

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that the City Collector be authorized to advertise and sell the properties that have now passed in to the City's possession, viz:

190 Creighton Street- Assessed to Jeremiah O'Dwyer. Purchased March, 14th, 1927 for \$363.96.

Lot, N.S. Young Street Assessed to Jeremiah O'Dwyer Purchased March 14th, 1927 for \$132.50.

Lot, Cor. Veith & Hanover Sts., assessed to Jeremiah O'Dwyer .Purchased March 25th, 1927 for \$282.51

22 Starr St., Assessed to Mrs. Eliz. Lownds. Purchased June 28th, 1927 for \$536.68.

Respectfully submitted
A.W Redden,
CHAIRMAN SPECIAL TAX ARREARS
COMMITTEE

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

Collector

APPOINTMENT MR. C.F. YOUNG-ACTING COLLECTOR

Read report of the Special Committee on the Collection of Tax Arrears recommending the appointment of C.F.Young, Tax Adjuster, Acting City Collector during the absence of the Collector, Mr. Morrow, on his vacation.

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

Gentlemen:-

The City Collector expects to be absent from duty, on his annual holidays, from about the 25th inst., and as no other Official has the authority to sign Red Certificates, Tax Deeds, etc., your Committee recommend that Mr. C.F.Young, Tax Adjustor be authorized to sign during the Collector's absence.

Respectfully submitted
A.W.Redden,
CHAIRMAN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
TAX ARREARS

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Collector

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

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PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION RE-ESTABLISHMENT
PROGRESS PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF ARTHUR & CONN'S CONTRACT

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending a Progress Payment of \$1,250.00 to the Exhibition Commission on account of contract of Arthur & Conn for labor and materials supplied in connection with installing electrical fixtures at the Exhibition Buildings:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Aug. 14th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the City Auditor submitted the attached certificate of the architect recommending a progress payment of \$2,500.00 on account of Arthur & Conn's contract for labor and material at the Exhibition Buildings.

Your Committee recommend that the Auditor be authorized to make a payment of \$1,250.00 to the Exhibition Commission being one-half of the City's share of the progress payment.

Respectfully submitted

S. L. Shannon
CHAIRMAN

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

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PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION RE-ESTABLISHMENT
PROGRESS PAYMENT FOR
FENCING, GRADING ETC.

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the Progress Payment to the Exhibition Commission of \$1,094.64 for fencing, grading etc., at the Exhibition Grounds:

Aug. 16th, 1928

Committee Room, City Hall,
August 14th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Auditor recommending a progress payment of \$1,094.64 to the Exhibition Commission being one-half of \$2,189.50, the amount required for fencing, grading etc., was approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
S.L.Shannon
CHAIRMAN

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug.10th, 1928

The Chairman,
Finance Committee
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

Upon request of the Secretary-Manager of the Provincial Exhibition Commission for a payment to provide for pay-rolls for fencing, grading etc., amounting to \$2,189.28, payment of one-half, the amount namely \$1,094.64 was advanced.

I have audited the pay-rolls of the Commission and have found this amount to be within their requirements for pay-rolls, and shall be glad if you will approve the payment.

Yours truly,

A.M.Butler
CITY AUDITOR

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

CITY COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT-OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the purchase of certain office equipment for the City Collector's Department.

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Aug.14th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee

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Dear Sir:-

held this day the attached letter of the City Collector asking for authority to purchase four office desks at \$36.00 each and one adding machine for \$112.70 was approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted
S.L.Shannon
CHAIRMAN

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

Collector

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION-REESTABLISHMENT
CREDIT BALANCE OF LOAN
\$200,000.00

Read report of the Finance Committee re balance of \$713.13 to the credit of the Loan of \$200,000.00 for the re-establishment of the Provincial Exhibition:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Aug. 14th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the City Auditor submitted the attached letter with reference to the unexpended balance of \$713.13 to the credit of the loan of \$200,000.00 for the re-establishment of the Provincial Exhibition.

