

December 13th, 1928

WIDENING NORTH STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re purchase of land from Mr. H.L.Wamboldt for widening North Street in front of his premises No.285:

City Works Office
Halifax, N.S.,
Nov.30th, 1928

NORTH STREET WIDENING

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held November 27th, had under consideration a request of Mr. H.L.Wamboldt for payment for land taken by the City on the north side of North Street, also a report of the City Engineer thereon, which is attached hereto.

It was resolved to recommend to Council that said report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted
M.A.Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

City Engineer's Office,
Nov. 27th, 1928

NORTH STREET WIDENING

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the request of Mr. H.L.Wamboldt for payment for land taken by the City on the north side of North Street in front of #285, that this property is in a similar position to those owned by Mr.Blackie and Mr. MacIntyre. The value fixed for this property was $7\frac{1}{2}\phi$ a square foot and Mr.Wamboldt offers to accept this amount.

The area of the land taken is 249 square feet, which at the rate mentioned amounts to \$18.67.

I would recommend that Mr.Wamboldt be paid this amount in full for the land in front of No.285 required for street widening purposes.

Respectfully submitted
H.W.Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

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*Engineer
Auditor
Solicitor*

Moved by Alderman Shannon seconded by
Alderman McCarthy that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed

AVIATION AIR FIELD

Read report of the Committee on Works
re Air Field:

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

AIR FIELD

His Worship the Mayor and
City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works
on the 12th instant, it was decided that the
Committee are not prepared at present to make any
recommendation on the advisability of establishing
an Air Field, but hope to have sufficient in-
formation to enable them to report at the January
meeting of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

FILED

TENDERS -ELECTRIC LIGHT LAMPS

Read report of the Tenders Committee cover-
ing tenders for the supplying of electric light lamps
for the various civic departments for one year from
date:

Committee Room
City Hall,
Dec. 13th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Tenders
held this day, tenders were submitted from the follow-
ing named firms for supplying electric lights to
various Civic Departments for a period of one year
from date:

John Starr, Son & Co. Ltd.
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.
Northern Electric Co.
Can. General Elec. Co.
W.W. Hoyt.

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Your Committee recommend that the tender of John Starr, Son & Co., Ltd., at the prices quoted in their tender as per schedule attached, being the lowest, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted
Chas E. Smith
CHAIRMAN

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

Engineer Auditor

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TENDERS FOR LOAN

\$20,400.00

Read report of the Finance Committee covering tenders for loan of \$2,900.00 -5% - 5 year debentures and \$17,500- 4½% of 15 year Stock:

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

TENDERS FOR LOAN

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the City Treasurer submitted tenders received in response to an advertisement for a loan of \$2,900.00 5% - 5 year debentures and \$17,500- 4½% 15 year stock or debentures as follows:

Officials' Superannuation Fund Per R.V. Dimock, Trustee.	\$2,900.00 5% 5 year 100% Par.
Johnston & Ward.	2,900.00 5% - 5 year 100% and accrued interest.
do	17,500.00 4½% 15 year 94.45% and accrued interest
Royal Securities	2,900.00 5% -5 year 100.50%
do	17,500.00 4½% 15 year 95.79%

Your Committee recommend that the offer of the Royal Securities Company be accepted and that the attached resolutions prepared by the City Solicitor dealing with the issue of the Stock and debentures be adopted.

Respectfully submitted

S. L. Shannon
CHAIRMAN

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

The following Resolutions (3) were submitted:

WHEREAS by Section 42 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of Legislature of Nova Scotia for the year 1928, the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow on the credit of the City the sums following for the purposes set opposite each item thereof respectively, that is to say:

For a Spraying Machine for the Public Gardens-- Not exceeding.....\$900.00

For a Motor Patrol for the Police Department,--Not exceeding..... 2000.00

and to repay the same by five yearly instalments, the first thereof to be included in the yearly estimates for the Civic Year 1929-30, repayable 1st day of August, 1929, and one on each succeeding 1st August until the same is repaid.

AND WHEREAS the City requires to borrow the said sums for the purposes aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS the City has not previously borrowed any money under the authority of the said enactments.

AND WHEREAS at a meeting of the City Council held on the 15th day of November 1928, it was resolved that the Treasurer do advertise for tenders for the loaning to the City of the said sum of \$2,900.00 at a rate not to exceed five per cent. per annum, and to report to the Committee on Finance the said tenders when the same had been received.

