

EVENING SESSION

7.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
July 30th, 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, Halliday, McDuff, Gastonguay, McCarthy, Huble, Rains, O'Toole, Drysdale, Smeltzer, Daw and Robinson.

✓  
ROBIE STREET PAVING

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving Robie Street from Spring Garden Road, to Jubilee Road:

City Works Office  
Halifax, N.S.  
July 30th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on this date, the attached report from the City Engineer on tenders for paving Robie Street was read and forwarded to the Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. Hunter  
ASST. CLERK OF WORKS

July 30th, 1926

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
July 30th, 1926

Robie Street Paving

His Worship the Mayor:-

Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions I advertised for tenders for paving Robie Street from Spring Garden Road to Jubilee Road, the only communication received was one from the Canadian Bituminous Paving Corporation, who state-

"It will take six weeks for us to ship in plant and get ready for work. With this small yardage the overhead expense to us would be very great. Please do not consider us in awarding this work, as our bid would be \$6.00 per yard or more"

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the reports of the Committee on Works re paving Robie Street from Spring Garden Road to Jubilee Road, dated July 15th, 1926 and of the City Engineer dated July 7th, 1926, be adopted.

Before the consideration of this matter was taken up His Worship the Mayor called upon Alderman Gastonguay Deputy Mayor to take the Chair, as his Partner, Mr. M.B. Archibald, K.C, was acting as Solicitor for the Firm of contractors who had tendered for this work.

July 30th, 1926

The Chair is now taken by the Deputy Mayor.

On the suggestion of Alderman Daw, Mr. Stevens, one of the contracting parties, was requested to inform the Council as to how long after the contract had been awarded he would be prepared to commence the work. Mr. Stevens informed the Council that he would be prepared to commence work five days after signing the contract.

Motion to adopt the report on being put is passed eleven voting for the same and three against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Weston  
Russell  
Shannon  
Sanford  
Halliday  
MacDuff  
McCarthy  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
Daw- 11

AGAINST IT

Alderman Hubley  
Robinson  
Smeltzer  
-3

*Engineer  
inspector*

✓  
CONCRETE SIDEWALK-OXFORD STREET

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk on the east side of Oxford Street between Jubilee and Jennings Street:

July 30th, 1926

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
July 23-26

CONCRETE SIDEWALK EAST SIDE OXFORD STREET

His Worship the Mayor and City Council

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 21st instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on a petition for a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Oxford Street, between Jubilee Road and Jennings Street, the estimated cost of which would be \$2,000.00. His report was approved and recommended to Council that the said sidewalk be placed on the order paper to be laid when funds were available.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
July 21st, 1926

OXFORD STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached petition from the owners of property on the east side of Oxford Street between Jubilee Road and Jennings Street, for a concrete sidewalk, that the total frontage of the block is 392 feet and the petitioners own about 62% of this frontage.

The estimated total cost of the work is \$2,000.00 half of which is payable by the abutting property owners. We have no money available for the construction of concrete sidewalks this year. There is no doubt a sidewalk would be a big improvement to this, one of our main streets, but owing to lack of funds it cannot be built at present, however I would recommend that it be placed on the order paper to be done when funds are available.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

July 30th, 1926

*Engineer* Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded  
by Alderman Halliday that the reports be adopted. Motion  
passed.

✓  
FAIRVIEW CRUSHED STONE COMPANY-SALES TAX

Read report of the Committee  
on Works covering the amended resolution in reference  
to the payment of the sales tax of the Fairview Crushed  
Stone Company, Limited:

City Works Office  
Halifax, N.S.  
July 30th, 1926

FAIRVIEW CRUSHED STONE CO.-SALES TAX

His Worship the Mayor and City  
Council.

Sir:-

At the meeting of the Works  
Committee held on this date, the following resolution  
was passed and recommended to Council for adoption  
in order that funds may be provided for paying the  
Fairview Crushed Stone Co., the amount accepted by  
them in full settlement of their claim for sales tax:

Respectfully submitted

M. A. Hunter  
ASST. CLERK OF WORKS

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

July 30th, 1926

The following resolution is submitted:

"RESOLVED that the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council authorizing the payment of \$1,500.00 to the Fairview Crushed Stone Company for their claim for sales tax to be amended by adding thereto the following "and that the amount so to be paid be borrowed by the City under the authority of Section 976 of the City Charter, and be included in the Estimate for the Civic Year 1927-28"

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Halliday and passed, fourteen voting for the same and one against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston  
Russell  
Shannon  
Sanford  
Halliday  
Gastonguay  
MacDuff  
McCarthy  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
Robinson  
Smeltzer  
Daw - 14

Alderman Hubley

-1

*amended  
Engineer  
Treasurer*

✓  
WATER METER BILL 18-20 BEDFORD ROW

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 18-20 Bedford Row:

July 30th, 1926

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
July 23-26

WATER METER BILL 18-20 BEDFORD ROW

His Worship the Mayor and City  
Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 21st instant, the report of the City Engineer on Water Meter Bill for premises # 18-20 Bedford Row, was read and after hearing Mr. J.C. Jones, Agent for the property, it was decided to recommend to Council that the water consumption for the four months February to May inclusive, be reduced from 496,800 gallons to 248,400 gallons.

Respectfully submitted  
A.F. Messervey,

CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
July 2nd, 1926

18-20 BEDFORD ROW-WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the complaint of the owner of the property # 18-20 Bedford Row of excessive water rates, that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1926 and the bill amounts to \$105.32. The consumption during the period complained of was as follows:

|      |         |        |              |
|------|---------|--------|--------------|
| 1925 | Oct. 20 | 1,500  |              |
|      | Nov. 18 | 3,800  |              |
|      | Dec. 18 | 26,000 | W.C. Wasting |
|      |         |        | (N) 21-12-25 |
| 1926 | Jan. 20 | 25,000 | " " "        |



July 30th, 1926

|      |         |                     |
|------|---------|---------------------|
| 1926 | Mar. 23 | 113,600             |
|      | Apr. 27 | 150,000             |
|      | May 27  | 96,400 W.C. Wasting |
|      | June 26 | 27,100              |

In February an application was made for a reduction in the readings for December and January, this was reported on and the Committee on Works at their meeting held on the 10th of March, 1926 refused to allow any reduction. With regard to the consumption during the months since then, it will be seen that it has been continuously large due apparently to leaky fixtures and water being allowed to run.

