

March 14th, 1929

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of Fried Bros., for permission to lay rails across Almon Street, that plan No. 6223 shows the proposed extension of a C.N.R. siding at present laid in the property of the Piercey Supply Co.

The extension is required to develop a portion of the property on the south side of Almon Street and I am informed will be the means of attracting an Industry to this site. While railway crossings are very undesirable, yet the nuisance created by them can be mitigated if the space between and adjoining the rails is properly surfaced and maintained. Every reasonable inducement should be given for the development of property for industrial purposes and for this reason I would recommend that permission be granted subject to the usual conditions for such crossings, one of which is that the crossing will be removed at any time on receipt of three months' notice from the City, another that the surface be paved with some approved permanent material.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 6/1929.

ALMON STREET RAILWAY CROSSING:

The City Council,
Gentlemen:

The attached application of Fried Bros. for permission to lay rails across Almon Street was considered by the Committee on Works on February 6th, last, together with the accompanying report of the City Engineer; and it was decided to recommend to Council that said report be adopted and a permit granted on the conditions set forth therein.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

Engineer
Moved by Alderman Robinson seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

- OILING MORRIS STREET -

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re oiling of Morris Street between Robie Street and Seymour Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 6/1929.

MORRIS STREET OILING:
His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the petition for street oiling of property owners on Morris Street, that the petition is signed by fourteen owners of property on the street between Robie St., and Seymour Street.

The estimated cost of the work is about \$350.00 of which the City's share is \$175.00

This is a busy street and the street from Robie Street eastwardly to the Harbour is either oiled or paved. I would recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted and that Morris Street from Robie St. to the entrance to Dalhousie grounds be oiled during the coming season.

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Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12/1929.

MORRIS STREET OILING:

His Worship the Mayor & City Council:
Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a petition from property owners on Morris Street between Robie and Seymour Streets, asking that the street be oiled, together with the report of the City Engineer recommending that the work be ordered to be done this year.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 6th instant, resolved to recommend to Council that said report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

- OILING LARCH STREET -

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re oiling Larch Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 5/1929.

LARCH STREET OILING:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from the rate-payers of Larch Street asking that this street be oiled that the estimated cost of the work is \$500.00 of which \$250.00 will be paid by the property owners.

This street has curbs and gutters on both sides and is built up with a good type of residences. The oiling would be an improvement and also a measure of economy. I would recommend that the work be ordered to be done this year.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12/1929.

LARCH STREET OILING:

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a petition from property owners on Larch Street asking that the street be oiled together with the report of the City Engineer recommending that the work be ordered to be done this year.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 6th instant resolved to recommend to Council that said report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

- OILING TOBIN STREET -

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

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 5/1929.

TOBIN STREET OILING:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from several of
the owners of property on Tobin Street asking that this
street be oiled, that the estimated cost of the work is
\$450.00 of which one-half will be paid by the property
owners.

The treatment of this street will make a big
improvement and will also prove economical in view of
the fact that after rain storms this hill is damaged so
as to require considerable amounts for repairs.

I would recommend that the prayer of the
petition be granted and that the street be ordered to
be oiled this year.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12/1929.

TOBIN STREET OILING:

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:
Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a petition from
property owners on Tobin Street asking that the street
be oiled, together with the report of the City Engineer
recommending that the work be ordered to be done this
year.

The Committee on Works at a meeting
held on the 6th instant, resolved to recommend to Council
that said report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

- WATER METER BILLS -

68 Agricola Street,
851 Barrington Street,
52/54 Queen Street,
89 Maitland Street,
34 Salter Street,
90 Maitland Street,
97 Oxford Street.

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City
Engineer re Water Meter Bills for the above mentioned
properties:

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His Worship the Mayor, City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 4/1929.
#68 AGRICOLA STREET - WATER CONSUMPTION.

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 68 Agricola Street, Account No. 60, for a reduction in the meter readings, that the monthly consumption at these premises for the past four months has been as follows:-

Nov. 21 -	1,100	
Dec. 20 -	1,000	
Jan. 21 -	21,400	Tap wasting (N) 28/1/29
Feb. 19 -	11,400	" "

The owner claims that on receipt of the notice a plumber was sent to the premises who found that the plumbing was in good order, but that the water had been allowed to run to prevent freezing. This may or may not have been the case, but if so the amount allowed to run for this purpose, judging by the consumption for the previous year was excessive. For the month ending Jan. 20, 1928, the consumption was 1,100 gallons and the next month 11,800 gallons. I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 4/1929.
#851 BARRINGTON STREET WATER CONSUMPTION:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the owners of the premises #851 Barrington Street for a reduction in the meter readings at these premises, that the monthly consumption for the past six months has been as follows:-

