

EVENING                      SESSION

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Feb., 17th 1927.

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, Halliday, McDuff, Gastonguay, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, Power, O'Toole, Drysdale, Smeltzer, Daw and Robinson.

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

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NAVY LEAGUE BUILDING ASSESSMENT

His Worship the Mayor informs the Council that a Delegation is in attendance who wish to address the meeting on the subject of taxation of the Navy League Building, corner of Barrington and South Streets.

By unanimous consent of Council the Delegation is permitted to address the meeting.

The Council is addressed by Mr. O.B. Smith, Solicitor for the Committee of the Navy League, who asked that the property of the Navy League be assessed only for the amount which the land on which the building is erected cost in 1920, which then was assessed for \$15,000.00.

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He stated that the League was very much in need of funds, that it was solely a charitable institution, had no revenue except voluntary subscriptions from the supporters of the Navy Leagues throughout Canada.

Mr. A.J. Davis also addressed the meeting on the same lines and stated that the League would be satisfied if a valuation of \$20,000.00 was fixed by the Assessors for taxation purposes.

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman Hubley that this matter be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for report. Motion passed.

*and Russell  
Clerk*

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WAR MEMORIAL SITE

Read report of the Committee of Works on the application of the Citizens War Memorial Committee for a site for the War Memorial on the Grand Parade:

Halifax, N.S.

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His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Your Worship, and Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Halifax Citizens' War Memorial Committee, held at the Board of Trade Rooms on Thursday, the third instant, it was finally decided that the most desirable site for War Memorial for the City of Halifax is on the Parade, and I was instructed to write you requesting that you give the Halifax Citizens' War Memorial Committee permission and authority to erect a War Memorial on the Parade.

Inasmuch as it is desired to proceed with the erection of this Monument at the earliest possible date, I will be greatly obliged if you will

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give consideration to this request, and advise me early as possible.

Respectfully yours,

M.B. Archibald  
CONVENOR  
CITIZENS WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 10, 27.

WAR MEMORIAL SITE

His Worship the Mayor and  
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 9th instant, a communication from M.B. Archibald, convenor of the War Memorial Committee, was submitted and Mr. Archibald himself also addressed the Committee.

It was moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the request of the Memorial Committee for a site on the Parade be approved and recommended to Council, the location of the site to be subject to the approval of the City Engineer and the Works Committee. Motion carried Alderman Hubley dissenting.

The letter from the War Memorial Committee is herewith attached.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted, the exact location to be subject to the approval of the City Engineer and Committee on Works. Motion passed

*Engineer  
M.B. Archibald*

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UNION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

Read circular letter of S. Baker, Secretary -Treasurer Union Canadian Municipalities in reference to the work of the Union, and covering an account of \$120.00 subscription fee to the Union;

Referred to Finance Committee.

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STREET PAVING

Alderman Power informs the Council that a Delegation of Ratepayers from Ward 5 are in attendance and would like an opportunity of addressing Council on the subject of Street Paving Assessment.

By unanimous consent of Council permission is given for the Delegation to address the meeting.

Mrs. Jas A. Lindsay addressed the Council on the subject of street paving assessment and submitted a draft amendment to the City Charter in reference to the same.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Power that this matter be referred to the Laws & Privileges Committee for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley seconded by Alderman Daw that the order of business be suspended to permit Alderman Robertson to submit a Resolution. Motion passed.

*Ald. Robertson  
C. Clerk*

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Alderman Robinson submits the following Resolution:

WHEREAS by Sub-Sections 1 and 2 of Section 607 of the City Charter it is provided that:

"(1) Upon the completion of the Work of paving the Engineer shall make a plan of the street, or portion of the Street, so paved, showing the frontage thereon of each property, and the name of the owner of each property. He shall also make a list of the owners of such properties, with the frontages of each property and the amount due in respect to each property, and shall file such plan and list in his office.

"(2) Upon such plan and list being completed and filed, the same shall in any action or proceeding be conclusive evidence of the liability of every person named therein, in respect to each property of which he is stated to be the owner, for the amount stated in respect to each such property.

AND WHEREAS in a certain suit in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia between the City of Halifax and Thomas Robinson to recover payment of charges assessed against the said Thomas Robinson for paving Almon Street, it was conclusively shown that certain charges amounting to a large sum of money were included in said assessment which were not properly chargeable to the abutters on said street;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Mr. Justice Carroll has recently decided in said suit that the Defendant was precluded from disputing the amount of said charges by reason of sub-section 2 of section 607 of said City Charter;

AND WHEREAS the Citizens of Halifax have no appeal from the decision of the City Engineer fixing the amount payable by the Abutters of streets paved by the City of Halifax, and have no redress whatever in the event of an improper assessment;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council do apply to the Legislature of Nova Scotia at its present sitting to have said sub-section 2 of Section 607 of the City Charter repealed or amended in such a way as to permit the validity of such assessments to be enquired into by the Courts.

Moved by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that said Resolution be referred to the Laws & Privileges Committee for report.  
Motion passed.

*Ans Russell  
Clerk*

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Alderman Tobin here arrives and  
takes his seat in Council.

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HOUSING COMMISSION-FUNDS

Read letter Housing Commission in  
reference to paying over of funds to the Provincial  
Government;

Office of the Housing Commission,  
of the City of Halifax  
January 20th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to my letter of  
July 23rd, and the resolution of City Council of  
August 3rd, 1926. I have been instructed by the  
Chairman to advise you that the statement of account  
as requested from the Provincial Government of Nova  
Scotia has not yet been received by the Commission.

Under protest, the Commission is  
now forwarding payment of funds, at their disposal,  
to the Provincial Treasurer, and, owing to the ex-  
pediency of the matter, I have been asked to say  
that any further action which might be taken by you  
to facilitate procuring such statement would be  
very much appreciated by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted

E.K. Fielding,  
SECRETARY.

Referred to the Finance Committee  
for report. ✓

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Read letter United Brotherhood of  
Carpenters and Joiners of America in reference to a  
fair-wage clause being inserted in all contracts  
for the construction of the proposed Provincial Ex -

*Read to  
Council*

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Exhibition building and other matters

Halifax, N.S. Feb. 5-27

Mayor and Aldermen  
for the City of Halifax.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Carpenters and Joiners of Halifax held in the Board of Trade Rooms, I was instructed to write and ask you if you would have the matter of the building of the Exhibition brought up at the Council meeting with the Aldermen, and have a clause inserted in the contract agreement.

That the contractor be bound in contract to pay Union rate of wages also a forty -four hour work as worked by all Trades in Halifax City at present.