Your Committee recommended that authority be given the City Auditor to make a final payment of the amount unexpended to the loan of \$200,000.00 when he receives the necessary documents from the Exhibition Commission showing that the unexpended balance of \$713.13 is due to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted
S.L.Shannon
CHAIRMAN

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 14th, 1928

The Chairman,
Finance Committee,
City Hall

Aug. 16th, 1928

Dear Sir:-

A balance of \$713.13 remains unexpended on the \$200,000.00 appropriation borrowed by the City for the re-establishment of the Provincial Exhibition. There is no doubt at this writing that the Commission will exceed this appropriation, although of course no disbursement in excess of \$200,000.00 will be made by the City until, and unless authority is obtained.

My object in advising you of this is to request permission to pay the unexpended balance, namely \$713.13 to the Provincial Exhibition Commission as they have pay-rolls and unpaid balance of contracts largely in excess of this amount. This of course would represent the final payment to the Commission.

Yours truly,
A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR

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

N.S. HOSPITAL ACCOUNT CLARA HAWKESWELL

Read report of the Charities Committee in reference to the payment of the account of N.S. Hospital for maintenance of Clara Hawkeswell, a patient in the Nova Scotia Hospital, a charge of the City of Halifax, recommending the payment of the sum of \$2,037.21:

Halifax, N.S. August 13th, 1928

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 Drysdale and Dickie.

In re Clara Hawkeswell a patient in the Nova Scotia Hospital.

RESOLVED in view of City Solicitor's written opinion that this Committee recommend to Council that provision be made to pay account of Nova Scotia Hospital amounting to Two Thousand Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$2,037.21) and twenty-one cents.

Respectfully submitted
J. W. McCarthy
CHAIRMAN

August 16th, 1928

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Drysdale that the report be adopted and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation, if necessary, to borrow the amount required to be included in the yearly estimates for 1929-30. Motion passed.

*Solicitor
J. H. Buchanan*

FIRE DEPARTMENT RENTAL OF FIRE APPARATUS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending the renting of certain fire apparatus from the Robertson Motors Limited at a rental of \$1.00 per month:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Aug. 14th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached letter of the City Auditor with reference to the rental of Fire Apparatus from Robertson Motors Limited at \$1.00 per month was considered and recommended to the City Council for acceptance,

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Robinson
CHAIRMAN

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Aug. 10th 1928

Dear Alderman Cragg:

With reference to our conversation yesterday regarding the new Fire Apparatus for the Firewards, of course as you know there are certain restrictions against the purchase of this because of lack of funds.

However, I think that the suggestion you advanced namely, that you hire the apparatus at a nominal rental of \$1.00 per month from the Robertson Motors Limited, would be the proper method to adopt so that the City would secure the additional protection from this apparatus.

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In addition to this, you would I suppose, have a Gentlemen's agreement with Mr. Robertson to obtain the necessary Legislation at the next session, but of course he would have to understand that the Firewards of the City would not be responsible if for any reason the Government should decline to grant the legislation. This however, is most remote, and even if the Government declined to permit you to use the funds, at present earmarked for a particular purpose for the apparatus, then I do not see that this would prevent the City asking for authority to borrow the whole sum required to pay for the apparatus in full.

I hope you will understand that in this letter there is no suggestion on my part to violate the Charter, but as I see it you would be merely hiring the apparatus, and under no circumstance would the contract be anything else than this; it is Mr. Robertson who would have to take the responsibility in the matter.