1928	Oct. 1 -	4,200	
	Nov. 1 -	3,600	
	Dec. 1 -	2,500	
1929	Jan. 2 -	8,200	
	Feb. 1 -	60,100	W.C.W. (N) 18/2/29
	Mar. 1 -	50,400	" " "

The owners in their application state that on receipt of the notice in February an investigation was made and it was found that the toilet and taps were wasting, these were repaired on the 27th of February, he also states that on January 10, 15 and 28nd pipes burst during the cold weather and were repaired as soon as discovered. The record shows that the meter was read on the first of March and a closet was still wasting. A year ago the consumption was as below:-

Jan. -	3,900	
Feb. -	49,900	W.C. Wasting
Mar. -	74,400	
Apr. -	57,700	

Apparently history has repeated itself in this case and a very large wastage of water is again taking place.

I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 6th/1929.
#52-54 QUEEN STREET - WATER CONSUMPTION:

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His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises #52-54 Queen Street, for a reduction in his water meter reading, that the consumption at these premises for the past few months has been as follows:-

1928	May 15	-	5,100
	June 15	-	5,000
	July 17	-	3,600
	Aug. --	-	-----
	Sept. 15	-	5,200
	Oct. 16	-	8,200
	Nov. 16	-	21,100 (N) 23/11/28
	Dec. 15	-	19,400
1929	Jan. 15	-	5,900

It will be seen that there was a large consumption in November and notice was sent on the 23rd of that month. The owner states that immediately on receipt of notice he sent a plumber to examine and repair any defective plumbing. I have a bill from Longard's Limited which shows that they went to the property on the 3rd of December and repaired a flush tank. The consumption for January has dropped back to normal.

I would recommend that the November and December readings be reduced to 10,000 gallons each and the bill made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 8/1929.

#89 MAITLAND STREET - WATER CONSUMPTION:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 89 Maitland Street for a reduction in the water consumption at these premises, that for the twelve months ending January 7th the monthly consumption has never exceeded 700 gallons. The consumption for the month ending February 6th this year was 9,300 gallons and ending March 6th, 3,900 gallons. This large consumption was due to a closet wasting. When notice was sent the owner installed a new tank and closet.

I would recommend that the consumption for February and March be reduced to 1,000 gallons for each month and the bill made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 6/1929.

#34 SALTER STREET WATER CONSUMPTION:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the request of the owner of the premises No. 34 Salter Street for a reduction in the meter readings, that the consumption at these premises for the past few months has been as follows:-

1928	Oct. 24	-	1,600
	Nov. 30	-	1,500
	Dec. 27	-	4,000
1929	Jan. 23	-	30,700 W.C. Wasting (N) 8/2/29
	Feb. --	-	-----
	Mar. 5	-	2,300

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There was a large consumption registered in January due to a closet wasting of which a notice was sent to the owner on the 8th of February, he states that on receipt of notice a plumber was sent to repair a leaky closet. This statement is borne out by the reduction in the consumption for the succeeding month and in view of the fact that immediate steps were taken to remedy conditions. I would recommend that the consumption for January be reduced to 4,000 gallons being that for the preceding month.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12/1929.

#90 MAITLAND STREET WATER CONSUMPTION:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 90 Maitland Street for a reduction in the water consumption, that the large consumption was for the month ending February 7th, amounting to 17,400 gallons due to a tap and closet wasting. Notice was sent on the 28th of that month and the consumption dropped to 2,300 gallons.

The owner states that immediately on receipt of the notice the plumber was sent who found a small leak from the closet tank, which was repaired.

I would recommend that the consumption for this month be reduced to 3,400 gallons, the average for the six months period.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 12/1929.

#97 OXFORD STREET - WATER BILL:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the request of the owner of the premises No. 97 Oxford Street for a reduction in the water bill, that the month complained of was January 1929, when the consumption was 9,700 gallons due to a closet wasting, of which waste notice was sent. The consumption for the two previous months was 5,900 gallons for November and 7,000 gallons for December. The owner claims that the large consumption was due to a leaky ball cock in the closet, and on receipt of ~~xxx~~ notice a plumber was called to remedy the defects, which is borne out by the records.

I would recommend that the January consumption be reduced to 7,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 14/1929.