And that Local Labor be employed as far as possible, contracts from outside figure on this work cheaper with the intention of paying much lower wages and hire outside Labor.

Work has been very dull for several months and as you know there are a number of outside men or drifters as we would call them, who take advantage of such times as these who do not pay into the City Revenue. We would ask you to give Local Labor the preference.

We would ask you and the Aldermen to take this matter up and try and help us out which will better the condition in the City of Halifax. The same can be applied to the new Hotel before any concession can be granted. As you know this is the only City where any person can come in and not pay a head tax which is unfair to our workmen.

Sgd. Raymond Webber, Pres.

" Wm.T.Hiscock , Rec.Secty.

Moved by Alderman Day, seconded by Alderman Weston, that this letter be referred to the City's representatives on the Exhibition Commission. Motion passed.

*Mayor  
Aldermen  
W. Jones  
Robinson  
& Charles*

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DARTMOUTH FERRY TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Read letter Dartmouth Ferry Commission asking the City Council to nominate a Special Committee to confer with a Committee of the County Council and the Ferry Commission on matters relating to Ferry Transportation.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Daw that the request be complied with and that His Worship the Mayor nominate a Committee to deal with this matter. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as a Special Committee, Aldermen Weston, Halliday, Gastonguay, Rains, Drysdale, and Smeltzer.

Approved

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COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following named Aldermen to be a Special Committee to watch the progress of the City's bills through the Legislature:

Aldermen Russell  
Tobin  
McCarthy  
Robinson.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Aldermen O'Toole be added to this Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer seconded by Alderman Daw that Alderman Hubley be added to the Committee. Motion passed.



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The nominations of His Worship the Mayor to the Committee, with the addition of Aldermen O'Toole and Hubley are approved.

*See Russell  
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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$7,376.23:

Halifax, N.S. Feb. 16-27

Accounts-Works and Water Dept.

His Worship the Mayor and  
City Council.

Sirs:

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

Works Dept-	Capital	\$152.85	
	Current	<u>6904.71</u>	\$7057.56
Water "	Capital	.53	
	Maintenance	<u>1318.14</u>	<u>1318.67</u>
			<u>\$8376.23</u>

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Shannon, 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 \$6,665.45:

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Committee Room,  
City Hall, Feb. 9th, 1927

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 \$665.45 was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

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NOTICE OF MOTION- RE ROBIE STREET  
AND QUINPOOL ROAD BEING PLACED UNDER THE NOVA  
SCOTIA HIGHWAY BOARD

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that item No. 48 of the Agenda i.e., Alderman Power's Notice of Motion relating to request that the Nova Scotia Highway Board take over Robie Street from the Willow Tree to Fairview, and Quinpool Road from Willow Tree to North West Arm, be now taken up, and referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for report. Motion passed.

*And Russell  
Clerk*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

Read report Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$11,169.58:

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Committee Room, City Hall,

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His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached list of accounts amounting in all to \$11,169.58 were submitted, passed as correct and recommend to the City Council for payment.

Fire Alarm Maintenance	\$377.43
Fire Department.	10,792.15
	<u>\$11,169.58</u>

Respectfully submitted

James Halliday  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Halliday seconded by Alderman Shannon that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$15,248.49:

Police Committee  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 16-27

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this day, the following accounts amounting to \$15,248.49 were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted

J. B. Kenny  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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Moved by Alderman Daw, 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 \$6,912.90, and to the T.B. Hospital \$2,198.48:-

Halifax, N.S. Feb. 15-27

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 Sanford, Daw, Hubley, Drysdale and Gastonguay.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS, JANY. 1927 AMOUNT \$6912.90

City Home accounts for the month of January 1927 amounting to \$6912.90 are recommended for payment.

T.B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, JANY. 1927 AMOUNT \$2198.48

City Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of January 1927 amounting to \$2198.48 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

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

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CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,899.06;

Halifax, N.S. Feb. 16-27

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, February 16th, 1927, the following named accounts amounting to \$1,899.06 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 Shannon that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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GARDENS PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens \$394.73, and to the Fleming Park \$61.52;

Mayor's Office,  
Feb. 9th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens Parks and Common held this day the attached list of accounts- chargeable to Public Gardens \$394.73 and to Fleming Park \$61.52- were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted

J.B. Kenny  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

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CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison  
Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting  
to \$953.98:

Halifax, N.S. Feb. 9th, 1927

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 \$953.98 was passed as  
correct and recommended to the City Council for  
payment.

Your Committee submit the  
report of the Governor for the month of January  
showing there were thirty-two inmates—twenty five  
males and seven 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.

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CAMP HILL CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

Read report Camp Hill  
Cemetery Committee recommending for payment accounts  
amounting to \$252.40:

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Committee Room, City Hall  
February 8th, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to Two Hundred and Fifty Two Dollars and Forty (\$252.40) Cents, chargeable to Camp Hill Cemetery were submitted, passed as correct 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.

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TRAMWAY-VALUATION ACCOUNT:

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts of C.F. Fowler, and Joseph Preston for services in connection with the Tramway valuation before the Public Utilities Board;

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
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His Worship the Mayor and  
Council:

Dear Sirs:

A meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached accounts of Messrs. Preston and Fowler for services rendered to the City on the Tramway Valuation in August 1922- John Preston \$96.50 and Mr. Fowler \$97.22 - total \$173.72, were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

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These accounts will be paid out of a balance remaining in a fund from a loan of \$3,000.00 borrowed for this purpose and authorized by the Acts of 1922, Chapter 54, Section 17.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN.

*Auditor* ✓  
Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded by Alderman McDuff that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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EASTERN TRUST COMPANY, ACCOUNT

Read report of the Finance Committee in reference to account of the Eastern Trust Company for services in connection with the foreclosure sale of the property of F.W. Smith, Spring Garden Road:-

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
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His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached account of the Eastern Trust Company \$50.00 for services in connection with the foreclosure sale of property of F.W. Smith, Spring Garden Road, was recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN



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*Amended or*  
Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded  
by Alderman Power that the report be adopted, and  
account paid. Motion passed.

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CITY OF HALIFAX vs FAIRBANKS ESTATE

Read report of the Finance Committee  
in reference to letter of Messrs. Linklaters and Paines  
with regard to engaging Senior Counsel to look after  
the City's interests in the appeal pending before  
the Privy Council in the suit of the City of Halifax  
vs Fairbanks Estate;

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
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His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance  
Committee held this day, the attached letter of  
Messrs. Linklaters and Paines with regard to engaging  
Senior Counsel to look after the City's interests  
in the appeal pending before the Privy Council in the  
suit of the City of Halifax vs Fairbanks Estate,  
was under consideration.