AND WHEREAS the Treasurer having duly advertised for tenders as so directed, and tenders for the said loan having been received were considered by the said Committee on Finance and the tender of THE ROYAL SECURITIES CORPORATION LTD. for the said loan at the price of 100.50 being considered the most favourable was recommended for acceptance.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said tender of the said THE ROYAL SECURITIES CORPORATION LIMITED at the price of 100.50 be accepted and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue to the ROYAL SECURITIES CORPORATION LIMITED, debentures of the City of Halifax, such Debentures to bear date 1st August, 1928, and to be payable in lawful money of Canada at the office of the City Treasurer at Halifax, or at the office of the Royal Bank of Canada in any of the Cities of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver, Canada, at holder's option, in five years from the date hereof, and interest upon the said sum at the rate of five per cent per annum payable half-yearly upon the first days of February and August in each year.

Moved by Alderman Shannon seconded by Alderman Redden and passed unanimously.

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WHEREAS by Chapter 61 of the Acts of Legislature of Nova Scotia for the year 1928, the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow the sum of \$17,500.00 to pay one-half of the cost of installing an Artificial Ice Plant at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, the said sum when so borrowed to be in addition to the amounts authorized by the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act 1905 and to form part of that fund and to be secured by stock or debentures of the City.

AND WHEREAS the City has not previously borrowed any money under the authority of the said enactment.

AND WHEREAS the City is desirous of borrowing the said sum and applying the same to the purpose aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS at a meeting of the City Council held on the 15th day of November 1928, it was resolved that the Treasurer do advertise for tenders for the loaning to the City of the said sum of \$17,500 at a rate not to exceed four and one-half per cent, per annum, and to report to the Committee on Finance the said tenders when the same had been received.

AND WHEREAS the Treasurer having duly advertised for tenders as so directed, and tenders for the said loan having been received were considered by the said Committee on Finance and the tender of THE ROYAL SECURITIES CORPORATION LIMITED for the said loan at the price of 95.79 being considered the most favourable was recommended for acceptance.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said tender of the said THE ROYAL SECURITIES CORPORATION LIMITED, at the price of 95.79 be accepted and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue to the ROYAL SECURITIES CORPORATION LIMITED, stock of the City of Halifax, such Stock to bear date 2nd day of January 1929, and to be payable in lawful money of Canada at the office of the City Treasurer at Halifax in fifteen years from date hereof, and interest upon the said sum at the rate of four and one-half per cent, per annum payable half-yearly upon the first days of January and July in each year.

Moved by Alderman Shannon seconded by Alderman Redden and passed unanimously.

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WHEREAS by Section 42 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for 1928 the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow sums

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not exceeding \$2,900.00 for the purchase of a Spraying Machine for the Public Gardens and for a Motor Patrol for the Police Department, and by Chapter 61 of the Acts of the said Legislature for the said year was authorized to borrow the sum of \$17,500.00 to pay one-half of the cost of installing an Artificial Ice Plant at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

AND WHEREAS the City has by resolution resolved to borrow the said sums amounting to \$20,400.00 and has duly advertised for tenders for the same and tenders have been received for the purchase of the Stock or Debentures of the City to secure the same and the best prices obtainable for the said sum of \$17,500 being the tender of the ROYAL SECURITIES CORPORATION LIMITED at the price of \$95.79 of par is insufficient to produce the said sum of \$17,500 by the amount of approximately \$1,000.00

THEREFORE RESOLVED under the authority of Section 345 of the Halifax City Charter that the Treasurer do issue and sell to the said THE ROYAL SECURITIES CORPORATION LIMITED at the price of \$95.79 such an additional amount of the Stock or Debentures of the City as will, at the price aforesaid produce the said amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose aforesaid, such stock or debentures to bear date 1st August, 1928 and to be payable in lawful money of Canada at the office of the City Treasurer at Halifax, in fifteen years from the date hereof, and interest upon the said sum at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, per annum payable half-yearly upon the first days of January and July in each year.

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Redden and passed unanimously.