WATER METER ACCOUNTS

The City Council,
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works on the 13th instant, resolved to recommend reductions in water meter accounts as follows:-

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68 Agricola St. Consumption shown January 1929 --
 To be reduced by 5,000 gallons.
 #851 Barrington St. - Consumption February 60,100 gals.
 " March 50,400 "
 110,500

#52--54 Queen St. - Reduced by one-half.
 November and December readings
 reduced to 10,000 gals. each
 month.

#89 Maitland St. - Consumption for February & March
 reduced to 1,000 gals. for each
 month.

#34 SALTER ST. - Consumption for January reduced
 to 4,000 gallons.

#90 Maitland St. - Consumption for February re-
 duced to 3,400 gallons.

#97 Oxford St. - Consumption for January reduced
 to 7,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,
 M. A. Hunter,
 CLERK OF WORKS.

*and not
 CLK of works
 collector*

Moved by Alderman Rains seconded by Alderman
 Donovan that the report of the Committee on Works
 be adopted. Motion passed.

- WATER METER BILL, 133/135 MARKET ST. -

Read report of the Committee on Works and City
 Engineer re Water Meter Bill 133/135 Market Street:

City Engineer's Office,
 Halifax, N.S. Mar. 5/1929.

#133/135 MARKET STREET WATER CONSUMPTION:

His Worship the Mayor,
 Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the
 owner of the premises No. 133-135 Market Street for a
 reduction in the meter readings, that the complaint is
 for the month ending January 21st. The monthly con-
 sumption at these premises has been as follows:-

Sept.	24	-	1,400	
Oct.	24	-	1,300	
Nov.	27	-	1,400	
Dec.	24	-	3,500	
Jan.	21	-	71,000	W.C.W. (N) 5/2/29
Feb.	21	-	101,700	T. & W.C.W.

The letter, as stated, asked for a reduc-
 tion in the 71,000 gallons, the consumption for the
 month ending January 21st. Since then a further read-
 ing has been had on the 21st February and the consump-
 tion for this month was 30,000 gallons more, or
 101,700 gallons. The premises were inspected on the
 21st of February and a closet and tap were running full
 blast at that date. The owner in her letter states
 that the only way she can account for the large con-
 sumption is that the tenants, who have been unable to
 pay their rent for over three months, have been
 letting the water run to prevent freezing. The con-
 sumption shows an amount far in excess of what would
 be required for this purpose as is incised by the
 fact that a year ago the consumption for January and
 March was only about 1,000 gallons, with a large waste
 in February of 35,000 gallons. I am unable to recommend
 any reduction in the bill.

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Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. March 12/1929.

WATER ACCOUNT 133/5 MARKET STREET:

His Worship the Mayor and City Council:
Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on application from the owner of premises #133-135 Market Street for a reduction in meter rates.

The Committee on Works at a meeting on the 6th instant, resolved to recommend to Council that the consumption shown January 21st, 71,000 gallons and February 21st, 101,700 gallons, a total of 172,700 gallons be reduced to 60,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman Rains seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ - WATER METER BILL, 7 UNIACKE ST -

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Bill, 7 Uniacke Street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 5/1929.

#7 UNIACKE STREET WATER CONSUMPTION:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 7 Uniacke Street for a reduction in the meter readings, that the readings complained of are for December and January. The records show the following monthly consumption:-

Nov. 8	8,600
Dec. 8	24,900 W.C.W. (N) 18/12/28
Jan. 9	11,000
Feb. 8	4,300

The applicant states that immediately on the leak being brought to his attention, repairs were made and the record seems to bear this out.

I would recommend that the consumption for December be reduced to 12,000 gallons and the bill made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12/1929.

WATER ACCOUNT #7 UNIACKE STREET:

His Worship the Mayor and City Council,
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 6th instant, it was resolved to recommend to Council that the accompanying report of the City Engineer be adopted and that the consumption shown in

*Auditor
Clerk of Works
Collector*

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December for premises #7 Uniacke Street - namely 24,900 gallons, be reduced to 12,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

*auditor
Clerk of Works
Collector*

Moved by Alderman Rains seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

- ADVERTISING HALIFAX IN FINANCIAL POST -

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the payment of the account of the Financial Post \$150.00:

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 13th, 1929.

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council:

- ADVERTISING IN FINANCIAL POST -

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the City Auditor reported that His Worship the Mayor had given instructions for an advertisement in the Financial Post, advertising the City of Halifax at a cost of \$150.00, there being no funds available to meet this expenditure.