I am unable to allow any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

*Auditor  
Engineer  
Clerk of Works  
Collector*

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

HOUSING COMMISSION - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Read letter of the Housing Commission asking the assistance of the City Council in procuring a statement of the account from the Department of Housing of the Province of Nova Scotia:

Office of the Housing Commission,  
Halifax, N.S.  
July 23rd, 1926

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council.

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed herewith please find copies of letters forwarded by this Commission to the Department of Housing of the Province of Nova Scotia, under dated of December 16th, 1925, January 14th, and July 9th 1926:



July 30th, 1926

From these letters it can be seen that the Commission has been endeavouring to secure a statement from the Province of Nova Scotia setting forth all charges on their books, but as yet has not been successful.

At a meeting of this Commission held Wednesday, July 21st, I was instructed to forward copies of this correspondence to you, and ask your assistance in obtaining the statement requested.

You will recall that this matter has been taken up by the Council in the past and a Committee was appointed to go into the situation. This Committee waited on the Provincial Government and received assurance but no action was taken.

In the opinion of this Commission it is imperative that a complete statement be rendered to them by the Province of Nova Scotia in order that the exact status of the accounts of the Commission can be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

E.K. Fielding  
SECRETARY HOUSING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX

Moved by Alderman Hubleby, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that His Worship the Mayor be requested to communicate with the Provincial Government and request that a statement as asked for by the Housing Commission receive the early attention of the Department. Motion passed.

*The Mayor  
Secy Housing  
Com*

✓ NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOBIN

RE

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR

Moved by Alderman Russell, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the consideration of the Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Tobin at the last meeting of Council in reference to the appointment of an Assistant City Solicitor be deferred until next meeting Motion passed.

July 30th, 1926

✓  
HOUSING COMMISSION  
ACCOUNT B.W. RUSSELL

Alderman Weston, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submits an account of B.W. Russell, solicitor in the prosecution of the case against T.M. Hayes, late Secretary of the Housing Commission.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that it being found by the City of Halifax that there is due to B.W. Russell, Esq., K.C., the sum of \$625.00 for services rendered as Solicitor in prosecuting the case against T.M. Hayes for and on account of the Housing Commission, and the said account having been duly taxed, the same be paid under authority of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 1926; that the said sum of \$625.00 be borrowed from the bank or any fund available and included in the Civic Estimates for 1927-28.

Motion put and passed twelve voting for the same and two against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston  
Shannon  
Sanford  
Halliday  
Gastonguay  
MacDuff  
McCarthy  
Rains,  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
Robinson,  
Smeltzer- 12

Alderman Hubley  
Daw

-2

*Auditor ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
B.W. Russell ✓  
Secy Housing Com*

✓  
QUESTION BY MEMBERS

*Solicitor*

Alderman Hubley asked for an opinion from the City Solicitor as to the liability of the City in paying Mr. W.R. Fegan, Assistant Building Inspector's salary from the 1st day of May until the 4th day of June 1926:

✓  
NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION  
RE-ESTABLISHMENT

*Mayor*

Moved by Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Gastonguay that the members of the Exhibition Committee of this Council be requested to take up with the Provincial Government and obtain their views on the matter of the prompt re-establishment of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in the City of Halifax, and report their findings back of this Council. Motion passed.

✓  
DARTMOUTH NATAL DAY

His Worship the Mayor asked for an opinion of the Council as to the advisability of proclaiming a half holiday on the afternoon of August 5th, the day set apart for the celebration of Dartmouth Natal Day.

Moved by Alderman Gastonguay, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that His Worship the Mayor request that the Citizens observe August 5th, Dartmouth Natal Day as a half holiday, and that City Offices be closed during the afternoon. Motion passed.

July 30th, 1926

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded  
by Alderman Rains that this meeting do now adjourn.  
Motion passed.

LIST OF HEADLINES

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Robie Street Paving.....   | 194 |
| Concrete Sidewalk-Oxford Street.....   | 196 |
| Fairview Crushed Stone Co.-Sales Tax.....  | 198 |
| Water Meter Bill 18-20 Bedford Row.....  | 199 |
| Housing Commission-Statement of Account.....   | 201 |
| Notice of Motion by Alderman Tobin, re appoint-<br>ment of Assistant City Solicitor..... | 202 |
| Housing Commission-Account of B.W. Russell.....  | 203 |
| Question by Members.....   | 204 |
| N.S. Prov. Exhibition re-establishment.....  | 204 |
| Dartmouth Natal Day.....   | 204 |

8.20 o'clock

Meeting adjourned.

J. B. Kenny,  
MAYOR



H. S. RHIND  
CITY CLERK



✓  
EVENING SESSION

7.10 o'clock  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 12th, 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 Weston, Shannon Sanford, Tobin, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Smeltzer, Daw and Robinson.

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

✓  
WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$16,020.40:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Aug. 11th, 1926

ACCOUNTS-WORKS AND WATER DEPT

His Worship the Mayor and  
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held August 11th, inst., the undermentioned accounts for July were approved and recommended to Council for payment:

|             |         |                    |                    |
|-------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Water Dept. | Capital | \$622.11           |                    |
|             | Current | <u>924.23</u>      | \$1546.34          |
| Works Dept. | Capital | 48.22              |                    |
|             | Current | <u>\$14,425.84</u> | <u>14474.06</u>    |
|             |         |                    | <u>\$16,020.40</u> |

Respectfully submitted

M. A. Hunter  
ASST CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, 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 \$5,056.26:

Committee Room  
City Hall,  
Aug. 10th, 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 \$5,056.26 were passed as correct and 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.

✓  
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$11,706.22:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 11th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on

Aug. 12th, 1926

Firewards held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting in allto \$11,706.22 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment:

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fire Department General Accounts | \$11,342.29        |
| Fire Alarm Maintenance           | 363.93             |
|                                  | <u>\$11,706.22</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.

✓  
GARDENS PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens ,Parks and Common, recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,902.75:

Mayor's Office,  
City Hall,  
July 12th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens Parks and Common held this day, the attached lists of accounts amounting in all to \$1,902.75 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Fleming Park   | \$336.70         |
| Public Gardens | 1566.05          |
|                | <u>\$1902.75</u> |

Respectfully submitted

J.B. Kenny,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN



August. 12th, 1926

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

✓  
CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home \$6,712.37, and to the T.B.Hospital \$2,175.18;

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 6-26

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 The Chairman, Alderman Hubley, Daw, Sanford Gastonguay and Drysdale.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS, JULY 1926 AMOUNT \$6712.37

The City Home accounts for the month of July 1926 amounting to \$6712.37 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, JULY 1926, CURRENT \$2175.18 and CAPITAL \$70.00

City Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of July 1926 amounting to \$2175.18 and Capital Accounts amounting to \$70.00 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.