Your Committee recommend that the  
City Solicitor be instructed to proceed to England  
to act as Senior Counsel for the City on this appeal,  
and that allowance for expenses do not exceed seven  
hundred and fifty dollars.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

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London, E.C. 4,  
23 Nov. 1926

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

Dear Sir:-

City of Halifax v Fairbanks Estate

We have to thank you for your letter of the 9th inst., and enclosures. We have also to acknowledge receipt of the copies of the Charter and pamphlet containing the consolidation of the tax law contained in a separate cover.

We note what you say with regard to Counsel. We should be glad to have your instructions on this point as soon as possible, for, if we employ Senior Counsel here to appear on the hearing of the Appeal, he will expect also to have the draft case submitted to him for revision and, as you will, no doubt, desire to get the case lodged without delay, it is desirable that we should be able to select our Senior Counsel if one is to be employed, as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,  
Linklaters & Paines

Moved by Alderman Weston, seconded  
by Alderman Tobin that the report be adopted. Motion  
passed. Alderman Daw dissenting.

*Solicitor  
Auditor*

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TAX EXEMPTION-MOIRS LIMITED

Read report Finance Committee in  
re application of Moirs Limited for extension of  
their Act exempting their lands, buildings, plant,  
machinery, stock in trade and other personal property  
in the City of Halifax from the increased valuation  
for taxation, covering Draft Act.

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Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
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His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached application of Moirs Limited for extension of their Act exempting their lands, buildings, plant machinery, stock in trade and other personal property in the City of Halifax, used for the purpose of their business, from an increased valuation for taxation was under consideration.

Your Committee instructed the City Solicitor to draft an Act along the lines of the application made by Moirs Limited, a copy of which is hereto attached. After consideration by your Committee the same was approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted

B. A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

AN ACT RESPECTING THE ASSESSMENT OF MOIRS  
LIMITED  
IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:

1. The lands, buildings, plant, machinery, stock in trade and other personal property in the City of Halifax standing in the name of Moirs Limited on the 15th day of February, 1927, and used by that Company exclusively for the purposes of its business shall be annually assessed and rated at the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty One Thousand ( \$231,000 ) Dollars for a period of Twenty five years beginning on the 30th day of April 1927.
2. If during the said period the Company acquires any additional lands or buildings in the City, the assessed value of the same at the date of such acquisition shall be added to the amount of such assessment.
3. The Company shall not be liable to pay any business tax in respect to any part of the Property so standing in its name at the date aforesaid or on any property thereafter acquired, except on the retail shop now occupied by it on Gottingen Street on which it shall pay a business tax on such

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valuation as is determined from time to time by the City Assessor, and if the Company at any time hereafter establishes any other retail shop in the City, it shall pay a business tax in respect to each such shop on a valuation from time to time fixed by the Assessor.

4. The said Company shall for a period of twenty years beginning on the 30th day of April 1932 be entitled free of charge to Five Million Gallons of water yearly, and for any excess used over that quantity the Company shall pay the meter rates chargeable from time to time and applicable to the total consumption of water.

5. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to exempt the Company from any charge or assessment for a sewer, paving or other betterment charge, or fire protection water rate.

6. This Act shall cease and determine if the Company fails within five years from 1st January 1927, to make an expenditure of not less than four hundred thousand dollars on buildings, extensions and improvements within the City.

Moved by Alderman Weston,

seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted and the Draft Act approved. Motion passed unanimously.

*Solomon  
Mans 240*

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FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE  
PURCHASE OF LINE WIRE

Read report Committee of Fire wards re purchase of line wire for the Fire Alarm Maintenance Department.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Jan. 12th, 1927

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached report of the City Electrician re the purchase of one mile line wire was submitted.

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Your Committee recommend that the report of City Electrician be adopted and that wire be purchased at an approximate cost of \$64.70.

Respectfully submitted

H.E. Rains  
CHAIRMAN

*Conductor  
Electrician*

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

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

Read report of the Finance Committee on application of the City Health Board for approval of tentative plans for the proposed Infectious Diseases Hospital and for Legislation authorizing a loan not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the purpose of erecting and equipping same:

City Health Board,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 12-27

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At the last regular meeting of the City Health Board plans for a new Isolation Hospital as submitted by Major Gates, Architect, were approved.

The Board directed me to submit a copy of plans to you with the recommendation that they be adopted, estimated cost \$100,000, this to include architect fees and furnishings necessary for the building and further that Major Gates be appointed architect for the building.

The Board recommends that in the event that the plans are approved legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature to borrow the amount of money required so that the building may be started and completed before the end of 1927.

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Copy of plans as approved by the Board are submitted under separate cover.

Respectfully yours

Arthur C. Pettipas  
SECRETARY C.H.B.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Health Board asking approval of the tentative plans of Major H.E. Gates, Architect, for proposed Infectious Diseases Hospital to be erected on the City Home Property; also for Legislation authorizing a loan not to exceed \$100,000. for the purpose of erecting and equipping the same, was under consideration.

Your Committee recommend that Legislation be obtained authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$100,000.00 for the purposes mentioned.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

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

*Solicitor*

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CITY ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the purchase of office equipment for the City Assessor's Office at an approximate cost of \$300.00:

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Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
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His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached application of the City Assessor for an appropriation of \$300.00 to purchase a cabinet to take care of poll tax assessments was read.

Your Committee recommend that the application be granted, and that the sum be taken out of Printing and Stationery appropriation for 1926-27.

Respectfully submitted

B.A. Weston,  
CHAIRMAN

Referred back to Finance Committee  
for further consideration and reports

*Read Weston  
check*

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TAX COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 1927

Read report of the City Auditor  
covering statement of collection of taxes and other  
revenue during the month of January 1927:-

City Auditor's office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Dear Sirs:-

RE TAX COLLECTIONS

I attach hereto my usual monthly  
report of Tax Collections for the month of January,

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and the outstandings as at 31st January last, and submit the following further information in regard to this important matter.

The Collections on account of back years taxes during the month under review amounted to \$43,576.16 as compared with \$28,179.30 for the month of December.

The following statement will enable you to compare the collections on account of back years taxes this year with the corresponding period last year:

	<u>1925-26</u>	<u>1926-27</u>
Collections 8 months to December 31st.	\$392,590.85	\$372,708.02
January Collections	41,719.17	43,576.16
	<u>\$434,310.02</u>	<u>\$416,284.18</u>

which shows that the collections of back years taxes for the nine months ending 31st January last are \$18,025.84 less than the corresponding period of the previous year.