Your Committee recommend that legislation be obtained authorizing the City to borrow the sum of \$150.00 to meet this expenditure, the said amount to be included in the Estimates of the Civic Year 1930-31.

Respectfully submitted,
A.A. Robertson,
VICE CHAIRMAN.

*auditor
Solicitor*

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

- MEMORIAL TOWER, SIR SANFORD FLEMING PARK -
- LOAN FOR REPAIRS -

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending that legislation be obtained to enable the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$1,000.00 for repairs to the Memorial Tower at Sir Sanford Fleming Park, and covering report of the City Engineer on the same.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 13/1929.

Chairman,
Finance Committee,
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

Some time ago Alderman Shannon asked me for an estimate of the cost of making some permanent repairs to the Tower at the Sir Sanford Fleming Park, his intention being to bring this before your Committee and asked to have the necessary amount borrowed on a short term loan the amount to be repaid in three annual instalments. He is laid up in the house and so that the matter will not be forgotten in his absence, I am bringing it before you

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FOR action. The estimated amount required is \$1,000.
Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 13th, 1929.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter of the City Engineer to the Chairman of the Committee on Gardens, Parks & Common, informing him that it would be necessary to provide a sum not exceeding \$1,000. for repairs to the Memorial Tower at Sir Sanford Fleming Park.

Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor insert an item in the City Legislation authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$1,000. on Short Term Loan for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
A.A. Robertson,
VICE CHAIRMAN.

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

- CITY COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT -
- OFFICE EQUIPMENT -

Read report of the Finance Committee on the application of the City Collector for certain office equipment for his Department, and recommending that legislation be obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$1,200.00 for this purpose:

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 13th, 1929.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-

OFFICE EQUIPMENT CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Collector in reference to the purchasing of office equipment for his Department, was read.

Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to insert an item in the City Borrowing Bill authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$1,200. for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
A.A. Robertson,
VICE CHAIRMAN.

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

- PUBLIC GARDENS, SANITARY CONVENIENCES -

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending that legislation be obtained to enable the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$6,000.00 for the erection of Sanitary

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Conveniences at the Public Gardens:-

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 13th, 1929.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:

- SANITARY CONVENIENCES, PUBLIC GARDENS-

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks & Common recommending the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$6,000. for providing Sanitary Conveniences at the Public Gardens, was submitted and dealt with.

Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to insert an item in the Short Term Borrowing Bill authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$6,000. for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A.A. Robertson,
VICE CHAIRMAN.

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

- SEWER EXTENSIONS LOAN -

Read reports of the Finance Committee and the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending that legislation be obtained to enable the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$20,000.00 for Sewer Extensions:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12th, 1929.

LOANS

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

We have no legislative authority for any further borrowings on account of sewerage. For the past few years we have been obtaining such authority annually for borrowing a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00. There are sewers now on the order paper which will cost more than this amount, and in view of expected developments we should obtain authority to borrow not less than \$10,000.00 for this purpose.

It is suggested that in order to avoid the necessity of approaching the Legislature each year, authority should be obtained to borrow not less than, say \$20,000.00 which amount could be borrowed as required.

We have authority for borrowing, for sidewalks, water and permanent pavement, sums sufficient to pay for any work at present on the order paper or which are likely to be ordered this year, unless an extensive paving programme is decided on.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

Office of City Works,
Halifax, N.S. March 14/1929.

LOANS:

The City Council,
Gentlemen:

The attached report of the City Engineer

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on loan for sewer extensions was approved at a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 13th instant and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A.Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 13th, 1929.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council:-
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the City Engineer reported that the Committee on Works had passed a resolution recommending that legislation be obtained authorizing a loan not to exceed \$20,000. for sewerage construction.

Your Committee recommend that the City Solicitor be authorized to insert an item in the Long Term Borrowing Bill of a sum not exceeding \$20,000. for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
A.A.Robertson,
VICE CHAIRMAN.

Solicitor
Moved by Alderman Robertson seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

- ROAD MACHINERY -

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending that legislation be obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$6,000.00 for the purchase of certain Road Machinery:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12/1929.

ROAD MACHINERY:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

On two or three different occasions I have asked the Committee to authorize the purchase of a tractor, snow plow and grader, but on each occasion the matter was postponed.

We were fortunate this winter, inasmuch as the light snow fall made it comparatively easy to keep the streets clear, but with a heavy fall we have no equipment for clearing the streets on the hillsides as owing to the grades the trucks to which we have fitted plows are not able to clear these streets. In addition to this the grader and tractor could be used to good advantage in our road repair work.