✓  
CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board

Aug. 12th, 1926

recommending for payment accounts amounting to  
\$1657.52:

Office of City Health Board,  
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 12-1926

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members, City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, August 11th 1926, the following named accounts amounting to \$1,657.52 were passed as correct and are recommended for payment:

Respectfully submitted

Arthur C. Pettipas  
SECRETARY. C.H.B

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

✓  
CAMP HILL CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Camp Hill Cemetery Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$622.81:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
July 14th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Camp Hill Cemetery held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$622.81 was submitted and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. E. Sanford,  
CHAIRMAN.

Aug. 12th, 1926

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

✓  
CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,317.21:-

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day the report of the Governor showing the number of prisoners in custody on the 31st July 1926 to be Twenty-Two males and two females, was submitted and ordered filed.

The attached list of accounts amounting to \$1,317.21 was recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted

I.E. Sanford,  
CHAIRMAN

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

✓  
CITIZENS FREE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$257.60:

Aug. 12th, 1926

Citizens Free Library,  
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 9th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of the City Council

Gentlemen:-

The Library Committee recommend the following accounts for payment:-

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| City of Halifax Salaries    | \$221.65        |
| T.C. Allen & Co. Books      | 26.95           |
| Halifax Herald Subscription | 9.00            |
|                             | <u>\$257.60</u> |

Respectfully submitted

L.F. Barnaby  
LIBRARIAN

Moved by Alderman S meltzer, seconded  
by Alderman Sanford 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  
\$7,606.42:

August 11th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee  
held this date, the following accounts amounting to  
\$7,606.42 were examined, found correct and recommended  
to Council for payment.

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Western Union Telegraph Co. | \$1.69            |
| Dominion Rubber Co. Ltd.    | 68.35             |
| Eastern Bicycle Co.         | 24.56             |
| Canadian Oil Co.            | 2.98              |
| Wentzells Ltd.              | 3.78              |
| Maritime Telephone Co.      | 12.10             |
| Salaries July               | 7429.90           |
| Salaries Mrs. Lynch         | 59.37             |
|                             | <u>\$ 7602.73</u> |

Aug. 12th, 1926

|                                  |       |                  |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------------|
|                                  | Total | \$7602.73        |
| Western Union Tel. Co. 1925-1926 |       | <u>3.69</u>      |
|                                  | Total | <u>\$7606.42</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Kenny  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

✓  
MONASTERY OF GOOD SHEPHERD GRANT

Read report of the Finance Committee covering opinion of the City Solicitor in re grant to Monastery of Good Shepherd:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached papers in reference to the account of Monastery of Good Shepherd for the payment of Maintenance charges in addition to their grant of \$320.00 were submitted and read, together with an opinion of the City Solicitor regarding same.

Your Committee after consideration of this matter, and having had conference with Mr. W.W Welsh, Solicitor for the Sisters in charge of the Monastery of Good Shepherd, recommend that the annual grant to the amount of \$320.00 be paid in the usual way, and that the balance, if any, required to meet the maintenance charges, and additional grant payable by the City Be provided for by obtaining legislation at the next session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

Aug. 12th, 1926

Office of City Solicitor  
Halifax, N.S.  
Aug. 9th, 1926

The Chairman of the Finance Committee,  
CITY.

RE MONASTERY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Sir:-

The immediate point on which I am required to report is as to the construction to be placed on Sub-Section (3) of Section 336 of the City Charter taken along with Section (3) of Chapter 50 and Section 47 of Chapter 166, R.S.

Section 336 of the City Charter provides that in consideration of the grant of \$400.00 yearly, the Monastery of the Good Shepherd shall maintain all persons committed to it for whose maintenance the City is responsible. Chapter 50 as amended by Chap. 30 of 1925, provides for the payment of \$150.00 to any reformatory institution recognized by the Governor in Council for each female person above the age of sixteen years, sentenced to confinement in it, by a judge or stipendiary Magistrate, such payment to be made by the City in which the persons sentenced have a settlement under the Poor Relief Act. Section 47 of Cap. 166 ( The Childrens' Protection Act ) provides for a similar payment in the case of boys and girls under the age of sixteen. Both of these enactments are sub-sequent to the City Charter which came into force in 1914, and must therefore be considered as superseding its provisions, especially when it is evident that the Legislation had the provision of the Charter in mind and referred to it in Section 15 of Cap. 50 by providing that in no case should the contribution of the City of Halifax to the Salvation Army Rescue Home or the Good Shepherd Reformatory be less than \$400.00

I am, therefore, of opinion that the combined effect of these enactments is that the City shall in all cases pay to the institution in question \$400.00 yearly, and as much more as may be called for by the sub-sequent enactments referred to.

I am not oblivious of the fact that this interpretation may cause trouble when the estimates are being prepared and would respectfully suggest consideration before that time, and if need be a conference be had with representations of the reformatory institutions.

Respectfully submitted

F.H. Bell,  
CITY SOLICITOR.



Aug. 12th, 1926

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

*Account  
in N & M  
Smith*

✓  
TAX DEFALCATION ACCOUNT N & M. SMITH

Read report of the Finance Committee covering letters of the City Collector, City Auditor and opinion of the City Solicitor in re Defalcations in connection with the tax account of the firm of N & M. Smith:-

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

RE N & M. SMITH TAX ACCOUNT  
DEFALCATION

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached papers and statement of the City Collector, in reference to the defalcation in the tax account of the Firm of N & M. Smith, were submitted, and read together with the opinion of the City Solicitor on the same.

Your Committee have submitted, the same to the City Council for its information and action.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

Office of City Solicitor,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Aug. 10th, 1926

The Chairman of the  
Finance Committee  
CITY.

Sir:

RE N & M. SMITH

I beg to say that I have gone through



Aug. 12th, 1926

the evidence in this matter with the Auditor and am satisfied of the correctness of his report to the effect that the amount mentioned therein was paid to the Collector but not credited.

The evidence against Theakston would be practically identical with that on which he was formerly convicted, namely that although the cheques were turned over by him to the Treasurer they were not credited in any cash book, and must therefore have been used merely to replace currency paid in by other ratepayers and embezzled by him.

