

June 17th, 1926

I have had the premises inspected and the Inspector reports that when he was there on the 24th of April a tap and closet were wasting. The premises were again inspected on the 18th of May and the consumption from the date of the previous inspection was 1.180 gallons. As immediate steps were taken by the owner to remedy the faulty conditions, I would recommend that the April consumption be reduced to the average monthly consumption of the previous five months for the purpose of making up the bill for the half year

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
June 17th, 1926

25 MAITLAND STREET-WATER ACCOUNT

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 9th inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on the above mentioned premises on Water consumption for April 1926. He recommended that the consumption for April to be made the average monthly consumption of the previous five months.

Respectfully submitted
A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

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

WATER METER BILL No. 732 ROBIE STREET

Read report Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 732 Robie St:

*Auditor
Engineer
Clerk of Works
Collector*

June 17th, 1926

City Engineer's Office
Halifax, N.S.
March 18th, 1926

732 Robie Street-Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the complaint of the owner of the premises # 732 Robie Street on an excessive water bill that the period covered by the bill is the half year ending May 1925, and the amount of the bill is \$50.09, the consumption during the period complained of was as follows:-

1924	Oct. 30-	5,300
	Nov. 29	5,000
	Dec. 27	8,600
1925	Jan.	No reading
	Feb.	" "
	Mar. 28	233,000 N. 1-4-25
	Apr. 29	N.R.

The large consumption took place during January, February and March, but the meter is in a meter box and was not read during January and February. After the meter was read in March notice was sent and the monthly consumption for the succeeding months was reduced.

Reductions in the water bills for these premises were granted in 1923 and 1924. It would seem that the only justification for making any reduction in the bill would be owing to the fact of the meter not being read during the two months, although on the other hand the owner knowing from previous experience that the meter could not be read should have exercised proper care over the consumption.

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office
Halifax, N.S.
June 17th, 1926

732 Robie Street-Water Account

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 9th instant, the report of the City Engineer on Water Consumption for premises # 732 Robie Street for three months ending March 1926, was further considered and it was recommended to Council that the consumption for the said period namely 233,000 gallons, be reduced to 36,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted
A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

June 17th, 1926

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Cassellor
Engineer
Chief of Works
Collector

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

WATER METER BILL 21 WRIGHT AVENUE

Read report Committee on Works and City
Engineer re Water Meter Bill for premises 21 Wright Avenue:

City Engineer's Office
Halifax, N.S.
June 1st, 1926

No. 21 WRIGHT AVENUE-WATER CONSUMPTION

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the request of the
owner of the premises No. 21 Wright Avenue, for a re-
duction in the reading, that the consumption at these
premises for the past few months has been as follows:

November	12	5,600	gals.
December	12	5,100	"
January	14	6,900	"
February	13	5,200	"
March.	13	6,200	"
April	14	8,400	"
May	13	9,700	" Closet Wasting

N. 14-5-26

The flush tank of the closet was out
of order, and on notice was immediately repaired. I
would recommend that the readings for April and May be
reduced to 6,200 gallons for each of these months.

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office
Halifax, N.S.
June 17th, 1926

21 Wright Avenue-Water Account

His Worship the Mayor and City
Council.

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the Works Committee

June 17th, 1926

held on the 9th instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water consumption for the above mentioned premises for March and April 1926. His recommendation that the consumption be reduced to 6,200 gallons for each month was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

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

*Auditor
Engineer
Clerk of Works
Collector*

✓
WATER METER BILL PROPERTY MRS. FANNIE KESHEN

Read report Committee on Works re Water Meter Bills Mrs. Fannie Keshen covering report of Special Committee on same:

City Works Office
Halifax, N.S.
June 17th 1926

Water Accounts- Mrs. F.Keshen

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 16th instant, the Committee had before them a report from the sub-committee appointed to consult with the City Engineer and investigate a number of water accounts covering several properties owned by Mrs. F. Keshen. The Committee approved of the report recommending to Council that of all the water accounts considered by them totalling \$354.32 that for # 10 Alexander Place, amounting to \$76.97 be reduced to \$38.48.

Respectfully submitted
A.F. Messervey,
CLERK OF WORKS

Halifax, N.S. June 16th, 1926

Committee on Works.

Sirs:-

Your Sub-Committee appointed to report on the Water Bills for various properties owned by Mrs.

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Halifax, N.S. June 16-26

Committee on Works

Sirs:-

Your sub-committee appointed to report on the Water Bills for various properties owned by Mrs. Keshen and complained of as being excessive, have gone into the matter and find that the bills are for fifteen properties owned by her as shown on attached list, and amount to \$354.22 for the meter bills for the half year ending April 1925, they would recommend that these bills for 10 Alexandra Street be reduced by the amount of \$38.48, as it would appear that some effort was made to reduce the consumption of water after notification had been received.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd) S.L. Shannon,
ANDREW HUBLEY

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daw seconded by Alderman Robinson that a further reduction be made in Water Meter Bill of Mrs. Cashen (those items that are abnormal) to bring about a reduction of 25% for the whole amount.

His Worship the Mayor calls upon the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair while he addresses the Council on the subject.

The amendment is put and lost six voting for the same and eight against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Rains
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale
Smeltzer
Robinson
Daw - 6

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston
Russell
Shannon
Gastonguay
MacDuff
Hubley
McCarthy
Power -8

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Shannon that Mrs. F.Keshen's Water Meter Bill for No. 10 Alexander Place be reduced to \$10.00

*Auditor
Engineer
Clerk of Works
Collector*

Amendment put and passed thirteen voting for the same and one against it as follows:

FOR AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Alderman Russell
Shannon
Gastonguay
MacDuff
Hubley
Rains
McCarthy
O'Toole
Power
Drysdale
Smeltzer
Robinson
Daw. - 13

Alderman Weston

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Alderman Weston, Chairman of the Finance Committee submits the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be directed to borrow under the authority of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 1926, the sum of £150 Sterling from the Royal Bank of Canada, the same to be forwarded to Messrs. Linklater and Payne, Solicitors, London, G.B. to defray costs and expenses of an application to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council for leave to appeal from the Judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Action City of Halifax vs The Estate of Fairbanks

*Auditor
Treasurer
Solicitor*

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Hubley and passed. Alderman Daw dissenting.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN RAINS
RE PURCHASE OF BICKLE MOTOR
PUMPER

Moved by Alderman Rains seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the following Resolution to which he gave notice at a meeting of Council held on the 4th day of June 1926 in reference to the purchase of the Bickle Motor Pumper be now adopted.

June 17th, 1926

RESOLVED that the Resolution passed at a meeting of the City Council on the 29th of April last authorizing the purchase of a 400 gallon Bickle Motor Pumper be rescinded

His Worship the Mayor rules the Resolution out of order.

Alderman Rains appeals from the ruling of the Chair.

The City Clerk puts the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained? "

On the vote being taken there appeared to sustaining the ruling of the Chair Ten and against it Four, as follows:-

For Sustaining
Ruling of the Chair

Against it

Alderman Weston
Shannon
McDuff
McCarthy
Hubley
Power
Drysdale
Smeltzer
Robinson
Daw. -10

Alderman Russell
Gastonguay
Rains
O'Toole

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The City Clerk declares the Ruling of the Chair sustained.

12. p.m. Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Power that this meeting do now adjourn.
Motion passed.

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Meeting adjourned

J.B. Kenny

MAYOR



H.S. RHIND
CITY CLERK