I have already called your attention to the falling off in the Collection of back years taxes during the last few months.

The collections on account of Taxes of the Current Civic Year during January amounted to \$29,765.53 which compares with last year as follows:

	<u>1925-26</u>	<u>1926-27</u>
Collections 8 months to December 31st.	1,164,322.37	\$1,202,532.30
January Collections	30,892.50	29,765.53
	<u>\$1,195,304.87</u>	<u>\$1,232,297.83</u>

which shows an increase this year of \$36,992.96 for the nine months ending January 31st last.

It will therefore be noted that there is a net increase this year of \$18,967.12 in the Collections of both back and current years general taxes for the nine months to 31st January last as compared with last year.



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I have on several occasions informed you that the City is again accumulating a large indebtedness to its Bankers for the ultimate retirement of which it relies on the Collection of Tax Arrears. It appears to be very questionable if the tax arrears will eventually be sufficient to retire the Bank indebtedness judging from the fact that after the lapse of close upon two years there is still \$244,774.07 outstanding of the taxes for the year ending 30th April 1925, with collections for last month of \$7,108.52 and \$398,888.37 for the year ending 30th April 1926 with collections for January of \$14,625.41; and the collections for the Current year are in an equally unsatisfactory condition.

It is therefore reasonable to assume that, unless the Collector's Department can very materially improve on present Collections, each year the City is deceiving itself by making tax levies it cannot under present conditions collect, and thereby accumulating a large sum which at some future time it will have to meet. I think it is out of the question to expect to again resort to a refunding scheme for tax arrears and consequently the amounts not collected will have to be provided by including same in future estimates. I must impress on you the seriousness of this situation as the sums to be so provided are likely to be large, and furthermore, our provisions are increasing each year apart from any provision in this regard. It therefore seems apparent that the progress made by the Collector's Department at present, is too slow to effectively cope with the situation.

Yours faithfully,

H.F. Glass,

CITY AUDITOR.

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTIONS AS AT  
31st JANUARY  
1927

General Tax Arrears prior to 30th April 1924

Balance as at 31 Dec. 1926		\$1,043,696.22
<u>Less</u>		
Cash Collections month of January 1927	\$21,842.23	
Written off to De- falcation acct. and Reserve	610.38	22,452.61
Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 January 1927 Prior to April 30th, 1924		<u>\$1,021,243.61</u>

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General Tax Arrears Year ending 30th April 1925

Balance as at 31 December 1926	\$251,882.59
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections month of January 1927	<u>7,108.52</u>

Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31st January 1927 Year 1924-25 \$244,774.07

General Tax Arrears Year ending 30th April 1926

Balance as at 31 December 1926	\$413,621.58
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections month of January 1927	\$14,625.41
Written off to Reserve	<u>107.80</u>
	<u>14,733.21</u>

Total Tax Arrears outstanding 31 January 1927 Year 1925-26 \$398,888.37

Total Arrears of Back Years general taxes at 31 January 1927 as above \$1,664,906.05

General Tax Arrears for Current Year ending 30th April 1927

Balance as at 31 December 1926	685,132.53
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of January 1927	\$29,765.53
Written off to Reserve	<u>14.58</u>
	<u>29,780.11</u>
<u>Total Taxes outstanding 31 January 1927 for current year ending 30th April 1927</u>	<u>\$655,352.42</u>

Poll Tax for Current Year ending 30th April 1927

Total Estimated outstanding 31 Dec. 1926	1,948.00
<u>Less</u>	
Cash Collections during month of January 1927	<u>131.00</u>
<u>Total Estimated Poll Tax outstanding 31st January 1927 year ending 30th April 1927</u>	<u>\$1,817.00</u>

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Dog Tax year ending 30th April 1927

Total Collected in excess of estimates  
for year as at 31 December 1926 \$509.05

Water Rates & Taxes

Total outstanding at 31 Dec. 1926 \$189, 209.05

Add

Balance of Meter Rates for half year  
ending 31st Oct. 1926 \$7,914.11  
Monthly charges 1,626.45 9, 540.56  
\$198, 749.61

Less

Cash Collections during month of  
January, 1927 26, 324.27  
Total Water Rates outstanding 31  
January 1927 \$172, 425.34

Total Collections on account of above  
rates and taxes for month of January 1927 \$ 99,796.96

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DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor covering  
Departmental Appropriations as at December 31st 1926:

City Auditor's Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 16-27

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Dear Sirs:-

I enclose herewith the usual monthly  
statements of Appropriations, copies of which have  
already been supplied to the heads of the different  
Departments.

Yours truly,

H.F. Glass,  
CITY AUDITOR.

filed

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CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of January 1927, showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 270 and the number of patients in the T.B. Hospital to be 47.

FILED.

✓  
REPORT COAL WEIGHERS FOR JANUARY

Read report A.H. Gullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers showing that the amount of fees paid to the Permanent Weighers during the month of January 1927 to be \$88.27 each.

FILED

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ACCEPTANCE OF UNGRADED STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re proposed Legislation amending the Charter re acceptance of ungraded streets:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 10-27

MINUTE OF COUNCIL RE ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS

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 Minute of Council re proposed Legislation amending the City Charter re acceptance of ungraded streets. The report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption Alderman Daw dissenting.

Respectfully submitted

A. F. Messervey  
CLERK OF WORKS

Feb. 17th, 1927.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Feb. 8th, 1927

ACCEPTANCE OF UNGRADED STREETS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am instructed by the Committee on Works to report on a proposed amendment to Section 602 of the City Charter, which was recommended to the City Council by the Laws and privileges Committee and referred by the Council to the Committee on Works for consideration and report;

"RESOLVED that Section 602 City Charter be amended by striking out said Section and substituting the following:-  
"That the City Council may by a majority vote instruct the City Engineer to make an estimate of the cost of grading any street, that is not now a City Street and on receipt of his (City Engineer's ) report, City Council may by a majority vote authorize City Engineer to proceed with necessary grading and on completion thereof City Shall take said street or streets over"

Previous to 1896 it was the custom to accept streets when laid out and deeded to the City by the owner, even in cases where there were few if any buildings abutting on them. When buildings were built a demand arose for the City to improve and maintain these streets, throwing a burden on the annual appropriation which it was unable to bear. In that year an Act was passed that "no street shall be dedicated or conveyed to the City until the same has been properly graded" Later on in 1907 an amendment was made providing that at the request of persons owning not less than two-thirds of the property fronting on any street, the City might grade the street and charge the whole cost to the owner, the law stands the same to-day. Since its passage, streets have been so graded at the expense of the owner and taken over by the City. The grading required to be done has only been the forming of the roadway, gutters and sidewalks and has not included any surfacing or other improvements. Wherever possible the City has aided in the work by depositing ashes and street sweepings and other waste materials when it had them to spare.

