

November 15th, 1928

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Oct. 9th, 1928  
5 p.m.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Laws & Privileges held this day, the City Clerk advised the Committee that when passing the Ordinance relating to Petty Trades a fee of \$5.00 for Hawkers to sell coal only was omitted.

Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare draft amending the Ordinance accordingly.

Respectfully submitted  
J. L. McDuff  
CHAIRMAN

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

Moved by Alderman McDuff seconded by Alderman Cragg that an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 21 of Petty Trades be now read a first time. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 21 of Petty Trades. 1st Reading.

Moved by Alderman McDuff, seconded by Alderman Cragg that an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 21 of Petty Trades be now read a second time. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 21 of Petty Trades. 2nd Reading.

CONSOLIDATING PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES

Read report of the Finance Committee re purchase of supplies as recommended in a resolution submitted to Council at a meeting held on the 16th day of August last:

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Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Nov. 15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the following resolution submitted to Council at a meeting held on the 16th August last by Alderman Shannon in reference to the purchase of supplies for the various Civic Departments was under consideration.

BE IT RESOLVED that heads of all Civic Departments furnish to the City Clerk an estimate of all supplies required for their departments for the Civic Year and that after this information is tabulated the City shall call for tenders which will be passed upon by the Tenders Committee, who will then award contracts in the best interest of the City and subject to approval of Council and in the case of emergency that prices be asked from at least three firms.

Your Committee after giving careful consideration to this subject approved of the principal contained in the resolution and recommended that the purchase of all such commodities as could probably be purchased to better advantage by contract covering the total requirements of the City be referred to the Tenders Committee.

And further that the said Committee be instructed to at once enter into a contract for a years supply of electric light bulbs.

Respectfully submitted  
S. L. Shannon  
CHAIRMAN

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

Moved by Alderman Dickie, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the three last items on the Agenda listed under "Deferred Business" viz; Report of the City Auditor re Consolidated Balance Sheet, report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer

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re Oxford Street paving, report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving assessment, be further deferred for consideration until a special meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday evening Nov. 27th,. Motion passed.

*Council*

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIR PORT

Alderman Cragg informs the Council that he had been requested by the Council of the Board of Trade to enquire what action the Council proposed to take regarding an aviation field or airport.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that the Special Committee dealing with Air Port matters does not propose to rush head-long into this matter, but will give the matter careful consideration and study, and when it reaches a final conclusion will make its report to the Council.

*Academy*

TAXES- CANADIAN NATIONAL HOTEL

Alderman McCarthy asked permission to submit a resolution in reference to taxation of C.N.R. Hotel and to appoint a special committee to investigate the matter.

By unanimous consent Alderman McCarthy is permitted to submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Canadian National Railway has under construction a Hotel in this City.

AND WHEREAS the Hotel System of the said Railway, owning and operating various hotels in principal Cities of Canada, pays taxes on these properties,

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of this Council the hotel at present under construction is not a normal development or outgrowth of the properties of the Intercolonial Railways, but rather an extension of hotel facilities for the general development of the business of the Railway throughout Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that a Special Committee of Council be appointed for the purpose of taking up with the Canadian National Railways authorities the question of assessment and taxation on the said hotel; said Special Committee to report at the December meeting of Council.

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

The following Aldermen were duly appointed to the Committee:

Alderman Shannon  
McCarthy  
Cragg.

Alderman Mullane asks the Council to place on record an expression of its appreciation to the City Auditor for taking the initiative and obtaining so much useful information on this subject.

*Acc Shannon*

10.50 o'clock: P.M.

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Alderman McCarthy.

Meeting adjourned

*H. S. Rhind*

H. S. RHIND  
CITY CLERK

*L. A. Gastonguay*  
L. A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR

- (2) Report of the City Auditor regarding Consolidated Balance Sheet for the year ending April 30th, 1928
- (3) Report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving Assessments.
- (4) Report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving of Oxford Street to Osburg and Quinpool Roads.

HOUSING COMMISSION MATTERS

Read report of the City Auditor on

City Auditor's Office  
November 15th, 1928  
His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.  
Gentlemen:  
I reported to Council at its  
October meeting that I had recently had a meeting with the

SPECIAL MEETING

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
November 27th, 1928

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present Aldermen Shannon, Mitchell, Dickie, Redden, Donovan, McCarthy, McDuff, Cragg, Ryan, Corbin, Rains, Drysdale, Mullane, Robertson, Smeltzer and Robinson.