Yours very truly,

F.H. Bell,  
CITY SOLICITOR

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE  
HALIFAX, N.S.  
July 22nd, 1926

The Chairman  
Finance Committee,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

RE N & M SMITH

For your information I would advise you that I am making entries on the City's books writing off a defalcation of the Late Collector Theakston, amounting to \$10,901.00. This is one of the largest defalcations that has come to my notice, and for this reason I am calling same to your attention. This amount was received by the City in a number of cheques, received in 1913-1921 which were all paid into the City's bank account at the time, and presumably currency extracted in place thereof, and no credit given to N & M Smith in regard to same.

I enclose you herewith the evidence submitted by N & M. Smith which affords conclusive evidence that these are defalcations. I would further state that this conclusion is arrived at by the Collector's Department after days of careful investigation into past records in the endeavor to trace credits for these cheques, and will give you some idea of the time that it is necessary for the Collector's Staff to spend in adjusting these numerous defalcations.

Yours truly,

H.F. Glass  
CITY AUDITOR

FILED

Aug. 12th, 1926

✓  
LOANS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES \$44,000.00

Read report of the Finance Committee  
covering Resolution in re Loans totalling \$44,000.00:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 12th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, there being present Aldermen Weston, Chairman, Hubley and Robinson, the Committee decided to recommend to Council that the City Treasurer be authorized to ask for tenders for a loan of \$44,000.00 the amount authorized by the Legislature of Nova Scotia to be borrowed under the Consolidated Fund Act 1905 as follows:

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Construction of Public Baths Under Chap. 77 Acts 1921 | \$5,000.00         |
| Water Extension Chap. 52 Acts 1922                    | 5,000.00           |
| Collection of Tax Arrears Chap. 62 Acts 1926          | 12,500.00          |
| Construction of Sewers " 61 Acts 1926                 | 5,000.00           |
|   | <u>\$27,500.00</u> |
| Street Paving " 62 Acts 1922                          | 12,000.00          |
| Public Gardens Fence " 64 Acts 1926                   | 1,500.00           |
|   | <u>\$44,000.00</u> |

Respectfully submitted

B. A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by  
Alderman Tobin that the report be adopted.

The following Resolution is submitted:

WHEREAS the City of Halifax will require the amounts authorized by the Legislature of Nova Scotia as below stated to be borrowed on the Consolidated Fund 1905 viz:

Aug. 12th, 1926

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Construction of Pub. Baths under<br>Chap. 77, Acts 1921 | \$5,000.00         |
| Water Extensions under Chap. 52,<br>Acts 1922           | 5,000.00           |
| Collection of Tax Arrears under<br>Chap. 61 Acts 1926   | 12,500.00          |
| Construction of Sewers- under Chap.<br>61 Acts 1926     | 5,000.00           |
|   | <u>\$27,500.00</u> |
| Street Paving Under Chap. 52<br>Acts 1922               | <u>15,000.00</u>   |
| Public Gardens Fence Under Chap<br>64 Acts 1926         | <u>1,500.00</u>    |
|   | <u>\$44,000.00</u> |

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be hereby instructed to advertise for tenders, from persons willing to loan the City for the said purposes on Stock of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, a sum or sums sufficient to realize the sum of \$44,000.00, the rate of interest not to exceed 5% per annum, payable half yearly.

The items which make up the sum of \$27,500.00 to be repayable in thirty years from first day of July 1926.

The item of Street Paving to be repayable as follows:-

\$7,500.00 in 15 years from July 1st 1926  
7,500.00 in 30 years " " " "

The item of Public Gardens Fence \$1,500.00 to be repayable in five equal annual instalments the first with interest repayable on the first day of August 1927 and one with interest on each succeeding first day of August until the same is repaid.

Tenders will be received until 12.00 noon Standard time on August 26th, 1926.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Hubley and passed, nine voting for the same and two against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Weston  
S hannon  
Tobin  
Sanford  
McCarthy  
Hubley  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Robinson- 9

AGAINST IT

Alderman Smeltzer  
Daw

-2

*Treasurer  
auditor*

Aug. 12th, 1926

✓  
J.J. LEWINGTON DISMISSAL

Read report of the Charities  
Committee in re the dismissal of J.J. Lewington, a nurse  
in the employ of the City of Halifax, at the City Home:-

Halifax, N.S. July 1926

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  
The Chairman, Aldermen Sanford and Drysdale.

RESOLUTION RE JOHN JOSEPH LEWINGTON

WHEREAS J.J. Lewington a head nurse  
in the employ of the City of Halifax has been convicted  
by the Stipendiary Magistrate of said City of theft of  
property of said City.

AND WHEREAS said J.J. Lewington  
has tendered his resignation as such.

BE IT RESOLVED that such resignation  
be not accepted but that the said J.J. Lewington be and  
is hereby dismissed from the said position of head nurse  
from date of his suspension June 29th, 1926

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

✓  
*J.A. Byrdman*  
*J.J. Lewington*  
Moved by Alderman Weston, Seconded  
by Alderman Sanford that the report be adopted. Motion  
passed.

REFUND J.J. LEWINGTON-LATE NURSE  
AT THE CITY HOME

Read reports of the Finance Committee  
covering reports of the Charities Committee and the City  
Treasurer recommending a refund of \$172.76 to J.J.  
Lewington, late nurse at the City Home, who has been dis-  
missed from office:

Aug. 12th, 1926

Committee Room,  
City Hall  
Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

✓  
REFUND TO JOHN J. LEWINGTON

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached report of the Charities Committee on the application of John Joseph Lewington, a former employee of the City Home, asking for a refund of the amount he is entitled to receive from the Official Superannuation Fund, together with a report from the City Treasurer showing that Mr. Lewington had paid \$345.52 into the Fund, and was entitled to receive one-half of that amount i.e, \$172.76 as a refund.

Your Committee recommend that the several reports be adopted, and the City Treasurer authorized to refund to Mr. Lewington, the sum of \$172.76 out of the said fund.

Respectfully submitted,

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

Halifax, N.S.  
City Home  
Aug. 6th, 1926

The Chairman  
and Members of Finance Committee

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Charities Committee held on above date the following Resolution was passed.

WHEREAS John Joseph Lewington was dismissed from the employ of the City on June 29th, 1926.

BE IT RESOLVED to recommend to the Finance Committee that John Joseph Lewington be paid half the amount paid by him into the Superannuation Fund in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter

MEMO

Amount paid into Fund from  
May 1st 1918 to June 30th 1926 \$345.52

Amount to be returned 172.76

Authority Sec. 11, Chap. 74  
Acts 1914.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN.