There are about forty miles of un-accepted streets in the City of which approximately twenty miles are opened and built upon to a greater or less extent.

If the proposed amendment passes there will probably be an immediate and insistent demand for the City to grade and take over a large proportion of these twenty miles, and as no principle of selection is laid down in the resolution it is difficult to understand how discrimination can be made between applicants from different streets.

No accurate estimate of the cost of grading these streets has been made, but it may be reasonably assumed that it will not be less than \$50,000 and when the work is done and the streets accepted, the cost of maintenance must be borne by the City, which will necessitate a greatly increased annual appropriation for street purposes.

The question would appear to be not the acceptance of new streets at an increased cost to the City, but whether with the limited amount of money at present available for the maintenance of existing City Streets more stringent regulations should not be imposed before accepting dedication of any new streets:

The condition of several of our streets is susceptible for considerable improvement and until this is made the extra burden of construction and maintenance of the increased mileage, which would result if the proposed change in the law were made, should not be undertaken until the City's finances are in a better state to assume it.

For these reasons and others that might be given, it is recommended that the Committee do not approve of the suggested change in the existing law.

Respectfully submitted  
H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

FILED

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WATER METER BILL HALIFAX SHIP YARDS

Read report of the Committee on  
Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bills Halifax  
Ship Yards:

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City Engineer's Office,  
Feb. 15th, 1927

Halifax Shipyards Limited  
Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a claim from the Halifax Ship Yards for a reduction in their water bill for the period ending October 1926 and also in the meter readings for the subsequent months to January that the records show the following monthly consumption.

1926	April	1-	1,394,000
	May	1	5,749,600
	June	1	7,140,400
	July	2	6,522,000
	Aug.	2	6,779,000
	Sept.	1	7,475,000
	Oct.	1	6,895,000
	Nov.	1	7,931,000
	Dec.	1	6,803,000
1927	Jan.	3	2,558,000
	Feb.	3	784,000

The average water consumption during the year 1925 was 224,600 gallons per month. It will be seen that from May to December in 1926 the consumption averaged more than 6,000,000 gallons a month.

The meter through which the water is supplied to the Shipyards is located in a large meter box on Barrington Street, and the card showing the monthly readings of the meter is hung up in this box. Formerly it was the custom for an employee of the Shipyards to go with our meter reader when the meter was read, but for some time this practice has been discontinued, so that the first notice the Shipyards received of the large consumption was when the October bill was sent out. Immediately it came to their attention they asked to have the meter tested and it was found to register correctly. They then made a survey of their premises for leaks and found and repaired several, the result of which is seen in the January and February consumption.

There appears to be little doubt but that immediately on notice being received, the Shipyards took measures to reduce the waste, the only point is that the large consumption was allowed to continue through out the eight months due to the card not being read by the Shipyard Officials, and for this reason I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted

H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

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City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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WATER ACCOUNT-HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LTD.

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water consumption at the Halifax Shipyards Account No. 60376, The period complained of being for nine months ending January 3rd, 1927. As stated in his report the large consumption was due to a leak on private premises.

Mr. Nelson, Manager, was present and addressed the Committee and in view of the special circumstances connected with the case, it was decided by the Committee to recommend to Council that the consumption for each of the nine months referred to, be reduced to 2,500,000 gallons per month.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by

*Amended  
Council  
City of Works*  
Alderman Gastonguay that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

✓  
WATER METER BILL No. 73 Edward St.

Read report of the Committee on  
Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 73 Edward  
St:-

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Sept. 8-26

73 EDWARD ST-WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the complaint



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of the owner of the property # 73 Edward Street of excessive water rates, that the period complained of is the half year ending April 1926. The monthly consumption during the period was as follows:

Oct. 6-	5,600
Nov. 5	14,200
Dec. 4	17,600
Jan. 7	2,700
Feb. 6	2,400
Mar. 6	2,300
Apr. 6	2,200

The larger consumption than ordinary was caused by a leak during November and December. The owner was told of this by the meter reader in December and the leak, judging by the readings for the remainder of the period was immediately repaired.

Under the circumstances I would recommend that the consumption for November and December be reduced to 5,000 gallons for each of these two months, and the bills made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted

SGD. H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 10-27

73 EDWARD ST.-WATER CONSUMPTION

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 2nd inst., the City Engineer submitted a report on Water consumption at the above mentioned premises and on his recommendation it was decided to recommend to Council that the amount, 31,800 gallons be reduced to 10,000 gallons for months of November and December 1925.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

Feb. 17th, 1927

*Read for  
Collection  
Ck of Works*

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

✓  
WATER METER BILL No. 26 FERN ST

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 26 Fern St:-

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Feb. 15th, 1927

26 Fern St- Water Acct

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,  
City Engineer  
CITY

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of excessive water consumption at the premises No. 26 Fern Street, that the period complained of is January 1927. The records show the following consumption during the past five months:-

Oct.	15	5,900	
Nov.	2	Away	
Dec.	2	7,400	
Jan.	4	27,300	2 W.C. Wasting N.12-1-27
Feb.	2	10,500.	

A notice was sent on the 12th of January at which time there was a large consumption reported, and two W.C. were wasting. The owner claims to have repaired this as soon as the notice was received, and this would appear to be correct, as the consumption for the following month dropped to 10,500 gallons. Under these conditions I would recommend that the consumption for January be reduced by one-third.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. L. Doane  
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

APPROVED H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

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City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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26 FERN ST-WATER CONSUMPTION

His Worship the Mayor and  
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Account for the above mentioned premises which is attached hereto. On his recommendation it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for January 27,300 gallons be reduced one-third.

Respectfully submitted

A.F.Messervey  
CLERK OF WORKS

*Auditor  
Collector  
Clerk of Works*

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

WATER METER BILL No. 11-13 GOTTINGEN ST.