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LEGISLATION RE INTEREST ON TAXES

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation changing the date for the payment of interest on unpaid taxes in any year from October 1st to September 1st:

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

The Chairman and Members
of the Finance Committee

Gentlemen:-

You will remember that Legislation was obtained at the last session of the Legislature substantially changing the method of collecting taxes

*Treasurer
Auditor*

Commencing with the Civic Year May 1st, 1929, taxes will be payable in two installments. The first payable in May and the second payable in August. The Chief purpose of the plan was to advance the time when the City would first receive funds on accounts of taxes. In the original plan as it came before Council interest was to become effective at the rate of 7% on September 1st., of the Current Civic Year. When the matter of interest was discussed in Council Aldermen O'Toole moved, and without discussion it was decided to make the date on which interest would commence October 1st, the same as it is at present.

Council evidently lost sight of the fact that the object of the plan was to move ahead the time when the City would receive its taxes, and to have altered the interest clause was to defeat the particular purpose in view. There is no logic in a free period during which interest is not charged. That is a part of the present system and as it is well known the present system is obsolete by comparison with methods in vogue in other Canadian Cities.

Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1928, Section 24, Sub-Section 436A (2) reads " On all other amounts for rates or taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st of October interest shall be charged thereafter at the rate aforesaid" The rate of interest referred to in the preceding paragraph is 7%. I would recommend that the legislation be obtained so that interest will commence on September 1st, immediately following the last day on which the second installment may be paid with discount.

PENALTY

You will recall that it was a part of the plan to charge a penalty on taxes unpaid on February 1st of the current civic year. The rate suggested was 3%. Council would not entertain this provision, and it has been suggested that there is also little chance of obtaining the approval of the Legislature to make it law.

However, I am bringing the matter to your attention feeling that you may want to discuss it now. The penalty certainly has its merits! It is one of the chief factors in the collection of taxes in other Cities, and it has been largely adopted throughout in Canada.

If it is out of the question to obtain the necessary legislation to enforce a penalty then in lieu of this step should be taken to obtain legislation to reduce the present three year lien to a two year lien. This would give the Collector an opportunity to use his lien a full year before he can now do so. It is true that he has the remedy at any time to sue the taxpayer, but to sue taxpayers by the hundreds would tend to create a chaotic condition in his office. Moreover, it has been found that the lien is a far more effective way of getting taxpayers to attend to their obligations than the warrant. The question of reducing the three year lien to a two year lien has been discussed for some time, and the consensus of opinion was and is that the more businesslike method to follow is to have a two year lien.

Yours truly,

A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR

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Committee Room, City Hall,
December 12th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day a letter from the City Auditor was under consideration in reference to advancing the date for the payment of interest on unpaid taxes from Oct. 1st to Sept. 1st to conform with the Legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature in advancing the time for the payment of taxes.

Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an amendment to Chapter 60 Section 24 Sub-Section 436 A of the Charter changing the date from Oct. 1st to Sept. 1st.

Respectfully submitted
S. L. Shannon
CHAIRMAN

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

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION-STATEMENT 1928

Read report of the City Auditor covering audit and annual statement of the Provincial Exhibition Commission:

City Auditor's Office,
December 5th, 1928.

The Chairman and Members
Provincial Exhibition Commission,
Halifax, N.S. and
His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax City Charter and the By-Laws of the Provincial Exhibition Commission I have audited the books and accounts of the Commission for the year ending October 31st 1928, and submit herewith statements of Revenue and Expenditure, and assets and liabilities.

Solicitor

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT ETC.

Plant and equipment acquired to date represents a cost of \$459,326.34. Advances by the Province and City for re-establishment purposes, and for the construction of an artificial ice plant amount to \$435,000.00 Capital account has therefore been over-expended a gross amount of \$24,326.34, and after applying the earned surplus for the financial year, namely \$23,177.55, the over-expenditure amounts to \$1,148.79. There is accordingly an insufficiency of cash of \$1,148.79 to meet current liabilities.