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 10-1926

Alderman Weston,  
Chairman of Finance Committee.

Sir:-

Under Section 11 of Chapter 74 of  
Acts 1914 Section 300 of the City Charter is repealed  
and the following substituted therefor-

Sub Sec. 1 "Any Official or employee  
who has contributed to the fund for not  
less than two years and who is dis-  
missed by the Council for Cause shall  
be entitled to receive from the fund  
in one payment one half of the total  
amount which he has contributed without  
interest"

John J. Lewington the party in question  
has paid into the Official Superannuation Fund \$345.52  
and under the above Section is entitled to a refund  
of \$172.76.

Respectfully submitted

James T. Hopewell  
CITY TREASURER.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded

by Alderman Sanford that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed

RESIGNATION MRS. MARY McDONALD  
MATRON CITY HOME

Read report of the Charities Committee  
recommending the acceptance of the resignation of

*Wester  
Treasurer  
J. H. Bush  
J. H. Weston*



Aug. 12th, 1926

Mrs. Mary. McDonald, Matron of the City Home:

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 6-1926

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 The Chairman, Aldermen Hubley, Daw, Sanford, Gastonguay and Drysdale.

RESOLUTION RE RESIGNATION OF MATRON CITY HOME

We beg to transmit herewith, with the recommendation that it be accepted, the resignation of Mrs. Mary McDonald, Matron of the City Home, to take effect August 31st 1926.

Your Committee request that permission be granted to advertise for a successor.

Respectfully submitted,

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

*Amended by  
J.H. Dunlop*

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Sanford that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

✓  
SUPERANNUATION MRS. MARY McDONALD

Read report of the Finance Committee covering reports of the Charities Committee and City Treasurer recommending that Mrs. Mary McDonald, Matron of the City Home, who has resigned be superannuated, and that she be paid a retirement allowance of \$145.30 during the remainder of her life:



Aug. 12th, 1926

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached report of the Charities Committee covering an application of Mrs. Mary McDonald, Matron of the City Home, for superannuation; together with a certificate of Dr. Almon, Assistant City Medical Officer and Dr. H.K. McDonald, as to her disability; also a report from the City Treasurer that Mrs McDonald is entitled to receive a Superannuation allowance of \$145.30 per annum during the remainder of her life, were read.

Your Committee recommend that Mrs. McDonald be permitted to retire from her position as Matron, and that she be superannuated and paid an annual allowance of \$145.30.

Respectfully submitted,

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

Halifax, N.S.  
City Home,  
Aug. 6-1926

The Chairman,  
and Members of Finance Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Charities Committee beg to submit herewith for your consideration, with the recommendation that it be granted, the application of Mrs. Mary McDonald, Matron, City Home, under the provisions of Sub-Section 1 of Section 299 of the City Charter 1914, for Superannuation allowance.

Attached hereto together with report of City Treasurer, you will find certificates of two physicians, Dr. H.K. McDonald and Dr. W.B. Almon, City Medical Officer, which shows Mrs. Mary McDonald to be unfit to carry on her duties as Matron.

Respectfully submitted  
B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

Aug. 12th, 1926

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 6th, 1926

Ald. B.A. Weston,  
Chairman,  
Charities Committee,

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your enquiry as to the Superannuation Allowance of Mary McDonald, I beg to report that she has paid into the fund for 10 1/12 years; that the average salary for the last three years is \$720.84, that she is entitled to an allowance of \$145.30.

Yours faithfully,

James T. Hopewell,  
CITY TREASURER

*Cancelled  
Treasurer  
J. H. Buck  
Mary M. McDonald*

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded

by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL

MONTHLY REPORT JULY 1926

Read report of the Charities

Committee for the month of July 1926:

Halifax, N.S. August 6-26

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, The Chairman, Aldermen Hubley, Daw, Sanford, Gastonguay and Drysdale.

SUPT. REPORT CITY HOME JULY 1926, NUMBER OF INMATES 261

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of July 1926 there were 8 persons admitted into the City Home, 13 were discharged and 2 died

Aug. 12th, 1926

The total number of inmates July 31st, 1926 was 261, made up of 143 men, 117 women and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 161 men, 134 women and 6 children a total of 301.

SUPT. REPORT TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL JULY 1926. NUMBER OF PATIENTS 43

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of July 1926 there were 4 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 1 man and 3 women, 2 men were discharged and 2 men died.

The total number of patients July 31st, 1926 was 43 made up of 21 men and 22 women. On the same date last year there were 16 men and 25 women a total of 41.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

FILED.

✓  
COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT  
JULY 1926

Read report A.H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers, for the month of July, 1926, showing that each of the permanent Weighers received \$60.08 in fees for their services during the month.

FILED

✓  
PRINTING VOTERS LISTS

Read report of the Finance Committee covering opinion of the City Solicitor on the Claim of Mr. Jas. Hall, Esq., Sheriff, for printing the Provincial Voters Lists in 1925:

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee

Aug. 12th, 1926

The total number of inmates July 31st, 1926 was 261, made up of 143 men, 117 women and 1 child. On the same date last year there were 161 men, 134 women and 6 children a total of 301.

SUPT. REPORT TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL JULY 1926. NUMBER  
OF PATIENTS 43

---

The Superintendents report shows that during the month of July 1926 there were 4 patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 1 man and 3 women, 2 men were discharged and 2 men died.

The total number of patients July 31st, 1926 was 43 made up of 21 men and 22 women. On the same date last year there were 16 men and 25 women a total of 41.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

FILED.

✓  
COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT  
JULY 1926

Read report A.H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers, for the month of July, 1926, showing that each of the permanent Weighers received \$60.08 in fees for their services during the month.

FILED

✓  
PRINTING VOTERS LISTS

Read report of the Finance Committee covering opinion of the City Solicitor on the Claim of Mr. Jas. Hall, Esq., Sheriff, for printing the Provincial Voters Lists in 1925:

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee

Aug. 12th, 1926

held this day, the attached letter of L.A. Lovett, Esq., K.C., Solicitor for Mr. J. Hall, Sheriff, in reference to his account for printing of the Provincial Voters List, was submitted, together with an opinion of the City Solicitor as to the City's liability for this account.

Your Committee report that in view of the City Solicitor's opinion they recommend that the account be not paid.

Respectfully submitted,

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN.

Office of City Solicitor,  
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 9th, 1926

The Chairman of the Finance  
Committee.  
CITY.