In view of the reduction in the appropriation for street purposes it is necessary to use every means to get satisfactory and economical results.

It is recommended that legislation be obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$6,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing such machinery, this amount to be repaid in five annual instalments.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W.Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 13/1929.

ROAD MACHINERY:

The City Council,
Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer re purchase of Road Machinery.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 13th instant, said report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

- INCINERATOR RUNWAY LOAN -

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending that Legislation be obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2,000.00 for reconstruction of the Runway at the Incinerator:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12/1929.

INCINERATOR RUNWAY:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

When the Incinerator was built a runway leading to it was, in order to keep down the cost, built of wood subsequently a loan was made and a concrete retaining wall was built, a part of the wooden trestle done away with and a permanent fill substituted for it.

The upper section between the wall and the building which was left, has been repaired on several occasions and is now in need of renewing at an estimated cost of approximately \$900.00

To rebuild this of steel or reinforced concrete will cost approximately \$2,600.00. We have on hand from the previous loan about \$600.00. In my opinion it is advisable to replace the present wooden structure with a permanent one, and to do so will require that authority be obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2,000.00 for the purpose.

I would recommend that this be done, the amount borrowed to be repaid in ten annual instalments.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 13/1929.

INCINERATOR RUNWAY:

The City Council,
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting on the 13th instant resolved to recommend to Council the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer re Incinerator Runway.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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Moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded by Alderman O'Tools that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

- GRAFTON STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK -

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Grafton Street in front of the premises of the Halifax Herald Limited;

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 12/1929.
GRAFTON STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK:

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

Last year the Halifax Herald Limited asked to have a concrete sidewalk put down in front of a new building that they had erected on the east side of Grafton Street and made a deposit thereon.

There was a misunderstanding in the matter, the owner claiming that he was told that the owner was responsible for half the cost and the City the other half. The total cost of the work was \$214.23. The amount deposited by the property owner was \$80.00 and he has since paid \$27.12 or a total of \$107.12, being half the cost of the work.

There was evidently an error either in the information given him or a misunderstanding in connection therewith. The work will be a part of the completed sidewalk and as there may be some doubt as to the legality of the charge, it will be necessary for the Council to approve of the expenditure which is hereby recommended.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S. Mar. 14/1929.
GRAFTON STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK:

The City Council,
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the accompanying report of the City Engineer re Grafton Street concrete sidewalk.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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Moved by Alderman O'Tools seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

- ESTIMATES WATER DEPARTMENT -
- FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1930 -

Read report of the Committee on Works covering Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for 1929-30 of the Halifax Water Works.

By unanimous consent of Council the Estimates are taken up and considered item by item.

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REVENUE:

1929-30

Item - Meter Rates	\$122,000.00	
Meter Rentals -	5,300.00	
Government Premises -	25,000.00	
Bonds -	5,900.00	
Fire Protection -	78,500.00	
Miscellaneous -	1,200.00	
	<u>\$237,900.00</u>	
Discounts	\$3,900.00	
Reductions	1,000.00	4,900.00
TOTAL REVENUE.....		\$233,000.00

The various items comprising estimated revenue totalling \$233,000.00 approved.

EXPENDITURES:

Item - Deputy City Engineer -	\$3,400.00	Passed.
" Clerk of Works -	2,200.00	"
" Asst. Clerk of Works(1/2)	900.00	"
		Alderman Robertson dissenting.
" Superintendent -	\$2,200.00	Passed.
" Stenographer -	1,196.00	"
" Ledger Keepers -		
	2 @ \$1,700. ea. -	3,400.00
" Entry Clerk -	1,600.00	"

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman MacDuff that the item Entry Clerk be increased to \$1,700. Motion put and passed 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION:

- Alderman Dickie
- Redden
- Smith,
- Donovan,
- MacDuff,
- McCarthy
- Rains
- Ryan
- Corbin
- O'Toole
- Mullane
- Drysdale
- Smeltzer
- Robinson - 14

AGAINST IT:

- Alderman Robertson

Item - Cashier (1/2)	\$ 600.00	Passed.
" - Sub-Collector -	1,500.00	"
" - Engineer (Part) -	1,600.00	"
" - Plumbing Inspector (part)	1,120.00	"
" - Meter Readers -		
	5 @ 1,500. ea -	7,500.00
" - Audit Clerks,		
	3 @ \$300. ea.	900.00

Alderman MacDuff asks for an opinion from the City Solicitor to be submitted to this Council in writing at the next meeting as to whether Meter Readers of the Water Department are entitled to be appointed by the

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City Council annually or by the Committee on Works.