Yours truly,
A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR

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

*led Robinson
Cragg & F.A.*

NON-RESIDENT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY

Read report of the City Clerk
re non-resident employees of the City:

August 14th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

In compliance with the following resolution of Council passed at a meeting held on the 12th of July last, I herewith submit the names of non-resident employees of the City as furnished to me by the heads of the various departments:

"Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Cragg that a list of non-resident employees of the City be placed in the hands of the Council before the next meeting"

School Board

Mr. Geo.K. Butler
Miss Elizabeth A. Tolson
Mr. A.D. Fox
Miss D.P. Smyth
Miss Helen C. Marshall
Mr. A.W. Cunningham
Miss Edith M. Herman
Miss Gladys McQuarrie
Miss Annie L. Bayer

Armdale
Bedford
Bedford
Melville Cove
Dartmouth
Bedford
Darthmouth
Dartmouth
Rockingham

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Miss Annie McGrath

Dartmouth

City Health Board

Arthur C. Pettipas

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Public Gardens

Charles Duggan

Tufts Cove

City Collector's Dept

J.W. Caldwell

Dartmouth

R.J. Campbell

Princes Lodge

City Engineer's Dept

D.E. Carroll

Rockingham

Respectfully submitted

H.S. Rhind
CITY CLERK

✓
City Assessor

Referred to the City Assessor for a report as to whether any of the employees mentioned are assessed for rates and taxes and to what amount.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor covering Departmental Appropriations as at July 31st 1928:

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 16th, 1928

His worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith Statements of Appropriation as at July 31st, 1928 copies of which have already been supplied Heads of Departments.

Yours truly,

A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR

FILED. ✓

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 1928

Read report of the City Auditor covering Tax Collections for the month of July 1928:

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City Auditor's Office,
August 16th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Report on Tax Collections for the month of July 1928 is submitted. Collections from all sources amounted to \$1,001,772.63. During July 1927 collections amounted to \$661,381.25;

Payments on account of Roll Tax for the Civic Year amount to \$75.00 against total receipts to July 31, 1927 of \$55.00. Payments to July 31st, 1928 on account of Dog Tax equalled \$2,670.00, compared with \$3,234.00 to July 31st 1927.

ARREARS TAXES	Outstanding Balance Previous Month.	New Accts Added other Debits	July Collect-ions	Amount Written Off and other credits	Outstanding Balances July 31, 1928
Civic Years prior to May 1, 1925	\$737,004.95	\$ 54.00	\$10,496.58	\$7,236.29	\$719,326.08
Civic Year 1925-26	106,691.61	60.96	7,003.20	60.06	99,689.31
Civic Year 1926-27	173,731.40	3,588.97	12,573.33	26.89	164,720.15
Civic Year 1927-28	343,038.40	3,154.32	25,619.95	333.24	330,239.53
	<u>\$1,360,466.36</u>	<u>\$16858.25</u>	<u>\$55,693.06</u>	<u>\$7,656.48</u>	<u>\$1313,975.07</u>
<u>CURRENT TAXES</u>					
Civic Year 1928-29	\$1,865,886.24	\$535.08	\$889,116.13		\$977,305.19
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT</u>					
Rates and Taxes	\$95,893.80	\$96242.36	\$56,963.44	243.97	\$ 134,928.75
<u>GRAND TOTALS</u>					
	<u>\$3,322,246.40</u>	<u>\$113,635.69</u>	<u>\$1001,772.63</u>	<u>\$7900.45</u>	<u>\$2,426,209.07</u>

Respectfully submitted
A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR

FILED

CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of July showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 250 and the number of patients in the T.B. Hospital to be 38

FILED

FIRES THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES

Read report of the Committee of Firewards covering report of Chief Churchill re Fires their causes and losses for the months of April, May and June 1928:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Aug. 14th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Robinson
CHAIRMAN

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Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I submit the following report for the months of April, May and June.

April During the month of April there were 51 alarms from the following causes:

Chimneys 19, grass 9, false 6, incendiarism 2, burning rubbish 2, careless smoking 5, City dumps 1, unknown 1, boys setting fire 2, careless use of gasoline 1, poor construction 1, overheated stoves and pipes 2.