RE: CLAIM OF SHERIFF HALL

Dear Sir:-

In the former opinion which I gave in the above, I gave it as my opinion that the point involved was whether or not the items of the Sheriff's account were "reasonable charges in preparing the lists" and suggested some grounds on which such reasonableness might be questioned. I have since given the matter careful study in the light of Mr. Lovett's communication, and can only say that my doubts are rather strengthened than removed.

The work of revising the lists is no part of the work of the Sheriff at all, but that of the Revisers. The Sheriff only comes into the matter in the event of there being appeals as to individual names. By Section 30 of the Franchise Act he is required to sign the lists, even if no appeals have been asserted to him, and he is also by Section 31, required to compare and certify copies of the lists as prepared by the Municipal Clerk after the originals have been deposited with him by the Revisers. The reason or necessity for the Sheriff Acting in either of these respects is not readily apparent, nor does anything appear to me to justify the charge for "amalgamating the lists". There is no such expression in the Act, and if it only means "revision" then it is the duty of the reviser and not of the Sheriff.

After careful consideration I am still unable to see on what ground the charge for printing, the lists can be said to be a "reasonable charge of the Sheriff in preparing the lists". The Sheriff is not



Aug. 12th, 1926

the custodian of the lists, and he is only entitled to receive a copy of them from the municipal clerk when he acts as returning Officer. He is bound ( Chap. 4 Sec. 36 (c) to furnish each presiding Officer with a copy of the lists for the polling district for which such presiding Officer is appointed, but that would not necessarily involve a printed copy. Mr. Lovett has referred me to Section 133 of the Election Act which provides that "any person shall be entitled to receive a copy of the list of electors from the Sheriff, municipal Clerk or other person having the legal custody thereof- after the said list is completed, upon the payment to such legal custodian of the sum of Fifty cents per hundred names" I am unable on consideration, to see how this helps the claim very much for the reason that as I have pointed out the Sheriff is not the "legal custodian of the lists" Moreover, even if the Sheriff were called upon to furnish copies, he would not appear to be justified in going the heavy expense of printing, unless there was a reasonable prospect of so large a number being required as to make printing necessary. As at the rate of Fifty Cents per hundred names on a list of 22,214 names, the credit given of \$620.00 for lists sold would mean only about six copies, the necessity for printing is not very apparent.

For these reasons, I am still unable to see in what way the City can legally be called upon to pay this account.

Respectfully submitted,

F.H. Bell,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

P.S. I should add that the claim is now more than six months old and therefore barred by the Provisions of the Charter.

*La Lovett re  
Sheriff Hall*

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

✓  
PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY TAX

Read report of the Finance Committee in reference Provincial Highway Tax, covering letters of the Hon. E.N. Rhodes, Premier, and Robert Gordon, Provincial Treasurer;

Aug. 12th, 1926

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

HIGHWAY TAX

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letters of the Hon E.N. Rhodes, Premier, and R. Gordon, Provincial Treasurer, in reference to the payment of the Provincial Highway Tax were under consideration.

Your Committee recommend that the City Auditor be instructed to only pay one-half of the Assessment for 1926, and that the balance be paid as soon as funds are available, and that the balance for 1925 should remain in abeyance pending the adjustment and payment of taxes and betterment charges due the City by the Province.

Respectfully submitted,

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

Halifax, N.S. July 31st, 1926

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I find the City of Halifax is in arrears for Highway Tax for 1925 in the sum of \$26,847.79. Also that the Highway Tax for the current year has been past due since 30th June amounting to \$44,762.34. There is also in addition 6% interest on past due accounts, as provided by Statute.

The Deputy Provincial Treasurer informs me that he has made several attempts to collect these accounts, but so far without success, hence this appeal to you with a request that you issue instructions to have these amounts paid at the earliest possible moment.

Yours very truly,

E.N. Rhodes  
PREMIER

Halifax, N.S. July 12th, 1926

Mayor J.E. Kenny,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.



Aug. 12th, 1926

Dear Sir:-

HIGHWAY TAX

Thanks very much for your favor of 10th inst., I carefully note what you say as to a claim which the City is making against the Government in respect to Betterment charges, and which claim, apparently, goes back for a number of years.

You will excuse me, I am sure, if I point out to you that the Highway Tax is an assessment levied under Chapter 75 R.S.N.S. 1923, and that this assessment cannot properly be co-ordinated with, or made dependent upon, the payment of outside claims by the City, whether these are disputed or otherwise. It is a specific Tax, levied upon specific authority, and therefore must be paid upon its own merits, solely. We cannot recognise that any extraneous matters have any bearing upon its payment. The Act already referred to lays down the whole law governing the assessment and payment of the Tax, and we have no authority to act otherwise than in accordance with the letter, spirit and intention of that Act. The full amount due as at this date, and which is now so long overdue, should therefore be paid without further delay; and I would be extremely obliged to you if you would kindly take the necessary steps to bring this about.

Incidentally, and in connection with the claims to which you refer, I understand that the Government has always taken the position that it is not liable. If the City considers that its claim is good, I am sure that if it was presented through the proper channel, supported by reference to the particular statutes under which the claim is made, it would again be accorded a careful investigation. But, whatever its merits, it is far removed from other assessments due to the Government under independent Acts, and which must be honoured within their own compass.

Kindly let me hear further from you.

Yours truly,

R. Gordon,  
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL TREASURER

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted.

✓  
STENOGRAPHER'S SALARY CITY  
CLERK'S OFFICE

Read report of the Finance Committee re salary of Miss Reid, Stenographer in the City Clerks Office;

✓  
Hon. E. R. Hoar  
Auditor  
Treasurer  
R. L. Orceon

Aug. 12th, 1926

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, His Worship the Mayor brought to the notice of the Committee that Miss Reid, Stenographer in the City Clerk's Office, had made application to him for an increase to her salary, she being offered a position which would give her a much larger remuneration.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Committee that he had made arrangements with Miss Reid to advance her salary to \$80.00 per month

Your Committee recommend that the action of His Worship the Mayor be concurred in and that Miss Reid be paid a salary at the rate of \$80.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Hubley that the report be adopted.