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor the Chair was occupied by Deputy Mayor, Alderman McCarthy.

The meeting was called specially to consider and deal with,-

- (1) Report of the City Auditor on Housing Commission matters.
- (2) Report of the City Auditor covering Consolidated Balance Sheet for the year ending April 30th, 1928
- (3) Report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving assessments.
- (4) Report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re paving of Oxford Street to Coburg and Quinpool Roads.

HOUSING COMMISSION MATTERS

Read report of the City Auditor on Housing Commission matters:

City Auditor's Office  
November 15th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

I reported to Council at its October meeting that I had recently had a meeting with the

Housing Commission and was able to report certain progress. I also informed the Council that I expected to attend further meetings with the Housing Commission, with the end in view of working out some plan which would attempt to solve the situation arising out of the tax arrears due on a number of properties under the administration of the Commission.

It is true that I have met the Chairman of the Commission since I gave my verbal report, and we discussed the whole difficulty. At this conference I advanced certain views to which it would be necessary for the Housing Commission to agree if they were to adopt a sympathetic attitude to the peculiar position of the Corporation in its relationship with the Housing Commission. Unfortunately no other meetings of the Commission were arranged and of course the Chairman at the conference with me could not speak for the Commission as a whole. As a result I am unable to report any progress.

I realize the Housing Commission of the City of Halifax is an independent body and that its members have as their chief responsibility the administration of the properties which the Commission is financing, but I cannot dissociate from their duties the responsibility of supervising the tax situation on all Commission properties in arrears. It is difficult to conceive by what right some of these properties should claim the privilege of tax exemption; for the effect of exemption is obvious in some cases. The only function which the City assumed when the Housing Scheme was adopted was to guarantee repayment of the loan made by the Province which in turn had borrowed from the Federal Government for the purpose of Housing Relief.

The situation is somewhat as follows:

The Housing Commission administering certain properties owned by the Commission or being sold to purchasers under agreements of sale have permitted a large accumulation of tax arrears, certain water rates arrears, and betterment arrears, to develop. This condition is detrimental to the City's interests, especially from the standpoint of collecting its revenue. The City Collector if he should find occasion to sell a Commission property for taxes, water rates, or betterment charges, or all of them, cannot sell for the debt of the purchaser to the Commission. It is true that if a sale takes place a surplus beyond the outstanding taxes may be secured, but experience proves that any such surplus would be quite inadequate to meet the mortgage. Furthermore, if the City Collector sells a property for taxes, etc., the property then becomes city owned and it cannot be assessed for taxes; accordingly there is a loss of revenue. On the other hand, if the Housing Commission repossess a property for tax arrears etc., it is without funds to pay the tax arrears unless an initial payment sufficient to take care of the arrears is made at the time. Another situation is this; in certain cases of repossession and resale under agreement of sale, the Commission has failed to pay the outstanding taxes, etc., to the City Collector and presumably has given the new purchaser the impression as to payment of all outstanding rates, taxes, etc., at the time of sale. This in spite of the lien on the property held by the City

It is well known to Council that it has had to appropriate large sums to enable the Housing Commission to maintain its account with the Province of Nova Scotia on a current basis. These advances so far amount to \$27,000.00 and Council will in future be obliged to make provision for other advances all of which would indicate that the City is really the Banker of the Commission, and that the latter should cooperate to a full degree to protect the financial interests of the City.

All properties in arrears for taxes, water rates etc., may be divided in four groups:

- (a) Properties with arrears of taxes etc., with installments paid.
- (b) Properties with arrears of taxes, etc., with installments in arrears.
- (c) Properties with arrears of taxes etc., re-sold without arrangements of outstanding taxes etc.
- (d) Properties with arrears of taxes etc., Commission owned.

I am now suggesting certain regulations governing the Commission which of course, to become effective, will have to take the form of new legislation

AS TO PROPERTIES IN GROUPS "A" AND "B"

- (1) The Secretary of the Housing Commission of the City of Halifax shall from any monies received from a purchaser in any case where water rates, taxes and (or) betterment charges are owing to the City of Halifax or insurance premiums and other expenses owing to the Housing Commission shall appropriate from such monies, as and when received, to pay the City Collector such water rates, taxes and (or) betterment charges and reimburse itself for said insurance premiums and other expenses and the purchaser shall have no right to appropriate his payments. The Secretary of the Housing Commission of the City of Halifax shall make such appropriation whether the monthly installments payable under the agreement of sale are in arrears or not.