Read report of the Committee on Works  
and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No.11-13  
Gottingen Street;

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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Nos. 11-13 GOTTINGEN ST-WATER BILL

Mr. H.W.Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a claim for a reduction in the water bill for the premises No.11-13 Gottingen St., claimed to be excessive, that the period covered by the bill is from April to October 1926. The records show the following consumption during that period:

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April 19	4,600
May. 22	104,000
June	--
July 21	8,000
Aug.	--
Sept. 24	8,100
Oct. 25	1,000
Nov. 29	1,300
Dec. 29	1,000

The meter Reader reports that the dial on this meter was found to be faulty, and in his opinion the reading shown for May should have been 4,000 gallons instead of 104,000. This is supported by the fact that the average consumption from March to July in 1925 was about 4,000 gallons. As the large consumption therefore appears to have been due to no fault of the owner but was on account of the damaged meter dial, I would recommend that the consumption to be charged for May be 4,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted

H.W.L. Doane,  
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

Approved H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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11-13 GOTTINGEN ST. WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water Account for the above mentioned premises which is attached hereto. The report was approved and it was decided to recommend to council that the consumption for May 1926, be made 4,000 gallons instead of that registered by the meter.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey  
CLERK OF WORKS

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*Auditor  
Collector  
Clerk of Works*

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

WATER METER BILL No. 31 GRANVILLE ST

Read report of the City Engineer and Clerk of Works re Water Meter Bill No. 31 Granville Street:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Jan. 27-27

31 GRANVILLE ST-WATER BILL

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached water Bill for the premises 31 Granville Street claimed to be excessive, that the reading complained of is the one in October 1926. A reference to the records shows the following monthly consumption.

1926	May	5,000	
	June	7,100	
	July	—	
	Aug.	—	
	Sept.	11,000	
	Oct.	18,900 (N) 20-11-26	
	Nov.	—	
	Dec.	—	
	1927	Jan.	18,300

The owner states that immediately on receipt of notice in October a plumber was sent to repair the leak which had developed in the closet. The tenant confirms this statement.

It would seem to be a case for the Committee to use their discretionary powers, and I would recommend that the October consumption be reduced to 6,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

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City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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31 GRANVILLE STREET  
WATER CONSUMPTION

His Worship the Mayor and  
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works  
Committee held on the 2nd inst., the City Engineer  
submitted a report on Water consumption at the  
above mentioned premises for the month of October;  
on his recommendation it was decided to recommend  
to Council that the amount 18,900 gallons, be reduced  
to 6,000 gallons

Respectfully submitted

A. F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

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

*Auditor  
Collector  
Clerk of Works*

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WATER METER BILL NO. 86-88  
MAITLAND STREET

Read reports of the Committee  
on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 86-88  
Maitland Street:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Oct. 5-26

86-88 Maitland St.-Water Meter Bill

His WORSHIP THE MAYOR  
and Members of City Council.

Sirs:-

I beg to report on the request

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of the owner of the premises # 86-88 Maitland Street for a reduction in the meter readings for June, that the monthly consumption at the premises was as follows:

May 14-	No reading
June 11	59,000 (N) 14-6-26
July 12	17,400
August 13	4,100
Sept. 2	2,500

There was a large consumption in June and the owner was notified when he immediately had the plumber go over the premises and a leak was found which was repaired.

As the large consumption was not due to any neglect or carelessness, I would recommend that the consumption for May, June and July be at the rate of 4,000 gallons per month.

Respectfully submitted

H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb.16-27

86-88 MAITLAND ST-WATER ACCT.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held October 6th, 1926, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water consumption for the above mentioned premises. On his recommendation it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for the months of May, June and July 1926, be made 4,000 gallons per month instead of that recorded by the meter.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

Feb. 17th, 1927

*Under  
Collection  
Clerk of Works*

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

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WATER METER BILL No. 20 NORTH STREET

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 20 North Street:-

City Engineer's Office  
Halifax, N.S.  
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20 North Street-Water Account

Mr. H. W. Johnston,  
City Engineer.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of excessive water consumption at the premises No. 20 North Street, that the period complained of is the month of January 1927. The records show the following consumption:

Oct. 9	2,200
Nov. 9	1,800
Dec. 9	2,800
Jan. 10	10,200 T.W. N. 17-1-27

When the meter was read in January a large consumption was reported and a notice was sent on the 17th of that month at which time there was a W.C. Wasting. The premises were inspected on February 8th, but there was no waste at that time, and the tenant stated repairs had been made previously.

As the consumption had dropped to almost half what it was during the previous month, the owner has apparently repaired, the damage as soon as he received the notice, and I would recommend that the consumption to be charged for January be reduced by one-third.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. L. Doane  
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

APPROVED H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER



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City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
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20 North St. Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor and  
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works  
Committee held this day, the City Engineer submitted  
a report on Water Account for the above mentioned  
premises which is attached hereto. On recommendation  
the report was approved and it was decided to  
recommend to Council that the consumption shown for  
January 10,200 gallons be reduced by One-third.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded

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

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WATER METER BILL NO. 410 ROBIE STREET

Read reports of the Committee  
on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 410  
Robie Street:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
January 15th 1927

410 Robie St.-Water Meter Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached  
meter Bill for the premises 410 Robie Street claimed  
to be excessive, that the monthly consumption at  
these premises was as follows:

*Auditor  
Collector  
of works.*

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April 20	1,700	
May 28	48,100	(N) 31-5-26
June -	-	
July 12	12,300	
Aug. 19	4,400	
Sept. -	-	
Oct. 11	1,800	

On investigation I find that the large consumption in May was due to the waste in a large tank in the premises. On notice of the waste being received the owner had the tank removed.

Under these circumstances I would recommend that the consumption for May be reduced to 6,000 gallons and the bill made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 2-1927

410 Robie St. Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on January 19th, the attached report of the City Engineer respecting water consumption at the above mentioned premises for the month of May 1926, amounting to 48,100 gallons was approved, on his recommendation that it be reduced to 6,000 gallons, and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded

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

*Auditor  
Collector  
Clerk of Works*

Feb. 17th, 1927

WATER METER BILL 23 STANLEY STREET

Read reports of the Committee on  
Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 23  
Stanley Street;

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
January 31st 1927

23 STANLEY ST-WATER ACCT.

H.W. Johnston,  
City Engineer.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of  
excessive water consumption at the premises No. 23  
Stanley Street, that the period complained of is from  
April to October 1926. The consumption during that  
period was as follows:

April 27	25,700	N. 6-5-26
May 31	29,300	
June 30	159,000	Sound in pipe Leak N.5-7-26
July 30	6,800	
Aug. 31	1,500	
Sept.	-	
Oct. 30	1,700	

In April there was a large con-  
sumption and a notice was sent on the 6th of May.  
The consumption continued high and another notice was  
sent on the 5th day of June. The owner states that  
when he was notified of the large consumption he  
telephoned to the Water Department asking them to  
do something, but that he heard nothing more about it.