Item -	Total Expenditure -	\$ 29,416.00	Passed
"	Wages -	\$37,000.	
"	Materials & Supp.	6,000.	
"	General Expenses -	4,000.	47,000.00 "
#	Interest on Funded Debt	\$107,652.54	
"	Sinking Fund -	21,103.20	
"	Interest on Bank Loan -	6,000.00	
"	Deposit & Renewals -	21,828.26	156,584.00 "
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....		\$233,000.00	

Moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded by Alderman

*Auditor
Engineer*

O'Toole that the Estimates of the Water Department for 1929-30 as amended be approved and adopted as a whole.

Motion passed, Alderman Robertson dissenting.

- HALIFAX WATER WORKS -

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES 1929-30

AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, MARCH 14th, 1929.

REVENUE

Estimated
1929-1930

Meter Rates -	\$122,000.00
Meter Rentals -	5,300.00
Government Premises -	25,000.00
Bonds -	5,900.00
Fire Protection -	78,500.00
Miscellaneous -	1,200.00
	<u>\$237,900.00</u>
Discounts - 3,900.00	
Reductions - 1,000.00	4,900.00
TOTAL REVENUE.....	<u>\$233,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

SALARIES:

Deputy City Engineer -	\$3,400.00	
Clerk of Works -	2,200.00	
Asst. Cl. of Works - (1/2)	900.00	
Superintendent -	2,200.00	
Stenographer -	1,196.00	
Ledger Keepers -		
2 @ \$1,700 -	3,400.00	
Entry Clerk -	1,700.00	
Cashier (half) -	600.00	
Sub-Collector -	1,500.00	
Asst. Engineer (part)	1,600.00	
Plumb. Inspt. (Half)	1,120.00	
Meter Readers -		
5 @ 1,500. -	7,500.00	
Meter Reader -	1,200.00	
Audit Clerks -		
3 @ \$300.	900.00	\$ 29,416.00

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EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

Wages -	\$37,000.00	
Materials & Supp- lies. -	6,000.00	
General Expense...	<u>4,000.00</u>	\$ 47,000.00
Interest on Funded Debt..	107,652.54	
Sinking Fund.....	21,103.20	
Int.on Bank Loan...	6,000.00	
Depreciation & Renewal..	<u>21,828.26</u>	<u>156,584.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....		<u>\$233,000.00</u>

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- LEGISLATION -

The City Solicitor submits Draft of the Legislation prepared under instructions from the Council and the various Committees.

By unanimous consent the legislation is considered clause by clause and the various clauses as submitted with several slight amendments are approved and adopted.

- AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE CITY OF HALIFAX. -

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

1. In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax, the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City, and any committee or official herein mentioned by name means the committee or official of that name of the said Council or City; the expression "Charter" means the Halifax City Charter of 1907 or the Halifax City Charter of 1914, and any amendments thereto according to the sections of those Charters respectively as now in force under and by virtue of Chapters 79 and 80 of the Acts of 1919 and sections referred to by numbers without any reference are the sections of the said Charters, or any amendments thereto now in force under the said Chapters 79 and 80 of the Acts of 1919 and this Act shall relate exclusively to the City of Halifax.
2. The Board for the Adjustment of Tax Arrears constituted by Section 10 of Chapter 83 of the Acts of 1925 is hereby continued for a further period of one year from the date hereof.
3. Section 2 of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1928 is hereby amended by striking out the figures 1929-30 in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures 1930-31 and by striking out the figures 1929 in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures 1930.