Property at Risk	\$75,000.00	
Insurance Losses		\$3,713.00
Losses not insured		3,435.00
Total Losses		<u>\$7,148.00</u>

May

During the month of May there were 32 alarms from the following causes:

Chimneys 12, unnecessary alarm 1, overheated stove 1, boys setting fire 1, burning rubbish 1, unknown 1, grass 3, careless smoking 2,

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false 3, overheated pipes 2 defective wiring in automobile 1, stove upset 1, open flame igniting inflammable liquids 2, lightning 1.

Property at risk	\$241,760.00	
Insurance Losses		\$7,124.00
Losses not insured		<u>10.00</u>
Total Losses		\$7,134.00

June

During the month of June there were 25 alarms from the following causes:

Chimneys 8, burning rubbish 3, careless smoking 1, oil lamp 1, unknown 1, spontaneous combustion 1, sparks from chimney 2, false 5, overheated stove 1, defective wiring in automobiles 2.

Property at risk	\$ 84,610.00	
Insurance Losses		\$3,545.00
Losses not insured		<u>420.00</u>
Total losses		\$3,965.00

Respectfully submitted,
J.W. Churchill
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT.

FILED.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT-LIABILITY INSURANCE

Read report Committee of Firewards covering tenders for insuring fire apparatus against Personal Liability and Property Damage:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Aug. 14th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the Chief of the Department submitted tenders received in response to a notice from him asking for tenders for insuring of fire apparatus covering Personal Liability and Property Damage for the following pieces of equipment:

- 4 triple combination pumping engines
- 1 aerial ladder truck
- 1 City service ladder truck
- 3 hose cars
- 1 supply car
- 1 Chief's car.

Tenders were received as follows:

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John S. Keator	\$837.00
A. J. Bell & Co. Ltd., Agents British American Assurance Company	1,272.00
Faulkner & Co.	1,272.00
Rainnie & Co.	1,356.80
Geo. J. Lynch, Agents Employers Liability Assurance Company	1,696.00
Major Bros., Limited, Agents Ocean, Accident and Guarantee Corporation	1,696.00
Thompson, Adams & Co., Agents Northern Assurance Company	1,696.00
A. M. Jack & Son	1,731.00
W. R. MacInnes & Co., Agents Guardian Insurance Company	1,835.00
Saunders & Duffus, Agents Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society	2,010.00

Your Committee after careful consideration of the tenders submitted recommend that the tender of J. S. Keator be accepted.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Robinson
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Cragg that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:

WHEREAS the City requires money for the following purposes:

To pay for insuring of the Fire Apparatus against Personal Liability and Property Damage the sum of \$837.00 being the sum required to be taken from the General Account to supplement the amount of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

AND WHEREAS no appropriation has been made by the City in respect to this matter and no provision has been made in respect to it by legislative authority

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City do under authority of Section 976 of the Halifax City Charter as enacted by Sec. 53 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1924 borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada or any fund available the sum required \$837.00 for the purposes aforesaid, and that the sum so borrowed be included in the Civic Estimates for 1929-30 and be rated and collected as part thereof

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

Aldermen Shannon, Mitchell, Dickie, Redden, Smith, Donovan, Cragg, McDuff, McCarthy, Rains, Corbin, O'Toole, Mullane, Drysdale, Robinson, Smeltzer, and Robertson;

*also Robinson
Cory HJD*

✓
REPORT COAL WEIGHERS

Read report of the Supervisor of Coal Weighers for the month of July showing that the Permanent Weighers received the sum of \$52.20 in fees for their services during the month.

FILED. ✓

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(SEE PRINTED COPY FOLLOWING MINUTES OF THIS MEETING)

Read report of the City Auditor covering the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the City of Halifax for the year ending April 30th, 1928.

It was unanimously decided that this report be laid on the table and taken up for consideration at a Special Meeting to be called by His Worship the Mayor.

Council

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STREET PAVING-OXFORD STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving Oxford Street from Coburg Road to Quinpool Road:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 16th, 1928

OXFORD STREET PAVING

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His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto, is a report of the City Engineer on Oxford Street Paving, which was adopted at a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 15th inst.,

Respectfully submitted
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
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OXFORD STREET PAVING

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On the 12th of June I reported on a petition from property owners on Oxford Street between Coburg Road and Quinpool Road for the paving of this portion of the street recommending that the matter be deferred until my report of the first of May on pavements was dealt with. This street has been oiled and at the present moment is in fair condition, but owing to the traffic on it and to the flatness of the grade of a large part of it, these conditions will not last through the winter and spring.

The estimated cost of paving the street with asphalt on a 6 inch concrete base is \$34,000 of which sum the City's share would be \$17,000.

There is no question as to the improvement that would be made if the street were paved and it will also link the pavements on Coburg Road and Quinpool Road, and in my opinion it should be ordered paved at the earliest possible moment.

Owing to the lateness of the season it is doubtful if either the Tram Company or the City could do the work this year.

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Dickie, seconded by Alderman Robertson that the consideration of this report be deferred until a Special Meeting to be called to consider the whole question of paving assessment.

Motion passed.

Council

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PAVING ASSESSMENT

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re assessment for paving:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Aug. 16th, 1928

PAVING ASSESSMENT

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Sirs:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 15th inst., had under consideration the attached report of the City Engineer on paving assessment and ordered same forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Aug. 15th, 1928

PAVING ASSESSMENT

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

The City Council at its meeting referred the resolution seeking to amend the provision of the City Charter requiring the property owners to pay half the cost of permanent pavement, to the Committee on Works for report.

The theory of Special Assessments or Betterment charges rests on the principle that if some action of the City confers upon an individual some measurable advantage it is only fair to the community that he should pay for it. To the extent that the community as a whole is interested, it is proper that it should contribute. If it is wholly a matter of public interest the public should pay all, if wholly a matter of individual benefit the individual should pay all, if it is partly public and partly individual the cost should be divided in proportion to the properties benefited.

It is usually impossible to gauge exactly the relative values of certain improvements to the property owner and community and the best that can be done is to make an approximation thereto.

Granted that the theory is sound it remains to devise a workable method of apportioning the betterment charges. In Halifax for years the various charges have been levied on the supposition that the benefits from permanent sewers, pavements and sidewalks are equally divided between the individual properties and the City at large. In the case of sewers, the charge is a flat rate per foot frontage, which is arrived at by fixing such rate so as to provide a return of approximately one half the cost of the work. In the case of sidewalks and pavements, half the cost is charged against the abutting properties in proportion to their frontage on the street on which the improvements are made.

To repeal the existing law will open up the whole question of reimbursing the property owners who have already paid their share of the cost of local improvements. Taking the case of pavements alone, between the years 1919 and 1923, approximately \$1,500,000 was spent for this work of which some \$600,000 was assessed against the property owners. Will not these owners be able to put forth a strong argument for the return or cancellation of the amounts paid or assessed?

The same remarks are equally applicable in the case of sewers and sidewalks. If the principle of the justice of special betterment assessments is discarded, the improvement of our streets by the laying of pavements, curbs, gutters and sidewalks and the extension of sewers, will have to proceed at an even slower rate than at present and the tax rate will be largely increased.

It can hardly be denied that the construction of these improvements enhances the value of the property in front of which they are made and in fairness these properties should bear a proportion of the cost.

It may be noted that in a very large number of Cities on the Continent the whole cost of certain of these local improvements (so called) is borne by the abutting owners, in others the law is similar to our own and in very few of the Cities is the improvement paid for from the general tax rate.

There may be a few cases where the present law appears to work a hardship. If in such cases it can be shown that the improvement is solely for the benefit of the general public and no benefit accrues to the property, there will be no departure from the general principle in exempting such property from the assessment. Such cases however are so rare that a change in the law does not appear desirable. If a change were made a large number of property owners would consider that theirs was a special case and the Council would be subject to all kinds of influence to support the views of those affected.

As a matter of expediency the present law relieves the general taxpayer from a large expenditure with a consequent high rate, but expediency is a poor rod to lean on and it is suggested that the Council rely on the general principle as set out above, that where individuals reap a benefit from the expenditure of public funds they should be assessed in proportion to the benefits derived therefrom, and speaking generally it would appear that the division

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of the cost as fixed in the Charter is a fair one.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Comment

Moved by Alderman Dickie, seconded by Alderman Robertson that the consideration of this report be deferred until a Special Meeting to be called to consider the whole question of paving assessment. Motion passed.

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STREET OILING-HARVARD STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re oiling of Harvard Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 16th, 1928

HARVARD STREET OILING

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto is report of the City Engineer on Harvard Street Oiling, which was adopted by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 15th instant.

Respectfully submitted
M. A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
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HARVARD STREET OILING

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am asked to report on the question of oiling Harvard Street, this street is now being graded at the expense of the property owners preparatory to be taken over by the City. The oiling will be an improvement and tend to preserve the street. The estimated cost of the work is approximately \$800.00

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In view of the depleted condition of the street appropriation it will be impossible to do the work this year, but I would recommend that it be ordered to be done when funds are available.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Smith that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Engineer

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BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the extension of Brunswick Street through the Artillery Park :

City Works Office,
Halifax, N. S.,
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BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto is a letter from the Board of Trade re proposed extension of Brunswick Street, through Artillery Park, also a report of the City Engineer thereon.

Said report was considered at a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 15th instant and ordered forwarded to the City Council for it's information.

Respectfully submitted
M. A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 14th, 1928

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the petition from the Spring Garden Road merchants and the letter of the Board of Trade in connection with the extension of Brunswick Street which was referred to me, that the question of extending Brunswick Street through the Artillery Park is one that has been mooted on various occasions during the past forty years. The original

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plans were for an extension of this street through to Spring Garden Road at Hastings Street, but in 1918 it was recommended to the Council and approved by that body that the extension be made from the corner of Brunswick and Sackville Street to the corner of Doyle and Queen Street, in that year the City acquired a portion of the lot on which the Nova Motors Garage now stands, as a part of the proposed improvement.

On various occasions in the past the City has approved the War Department in whom the title to the Artillery Park was then vested, with a view to obtaining the land required for the extension of the street. No agreement could then be reached. It is understood that the property now vests in the Department of National Defence. In view of the greatly reduced number of men in the Garrison and consequent less need for barrack accommodation the time would seem opportune to approach the Department regarding the extension of the street, and I would recommend that the matter be taken up with it to see if some agreement satisfactory to the Department and the City cannot be arrived at.

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Consideration of these reports is deferred to be taken up with the resolution to be submitted by Alderman Shannon on the restoration of Wellington Barracks.

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STREET OILING WALNUT STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re oiling of Walnut Street between Coburg Road and Cedar Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
July 20th, 1928

WALNUT STREET OILING

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Sirs:-

Attached hereto is report of the City Engineer on Walnut Street oiling.

The Works Committee at a meeting held on the 18th instant, adopted said report and recommended to Council that the street be ordered oiled, between Coburg Road and Cedar Street, the work to be done next year.

Respectfully submitted

M.A.Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.
July 11th, 1928

WALNUT STREET OILING

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from residents of Walnut Street asking to have this street oiled between Coburg Road and Cedar Street, that before oiling can be done the street should be put in a better state of repair. The estimated cost of the oiling alone is \$840.00 of which half would be paid by the property owners.

I would be glad to recommend the work if our appropriation were larger, but as it is we will not have enough money to do necessary work already ordered. I would recommend that the street be ordered oiled, the work to be done next year.

Respectfully submitted

H.W.Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Engineer

WIDENING NORTH STREET

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re widening of North Street west of Windsor Street in front of the property of Mr.

C.E.Blackie:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug.2nd, 1928

NORTH STREET WIDENING

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Aug. 16th, 1928

The Committee on Works at a meeting held July 25th, 1928, had under consideration the letter attached hereto from Mr. C.E. Blackie, together with report of City Engineer on same, and resolved to recommend that the report of the City Engineer be adopted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted

M. A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE
Halifax, N.S.
July 23rd, 1928

NORTH STREET WIDENING

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:-

I beg to report on the letter from Mr. C. E. Blackie asking the City to pay him for land taken for sidewalk purposes on the North side of North Street west of Windsor Street, that Plan No. 6040 shows the old and the new lines between Dublin and Windsor Streets. It will be seen that a strip of land varying in width from six to eight feet is taken to straighten and widen the street in this block.

In 1922 the sidewalk was laid from Windsor Street westwardly in front of Mr. Blackie's lot and a part of the sidewalk is on Mr. Blackie's line. The depth of the lots is about one hundred and thirty feet so that the strip taken by the City would not cause any diminution in the value of the lots, but on the other hand their value should be increased due to the widening and straightening of the street in front of them. However, this does not relieve the City from paying the actual value of the land taken if the owner insists on it.

The area taken in front of Mr. Blackie's property is 358-8/10ths square feet. In 1927 the City paid Mr. McIntyre for the land taken in front of three lots at an agreed price of \$0.07 1/2 per square foot. At this rate the value of the land taken would be \$26.91. I would recommend that if Mr. Blackie will accept this amount that the land be purchased.

Respectfully submitted
H. W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by
Alderman Smith that the reports be adopted. Motion
passed.

Engineer

Aug. 16th, 1928

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SHERWOOD STREET SEWER

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re the construction of a sewer on Sherwood Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Aug. 2nd, 1928

SHERWOOD STREET SEWER

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held July 25th, 1928, had under consideration the report attached hereto from the City Engineer on petition for sewer extension Sherwood Street, and it was resolved to recommend to Council that said report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted
M.A. Hunter
Clerk of Works

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
July 18th, 1928

SHERWOOD STREET SEWER

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from property owners on Sherwood Street for the extension of the sewerage system, that the petition is signed by nine owners of property. There are seventeen houses on this street who drain into cess pools.

There can be no question of the advisability of the construction of the sewer to take the drainage from these houses. The estimated cost of the extension is \$3000.00 I would recommend that the sewer be placed on the order paper to be done in its turn when funds are available.

Respectfully submitted

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Smith that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Engineer

CAMBRIDGE STREET SEWER

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re the financing and construction of a sewer on Cambridge Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 3rd, 1928

CAMBRIDGE STREET SEWER

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 1st instant, the accompanying report of the City Engineer on construction of a sewer on Cambridge Street, was under consideration, and it was resolved to recommend to Council that said report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 1st 1928

CAMBRIDGE STREET SEWER

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I am submitting herewith the Agreement with the Eastern Trust Company in connection with the financing and construction of the Cambridge Street sewer.

It will be seen that the Agreement calls for the City asking for tenders for the work. There is also a clause that if the City decides on the recommendation of the City Engineer that it is advisable to do the work by days work rather than by contract, that the work may be so done.

I would recommend that tenders be called for doing the work and when these are received, if it appears that the City can do it cheaper, then it may be done by days work, otherwise by contract.

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

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

Engineer

August 1928
WALNUT STREET SEWER

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re the construction of a sewer on Walnut Street south of Watt Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 3-28

WALNUT STREET SEWER

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is report from the City Engineer on petition for extension of the sewer on the west side of Walnut Street south of Watt Street:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 1st instant, it was recommended to Council that said report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted

M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
July 31st 1928

WALNUT STREET SEWER

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from the owner of property on the west side of Walnut Street, south of Watt Street, for the extension of the sewer, that he has purchased for the remaining vacant lots on this side of the street with a frontage of 160 feet. He proposes, if the sewer is ordered, to proceed with the erection of four houses on these lots.

The extension required is about 200 feet of 12-inch pipe. The estimated cost of the work is \$1100.00 and the estimated sewerage rates \$500.00

I would recommend that the sewer be ordered to be built when funds are available, and when at least three houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded
by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted.

Engineer
Motion passed

Aug. 1928, 1928

BRUNSWICK STREET FIRE STATION

TENDERS FOR CONCRETE FLOOR

Read report of the Committee on Works
covering tenders for laying concrete floor at the
Brunswick Street Fire Station:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.
Aug. 3rd, 1928

CONCRETE FLOOR
CENTRAL ENGINE HOUSE

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the First instant, tenders were received from the following named for constructing a reinforced concrete floor at the Central Engine House.

C.A Copp and L.H. Staratt	\$3,259.00
S.A. Marshall & Son	3,185.00
John Ink-pen	2,599.00
R.K. Steeves	2,545.00
Ernest Bianco	2,445.00
Hantatty & Bianco	2,400.00
Stephen Bros Ltd.	2,200.00
W.G. Foley	2,095.00

It was decided to recommend to Council that the tender of W.G. Foley for \$2,095.00 be accepted. Tenders are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted

M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by
Alderman ~~Sneltzer~~ that the report be adopted. Motion
passed. ✓

BARRINGTON STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works
and City Engineer re laying concrete sidewalk on
Barrington Street from Bishop Street to South Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Aug. 3, 1928

BARRINGTON STREET SIDEWALK

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

*Engineer
Chap 47 D*

Aug. 16th, 1928

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on Barrington Street sidewalk. The Works Committee, at a meeting held on the first inst., resolved to recommend to Council that said report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted

M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 1st 1928

BARRINGTON STREET &
SIDEWALK

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

For some years the old brick sidewalk on Barrington Street, from Morris Street to South Street, has been in bad condition. There is a large amount of foot traffic on the sidewalk which will, no doubt, be increased when the C.N.R. Hotel is completed.

The estimated cost of laying a concrete sidewalk from Bishop Street to Morris Street is \$2300. and from Morris Street to South Street, \$3050.00 I would recommend that these two blocks of Barrington Street be placed on the order paper, and that the portion of the street between Bishop and Morris Streets be done this year and the other block when funds are available.

I would recommend that the whole of the work should be done this year except for the reason that the money available for this years work is limited, and there are other sidewalks which require attention.

Respectfully submitted
H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

TRINITY CHURCH RE-CONSTRUCTION

Read report of the Committee on Works in re re-construction of Trinity Church:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 3rd, 1928

TRINITY CHURCH

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Sirs:-

The following Resolution was passed by the Committee on Works at a meeting held August 1st 1928.

WHEREAS the plans and specifications for the buildings to replace Parish Church and School House of the Parish of Trinity in the City of Halifax having been fyled with the Inspector of Buildings, for the City of Halifax, and tenders having been called for and accepted for the erection of such buildings in accordance with such plans, and work on said buildings having been commenced by the contractor, and it appearing that some question might be raised with reference to said proposed buildings conforming in external architectural appearance to those destroyed.

RESOLVED that the Works Department approves of the erection of such buildings in substantial accordance with the plans and specifications so fyled subject to any necessary legislation for that purpose being procured at the instance of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted

M. A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

The following resolution is submitted:

RESOLVED that this Council approve of said report re the erection of buildings to replace the Parish Church and School House in the Parish of Trinity in the City of Halifax, in substantial compliance with the plans and specifications referred to and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation for that purpose and that the Legislature be requested to pass such legislation at its next session.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Cragg and passed.

*Engineer
Solicitor
R. W. Donaldson*

WATER METER BILLS

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bills 7 Granville St., 85 Brunswick Street, 225 Brunswick Street, 42 Maynard Street and 21 North Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Aug. 13th, 1928

Water Meter Accounts

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.

Sirs:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 9th instant, resolved to recommend to Council that reductions be made in water meter accounts as follows:-