From the report of the meter reader  
it would appear that there is a stop cock under a  
stable which the owner used for turning the water off  
and on. If this stopcock is not turned off square,  
the water will run from the hole at the side of the  
stopcock and be wasted. I think this is likely what  
has happened and the waste was not through any neglect  
on the part of the owner.

Under these conditions I would  
recommend that the property owner be billed with one-  
third the consumption shown for the months of April,  
May, June and July, and with the regular consumption  
for the rest of the period.

Respectfully submitted

H.W.L. Doane  
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

APPROVED, H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

Feb. 17th, 1927

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Feb. 10th, 1927

23 STANLEY STREET-WATER CONSUMPTION

His Worship the Mayor and City  
Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 2nd instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on water consumption for premises as above mentioned, copy of which is attached hereto. On his recommendation it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for April, May, June and July 1926 totalling 220,800 gallons be reduced by two-thirds

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by

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

*Anderson  
Collector  
Clerk of Works*

✓  
WATER METER BILL 15-21 Up. Water Street

Read report of the Committee on Works  
and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 15-21 Up. Water  
Street:-

City Engineer's Office  
Halifax, N.S.  
Feb. 15th, 1927

Nos. 15-21 Up. Water  
Street-Water Account

H. W. Johnston,  
City Engineer

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint of excessive water consumption at the premises No. 15-21 Upper Water Street, that the period complained of is from April to October 1926. The records show the following consumption during this period:

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April	28	5,300	
May	29	16,800	
June		—	
July	5	19,100	
Aug.	4	19,100	
Sept.	4	16,000	
Oct.	5	229,500	N. 10-10-26
Nov.		—	
Dec.	13	13,500	

On October 5th a large consumption was reported and a notice was sent on the 10th of the month, at which time there was a W.C. Wasting, and a pipe burst. The owner states that this damage was repaired at once, and as the consumption for the next two months following dropped to an average of about 6,500 gallons, it would appear that their statements are correct and that the waste has been remedied. Under these conditions I would recommend that the consumption as shown for October be reduced by one-half.

Respectfully submitted

H.W.L. Doane  
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

APPROVED

H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 16-27

Water Account 15-21 Up. Water St

His Worship the Mayor and  
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held this day, the City Engineer submitted a report on Water account for premises # 15-21 Upper Water Street, said report is attached hereto.

On recommendation of the City Engineer it was decided to recommend to Council that the consumption for October 1926-229,500 gallons be reduced one-half.

Respectfully submitted

A.F. Messervey  
CLERK OF WORKS

Feb. 17th, 1927

*Amended  
Collection  
Committee of Works*

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

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WATER METER BILL No. 115 WINDSOR STREET

Read report of the Committee  
on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill No. 115  
Windsor Street:-

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
January 17th, 1927

No. 115 Windsor St-  
Water Account

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a complaint  
of excessive water consumption at the premises No. 115  
Windsor Street, that the period complained of is  
the month of November 1926. The records show the  
following consumption:

April 21	1,600	
May	-	
June 7	4,200	
July 15	3,000	
Aug. 23	3,500	
Sept.	-	
Oct. 13	2,500	
Nov. 16	21,700	N. 18-11-26
Dec. 24	2,500	

A notice was sent on the 18th of  
November and the premises were inspected on November  
17th at which time a W.C. was found wasting. The  
owner was notified and shown same.

As the consumption for December  
dropped to 2500 gallons, the owner apparently had the  
leak repaired at once, and under these conditions I  
would recommend that the consumption for November be  
reduced by one-half.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. L. Doane  
ASST. CITY ENGINEER

APPROVED H. M. JOHNSTON  
CITY ENGINEER

Feb. 17th, 1927

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Feb. 10th, 1927

115 WINDSOR STREET-WATER CONSUMPTION

His Worship the Mayor and City  
Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Works Committee held on the 2nd instant, the City Engineer submitted a report on water consumption at the above mentioned premises for the month of November 1926 amounting to 21,700 gallons and on his recommendation it was decided to recommend to Council that this amount be reduced one-half.

Respectfully submitted

A. F. Messervey,  
CLERK OF WORKS

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

*Auditor  
Collector  
Clerk of Works*

FIRE DEPARTMENT TWO PLATOON SYSTEM

Read report of the Committee of Firewards  
re introduction of the two platoon system in the  
Halifax Fire Department:

Committee Room, City Hall  
February 11th, 1927

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the application of the International Fire Fighters Benevolent Association of Halifax, for the installation of a two platoon system was considered, and the following Resolution ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

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WHEREAS this Committee has received a report from the Chief of the Fire Department to the effect that the two platoon system as applied for by the Firemen through their representative of the Local Association, is neither practical nor feasible until the strength of the Department is increased by thirty men.

AND WHEREAS the majority of firemen through their representative, affirm that the two platoon system is feasible with the present strength of the Department.

RESOLVED that this Committee, finding it difficult to arrive at a decision, beg to recommend to Council that an unprejudiced, qualified fire fighter be procured and brought to Halifax and be required to make a report on this question to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted

H.E. Rains  
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Drysdale that the report be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Halliday, seconded by Alderman Shannon that Mr. Richardson, the travelling delegate of the Fire Fighters Association of America be permitted to address the Council on the subject for ten minutes and that the further consideration of the matter be then adjourned until the regular meeting of Council to be held on the 17 March next  
Motion passed.

The Council is addressed by Mr. Richardson on the subject and he submitted memoranda and statistics showing the advantages and the workOut of the two platoon system



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*Council*  
A letter of the Board of Trade in reference to this matter is filed.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS-RIGHT OF WAY

Read report of the Committee on Laws & Privileges on a letter of J.F. Cahan, Esquire Assistant Minister of Highways relating to the rule of the road as it applies to the City of Halifax:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Feb. 16th, 1927.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws & Privileges held this day, the Committee had under consideration the attached letter of the Assistant Minister of Highways, with reference to the Law relating to the rule of the road as it applies to the City of Halifax, stating that if the City contemplated making any changes it will be necessary to amend the Act by striking out all the words after "right -of-way" in Chapter 76, Section 22, Sub-Section 4 of the Revised Statutes.

Your Committee recommend that the suggestions recommended by the Assistant Minister of Highways in his letter be concurred in, and that the Traffic Regulations of the City of Halifax as applied to the rule of the road be amended accordingly.