SEWERAGE

I wish to direct your attention to an account due the City of Halifax for sewerage amounting to \$5,863.76. It was at my direction that this liability was taken on the books. Details of the accounts follows:

Windsor St.	Sewer 575 Ft.	\$1,006.25	
	Int. to Oct. 31, 1928	<u>407.55</u>	\$1,413.80
Young St.	Sewer 936 Ft.	\$1,638.00	
	Int. to Oct. 31, 1928	<u>835.38</u>	2,473.38
Almon St.	Sewer 690 ft.	\$863.13	
	Int. to Oct. 31, 1928	<u>1,113.45</u>	1,976.58
			<u>\$ 5,863.76</u>

The Almon Street sewer was constructed in 1907, and the Engineer's return filed March 26, 1908. It is an undecided question whether betterment charges constitute a perpetual lien, whether the lien runs out in twenty years from the date when the first installment is payable, or whether the installments outlaw according to their respective maturities, but assuming the Commission may be liable for the whole debt I have shown it as such in the statement in order that the matter will be settled forthwith. I would recommend that the Members of the Commission interest themselves to obtain an early adjustment of this account

INTEREST AND SINKING FUND ON COST OF ARTIFICIAL ICE PLANT

Under a resolution of the Halifax City Council passed at the time of borrowing the sum of \$17,500.00 for 50% of the construction of an artificial ice plant for the Forum it was stipulated that interest and sinking fund not to exceed 7% of the amount must be paid to the City annually. The Commission agreed to this. With this restrictive rate it will be necessary for the Commission to pay this charge for approximately twenty-eight years. This I understand far exceeds the life of the plant, and I would suggest the Commission consider the question of agreeing to pay such a rate as would pay off the cost of the plant in fifteen years.

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As no doubt the Provincial Government will exact similar terms in connection with its advance for its share of the ice plant I have set up a reserve to pay the Government 7% for interest and sinking fund on its loan.

SURPLUS

Surplus from operations amounts to \$23,177.55 as shown in the statement of Revenue and Expenditure. As mentioned above this surplus has been wholly spent on Capital account. When discussing surplus it should not be overlooked that the Commission is enjoying the free use of \$400,000.00, capital which represents at 4.50% for interest and, 1.36% for sinking fund, an amount of \$23,440.00 annually.

CASH OVERAGE

An amount of \$236.09 has been placed in a suspense account representing a cash overage on account of revenue for the year. It is impossible to trace this item to the point of origin as the cash received record lacks the ordinary detail which should be shown with all cash receipts.

CONTROL OF DISBURSEMENTS

In the case of the majority of payments the voucher is not signed by the Chairman of the Committee concerned. If it is not always convenient for the Chairman of the Committee to sign then the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Commission should sign in his absence. The voucher form indicates the necessity for the signature, and I think it should be obtained in every case. If a proper control of disbursements is not maintained by Chairmen of the various committees it imposes an extra responsibility on the audit staff.

ADMISSIONS

I am unable to certify to the returns for admissions as the information in the record fails to show full details of the unsold tickets in a number of rolls. All tickets sold and collected, and all tickets unsold have been destroyed, and because of this circumstance no check can be made. A complete record of the number of tickets printed, and all tickets sold or unsold should be retained until an opportunity to inspect them has been given.

BONDS FOR EMPLOYEES

I would recommend that such employees of the Commission whose duties require them to account for the revenues of the Commission be bonded for amounts consistent with their responsibilities.

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CERTIFICATE

Subject to my remarks directing your attention to certain items I certify that the financial statements as submitted are correct to the best of my knowledge, according to the books and vouchers of the Commission, and the explanations given me

Respectfully submitted,
A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR

FILED.

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Read report of the City Auditor covering statement of collections of taxes and other monies during the month of November 1928 :

City Auditor's Office,
December 13th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Report on Tax Collections for the month of November 1928 is submitted. Collections from the usual sources reported each month amounted to \$67,894.20. During the same month last year an amount of \$89,814.09 was collected.

Collections on account of taxes for the current year while exceeding in amount the collections made last year up to November 30 show a decrease of 2% when the total amounts of the respective Tax Rolls are considered.

ARREARS TAXES	Outstanding Balance Previous Month.	New accounts added and other debits.	Nov-ember Collect-ions	Amounts Written off and other credits	Outstanding Balances November 31, 1928
Civic Year Prior to May 1st 1925	\$712,578.13	\$60.00	\$2,276.72		\$710,361.41
Civic Year 1925-26	94,487.67	64.87	1,225.36		23,327.18
Civic Year 1926-27	140,619.24		6,990.96		133,628.28
Civic Year 1927-28	279,387.63		11,455.43		267,932.20
	\$ 1,227,072.67	\$ 124.87	\$ 21,948.47		\$1,205,249.07