Motion put and passed nine voting for the same and two against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Weston  
Shannon  
Tobin  
Sanford  
McCarthy  
Hubley  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Robinson. - 9

AGAINST IT

Alderman Smeltzer  
Daw

-2

✓  
HIGHLAND AVENUE SEWER AND WATER  
EXTENSION

Read reports of the Committee on  
Works and City Engineer re Sewer and Water Extension  
Highland Avenue:

Aug. 12th, 1926

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Aug. 11th, 1926

HIGHLAND AVENUE SEWER AND WATER  
EXTENSION

His Worship the Mayor and City  
Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held August 4th, inst., the attached report of the City Engineer re Sewer and Water Extension Highland Avenue was read. Said report re water pipe extension was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

M. A. Hunter  
ASST. CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer 's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Aug. 4th, 1926

HIGHLAND AVENUE-SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached petition for the extension of sewer and water on Highland Avenue, that at present these services extend to the south line of Rector Street on Agricola Street.

Owing to the street lay-out at this location, the sewer and water could not be laid in the same trench. The estimated cost of the sewer is \$975.00 the formation being mostly rock, and the estimated sewerage rates would be \$250.00, The estimated cost of extending the water pipe is \$900.00, and the interest on the out-lay at 6% would be \$54.00

Owing to the fact that our Sewerage Construction fund is small, I cannot at present recommend the construction of the sewer, I would, however, recommend that the water pipe be extended to supply the two houses, provided the owners sign a bond agreeing to pay a yearly rate of \$27.00 for each house.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. JOHNSTON  
CITY ENGINEER

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

*✓  
Engineer  
in charge  
Clerk of Works*

✓  
TAX COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 1926

Read report of the City Auditor covering statement of Tax Collections during July 1926:

City Auditor's Office  
Halifax, N.S.  
Aug. 12th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

RE TAX COLLECTIONS

I attach hereto my Monthly Statement of Tax Collections and outstandings as at 31st July last, and supplement same by the following additional information.

The collections on account of back years taxes during July, including those in respect of the year which ended 30th April last, amounted to \$51,668.18 as compared with \$49,887.08 for the month previous.

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

|      | <u>1925</u>         | <u>1926</u>         |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| May  | \$46,102.64         | \$79,556.71         |
| June | 43,327.42           | 49,887.08           |
| July | 63,397.91           | 51,668.18           |
|      | <u>\$152,827.97</u> | <u>\$181,111.97</u> |

which shows an increase this year of \$28,284.00

The collections on account of the taxes of the Current Civic Year during the month of July amounted to \$460,730.31.

The present indications are that the collections on account of the current years taxes are not so good as last year, a comparison, however, cannot be fairly made until the end of August.

Aug. 12th, 1926

The total arrears of back years taxes at 31st July last will be seen to amount to \$1,902,715.56 of this amount \$1,401,454.43 represents arrears prior to 30th April, 1925 which you will remember were recently funded. I am glad to say that the Sinking Fund in respect of our recent Refunding Loan now amounts to \$60,000.00, which has already been invested in long term Securities to yield about 4.83% per annum. We require a Sinking Fund of about \$486,000.00 by last July, 1931, to amortise the Refunding Loan of \$1,500,000.00 such Sinking Fund to be invested from that date to yield 4% per annum so that matters in this regard are at present progressing favourably.

The question that calls for greatest concern is the fact of the large sum of \$501,261.13 still remaining outstanding for last year, which has been borrowed from the Bank. It must be borne in mind that whatever amount of same is not eventually collected, except for a small reserve, will have to be met by additional taxation at a later date. In this connection it will be seen that after the lapse of over a year since 30th April 1925, there still remains uncollected \$281,806.91 of the years taxes ending that date.

On the assumption of our experience of the last two years, unless general conditions change and there is a considerable improvement in tax collections, a year hence I estimate the City will owe its Bankers approximately the large sum of \$750,000.00 in respect of arrears of taxes for the two years 1925-1926 and 1926-1927. It must be remembered that the City cannot expect to again resort to a Refunding Loan to liquidate borrowings on account of tax arrears. This is a very serious outlook and one which should be dealt with now, before the lapse of time brings about such a situation, by using every possible means of augmenting collections.

Respectfully submitted

H.F. Glass,  
CITY AUDITOR.

STATEMENT AS TO TAX COLLECTIONS

General Tax Arrears prior to 30th April 1924

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Balance as at 30th June 1926   | \$1,166,582.34             |
| <u>Less</u>  |                            |
| Cash Collections during month of July  | \$ 17,680.88               |
| Written off to Reserve Acct & Theakston Defalcation Acct.                    | <u>29,253.94</u>           |
|  | <u>46,934.82</u>           |
| Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31st July 1926, Years Prior to 30th April 1924 | <u><u>1,213,517 16</u></u> |



Aug. 12th, 1926

General Tax Arrears for year ending 30th April 1925

|  |             |                     |
|--|-------------|---------------------|
| Balance as at 30th June 1926                             |             | \$291,952.72        |
| Less   |             |                     |
| Cash Collections during month of July                    | \$10,138.33 |                     |
| Written off to Reserve Account                           | 7.48        | <u>10,145.81</u>    |
| Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 July 1926, year 1924-25 |             | <u>\$281,806.91</u> |

General Tax Arrears for year ending 30 April 1926

|   |             |                     |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Balance as at 30th June 1926                            |             | \$528,374.56        |
| Less  |             |                     |
| Cash Collections during month of July                   | \$23,848.97 |                     |
| Adjustments for year in respect School Rebates etc.     | 3,264.46    | <u>27,113.43</u>    |
| Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 July 1926 year 1925-26 |             | <u>\$501,261.13</u> |

Total Arrears of Back Years Taxes as above

\$1,902,715.56

General Taxes for Civic Year which commenced 1st May 1926

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Balance as at 30th June 1926                            | \$1,808,050.14        |
| Less Cash Collections during month of July              | <u>460,730.31</u>     |
| Total Taxes outstanding 31st July 1926 for Current Year | <u>\$1,347,319.83</u> |

Poll Tax for Current Year ending 30th April 1927

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Total Estimate for year<br>(No Collections yet as only just due) | <u>\$4,500.00</u> |
|--|-------------------|

Dog Tax Current Year ending 30th April 1927

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Total Estimated outstanding 30th June 1926     | 234.00           |
| Cash Collections during month of July          | <u>606.00</u>    |
| Total Collected in Excess of Estimate for Year | <u>\$ 372.00</u> |

Apr. 12th, 1926

WATER RATES & TAXES

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Total outstanding as at 30th June 1926                                 | \$123,408.98        |
| Add  |                     |
| Meter Rates and rentals half year to April 30th, 1926 less adjustments | \$49,059.53         |
| Estimated Pipe & Bond rates for year 1926-27                           | 75,000.00           |
| Monthly charges  | <u>1,203.00</u>     |
|  | 125,262.53          |
|  | <u>\$248,671.51</u> |
| <u>Less</u>  |                     |
| Cash Collections during month of July                                  | <u>39,565.60</u>    |
| Total outstanding Water Rates 31 July 1926                             | <u>\$209,105.91</u> |
| <br>   |                     |
| Total Collections on Account of the above Rates and Taxes              | <u>\$552,570.09</u> |

FILED

✓  
DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor covering  
Departmental Appropriations as at June 30th 1926:

City Auditor's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Aug. 12th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council

Dear Sirs:-

I enclose herewith Statements of the various Departmental Appropriations as at June 30th, copies of which have already been supplied the different Departments.