Respectfully submitted  
B.W. Russell  
CHAIRMAN

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 29-27

Major J.B. Kenny  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that the City of Halifax is contemplating changing the law in regard to the rule of the road to make it conform to that existing in other sections of the province.

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The rule of the road is given in Chap. 76 Section 22, Sub-Section 4 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1923, which reads as follows:

"Whenever any person operating a motor vehicle or any other vehicle or riding leading or driving a horse or other draft animal on any public highway meets any other person operating a motor vehicle or any other vehicle, or riding, leading or driving a horse or other draft animal at a crossing of intersecting or meeting public highways, the person to the right hand of the other person shall have the right of way, provided that in the City of Halifax the person going in an easterly or westerly direction shall have the right of way over the person going in a northerly or southerly direction"

therefore, if you contemplate any such change it will be necessary for us to amend the Act by striking out all the words that come after "right of way"

We are submitting to the Legislature certain amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act, and on request we shall be pleased to introduce this amendment which we recommend as being desirable.

The objections to the present rule of the road in Halifax are:

- (1) That tourists and visitors from outside find difficulty in determining easterly and westerly directions;
- (2) they are not acquainted with this by-law of the City of Halifax
- (3) Motor Vehicle operators in Halifax driving in an easternly and westerly direction, knowing that they have the right of way, do not exercise proper precaution.

The suggested amendment would have the effect of making all operators approach street intersections with caution.

May I have a reply from you at an early date.

Yours truly,

J.H. Cahan  
ASST. MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS

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*John J. Cahoon*

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman McDuff that the report be adopted. Motion passed, twelve voting for the same and two against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston  
Shannon  
Tobin  
Sanford  
Halliday  
Gastonguay  
McDuff  
McCarthy  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
Smeltzer  
Daw- 12

Alderman Hubley  
Robinson

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NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT  
REMISSION SENTENCE OF PRISONERS

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee covering a Draft Act prepared by the City Solicitor in reference to remission of sentence of persons convicted for violation of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Feb. 2nd, 1927

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Laws & Privileges held this day, the attached extract of Minutes of Council meeting held January 13th, 1927 re remission of sentence of persons convicted for violation of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act was considered.

Your Committee recommend that the attached draft as submitted by the City Solicitor be approved and forwarded to the Honorable Attorney General for consideration.

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Respectfully submitted

Wm. Robert Daw  
ACT. CHAIRMAN

Office of City Solicitor  
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 16-27

The Attorney General  
Province Building,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

At a direction of the Committee on Laws & Privileges, I have prepared an amendment to the Nova Scotia Temperance Act providing for remission of sentence of persons confined for offences against that Act in a term similar to that contained in the Dominion Penitentiaries Act, and herewith submit the same to you for your approval.

I am not certain whether it would be within your power to order a remission or sentence under the Provincial Act or whether that power would be vested in the Minister of Justice.

Yours truly,

H.F. Bell,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:-

The Nova Scotia Temperance Act ( R.S.C. 158) is hereby amended by adding thereto the following Section:-

The keeper of any goal in which any prisoner is confined under a sentence for an offence against this Act shall keep a record of the daily conduct of such prisoner, noting his industry and the strictness with which he observes the Prison rules with a view to permit such prisoner to earn a remission of a portion of the time for which he is sentenced to be confined, not exceeding six days for every month during which he is exemplary in conduct and industry, and upon the report of such keeper the Attorney General may direct the discharge of such prisoner at the expiry of the term of his sentence less the number of days remission stated in the report

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*Non 25th  
City Council*

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

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NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT

NOTICE OF MOTION

Alderman O'Toole gives notice that  
at a next meeting of this Council he will submit  
several amendments for the endorsation of Council  
to the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

*Council*

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TRAFFIC REGULATIONS-LICENSING OF  
BICYCLES

Read report of the Committee on  
Laws and Privileges recommending that an Ordinance  
be drafted and submitted to this Council for  
approval for the licensing of bicycles in the City  
of Halifax the fee for said license to be sufficient  
to cover cost of number plates only;

Committee Room,

Halifax, N.S.

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His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on  
Laws & Privileges held this day the attached extract  
of Minutes of Police Committee meeting held  
December 13th, 1926, re licensing of bicycles was  
considered.

Your Committee recommends that the  
City Solicitor be instructed to draft an Ordinance  
for the licensing of bicycles, the fees for said  
license to be sufficient to cover costs of plates  
only.

Respectfully submitted  
B.W. Russell  
CHAIRMAN

Sgd. Ald. Daw, Act. Chairman

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*Alford Russell  
Solicitor*

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

EARLY CLOSING OF BARBER SHOPS

Read report of the Laws &  
Privileges Committee covering a Draft Ordinance  
regulating the closing hours of Barber Shops:

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Feb. 2nd, 1927

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee  
on Laws and Privileges held this day, an extract of  
the Minutes of City Council meeting of July 15th,  
1926, relating to the early closing of Barber Shops  
was considered.

Your Committee submit herewith  
draft amendment to Ordinance No. 63 in accordance  
with the existing statutes.

Respectfully submitted

B.W. Russell,  
CHAIRMAN  
Sgd. Robert Daw,  
Act Chairman

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 63 OF  
THE CITY OF HALIFAX

Be it enacted by the Mayor  
and Council of the City of Halifax as follows:

Section 1 of Ordinance Number  
67 of the City of Halifax entitled Early Closing of  
Shops ( Barber Shops) is hereby repealed and the  
following substituted therefor.

1. On every Wednesday during the  
months of May, June and July, August and September in  
every year every barber shop shall be closed on every  
evening except on evening preceding a holiday at 6.30  
o'clock and shall be kept closed until five of the  
following morning.

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2. Section 2 of the said Ordinance is amended by striking out the figure "6 o'clock" in the second and fourth lines thereof and substituting therefor "5 o'clock".

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, that the further consideration of this matter be indefinitely deferred.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Halliday seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted and the Ordinance be read a first time.

Amendment put and lost three voting for the same and eleven against it as follows:

FOR AMENDMENT

Alderman Halliday  
McDuff  
McCarthy

AGAINST IT

Alderman Weston  
Shannon  
Tobin  
Sanford  
Gastonguay  
Hubley  
O'Toole  
Drysdale  
Robinson  
Smeltzer  
Daw- 11

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The original motion passed.

11.45 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by Alderman Robinson that this meeting do now adjourn until Thursday evening next the 24th February at 8 o'clock. Motion put and passed.

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Meeting adjourned

*M.B. Kenny*  
MAYOR

*H.S. Rhind*  
H.S. RHIND  
CITY CLERK