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ARREARS TAXES	OUTSTANDING BALANCE PREVIOUS MONTH	NEW ACCOUNTS ADDED AND OTHER DEBITS	NOVEMBER COLLECT- IONS	AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF AND OTHER CREDITS	OUTSTANDING BALANCES NOVEMBER 31, 1928
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FORWARD	1,227,072.67				
<u>CURRENT TAXES</u>		124.87	21,948.47		\$1,205,249.0
Civic Year 1928-29	\$637,508.56	\$386.72	\$29,234.37		\$608,660.91
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT</u>					
Rates and Taxes	74,176.15	61583.34	16,711.36	35.30	119,012.83
	<u>\$1,938,757.38</u>	<u>\$62094.93</u>	<u>\$67894.20</u>	<u>\$35.30</u>	<u>\$1932,922.81</u>

Respectfully submitted

A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR

FILED.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor covering copies
of statements of Departmental Appropriations as at
November 30th, 1928:

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
December 13th, 1928

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith Statement of Appro-
priations as at November 30th, 1928 copies of which
have already been supplied Heads of Departments.

Yours truly,

A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED.

CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities Committee
covering report of the Superintendent of the City
Home and T.B. Hospital for the month of November 1928:

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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.

SUPT'S REPORT CITY HOME NOVEMBER 1928 NUMBER OF
INMATES 256

The Superintendent's report shows that
during the month of November 1928 there were 4 men
admitted into the City Home. 6 men were discharged
and 1 man died.

The total number of inmates November
30th, 1928 was 256 made up of 138 men 116 women and
2 children. On the same date last year there
were 152 men 113 women and 2 children a total of
267.

SUPT'S REPORT TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL NOVEMBER 1928
NUMBER OF PATIENTS 45

The Superintendent's report shows that
during the month of November 1928 there were 5
patients admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital,
3 women and 2 men, 1 man and 4 women were discharged.

The total number of patients November
30th, 1928 was 45 made up of 15 men and 24 women and
6 children. On the same date last year there were
18 men, 24 women and 6 children a total of 48.

Respectfully submitted
James W. McCarthy
CHAIRMAN

FILED. ✓

COAL WEIGHERS REPORT NOVEMBER 1928

Read report of the Superintendent of
Coal Weighers showing that the Permanent Weighers
received the sum of \$135.06 each in fees for their
services during the month of November.

FILED ✓

FIRES THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES

Read report of the Committee of Fire-
wards covering report of Chief Churchill re fires
their causes and losses for the month of October:

FILED

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TAXATION CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY HOTEL

Read report of the Special Committee appointed at a meeting of this Council on the 15th November last to enquire into the question of taxation of the new hotel now being constructed by the Canadian National Railway.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Council at its meeting held on the 15th of November appointed a Special Committee consisting of Aldermen Shannon, McCarthy and Cragg to go into the question of the taxation of the new hotel being constructed by the Canadian National Railways. Your Committee held a special meeting to consider the question, and it was decided that a delegation consisting of Aldermen Shannon and Cragg, together with the City Solicitor go to Montreal to interview the Railway authorities. The City Solicitor being sick was unable to go to Montreal so your Committee substituted the City Auditor for the City Solicitor.

The delegation went to Montreal on December 6th, and on the 7th inst., met the senior Vice President, who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Railways.

They had a very interesting and instructive meeting with Mr. Ruel and after going into the matter thoroughly with him the Chairman of the Special Committee wrote the following letter to Mr. Ruel.

Montreal, Dec. 7th, 1928

Gerard Ruel, Esq., K.C.,
Vice-President,
Canadian National Railways,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to our conversation to-day with the delegates of the City of Halifax in connection with the proposed assessment of "The Nova Scotia" hotel, it is suggested by such delegation that the basis of taxation of the hotel should be the same as they which has been arranged with the Lord Nelson Hotel Company namely, at the rate of \$1,262.00 per room, in addition to the business tax of 50% of the taxation on the hotel, less the shops which are rented by the Lord Nelson, and which shops will pay their proportion of such business tax for a period of ten years.

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I will be glad if you could see your way clear to recommend to your Board of Directors and to the Government of Canada that this proposition, which to my mind is a fair proposition considering that the "Nova Scotia" hotel will be in competition with the "Lord Nelson hotel and other privately owned hotels which pay taxes in the City of Halifax and should be accepted.