AS TO PROPERTIES IN GROUP "C"

- (2) The Housing Commission of the City of Halifax shall in case of a property repossessed and subsequently re-sold under a new agreement of sale shall at the time of said sale arrange with the purchaser to pay a sum sufficient to pay all water rates, taxes and (or) betterment charges due the City of Halifax, and all insurance premiums and other expenses due the Housing Commission.

If the purchaser is financially unable to make such payment as aforesaid he may arrange to make such payment within one year under such terms and with such guarantees acceptable to the City Collector.



In cases where properties have been repossessed and subsequently resold up to the present time, without arrangement of tax arrears etc., the Collector of the City of Halifax be authorized to write off as uncollectible all water rates, taxes and (or) betterment charges, which were due and payable on the day of said sale, and which were not arranged by the Housing Commission.

AS TO PROPERTIES IN GROUP "D"

(3) The Secretary of the Housing Commission of the City of Halifax shall in respect to properties owned by the Commission or the properties repossessed by the Commission during such time as they continue to be owned or repossessed pay by installments to the Collector of the City of Halifax, from any monies received as rentals all taxes levied since and including the civic year 1925-26, and all water rates and (or) betterment charges now outstanding, With respect to real estate taxes unpaid on said properties prior to and including the Civic Year 1924-25 the Collector of the City of Halifax be authorized to write the said Real Estate taxes off as uncollectible.

In all the above cases of course where interest is now ordinarily payable by any other taxpayer, it should be payable under these paragraphs.

I am bringing this matter before Council to acquaint members of the general situation. The present, I feel, is the time to deal with it, and while it may be true the Housing Commission will have to accept losses here and there, it will be recognized that the present Commission is in no way responsible for the loss in the case of a single property or for the final loss resulting from the Housing scheme. The main point is that the Collector must collect taxes on every property in the City except those exempt by law and Housing Commission properties are not so exempt.

Respectfully submitted  
A.M. Butler  
CITY AUDITOR

Moved by Alderman Dickie, seconded by Alderman Redden that the report be received and considered clause by clause. Motion passed.

The several clauses are taken up for consideration clause by clause:

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that clause (1) as to properties in groups "A" and "B" as set out in the report, be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

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Moved by Alderman Rains seconded by Alderman Shannon that clause (2) as to properties in group "C" be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Robertson seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that clause (3) as to properties in group "D" be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Rains, seconded by Alderman Dickie that the report as a whole be now adopted, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the legislation necessary to carry into effect the recommendations contained in the report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Cragg, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the Housing Commission be instructed to forward to the City Council a quarterly report respecting all their transactions and in accordance with the recommendations in the report of the Special Committee on Housing Commission matters, submitted to this Council and adopted on December 15th, 1927 and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Housing. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Read report of the City Auditor covering Consolidated Balance Sheet of the City for the year ending April 30th, 1928 deferred for consideration at a meeting of the City Council held August 16th last.

The report is taken up and considered clause by clause

UNCOLLECTED WATER RATES PAGE 13 EXHIBIT 39

Moved by Alderman Dickie, seconded by Alderman Cragg that this Council approve of the

*Original  
City of Wash  
Solicitor*

*City Council*

*Treasurer J. E.  
Sales  
Chas. J. Oppen  
Secretary*

*Geo. Cragg*

*Council*

principal of charging interest on unpaid water rates, as set out in the Auditor's report, and that the said matter be referred to the Committee on Works to instruct the City Solicitor to draft an ordinance with respect to this matter and report back to the Council. Motion passed

*Engineer  
Clk of Works  
Solicitor*

UNCOLLECTED TAXES PAGE 6-7

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Dickie that the Heads of the various Departments be notified that they must forthwith reconcile their accounts with the accounts of the general ledger. Motion passed unanimously.

*City Collector*

SUPERANNUATION FUND PAGE 10 EXHIBITS 22-31

The City Auditor submits a special report on the Superannuation Funds as requested at the last meeting of Council.

Moved by Alderman Robertson seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report of the City Auditor in reference to the Superannuation Funds be referred to a Special Committee for consideration and report. Motion passed.