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4. The payment of his salary to Police Constable Howard Smith while absent from duty on account of illness is hereby ratified notwithstanding such payment was for a period of more than two months.
5. Sub-section (2) of Section 436A as substituted by Section 24 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1928 is amended by striking out the word "October" therefrom and substituting the word "September".
6. (1) Sub-section (6) of Section 18 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1915 is hereby amended by striking out the words "Board of Control" in the last line thereof and substituting the words "Council on the recommendation of the Committee on Works".
(2) Any permit granted by the Committee on Works previous to the 10th day of December 1928 purporting to be under the authority of the said sub-section is hereby ratified and confirmed.
7. (1) When any property of the Housing Commission of the City of Halifax, in this section referred to as the Commission, is sold, the Commission shall out of any moneys received for such sale appropriate as a first charge thereon an amount sufficient to pay any sums due to the City for taxes, water rates or betterment charges rated or imposed in respect to such property with interest, and shall pay the amount so appropriated to the Collector in discharge of such indebtedness. The Commission shall also out of such moneys reimburse itself for any sums due for premiums of insurance, or other charges paid or incurred by the Commission. The balance of such moneys shall be disposed of by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 29, Sub-section (2) of the Nova Scotia Housing Act 1919. Neither the purchaser nor the Commission shall have any right to make any appropriation of such money or any part thereof contrary to the foregoing provision.
(2) In any case in which a property is offered for sale by the Commission after repossession thereof by the Commission no sale or agreement for sale shall be entered into which does not require an initial payment by the purchaser of the property of an amount sufficient to pay the City any sums due the City for taxes, water rates and betterment charges with interest, except the City Collector signifies his assent in writing to the said payment, with interest thereon at the rate of 7% per annum, being deferred for a period not exceeding one year.
(3) In any case in which a property which has been sold by the Commission after repossession thereof by the Commission, and in respect to which taxes, water rates or any betterment charge due by the person to whom such property was first sold is in arrears, the Collector may write off the same as uncollectible.
(4) In respect to any property owned by the Commission and thereafter rented the Commission shall out of the monies received for rentals pay to the Collector by instalments of not less than two-thirds of the money so received on account of arrears of taxes including interest levied or imposed in respect to such property, since the civic year

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1924-25, and for arrears of water rates and betterment charges levied or imposed at any time, including all interest thereon. Any tax not including any water rate or betterment charge, levied or imposed previous to May 1st, 1925, shall be written off by the Collector as uncollectible.

8. Section 16 of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1919 is amended by striking out the word "ten" in the first line thereof and substituting the word "fifteen".

9. The City may sell for the best price available any land owned by the City on the west side of Queen Street between Victoria Road and Fenwick Street.

10. Section 37 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1928 is hereby repealed and the following section substituted:

37. (1) In the event of the City being itself the purchaser of any land sold for non-payment of taxes the City may, after the period for redemption of the same has expired, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the same in same way as any other purchaser of the same might do.

(2) Any money derived from the sale, rental or other disposition of any such property shall be applied

(a) to payment of the amount due for taxes and expenses in respect to which the said property was sold, with interest thereon;

(b) to payment of an amount which would have been paid for taxes in respect to the said property if the purchaser thereof had been any person or corporation other than the city.

and any balance remaining from such sale, or from money otherwise derived from such property, shall be applied in reduction of any losses sustained in connection with other properties so purchased by the City.

(3) The Mayor, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Engineer, the Collector, the Assessor and one member of the Council appointed by the Council, shall be a committee to dispose of all properties so purchased by the City, and that Committee may without further reference to the Council make on behalf of the City such sale, lease or other disposition of the same as in their judgment is in the best interest of the City.

11. The proceeds derived from the sale of lots in Camp Hill Cemetery shown on Plan 6101, the sale of which was authorized by resolution of the Council passed at a meeting held on the 16th day of August, 1928, shall be invested from time to time as the same are received and the interest on such investment shall be applied solely to the care and maintenance of the fence around that cemetery.

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12. No person shall place any tank, pump or other structure or receptacle for the storage or supply of any inflammable oil or other inflammable substance, whether liquid, solid or gaseous in any part of the City without having first obtained a permit therefor from the Council on the recommendation of the Committee on Works.

13. Section 777 is amended by striking out the clause interpreting the word "building" and substituting the following:

The expression "building" includes every structure placed on, over or under any land and every part of the same, and also any external chimney, stairway, porch or other structure used in connection with any building.

14. The clause marked (b) of Sub-section (2) of Section 341 is hereby amended by striking out the word "forty" and substituting therefor the words "two hundred".

15. Notwithstanding any enactment to the contrary the City may apply any moneys realized by the sale of the engine houses on Isleville Street and Gerrish Street to the purchase of additional apparatus for the Fire Department, and may apply any moneys realized by the sale of horses of the department to reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation for the maintenance of the department for the Civic Year 1929-30.

16. Section 6 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1928 is amended by changing the figures 1919 in the fifth line thereof, to 1918, the same having been inserted therein through error.

17. Section 2 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1928 is hereby amended by striking out therefrom the words "and such buildings shall conform in external architectural appearance to those destroyed".

18. (1) In any case in which a person is convicted for a contravention of, or failure to comply with, any provision of the Charter, or of any Ordinance or By-law made under the authority thereof, the Court before whom he is convicted may, if it sees fit, instead of sentencing him at once to any punishment, direct that he be released on his entering into a recognizance, with or without sureties and during such period as the Court directs, to appear and receive judgment when called upon, and in the meantime to refrain from a continuance or repetition of the contravention or failure to comply in respect of which he is convicted.