Yours truly,

H. F. Glass,  
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

( Alderman Halliday here arrives and  
takes his seat in Council )



Aug. 12th, 1926

✓  
QUESTION BY MEMBERS  
ALDERMAN HUBLEY'S ENQUIRY RE SALARY ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR

Read opinion of the City Solicitor re salary of the Assistant Building Inspector for the month of May and part of June:-

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 10th, 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to Alderman Hubley's enquiry as to the payment of the salary of the Assistant Building Inspector for the month of May and part of the month of June, I beg to say that the matter appears to me to be settled by the Resolution which provided "that Mr. Fegan be re-appointed as Assistant Building Inspector as and from the 1st May, 1926, at the same salary paid him during the past year".

Yours very truly,

F.H. Bell,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

FILED

✓  
NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOBIN  
RE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR

Read notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Tobin at a meeting of this Council held on the 15th day of July last in re the appointment of an Assistant City Solicitor:

RESOLVED that the Resolution of Council passed at a meeting held on June 24th last adopting the report of the Finance Committee in reference to the appointment of an assistant City Solicitor be now rescinded.

Moved by Alderman Tobin, seconded by  
Alderman Daw.

Motion put and passed twelve voting for the same and one against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston  
Shannon  
Tobin  
Sanford  
Halliday  
McCarthy  
Rains  
O'Toole  
Smeltzer  
Robinson  
Daw. -12

Alderman Hubley

-1-

Alderman Tobin submits the following Resolution:-

RESOLVED that a Committee be appointed consisting of His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Weston, Shannon, Hubley and O'Toole, to discuss with the City Solicitor the question of His retirement from Office, and to report back to this Council at its next regular meeting

Moved by Alderman Tobin, seconded by Alderman Halliday, and passed unanimously the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same:

Aldermen Weston, Shannon, Tobin, Halliday, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Smeltzer, Robinson and Daw.

*Mayor* ✓

MISS GEORGINA JOHNSTON, NURSE CITY HOME

His Worship the Mayor submits and reads a letter he had received from Miss Georgina Johnston, late nurse at the City Home in reference to her dismissal:

Halifax, N.S. Aug. 12 1926

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I was employed as a nurse at the City Home from May 1925 to July 31st, 1926. I always thought

I was giving entire satisfaction to the Superintendent. I know the Matron was satisfied with my services as nurse and never had cause to complain of my work.

I did not know that there were any complaints against me until Mr. Buchanan requested me at 2.30 p.m. July 22nd, to be at the home at 4 p.m. as the Committee was meeting, and I may be required there. I may say that this was my day off. I returned to the City Home at 4 o'clock as requested and was waiting in my room to be called. I was not called before the Committee, but was informed by Mr. Buchanan, after the meeting, that the Committee's orders were for me to hand in my resignation. I asked Mr. Buchanan what I had done and the only answer was "that it was the orders of the Committee" I later found that the Superintendent had made charges against me in my absence and I was given no opportunity to hear them or defend myself. I was later requested by the Superintendent to hand in my keys as I was discharged.

I am appealing to you for fair play and justice, and request of you and hope that you will see that I have an opportunity to appear before your Committee and hear the charges made against me and given an opportunity to defend myself. I understand that my services were entirely satisfactory to the Matron and that she was greatly surprised when she found that I was dealt with in such a cruel manner.

I am appealing to you to see that justice is done in my case.

Respectfully yours

Georgina Johnston.

The following Resolution is submitted:

RESOLVED that the Charities Committee be and are hereby requested to call a Special meeting and comply with the request as stated in Miss Georgina Johnston's letter.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by

*Geo. Weston  
J. H. Buchanan*

Alderman Tobin and passed.

9.50 p.m. O'clock

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by

Alderman Tobin that this meeting do now adjourn.

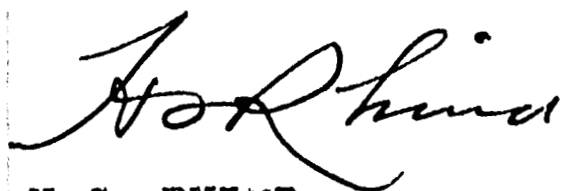
Motion passed.

Aug. 12th, 1926

LIST OF HEADLINES

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Works Dept. Accounts   | 206 |
| General Accounts   | 207 |
| Fire Dept. Accounts  | 207 |
| Gardens Parks and Common Accounts                              | 208 |
| City Home and T.B.Hospital Accounts                            | 209 |
| City Health Board Accounts                                     | 209 |
| Camp Hill Cemetery Accounts                                    | 210 |
| City Prison Accounts   | 211 |
| Citizens Free Library Accounts                                 | 211 |
| Police Department Accounts                                     | 212 |
| Monastery of Good Shepherd Grant                               | 213 |
| Tax Defalcation Account, N & M. Smith                          | 215 |
| Loans for various purposes \$44,000.00                         | 217 |
| J.J.Lewington Dismissal  | 219 |
| Refund J.J. Lewington  | 219 |
| Resignation Mrs. Mary McDonald, Matron City Home               | 221 |
| Superannuation Mrs. Mary McDonald.                             | 222 |
| City Home and T.B.Hospital monthly report July                 | 224 |
| Coal Weighers monthly report July 1926                         | 225 |
| Printing Voters Lists  | 225 |
| Provincial Highway Tax   | 227 |
| Stenographer's Salary City Clerk's Office                      | 229 |
| Highland Avenue Sewer and Water Extension.                     | 230 |
| Tax Collections for July 1926                                  | 232 |
| Departmental appropriations                                    | 235 |
| Question by Members  | 236 |
| Notice of Motion by Alderman Tobin re-<br>Asst. City Solicitor | 236 |
| Miss Georgina Johnston, Nurse City Home                        | 237 |

Meeting adjourned



H. S. RHIND  
CITY CLERK

J. B. Kenny  
MAYOR