Yours truly,

S. L. Shannon
CHAIRMAN

Mr. Ruel wrote the following letter in reply thereto:

Canadian National Railway,
Legal Department,
Montreal, Dec. 7th, 1928

S. L. Shannon, Esq.,
Chairman of the Finance Committee
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

"The Nova Scotia" Hotel Assessment

I have your letter of to-days date, the proposition which you submit seems to me to be reasonable and I will be glad to recommend it accordingly.

Yours truly,
Gerard Ruel
VICE PRESIDENT.

The delegation were highly pleased with the cordial manner in which they had been received by Mr. Ruel and to the very satisfactory result of their interview.

For the information of Council it may be stated that the question of taxation comes under the direction of the Legal Department of the Railways, of which Mr. Ruel is the head, and his recommendation to the Board carries with it his influence as the responsible head of that Department, as well as his influence as a Director of the Company, and he was prepared to justify his recommendation to the Board as being fair and reasonable and we therefore have reason to believe that at the next meeting of the Board his recommendation will be authorized.

Your delegation then discussed the subject of receiving a proportion of the amount paid annually by the Railway to the Province of Nova Scotia. The Canadian National Railways with the object of arranging an equitable basis of taxation had offered to pay an additional amount on account of taxes of \$250,000.00 annually to be shared by all the Provinces. When the plan to put the tax payments on an equitable basis was suggested to the representatives of the Provinces some of them seeing in this redistribution a loss of taxation decided they would prefer to allow the present basis to stand.

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At this conference, however, they agreed to allow the Maritime Provinces to receive and divide the extra tax to be paid. The representatives of the Maritimes immediately seized this opportunity to improve the Provincial Finances without regard to Municipal claims. Accordingly the amount of \$250,000.00 was allocated to the Maritime Provinces, and the division was left in the hands of the representatives of these Provinces with the result that Nova Scotia receives \$91,000.00, New Brunswick \$112,000.00 and Prince Edward Island \$47,000.00 in payment of all Provincial and Municipal Taxes. The reason the words "Municipal Taxes" are used in the order-in-council is to prevent Municipalities coming back and asking the Canadian National Railways for a share of the taxes,

The delegation was also informed that the Canadian National Railways is simply a company formed to manage and operate the Grand Trunk Railway, the Canadian Northern Railway, Canadian Government Railways which includes the Intercolonial Railway, and numerous other lines which have been taken over by the Government of Canada, the entities of which have been maintained. In other words the Canadian National Railways system does not own any of the lines which it operates; this is the reason that the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern Systems are paying taxes to the Provinces and Municipalities where they are located, because as stated their identities have been maintained. The reason for this lies in the fact that some of these lines, particularly the Intercolonial Railway was and is Crown property, and therefore, not liable to taxation.

The financial condition of the systems operated by the Canadian National Railways is rapidly improving and it was suggested to us that it is the intention of the Government to reorganize the various lines now operated into one big national system taking in all the companies now operated by the Canadian National Railways. When this condition comes about the property of the Intercolonial Railways now vested in the Crown will be vested in the Canadian National Railways and be liable for taxation.

Respectfully submitted
S.L.Shannon
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Ryan that the report of the Committee be approved and that the members of the Committee be complimented for their work and on the splendid results achieved while at Montreal. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE RE PETTY TRADES
THIRD READING

Moved by Alderman Shannon seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the draft ordinance to amend

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ordinance No. 21 re Petty Trades read a first and second time at a meeting held November 15th 1928 be now taken up and read a third time. Motion passed

Read Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 21 re Petty Trades:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 21
OR PETTY TRADES

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

Section 9 of Ordinance Number 21 of the City of Halifax entitled of Petty Trades is hereby amended by adding to the table of fees therein contained the following:

Every hawker of coal
to sell coal only-
For each cart so employed \$5.00

Moved by Alderman Shannon seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the Draft Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 21 of Petty Trades having now been read a third time be adopted, engrossed and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed. ✓

COGSWELL STREET MILITARY HOSPITAL
NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN DICKIE

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Rains that the resolution in reference to Cogswell Street Military Hospital of which he gave notice at a meeting of this Council held on November 27th, last, be now taken up. Motion passed.