(2) The Court may, if it thinks fit, direct that the offender shall pay the costs of the prosecution or some portion of the same, within such period or by such instalments as the Court decides.

(3) If a Court having power to deal with such offender in respect of his original offence, or any justice of the peace, is satisfied by information on oath that the offender has failed to observe any of the conditions of his recognizance such court or justice may issue a warrant for his apprehension, and on the offender being apprehended may impose on him such punishment as might have been imposed at the original hearing of the case.

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19. Section 899 is amended by striking out the first three lines thereof and substituting the following:-

"The Treasurer shall on the first day of each month pay to the board an instalment of one-twelfth of the amount so specified by the"

20. In respect to the tax assessed upon any person for a business tax or a household tax personal property in the possession of any person shall be deemed to be the property of such person and the lien of the City for such taxes for the year then current shall apply to the same and it may be taken and sold under warrant for the amount of such tax, Any balance at such sale after payment of the said tax and the expenses of advertising and selling shall be paid to such person or to such other person as proves to the satisfaction of the Collector that he is entitled to the same.

21. The Section substituted by Section 32 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1928 for Section 380 is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

380. Every person male or female between the ages of twenty-one and sixty five, who

(a) has been resident in the City for any period of not less than two months continuously, between the first day of January and the first day of August in any year, and

(b) has been in receipt of a salary, remuneration, income during such period of two months at the rate of not less than four hundred dollars, or more than eight hundred dollars yearly, and

(c) who has not been otherwise assessed or rated for the Civic Year then current

shall pay to the City a Poll Tax of Five Dollars;

(2) If the salary, remuneration or income of such person exceeds eight hundred dollars such person shall pay to the City a Poll Tax of Ten Dollars.

(3) Any tax imposed by this Section shall be payable immediately on receipt of a notice to pay the same from the Assessor.

22. Any money received from the Canadian National Railway Corporation in lieu of taxes on property owned by it in the City shall not be placed in the General Sinking Fund, but shall be applied in reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation for the Civic Year next ensuing that in which the same is received.

23. The Council shall appoint persons to hold the offices of Assistant Clerk, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Collector and Assistant Building Inspector. Such officers shall respectively discharge the duties of their respective chiefs when the chiefs are not in attendance. Each of such officers shall, except in the case of a casual vacancy, be appointed at the first regular monthly meeting in May in each year, or at any subsequent meeting or meetings of the Council, and shall hold office until the thirtieth of April next succeeding and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

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24. The Council may by ordinance regulate the use of the Market on Market Street, the maintenance of the same in good order and condition, and the fees to be paid by persons selling goods or produce therein.
25. The City may apply any part of the amount appropriated in the estimates for 1928-29 for the maintenance of the Anti-Tuberculosis Hospital remaining unspent at the close of that civic year to the discharge of the debt due to the Nova Scotia Hospital for the maintenance therein of Clara Hawkeswell, and any further amount required for that purpose may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and with the interest thereon included in the estimates for 1930-31.
26. In respect to any amount borrowed for a subscription to a War Memorial under the authority of Section 42 of Chapter 60 of the Act of 1928 the first instalment of the repayment of the same shall be made on the first day of August in the Civic Year succeeding that in which the money was borrowed, and succeeding instalments on the first days of August the next succeeding years. The amount for each instalment to be included in the estimates for the year in which it is to be repaid.
27. The City may borrow from any bank or fund available the amounts set out in the first schedule hereto and apply the same to the purposes set opposite each item respectively and the amounts so borrowed with interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for 1930-31.
28. The City may borrow the amounts set out in the second schedule hereto and apply the same to the purposes set opposite to each item respectively. The amounts so borrowed shall be repaid with interest in five yearly instalments, the first to be paid on the first day of August in the civic year next succeeding that in which the money is borrowed, and thereafter on each succeeding first day of August and the amount of each instalment shall be included in the estimates of the year in which it is to be paid.
29. The City may borrow the amounts set out in the third schedule hereto and apply the same to the purposes set opposite each item respectively. The amounts so borrowed shall be repaid with interest in ten yearly instalments, the first to be paid on the first day of August in the civic year next succeeding that in which the money is borrowed, and thereafter on each succeeding first day of August, and the amount of each instalment shall be included in the estimates of the year in which the same is payable.