The following named Aldermen were nominated and appointed to be a Special Committee for this purpose:

Aldermen Cragg, McDuff and Shannon.

*Ald Cragg*

NOTICE OF MOTION RE COGSWELL STREET HOSPITAL  
BY ALDERMAN DICKIE

Alderman Dickie gives notice that he will at a future meeting of Council move a resolution that an application be made to the Department of National Defence with regard to having it release Cogswell Street Hospital property for commercial purposes.

*Council*

PAVEMENT ASSESSMENT

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer of August 15th, 1928, re pavement assessments submitted and read at a meeting of the City Council held on August 16th last, and deferred for consideration.

(For report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer see minutes of Council August 16, 1928 Page 181)

Alderman Dickie submits his resolution of which he gave notice at a meeting held on June 19th, last.

RESOLVED that this Council secure legislation making the assessment of permanent pavement a general charge against the City.

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Rains.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Cragg seconded by Alderman Robertson that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare report on the methods employed by the various cities in assessing for pavement, and also to report re paving of Quinpool Road and other streets.

At this stage of proceedings the Chairman called upon Alderman Shannon to take the Chair while he addressed the meeting from the floor of the Council.

Amendment put and passed eight voting for the same and seven against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Shannon  
Mitchell  
Cragg  
MacDuff  
Mullane  
Drysdale  
Robertson  
Robinson - 8

AGAINST IT

Alderman Dickie  
Redden  
Donovan  
Rains  
Ryan  
Corbin  
Smeltzer - 7

*Engineer*

OXFORD STREET PAVING

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Oxford Street paving deferred for consideration at the last meeting of Council be further deferred until the City Engineer presents his report re pavement assessments. Motion passed.

*Council*

BRUNSWICK STREET FIRE STATION  
FINAL PAYMENT TO W.G.FOLEY

Read report of the City Auditor recommending a final payment to W.G.Foley on his contract for the construction of a reinforced concrete floor at the Brunswick Street Fire Station, amounting to \$554.00.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
November 2nd, 1928

REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOOR  
CENTRAL ENGINE HOUSE

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

CERTIFICATE NO.2(FINAL)

I beg to recommend payment to Mr. W.G.Foley of the sum of FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$554.00) being payment in full on his contract for the construction of the reinforced concrete floor at the Central Engine House, Halifax, N.S.

Amount of Contract	\$2,095.00
Additional Reinforced Beams	75.00
Hardener	60.00
	<u>\$2,230.00</u>
Less paid on Certificate No. 1	1,676.00
	<u>\$554.00</u>

Respectfully submitted  
H.W.Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

City Auditor's Office  
Halifax, N.S.,  
November 12th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I attach letter addressed to

*Amended  
City Health Board*

Your Worship written from the City Engineer, recommending payment to W.G.Foley of the sum of \$554.00 balance in full on his contract for the construction of a reinforced concrete floor at the central engine house.

A progress payment has also been made on this amounting to \$1,676.00 and recommendation for the balance should have gone to Council at its regular November meeting. As this was overlooked would you be kind enough to deal especially with this matter at your meeting on November 27th so that Mr. Foley will be able to receive this money.

Yours very truly,

A.M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR

Moved by Alderman Robinson seconded by Alderman Rains that the recommendation of the City Auditor be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed. ✓

*Councilor*

NEW ISOLATION HOSPITAL-TENDERS FOR EQUIPMENT

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for adoption tenders for certain equipment:

City Health Board,  
City Hall,  
Nov. 27th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held this date tenders were opened for supplying refrigerators in the new Infectious Disease Hospital on Morris Street:

The Board recommends the purchase from Messrs. Crowell Brothers, Limited, of one large refrigerator equipped with the Copeland Cooling Unit and Compressor at a total cost of Three Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$340.00) and also one small model procelain refrigerator, complete with cooling equipment at Two Hundred and Forty-five (\$245.00) Dollars net, these prices including cost of installation. The prices submitted were the lowest received.

It is further recommended that the offer of the Keefe Construction Company for the erection of a brick wall, fitted with an air tight fire-proof door, at the new Infectious Disease Hospital, for fumigating purposes, at \$86.00 be accepted.

It is also recommended that the tender of Gordon and Keith for supplying congoleum floor coverings, rubber stair treads and fitting same at \$134.90 be accepted.

Arthur C. Pettipas  
Secretary C.H.B.

*Sanitation  
Sanity Health  
Board*

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

11.30 p.m.

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

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Meeting adjourned

*H. S. Rhind*

H. S. RHIND  
CITY CLERK

*L. A. Gastonguay*

L. A. GASTONGUAY  
MAYOR

Yestaday, the Board of Works granted, or  
purported to grant permission to the above named man,  
(Whom we are informed is acting on behalf of the  
McColl-P... to erect a  
filling station on the corner of Quinpool Road and Oxford Street in the City of  
Halifax.

EVENING SESSION

8 .10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Dec. 13th, 1928

The application... adverse  
report of the City Engineer...  
of some sixty rate payers...  
granting of the application. Three of the rate payers  
concerned were heard in opposition to the proposal  
before the Board of Works.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Shannon, Dickie, Redden, Smith, Donovan, McCarthy, Cragg, Ryan, Corbin, Rains, Drysdale, O'Toole, Robinson, Smeltzer and Robertson.

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

The following named papers were submitted:

Letter Messrs. Covert, Pearson and Rutledge protesting against the action of the Committee on Works in granting permission for the erection of a filling station on the corner of Quinpool Road and Oxford Street:

It was unanimously decided to take up the consideration of this matter at once.

His Worship instructed the City Clerk to read the letter of Messrs. Covert, Pearson and Rutledge.

FILLING STATION CORNER QUINPOOL ROAD AND OXFORD STREET

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 13th, 1928  
His Worship L.A. Gastonguay, Esq.,  
Mayor of Halifax  
and Aldermen

Dear Sir:

In re the application of one  
E Rayner for filling  
Station etc.



Yesterday the Board of Works granted, or purported to grant permission to the above named man, (Whom we are informed is acting on behalf of the McColl-Frontenac Refineries Limited), to erect a filling and service station at the south west corner of Quinpool Road and Oxford Street in the City of Halifax.

The application was granted on the adverse report of the City Engineer and against the wishes of some sixty rate payers who petitioned against the granting of the application. Three of the rate payers concerned were heard in opposition to the proposal before the Board of Works.

We are acting for Mr. A.M. MacKay a rate payer, whose dwelling is within 100 yards of the proposed filling station and on his behalf we object to the application and say that the same as made before the Board of Works did not comply with the statutes respecting buildings to be erected in the "residential" area of the City of Halifax, and we ask that the matter of the application of Mr. Rayner be dealt with by the City Council.

From our instructions we feel assured in stating to you that a petition of the rate payers of the west end of the City, showing an almost unanimous objection to the application, could be got supporting the objection to the proposed filling and service station.

Yours very truly  
COVERT, PEARSON & RUTLEDGE.  
Per J.E. Rutledge.

The following resolution was submitted:

WHEREAS the Board of Works at its meeting held December 12th, 1928, approved of the application of one E. Rayner for the granting of a permit to operate a filling and service station on the south west corner of Quinpool Road and Oxford Street in the City of Halifax:

AND WHEREAS; it now appears that there is doubt as to whether said application should have been granted:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that pending the opinion of the City Solicitor, the Building Inspector be and he is hereby requested not to issue a permit to E. Rayner or his nominee or to any person, firm or corporation for the building or erection of a filling and service station or any other building on the said site.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded by Alderman Dickie and passed unanimously;

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Letter Board of Trade in re fixing dates for coming into force of Daylight Saving Time

*Solicitor  
Engineer  
Blag Inspector*

December 13th, 1928

during the summer of 1929:

Board of Trade,  
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 3rd, 1928

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

Your Worship:

The Canadian National Railway work early in the year on their time schedules and have asked both the Saint John and Halifax Boards of Trade with reference to Daylight dates for the year 1929.

Last year the two Cities were not uniform and it is the aim of the Railway to endeavour to have the same dates adopted the coming year. If you will remember when this matter was urged some years ago by this Board of Trade the dates extended from the first Sunday in May to the last Sunday in September- some of the early workers objected to the September dates, claiming they extended too far into the year to the Sunday following Labour Day, while Saint John closed at midnight Labour Day.

There are a number of merchants who would like to have the full time as we formerly had but there are the working people to be considered and also the school children coming into the City on the Suburban trains; as school opens the day after Labour day, and after discussing the matter thoroughly at Council meeting on Tuesday last it was decided we ask Saint John to conform with the following dates:

From midnight, Sunday, May 12th, to midnight, Labour Day, September 2nd, 1929.

My object in writing is to ask if you will kindly get the concensus of opinion of the Aldermen so we can state to the Mayor of Saint John, who is also feeling out the Aldermen of that City, that our dates can be the same.

Thanking you in anticipation of your favourable consideration of this matter.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E.A. Saunders  
SECRETARY.

The following Resolution was  
submitted:

RESOLVED that this Council adopt Daylight Saving time during the summer of 1929, said time to be effective from midnight May 12th and ending Midnight Labour Day September 2nd, and that all civic activities be regulated accordingly.

*E. A. Saunders  
S. S. B. 1923  
J. J. Douglas  
E. N. Ry*

Moved by Alderman S hannon seconded by  
Alderman Donovan and passed unanimously



WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works  
recommending for payment accounts amounting to  
\$7,696.19:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
Dec. 12th, 1928

Accounts-Water and Works  
Departments

The City Council.

Gentlemen:--

The Committee on Works recommend for  
payment accounts forwarded herewith amounting to  
\$7,696.19, chargeable as follows:

<u>Water Dept.</u>	Capital	\$86.22	
	Maintenance	<u>1105.27</u>	\$1,191.49
<u>Works Dept.</u>	Capital	\$114.93	
	Appropriations	<u>6389.77</u>	6,504.70
			<u>\$7,696.19</u>

Respectfully submitted  
M.A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Shannon seconded by  
Alderman Corbin that the reports be adopted and  
accounts paid. Motion passed.

General ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee  
recommending for payment accounts amounting to  
\$5,689.10:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Dec. 12th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:--

Ata meeting of the Finance Committee

December 13th, 1928

held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$5,689.10 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Shannon  
CHAIRMAN

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

CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home \$7,992.74 and to the T.B. Hospital \$2,730.01:

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 12th, 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 Redden and Drysdale.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS NOVEMBER 1928 AMOUNT \$7,992.74:

City Home accounts for the month of November 1928 amounting to \$7,992.74 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS NOVEMBER 1928 AMOUNT \$2,730.01

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of November 1928 amounting to \$2,730.01 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted  
James W. McCarthy  
CHAIRMAN

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

December 13th, 1928

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$11,692.88:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Dec 11th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached lists of accounts amounting in all to \$11,692.88 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Fire Alarm Maintenance	\$444.05
Fire Department	<u>11,248.83</u>
	<u>\$11,692.88</u>

Respectfully submitted  
Thomas Robinson  
CHAIRMAN

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

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$2,245.00:

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 13th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday December 12th, 1928, the following accounts amounting to \$2,245.00 were passed as correct and recommended for payment.

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

December 13th, 1928

CITY HEALTH BOARD  
EQUIPMENT NEW ISOLATION HOSPITAL  
ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts for equipment of the new Isolation Hospital amounting to \$391.75:

Office of City Health Board  
Halifax, N.S. Dec. 13th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Respectfully submitted  
S. L. Shannon  
CHAIRMAN

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, December 12th, I was instructed to forward two accounts for supplies for the new Infectious Disease Hospital, orders for which were placed prior to the last meeting of the Council. One account is from Webster, Smith Company, Limited for supplying dishes totalling \$179.56 and the other from The T. Eaton & Company for furniture, dry goods, bedding and dishes, totalling \$212.19:

These accounts are recommended by the Board for payment.

\$3,426.08:

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

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

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

GARDENS PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts chargeable to Public Gardens \$580.80 and to Flemming Park \$116.27:

December 13th, 1928

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Dec. 12th, 1928

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 amounting to \$580.80 chargeable to Public Gardens And \$116.27 chargeable to Flemming Park, were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted  
S.L. Shannon  
CHAIRMAN

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$8,428.08:

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 10, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, the attached accounts, amounting to \$8,428.08 were passed and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted  
L.A. Gastonguay,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to

December 13th, 1928

\$1,069.23 and covering report of the Governor for the month of November showing twenty-eight males and six females in custody during the month:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Dec. 5th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$1,069.23 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment. The report of Governor Grant for the month of November is also attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted  
A.A. Robertson  
CHAIRMAN

City Prison,  
Dec. 13th, 1928

The Chairman  
and Members of City Prison Committee.

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit the report of City Prison for the month ending November 30th, A.D. 1928 as follows. Admitted during the month Eighteen males, Number discharged sixteen males In custody November 30th, 1928 twenty-eight males and six females. Total thirty four inmates. Included in this number there are five males, convicted under the N.S.T. Act.

At this date last year there were thirty three in custody, made up of thirty men and three women.

Respectfully submitted  
George Grant  
GOVERNOR

Moved by Alderman Robertson

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



FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ACCOUNT MISS VERA L. STREET

Read report of the Committee of Fire-wards recommending payment of the account of Miss Vera Street for stenographic services in connection with taking the evidence at an investigation into matters pertaining to the Fire Department; also read report of the Finance Committee recommending non-currence in the payment of this account:-

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Dec. 11th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached account of Miss V.L. Street for Stenographic services (\$25.00) in connection with the investigation into matters pertaining to the Fire Department was considered and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted  
T. Robinson  
CHAIRMAN

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Dec. 12th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached account submitted by Miss Vera L. Street, Stenographer in the Mayor's Office for taking evidence in connection with the investigation into the Fire Department \$25.00 was under consideration.

Your Committee report that it does not concur in the payment of this account.

Respectfully submitted  
S. L. Shannon  
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Robinson seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report of the Committee of

December 13th, 1928

Firewards be adopted and that the account of Miss Street amounting to \$25.00 be paid, but that the payment of this account be not considered as precedent for future services. Motion passed.

*Auditor*

CITIZENS FREE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Library Committee recommending payment of accounts amounting to \$354.10;

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 13th, 1928

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

Gentlemen:-

The Library Committee begs to submit the following accounts for payment:

September	City of Halifax-	Salaries	\$233.32
\$9,627.91	T.C. Allen & Co.	Books	8.00
not received	Mutual Subs. Agency-	Periodicals	108.45
titled, an	R.W. Wright	Envelopes	1.83
necessity	Can. Mil. Gazette	Subscription	2.50
paid without			<u>\$ 354.10</u>

Respectfully submitted  
L. F. Hannaby  
LIBRARIAN

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

Motion passed.

HIGHWAY TAX

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending a payment on account of the balance due the Province on the Highway Tax:

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

The Chairman  
Finance Committee  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

I am attaching a letter from the Deputy Provincial Treasurer in which he writes of the City's highway tax account amounting to \$9,672.91 to Sept. 30th.

December 13th, 1928

For your information this amount is made up of two items; the first for interest, and the second being  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the amount of the 1927 highway tax.

Yours truly,

A.M. Butler  
CITY AUDITOR.

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 22nd, 1928

A.M. Butler, Esq.,  
City Auditor,  
City of Halifax,  
Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:-

HIGHWAY TAX

I have again to draw your attention to the fact that no payment has been made on the balance due by the City and outstanding at 30th September last. The amount at that date was \$9,627.91. It would appear that this matter is not receiving the attention to which it is entitled, and I must therefore press upon you the necessity for taking steps to have this amount paid without delay. Every opportunity has been given you in the past to point out where any overcharges occur in the amount, and you have not been able to do so. The charges which have been made are in strict accordance with the Acts, and it is our simple duty to see that the provisions of the Acts in question are duly respected. Please let me hear from you.

Yours truly,  
R. Gordon  
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL TREASURER

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Dec. 12th, 1928

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 Auditor, covering a letter received by him from the Deputy Provincial Treasurer asking for payment of the balance due by the City and outstanding at September 30th last on account of the Highway tax the amount to that date being \$9,672.91, was duly considered.

December 13th, 1928

Your Committee recommend that the City Auditor be authorized to pay the amount due less the amount to be deducted for discount of  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  on the 1927 taxes.

Respectfully submitted  
S.L.Shannon  
CHAIRMAN

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

*Auditor*

WORKS DEPARTMENT- TENDERS FOR MATERIALS OLD INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

Read report of the Committee on Works re tenders for the purchase of obsolete materials at the old Infectious Diseases Hospital:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Dec. 10th, 1928

Infectious Diseases Hospital-Materials

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works submit herewith tenders for materials in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Rockhead as follows:-

HEATING FIXTURES

PLUMBING FIXTURES

Wm. Andrews	\$35.00	-
J. Gray	170.00	\$85.00
D.A. Summings & Company	250.00	90.00
E.W. Oxner	326.00	146.00

The tender of E.W. Oxner, being the highest is recommended for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted

M.A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

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

*Engineer Auditor*