The resolution was now read:

RESOLVED that an application be made to the Department of National Defence with regard to having it release Cogswell Street Military Hospital property for commercial purposes".

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Rains and passed.

December 13th, 1928

Moved by Alderman Redden seconded by Alderman Rains that a Special Committee consisting of Alderman Dickie, Corbin and Ryan be appointed to negotiate with the Department of National Defence for the disposal of this property. Motion passed.

and Dickie

DEFERRED BUSINESS

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Oxford Street Paving:

On motion of Alderman Shannon seconded by Alderman Redden this report is further deferred until the City Engineer presents his report on paving assessment.

Council

V.F. FARRELL PROPERTY KEMPT ROAD
NOTICE OF MOTION BY
ALDERMAN REDDEN

Alderman Redden gives notice that at the regular January meeting of the City Council he will move the following resolution:

WHEREAS Vincent F. Farrell was the owner of property situated on Kempt Road near Lady Hammond Road which was sold for the non-payment of the Assessment against it for pavement laid on the said Kempt Road which property was bid in on behalf of the City of Halifax by the City Collector.

AND WHEREAS the said pavement is solely for the benefit of the public at large and is of no direct benefit to the property owned by the said Vincent F. Farrell.

AND WHEREAS the loss of the said property under the said circumstances works a great hardship and injustice to the said Vincent F. Farrell.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council is of the opinion that the said assessment of the said Farrell property should be cancelled and the property returned to him.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council instruct the City Solicitor to prepare legislation to be submitted to the next session of the legislature seeking to have the said assessment cancelled and to empower the City to deed the said property back to Mr. Farrell.

Council

10. 05 p.m.

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

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Meeting adjourned

L. A. Gastonguay
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MAYOR

H. S. Rhind

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CITY CLERK

EVENING SESSION

Dear Commandant Richardson
8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Jan. 17th, 1929.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Shannon, Dickie, Smith, Donovan, McCarthy, McDuff, Cragg, Ryan, Corbin, Rains, Drysdale, Mullane, 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 are submitted:

✓
LETTER OF WM. RICHARDSON COMMANDANT SALVATION ARMY

Read letter of William Richardson, Commandant of the Salvation Army asking permission to address Council on the subject of the Civic Grant to the Salvation Army Rescue Home:

The Salvation Army,
Halifax, N.S. Jan. 15th, 1929

H.S. Rhind, Esq.,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to speak to the City Council next Thursday at their regular meeting regarding the conditions under which our Grace Maternity Hospital is working.

I have written the Mayor a personal letter and have asked him for this privilege, and I have also interviewed or written each member of the City Council, so that they will be familiar with the matter. It will also take up very little time.

Thanking you in advance,
I am,

Yours truly,
Wm. Richardson,
COMMANDANT.

Commandant Richardson
Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters,
Halifax, N.S.

March 23rd, 1928

January 17th, 1929

to increase the grant to the Salvation Army Rescue Home from \$480.00 to \$500.00 . Motion passed.

*see Shannon
C. Clerk*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS-ESTIMATES FOR 1929-30

Read letter Miss S.J.Wilson, Secretary covering estimates of the Board of School Commissioners for the Civic Year 1929-30:

Board of School Commissioners,
January 15th, 1929

H.S.Rhind, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith for your information, copy of estimate for the year 1929-30 as approved by the Board at its meeting January 11.

I am,
Yours very truly,

S.J. Wilson
SECRETARY.

Moved by Alderman Shannon seconded by Alderman Dickie that the estimates of the Board of School Commissioners for the Civic Year 1929-30 be referred to the Finance Committee, and that the said Committee request the Board to submit forthwith an estimate of the cost to the City for the ensuing year of the extensions proposed to be made by the Board to provide for the over-crowding of schools. Motion passed.

Miss S.J. Wilson

Alderman Ryan requests that the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners submit a report showing the number of pupils attending the public schools in this City residing in outside municipalities and the amount of fees paid by each pupil.

see Shannon

January 17th, 1929

NEW ARENA LIMITED-ASSESSMENT

Read letter J.A.Walker, Esquire, Solicitor of the new Arena, "Limited" asking for an exemption from taxes of the Arena Rink, Pepperell St:

Referred to the Laws & Privileges Committee for report.

*also m. Duff
Clerk*

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION

Read letter Mr. M.McF.Hall, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission covering the financial statement of the Provincial Exhibition for the year ending October 31st 1928 as required to be filed with the City by Statute:

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 17th, 1928

H.S. Rhind, Esq.,
City Clerk
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find Financial statement of the Provincial Exhibition for the year ended October 31st 1928 which according to Statute, I am required to file with the City each year.

Yours very truly,

M.McF. Hall,
SECRETARY-MANAGER.

FILED

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$9,432.79:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S., Jan 16-28

ACCOUNTS-WORKS AND WATER DEPTS

His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held January 16th, 1929, the undermentioned accounts, chargeable as follows, were approved and recommended to Council for adoption:

Works Dept- Capital	\$58.04	
Appropriations		
	<u>7361.87</u>	\$7419.91

January 17th, 1929

Water Dept.	Capital	\$520.13	
	Maintenance	<u>1493.75</u>	\$2013.88
			<u>\$9432.79</u>

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

CITY AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT- PURCHASE OF AN ADDING MACHINE

Read report of the Finance Committee on an application of the City Auditor for the purchase of an adding machine for his department at a cost of \$175.00:

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
Jan. 17th, 1929

Chairman
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

Due to the increase in detail work of the Department I require another adding machine, and would recommend the purchase of a Dalton Machine at a price of \$175.00

Respectfully submitted

A.M. Butler
CITY AUDITOR

Committee Room, City Hall 1
Jan. 16th, 1929

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the City Auditor informed the Committee that in order to take care of the extra detail of work in his Department, it was necessary to purchase an adding machine, and that he had received offers for the same.

Your Committee recommend that the City Auditor be authorized to purchase one Dalton Machine at a cost of \$175.00, this amount to be charged to the appropriation of printing, stationery and office equipment.

Respectfully submitted
S.L. Shannon
CHAIRMAN.

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

Auditor

January 17th, 1929

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$7,280.72:

Committee Room,
Jan. 16th, 1929

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 \$7,280.72 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted
S.L.Shannon
CHAIRMAN

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Equipment for Supply Car

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending that the supply car recently purchased by the Fire Department be equipped with a cab at a cost of \$165.00:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Jan. 16th, 1929

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held November 13th, 1928, Chief Churchill reported that the supply car recently purchased for the Fire Department had not been equipped with a cab and recommended that same be installed at once.

It was regularly moved and seconded and passed unanimously that the Chairman and Chief Churchill be given authority to obtain prices and have work done.

January 17th, 1929

Your Committee now request the approval of Council of their action in accepting the tender of the Nova Motors Limited at \$165.00 for the installation of Deluxe Cab for the supply car.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Robinson
CHAIRMAN

Auditor

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

✓
FIRE DEPT. ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$11,835.79:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Jan. 15th, 1929

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Firewards Committee held this day the attached lists of accounts amounting in all to \$11,835.79 were recommended to the City Council for payment:

recommending	Fire Alarm Maintenance	\$474.14
	Fire Department	11,361.65
		<u>\$11,835.79</u>

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Robinson
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓
CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$7,224.60 chargeable to the City Home and \$2,593.40 chargeable to the T.B.Hospital:

January 17th, 1929

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 14th, 1929

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 Dickie and Ryan

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 1928 AMOUNT \$7224.60

The City Home accounts for the month of December 1928 amounting to \$7224.60 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 1928 AMOUNT \$2593.40

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of December 1928 amounting to \$2593.40 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted
James W. McCarthy
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded by Alderman Robertson 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 \$2,591.60:

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 17th, 1929

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, January 16th, the following named accounts amounting to \$2,591.60 were passed as correct and recommended for payment.

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

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

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

January 17th, 1929

Read report of the City Prison
Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting
to \$1,251.54 also covering report of the Governor
for the month of December 1928:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
Jan. 3rd, 1929

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 One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-One
Dollars and Eighty-four cents (\$1251.84) was passed
as correct and recommended to the City Council for
payment.

The report of Governor Grant was
submitted showing there were thirty-One males and
seven females in custody December 31st 1928.

Respectfully submitted
A.A. Robertson
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Robertson seconded
by Alderman Donovan 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 \$ 8,198.49:

City Hall, Halifax, N.S.,
January 14th, 1929

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Commission
held this date, the attached accounts amounting to
\$8,198.49 were passed and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted
L.A. Gastonguay
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded