

E V E N I N G      S E S S I O N

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
January 16th, 1930.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Mitchell, Dickie, Stech, Smith, Donovan, Redmond, McDuff, McInnes, Rains, Corbin, McDonald, O'Toole, Mullane, Smeltzer and Adams.

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

The following papers were submitted.

✓  
APPLICATION OF J.F. McCAFFREY  
FOR POSITION  
OF COAL WEIGHERS

Read application J.F. McCaffrey for appointment to the position of Coal Weigher:

Moved by Alderman O'Toole seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the application be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges.

Motion passed.

✓  
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DAMAGES BY  
CARL SJOBREN

Referred to be taken up with a report of the Committee on Works on this matter.

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LETTER HON. EDGAR N. RHODES, P.C., PREMIER  
RE LEGISLATION LEGALIZING GRANT

Read letter Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, P.C., Premier re legislation legalizing payment of a grant of \$500.00 by the City for the relief

*Alto Mr. Inman  
11/16/30*

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of sufferers in the town of Burin, Newfoundland.

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✓  
SCHOOL ESTIMATES 1930-31

Read letter from the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners covering estimates for public schools for the year 1930-31:

Referred to the Finance Committee for report.

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$18,669.67:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 15th, 1930

ACCOUNTS WORKS AND  
WATER DEPARTMENTS  
DECEMBER 1929

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The following undermentioned accounts were approved by the Committee on Works at a meeting this day, and recommended to Council for adoption.

Works Dept.- Capital	\$9,367.55	
Appropriations	<u>8,022.04</u>	\$17,389.59
Water Dept- Construction	\$302.23	
Maintenance	<u>977.85</u>	<u>1,280.08</u>
		<u>\$18,669.67</u>

Respectfully submitted,

M.A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

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✓  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$3,079.65:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 16th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Your Committee on Finance beg to recommend for payment the attached list of accounts amounting to \$3079.65.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell McInnes,  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded by alderman Stech 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 chargeable to City Home \$9,276.33 and to the T.B.Hospital \$2,567.31:

Halifax, N.S.,  
January 14th, 1930

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: Aldermen O'Toole, Redmond and Dickie. Alderman O'Toole was appointed Chairman of the Meeting.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 1929 AMOUNT \$9,276.33

City Home accounts for the month of December 1929 amounting to \$9,276.33 are recommended for payment.

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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS  
DECEMBER 1929 AMOUNT \$2,567.31

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of December 1929 amounting to \$2,567.31 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ald. W. J. O'Toole  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

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

✓  
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Fire Department \$12,346.05 and to the Fire Alarm Maintenance \$564.38:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 13th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached lists of accounts chargeable to Fire Department \$12,346.05 and to Fire Alarm Maintenance \$564.38 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted  
W. J. O'Toole  
CHAIRMAN

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

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CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$2,214.35:

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Halifax, N.S. Jan. 15, 1930

His Worship, the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, January 15th, 1930, the following named accounts amounting to \$2,214.35 were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

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

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

✓  
CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,357.63:

Committee Room,  
January 6th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Prison Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$1,357.63 were recommended to the City Council for payment.

The report of Governor Grant for the month of December is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.E. Donovan  
CHAIRMAN

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

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POLICE DEPARTMENT-ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police  
Committee recommending for payment accounts amount-  
ing to \$8,201.51:

Police Headquarters,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 13th, 1930.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police  
Committee held this date, the following accounts  
amounting to \$8,201.51 were examined, found correct,  
and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.A. Gastonguay,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

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GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMON-ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee  
on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending for  
payment accounts chargeable to Public Gardens  
\$432.30 and Fleming Park \$99.60:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 13th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee

January 16th, 1930

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens Parks and Commons held this day the attached list of accounts chargeable to Public Gardens \$432.30 and to Fleming Park \$99.60 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.E. Donovan  
CHAIRMAN

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

✓  
LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$323.72:

Citizen's Free Library  
Halifax, N.S. Jan. 13, 1930

To His Worship  
the Mayor and Members  
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Library Committee beg to submit the following accounts for payment.

City of Halifax	Salaries	\$258.32
T.C. Allen & Co.	Books	21.40
MacLean's Pub. Co.	Subscription	2.00
American Lib. Ass.	"	2.00
Leonard Scott Pub.	"	26.00
Nat. Geog. Soc.	"	3.50
H.W. Wilson Co.	"	10.50
		<u>\$323.72</u>

Respectfully submitted  
W.E. Donovan  
CHAIRMAN

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

January 16th, 1930

✓  
LOAN \$606,070.18

Read report of the Committee on Finance recommending for adoption resolutions dealing with the loan of \$606,070.18:

Committee Room, City Hall,  
January 16th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council

Gentlemen:-

Your Committee on Finance recommend for adoption the attached resolutions dealing with the loan of \$606,070.18 as prepared by Messrs. Long and Daly, Solicitors for Messrs. Gairdner & Co., and C.H. Burgess & Co., Ltd., the purchasers of the Bonds.

Said Resolutions have been approved of by the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted  
Russell McInnes,  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Stech that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolutions (1 & 2) are submitted:

A (1)

WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 18 George V. Chapter 61, the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$5,000 for the further construction of sewers and it is now desirable to borrow the said sum of \$5,000 for said purpose;

AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 19 George V. Chapter 68, the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$20,000 for the further construction of sewers and it is now desirable to borrow the said sum of \$20,000 for said purpose;



AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 19 George V. Chapter 68, the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$200,000 for the cost of new Public Schools and additions to such Schools and it is now desirable to borrow the said sum of \$200,000 for said purpose;

AND WHEREAS no money has heretofore been borrowed under the authority of the said Acts or any of them for any of said purposes;

AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 9-10 George V. Chapter 82, the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$200,000 to defray the cost of additional permanent sidewalks and the City has heretofore borrowed under the authority of said Act the sum of \$135,000 and it is now desirable to borrow a further sum of \$15,000 for said purpose;

AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 12 George V. Chapter 52, the City of Halifax is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$151,000 for street paving and the City has heretofore borrowed under the authority of said Act the sum of \$52,900 and it is now desirable to borrow a further sum of \$98,100 for the said purpose;

AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 12 George V. Chapter 52, the City is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$150,000 for the extension and improvement of the water service and the City has heretofore borrowed under the authority of said Act the sum of \$90,000 and it is now desirable to borrow a further sum of \$15,000 for said purpose;

AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 4 George V. Chapter 77, the City is authorized to borrow money for the acquisition of land required from time to time for the widening of streets not exceeding \$5,000 in any year and the City has not under the authority of the said Act borrowed any money for said purpose during the calendar year 1930, and it is now desirable to borrow the sum of \$5,000 for said purpose;

AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 8-9 George V. Chapter 63, the said City is authorized to borrow money for the construction of curbs and gutters not exceeding \$5,000 in any year and not exceeding in the aggregate \$25,000 and the City has heretofore borrowed under the authority of the said Act the sum of \$10,000 but has not borrowed any money for said purpose during the calendar year 1930 and it is now desirable to borrow the sum of \$5,000 for said purpose;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Halifax City Charter, the Board of School Commissioners for the said City applied to the Governor in Council of the Province of Nova Scotia for the sum of \$42,970.18 to provide for the increased cost of the erection and fitting of two new Schools;

AND WHEREAS the Governor in Council of the Province of Nova Scotia has directed the City to issue debentures for the purpose of raising the said sum of \$42,970.18;

AND WHEREAS by an Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, being 5 Edward VII Chapter 51 and amendments thereof, the said City is authorized to issue stock or debentures to an amount not exceeding \$3,000,000 and to apply the proceeds thereof in paying off at maturity stock or debentures of the City issued prior to the said Act and maturing subsequent thereto;

AND WHEREAS debentures of the said City issued prior to the said Act and amounting to \$501,000 matured on the 1st day of January 1930 and were paid off to the extent of \$301,000 out of Sinking Funds on hand and it is now necessary to borrow the sum of \$200,000 to pay off the balance of the said debentures which are now outstanding in the hands of the Royal Bank of Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That for the purposes aforesaid the City of Halifax do borrow on the credit of the City of Halifax at large the sum of \$606,070.18 and do issue and sell debentures of the City of Halifax therefor to the principal amount of \$606,070.18 and that the said debentures be issued in conformity with the provisions of The Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, 1905, and form part of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund, 1905, and that the said debentures be dated as of the 2nd day of January 1930, be payable thirty-five years from the 2nd day of January 1930, and bear interest from the 2nd day of January 1930 at the rate of Five per cent per annum payable half-yearly on the 2nd days of January and July in each year, represented by interest coupons attached thereto and that the said principal and interest be payable in lawful money of Canada at the office of the City Treasurer in the City of Halifax or at the Royal Bank of Canada in any of the Cities of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver, at holder's option.

2. That the said debentures be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer, be sealed with the Corporate Seal of the City and be countersigned by the City Clerk. That the coupons attached to the said debentures be signed with the written, stamped, lithographed or engraved signatures of the Mayor and Treasurer.

3. That the moneys so borrowed as aforesaid be applied in accordance with the provisions of the respective Statutory authorities aforesaid and for the respective purposes aforementioned.

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded by Alderman Stech and passed unanimously the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same;

Alderman Mitchell, Dickie, Stech, Smith,  
Donovan, Redmond, McDuff, McInnes, Rains, McDonald,  
Corbin, O'Toole, Mullane, Smeltzer and Adams

B (2)

WHEREAS the City of Halifax has sold debentures to the principal amount of \$606,070.18 dated 2nd January 1930, and payable thirty-five years from said date, which debentures were authorized to be issued by a Resolution of the City Council passed the 16th day of January, 1930, pursuant to the Statutory authorities mentioned in said Resolution, and the deficiency in the proceeds of the sale of the said debentures under the nominal value thereof, together with the cost of the preparation of the said debentures and of advertising the sale thereof and other expenses incidental to the issue and sale thereof amounts to the sum of \$11,736.20, and it is desirable and necessary to issue and sell additional debentures of the City of Halifax to the principal amount of \$11,929.82 to realize the said sum of \$11,736.20;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That for the purpose aforesaid and pursuant to the authority contained in The Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act 1905 and amendments thereto, the City of Halifax do issue and sell debentures of the City of Halifax to the principal amount of \$11,929.82, and that the said debentures be dated as of the 2nd day of January 1930, be payable thirty-five years from the 2nd day of January 1930, and bear interest from the 2nd day of January 1930 at the rate of Five per cent per annum payable half-yearly on the 2nd days of January and July in each year, represented by interest coupons attached thereto and that the said principal and interest be payable in lawful money of Canada at the office of the City Treasurer in the City of Halifax or at the Royal Bank of Canada in any of the Cities of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver at holder's option.
2. That the said debentures be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer, be sealed with the Corporate Seal of the City and be countersigned by the City Clerk. That the Coupons attached to the said debentures be signed with the written, stamped, lithographed or engraved signatures of the Mayor and Treasurer.
3. That the moneys so borrowed as aforesaid be applied in accordance with the provisions of the said Act for the purposes aforesaid.

Moved by Alderman McInnes

seconded by Alderman Stech and passed unanimously the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same.

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Alderman Mitchell, Dickie, Stech, Smith,  
Donovan, Redmond, McDuff, McInnes, Rains, McDonald,  
Corbin, O'Toole, Mullane, Smeltzer and Adams.

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WAR MEMORIAL

Read report of the Committee on Works  
and City Engineer re Halifax War Memorial:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 8th, 1930

Halifax War Memorial

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The Vice Chairman of the Halifax War Memorial Committee has formally intimated to you the completion of the memorial and requests that the City accept its custody and care and asks for a formal acknowledgement.

At the request of the Memorial Committee and on the undertaking given by them, that they would pay for the grading etc., around the monument, the work was undertaken by the City at a cost of approximately \$165.00. On sending a request for payment of this amount I was informed that the Committee's funds had been exhausted and it was thought that as the City had authority to contribute up to \$8,000.00 and had only contributed \$4,800.00 that it should itself assume the cost of this work.

My own opinion, as expressed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee was that this was a necessary part of the cost of the Memorial, however he differed, and refused to include the amount in the borrowing bill. Under the circumstances it will have to be taken from our maintenance appropriation.

With this exception it would appear that the work on the memorial is completed, and I do not think there is anything else to be done except for the City to formally accept it from the Memorial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

January 16th, 1930

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 13th, 1930

HALIFAX WAR MEMORIAL

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works on the 8th instant resolved to recommend to Council that the accompanying report of the City Engineer on the Halifax War Memorial be adopted, and that the City formally accept the Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,  
M.A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded  
by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

496 Robie Street-SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the application from the owner of the premises 496 Robie Street for permission to convert part of the building into a shop:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
November 23rd, 1929

Robie Street-  
Shop in Residential District

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises # 496 Robie Street at the north-west corner of Robie Street and Cunard Street for permission to convert part of the building into a shop, that notice of the application has been published in the papers and no objections have been received.

A portion of this building is already used for shop purposes and the present application is to enlarge the store.

*Mayor J.B. Stairs  
A.B. Woodhouse*

January 16th, 1930

In view of the fact that permits have been granted on two other corners at this intersection for the conversion of dwellings into shops, there would seem to be no ground for refusing the permit applied for. I would recommend that it be granted.

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

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
December 13th, 1929

ROBIE STREET  
SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The accompanying report of the City Engineer on application from the owner of the premises ~~3496~~ Robie Street for a permit to convert part of the building into a shop, was read at a meeting of the Committee on Works November 26th, 1929.

Said report was approved and it was resolved to recommend to Council that the same be adopted, and a permit granted.

Respectfully submitted,  
M.A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer

seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

AFRIC. VILLE STREET LIGHTING

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re street lighting at Afric ville:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 7th, 1930

Street Lighting Africville

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of owners and residents of Africville for the extension of the street lighting system that the nearest street light to this district is the one near the lane at the Trachoma Hospital.

January 16th, 1930

There are a large number of houses on Barrington Street from Gottingen Street extension northwardly and there is no doubt that lights are needed in this district not only for the benefit of the residents but also for the convenience of the general public travelling over this route and they will also, to a certain extent, take the place of Police protection, which, with the present limited force cannot be obtained in the district.

It is proposed to instal seven 250 candle power lamps from the present end of the street lighting system on Gottingen Street northwardly along Gottingen and westwardly along Barrington Street to the Africville School

The estimated cost to the City of installing these fixtures complete, is \$250.00 and the increased annual maintenance cost will be about \$250.00

It was intended to postpone the recommendation for the installation of these lights until the estimates were being made up but in view of the rebate from the Power Commission to the Nova Scotia Light & Power Co., Ltd. which has been passed on to the City and the decreased cost of lighting for the balance of the year I would recommend that the installation be ordered to be made immediately.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
January 16th, 1930

STREET LIGHTING AFRICVILLE

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer on Street Lighting Africville.

Respectfully submitted

M.A.Hunt r

CLERK OF WORKS

*Engineer*  
Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded  
by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted.  
Motion passed.

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SMITH STREET  
CONCRETE SIDEWALK CURB AND GUTTER

Read report of the Committee on Works  
and City Engineer re the laying of concrete sidewalk

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curb and gutter on the south side of Smith  
Street:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 8th, 1930

SMITH STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application for the construction of a concrete sidewalk and curb and gutter on the south side of Smith Street, that the applicant is the owner of 85% of the assessable frontage on the south side of the street.

The houses are all dwelling houses and have been built and occupied for a very long time. The work asked for would be a big improvement to the street.

The estimated cost of the work is \$1,400.00 of which the abutters' share would be \$700.00.

I would recommend that the work be ordered to be done in its turn when funds are available.

Respectfully submitted  
H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 13th, 1930

Smith Street  
Concrete Sidewalk

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend for adoption the accompanying report of the City Engineer on application for the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on the south side of Smith Street.

Respectfully submitted,  
M.A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

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



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WINFIELD LOT COBURG ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the application of Mr. J.H. Winfield for the city to take over a lot owned by him on the north side of Coburg Road:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 8th, 1929.

COBURG ROAD-  
J.H. WINFIELD PROPERTY

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a letter from Mr. J.H. Winfield asking the City to take over the lot owned by him on the north side of Coburg Road which will eventually be required for the extension of Connaught Avenue, that the plan submitted shows the location of the property and proposed street.

When the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway was built up it crossed the proposed location of Connaught Avenue at Coburg Road and again at South Street, at that time it was decided to alter the location of the Avenue so as to cut out these two railway crossings. The lot under discussion is a part of the diversion.

I am at present in correspondence with the Railway Department with a view to acquiring the land shown colored "blue" and "red" on the plan, so that a sewer may be laid on Coburg Road to drain Waegwoltic Avenue, which is becoming closely built up and in need of proper sewerage facilities. If this can be acquired it will not be necessary at present to take over the Winfield lot, although eventually it will have to be acquired. He offers to sell the lot for the assessed valuation, namely \$1,500.00

I think the matter of purchase should be delayed until the question of sewerage is finally disposed of, in the meantime I would recommend that similar action to that taken in case of the Morash property on Seymour Street required for the extension of Morris Street be taken, namely that legislation be secured exempting this lot from assessment until the City is prepared to purchase it.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

January 16th, 1930

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 14th, 1930

Coburg Road-  
J.H. Winfield Property

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on a letter from Mr. J. H. Winfield asking the City to take over a lot owned by him on the north side of Coburg Road.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 8th instant, said report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted  
M.A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Mitchell

seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ Alderman Dickie gives notice of re-consideration of the resolution adopting this report .

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PAVEMENT LEGISLATION

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer in reference to legislation effecting the liability of abutters for pavement assessment:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 15th, 1930.

PAVEMENT ASSESSMENT

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to draw your attention to the amendment to the Charter passed at the last session of the legislature, which in effect provides that no street can be paved except upon the presentation to the Council of a petition signed by persons owning not less than 51% of the frontage thereon. It was pointed out at the time that this amendment might have a far reaching effect and might tend to prevent improvement of the streets in the city.

*Engineer  
Council*

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One case might be instanced to show what the effects would be, Agricola Street is paved from West Street to Bloomfield Street leaving a short distance at either end to be connected to other paved streets. If the signatures of 51% of the frontage would not be obtained to a petition asking for the paving, the work could not be done. There can be no question as to the necessity and advisability of completing the work on this street and yet under the existing law the work could be held up indefinitely unless the requisite number of signatures were obtained to a petition.

It is urged in the interests of the City as a whole, that Section 610 which was originally passed in 1907 be restored to the Charter.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Jan. 16th, 1930

Pavement

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, on the 15th inst., had under consideration the attached report of the City Engineer re amendment to the Charter regarding signatures to petitions for paving.

Said report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded by Alderman McDuff that the report be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration.

Motion put and lost five voting for the same and ten against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Donovan  
McDuff  
McInnes  
O'Toole  
Adams- 5

AGAINST IT

Alderman Mitchell  
Dickie  
Stech  
Smith  
  
Redmond  
Rains

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For (Continued)

Against (Continued)

-5-

Aldermen McDonald  
Corbin  
Mullane  
Smeltzer- 10

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Corbin seconded by Alderman Redmond that in all cases where 51% of the property owners on a street recommended to be paved, are not agreeable to such paving, the street shall be paved and the cost charged to general assessment.

Amendment put and passed fourteen voting for the same and one against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell  
Dickie  
Stech  
Smith  
Donovan  
Redmond  
McInnes  
Rains  
McDonald  
Corbin  
O'Toole  
Mullane  
Smeltzer  
Adams

Alderman McDuff.

Alderman McDuff gives notice of re-consideration of the adoption of the amendment.

✓  
WATER METER BILL 71 MAYNARD STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Water Meter Bill 71 Maynard Street:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
December 24th, 1929.

No. 71 Maynard St.  
His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application

*Introduced  
December*

January 16th, 1930

for a reduction in the meter readings at the premises No. 71 Maynard Street, that the consumption complained of is for the month of October 1929. The readings for the past four months have been as follows:

September	17	4,100	
October	16	25,100	pipe & W.C.W 18--10-29
November	18	13,400	
December	16	10,600	

A large consumption took place in October and part of November, due to a pipe and closet wasting of which notice was sent on the 18th of October. The statement of the owner that he took immediate steps to have conditions remedied is borne out by the records and I would recommend that the consumption for October and November be reduced to 12,000 gallons for each month, and the bill made up accordingly.

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

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 13th, 1930.

# 71 Maynard Street,  
Water Bill

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on application for a reduction in meter rates at premises # 71 Maynard Street.

The Committee on Works recommend that the consumption shown October 16th, 1929, 25,100 gals, and November 18th, 1929, 13,400 gallons be reduced to 12,000 gallons for each month.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES CARL SJOGREN

Read report of the Committee on Works and the opinion of the City Solicitor on the claim of Carl Sjogren:

January 16th, 1930

Office of City Solicitor.  
Halifax, N.S. Jan. 16th, 1930

Chairman,  
Committee on Works,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:

RE: KARL SJOGREN

In compliance with the instructions of your Committee to effect a settlement of this claim on the best terms possible, I have made further enquiries and had considerable discussion with Mr. A.W. Jones, Solicitor for the Claimant.

In addition to facts laid before you in my former report, I am now able to report that the Claimant was employed as a boatswain on the Imperial Oil Ship "Minna Brea" at \$75.00 a month and Found. In consequence of his injury he has lost three months pay and also had to pay his board while on shore. His wrist, which he broke in the fall is not yet fit for heavy work and it is doubtful if it ever will be entirely as well as before. Assuming his loss in money is therefore \$300.00 which leaves only \$300.00 for a possible permanent injury and doctor's and solicitor's fees and other incidental charges.

The best settlement I have been able to effect was \$600.00 and in view of the facts above recited, it appears to me that this is not unreasonable and that the City could hardly hope to obtain a more favourable verdict if the case went to trial, when of course, the City would also be saddled with a considerable sum in costs.

I, therefore, recommend the adoption of this settlement.

Yours truly,  
F.H. Bell  
CITY SOLICITOR

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 16th, 1930.

Karl Sjogren-Claim for damages

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Solicitor on claim of Karl Sjogren for alleged injuries sustained by falling into a hatchway in front of premises # 203 Lower Water St.

The Committee on Works recommend that the said report be adopted, and the claim settled for the sum of six hundred' \$600.00' dollars

Respectfully submitted  
M.A. Hunter  
CLERK OF WORKS

January 16th, 1930

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

✓  
ISOLATION HOSPITAL-STEAM STERILIZING OUTFIT

Read report of the City Health Board  
recommending the purchase of a steam sterilizing  
outfit for the Infectious Diseases Hospital at a  
cost of \$416.00;

Halifax, N.S. Jan 16th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board,  
held on Wednesday, January 15th, 1930, at which  
there were present Doctor Corbin, Chairman, Alderman  
Redmond, Alderman Stech and Alderman O'Toole, I was  
instructed to recommend that a Dean Sterilizing Steam  
outfit for use in the Infectious Disease Hospital  
at a cost of \$416.00 be purchased from Ingram &  
Bell Limited, Montreal.

The cost to be charged against the  
Hospital capital account.

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

Moved by Alderman Corbin seconded by  
Alderman Stech that the report be adopted. Motion  
passed. ✓

LIBRARY-TENDERS FOR BINDING

Read report of the Library Committee  
recommending the acceptance of the tender of  
Messrs. Phillips and Marshall for binding approx-  
imately one hundred volumes:

Halifax N.S.  
January 13th, 1930

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

Gentlemen:-

A meeting of the Library Committee  
was held this day, those present being Aldermen

*Business  
minutes  
minutes*

*50 Corbin  
Pettipas*

January 16th, 1930

Donovan (Chairman) Adams, McDonald and Stech.  
The attached tenders for binding were read.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Phillips and Marshall for binding approximately one hundred volumes ( in road @ \$2.50 ) and in Buckram @ \$2.25) be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.F. Barnaby  
LIBRARIAN

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

✓  
VOTE OF THANKS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending the adoption of a resolution passed by that Committee tendering a vote of thanks to Mr. Henry Roper:

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 14, 1930

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: Aldermen O'Toole, Redmond, and Dickie. Alderman O'Toole was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to Council that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Henry Roper who has personally visited the City Home on Christmas Day for several years and has provided gifts for each and every inmate as well as the female nursing staff and who is graciously accorded the title of Santa Claus by the Folk of the City Home both young and old.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.J. O'Toole  
A/CHAIRMAN

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



✓  
January 16th, 1930

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPER

Read report of the Prison Committee recommending the acceptance of the resignation of J.F. McGill, Underkeeper at the City Prison and the appointment of Harry F. Platt to fill the vacancy caused by the said resignations

City Prison, Nov. 25th, 1929

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day the resignation of James F. McGill, Underkeeper at the City Prison, was tendered and recommended for acceptance.

The Governor submits the name of Harry F. Platt to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. McGill.

Your Committee recommend that Mr. Harry F. Platt be appointed to the vacant position for the balance of the present civic year.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. Donovan  
CHAIRMAN

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

TAX COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 1929

Read report of the City Auditor covering tax collections for the month of December 1929:

City Auditor's Office,  
December 31st 1929

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Report on tax collections for the month of December 1929 is submitted, Collections amounted to \$64,938.24. Collections on account of taxes for civic year prior to May 1st 1925 were \$1,089.02. The outstanding book value of this group on December 31st was \$669,328.51:

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ARREARS TAXES	OUTSTANDING PREVIOUS MONTH	NEW ACCOUNTS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	DECEMBER COLLECTIONS	OUTSTANDING BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1929
Civic Year 1925-26	\$80,260.71	- \$1,078.00	\$375.89	\$78,806.82
Civic Year 1926-27	67,423.04	- \$1,134.00	1,127.51	65,161.53
Civic Year 1927-28	120,936.71	- 1,196.35	7,635.55	112,104.81
Civic Year 1928-29	276,278.24	- 1,230.00	9,594.97	265,453.27
	<del>\$544,898.70</del>	<del>- \$4,638.35</del>	<del>\$18,733.92</del>	<del>\$521,526.43</del>

CURRENT TAXES

Civic Year 1929-30	\$561,805.89	- 1,058.15	\$24,856.17	\$535,891.57
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Rates & Taxes.

	71,488.50	12,390.51	21,348.15	62,530.86
	<del>\$1,178,193.09</del>	<del>- \$6,694.01</del>	<del>\$64,938.24</del>	<del>\$1119,948.86</del>

	Estimates	Outstanding Previous Month	December Collections	Balances
Dog Taxes 1929-30	\$3,450.00	\$115,34 Cr.	\$2.00	\$117.34 Cr
Poll Taxes 1929-30	16,000.00	8,243.32	512.00	7,731.32

Respectfully submitted

A.M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor covering Statements of Departmental Appropriations as at December 30th, 1929:

City Auditor's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 16th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members City Council

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto are the usual Statements of Departmental Appropriations for the month of December.

Yours truly  
A.M. Butler  
CITY AUDITOR

FILED

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✓  
CITY HOME-MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of December showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 377 and the number of patients in the T.B Hospital to be 49:

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 14th, 1930  
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: Aldermen O'Toole, Redmond and Dickie. Alderman O'Toole was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

SUPT'S REPORT CITY HOME DECEMBER 1929 NUMBER OF INMATES 377

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of December 1929 there were 12 persons admitted into the City Home 3 were discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 5 were chargeable to the City, 5 to the County of Halifax and 2 to the Province.

The total number of patients December 31st 1929 was 377, made up of 204 men, 168 women and 5 children. On the same date last year there were 141 men, 117 women and 3 children, a total of 261.

SUPT'S REPORT TEBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL DECEMBER 1929 NUMBER OF PATIENTS 49

The Superintendent's report shows that during the month of December 1929 there were 11 persons admitted into the City Tuberculosis Hospital, 7 men, 3 women and 1 child. 6 men, 2 women and 2 children were discharged and 2 men and 1 woman died.

The total number of patients December 31st 1929 was 49, made up of 21 men, 25 women and 3 children. On the same date last year there were 15 men, 25 women and 5 children a total of 45.

Respectfully submitted  
W.J.O'Toole  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

FILED.

✓  
COAL WEIGHERS REPORT

Read report of A.H.Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers showing that permanent Weighers received the sum of \$144.26 in fees for their services during the month-

FILED

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FIRES THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES

Read report of the Committee of Firewards covering report of Chief Churchill for the month of November 1929 showing the number of fires their causes and losses during the month:-

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 11, 1930

Board of Firewards,

Gentlemen:-

During the month of November there were 59 alarms from the following causes:

Chimneys-	dirty chimneys	30	32
	hot soot	2	2
Electricity	Def. Wiring in cars	3	5
	" connection to electric heater	2	
False			3
Miscellaneous	Fire Crackers	1	
	Smoke 1, careless smoking 5, matches hot ashes 1, open flame	2	
	igniting canvas cover.	1,	11
Pipes Furnaces etc.	Overheated pipes	2	
	Unprotected pipe hole	1	3
Sparks	Sparks from chimney		3
Unknown			2
Property at risk	228,075.00		
Insurance Losses		\$23,726.00	
Losses not insured		3,037.00	
	Total losses	\$26,763.00	

Respectfully submitted,  
J.W. Churchill  
CHIEF OF

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 13th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached report of the Chief of the Fire Department covering fires their causes and losses for the month of November was submitted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted  
W.J.O'Toole  
CHAIRMAN

January 16th, 1930

✓  
NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN McDUFF

Alderman McDuff gives notice that at the next meeting of Council he will move the following resolutions:

WHEREAS it is desirable in the opinion of this Council to effect a change in the manner of City Government and procure legislation therefor at the next session of the Legislature.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to appoint a committee of this Council to inquire into the best methods of effecting such a change in the City Government and to provide, if necessary for the appointment of a City Manager and other details of reformed City Government.

RESOLVED that a Committee of five members of this Council be now appointed and which will report without unnecessary delay and at an early date to this Council the form that legislation should take to effect such change in the City Government and to report as to advisability of the appointment of a City Manager and a reformed council and other proposed details to effect the said purpose.

*Council*

✓  
NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN DICKIE

Alderman Dickie gives notice that at the next meeting of Council he will move the following resolution

WHEREAS the value of assessable property in the City of Halifax is \$81,139,435.00 of which \$35,822,935.00 or 44.15% is exempt from taxation thus constituting the largest ratio of any City in Canada;

AND WHEREAS in the City of Halifax the various properties owned by the Dominion Government have an assessed value in excess of thirteen and one-half million dollars and of this amount the property held for transportation purposes exceeds in value the sum of ten million dollars;

AND WHEREAS industrial expansion in the City is seriously hampered on account of the high rate of taxation, incidental to the large amount of exempted property;

AND WHEREAS in the broad sense the entities managed by the Canadian National Railway Company are recognized as belonging to the taxpayers of Canada, and any differentiation between Government-owned and Government-operated transportation systems

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(notwithstanding the existing legal distinction) is purely fictional in character;  
AND WHEREAS municipal rates are paid on the properties of Government-operated systems;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Halifax, mindful of the unfair position in which the City stands in respect to non-assessable Government-owned railroad property, appoint a Committee to interview and make representations to the Dominion Government to secure, if possible, an annual contribution in lieu of rates based on the value of Government-owned railroad property.

*Council*

- Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that items # 32,33 and 34 on the Agenda viz;-
- 32. Notice of Motion by Ald. Dickie, re appointment of Director on the N.S. Light and Power Company's Board
  - 33. Notice of Motion by Ald. Dickie re further development of St. Margarets Bay Hydro Power project.
  - 34 Notice of Motion Ald. Smeltzer re Maintenance of prisoners at Rockhead Prison

be further deferred until the next meeting of Council.

*Council*

Motion passed ✓

RESIGNATION ALD. ROBERTSON

His Worship the Mayor submits and reads the following resignation from Alderman Robertson as a representative for Ward 6 in the City Council:

Halifax, N.S. Jan. 16th, 1929

Mayor Gastonguay,  
City Hall.

Your Worship:

Please have Council accept my resignation from the City Council, dating Dec. 31, 1929 and express to the members my appreciation of their co-operation and good will during my term of office, also my appreciation of the goodwill of the City employees who have always been so kind and courteous

Yours very truly,  
A.A. Robertson.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded by Ald. McInnes that the resignation of Alderman Robertson as a representative of Ward No. six be accepted, and that the office be declared vacant.

*see Robertson*

Motion passed

9.30.0' Clock. Moved by Alderman McDuff seconded by Alderman Rains that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed

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Meeting adjourned



H. S. RHIND  
CITY CLERK



L. A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N

5.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
January 27th, 1930.

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Mitchell, Dickie, Steeh, Donovan, Redmond, Cragg, McDuff, Corbin, Mullane, Drysdale, Smeltzer and Adams.

The meeting was called specially to consider the report of the Finance Committee on School Board Estimates for the Civic Year 1930, to proceed with business standing over, and the transaction of other business.

✓  
SCHOOL ESTIMATES

Read report of the Finance Committee covering estimates of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax for the Civic Year 1930:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 24th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Your Committee on Finance beg to report on the estimates of the Board of School Commissioners for the Civic Year 1930 submitted to the City Council at a meeting held on the 16th inst., and referred to this Committee for consideration and report.

Your Committee have gone carefully over the items of the estimates and note that several of the increases are made necessary by reason of the addition of two new school buildings.



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January 27th, 1930

Your Committee recommend that the Estimates as submitted amounting to \$442,360.15 being an increase of \$3,625.69 over the previous year be now approved and included in the Civic Estimates for 1930-31.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Cragg  
CHAIRMAN

Halifax, N.S.,  
January 15th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor  
and City Council,  
Halifax, N.S.

Gentlemen:-

I hand you herewith, by order of the Board of School Commissioners, copy of the Estimates for 1930-31 as approved by them and in accordance with resolution adopted by them at their meeting January 14;

"  
RESOLVED That the Estimates as herewith be adopted and that a copy thereof be transmitted to His Worship, the Mayor, with the request that the City Council include in the general assessment of the City a sum sufficient to yield Four Hundred and Forty-two Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Fifteen Cents ( \$442,360.15 ), that being the amount required for the support and maintenance of the schools under the charge of the Board for the year ending April 30th, 1931, and in accordance with Chapter XII, Section 900 and following City Charter, and amendments"

This amount does not include interest on debentures issued for the school by the City itself, nor an amount to supplement pensions paid to retired teachers

I am,  
Yours very truly,

S. J. Wilson  
SECRETARY

SCHOOL ESTIMATES 1930-31

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	1929	1930
Teachers	\$302,520.00	\$303,410.00
Technical Classes	3,000.00	3,000.00
Supervised Playgrounds	2,000.00	2,000.00
Books & Stationery	2,500.00	2,500.00
School Apparatus	2,500.00	3,000.00
Auxiliary Classes & Equipment	6,900.00	7,225.00

(Continued)	January 27th, 1930	
	<u>1929</u>	<u>1930</u>
Dental Inspection	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Medical Inspection	6,310.00	6,395.00
Janitors	27,811.00	29,771.00
Maintenance	21,122.37	17,563.80
Rents	10,281.09	12,755.35
Insurance	2,500.00	1,500.00
Fuel	22,000.00	24,600.00
Telephones, Motor Power, etc.	3,000.00	3,400.00
City of Halifax-Water	5,500.00	6,000.00
General Expenses	1,300.00	1,300.00
Advertising & Printing	650.00	650.00
Interest on Debentures	3,030.00	2,430.00
Supervisor	3,755.00	3,755.00
Secretary	2,000.00	2,100.00
Assistant Secretary	1,800.00	1,900.00
Stenographers( 2)	1,925.00	1,925.00
Messenger Service.	480.00	480.00
Mechanical Superintendent	3,000.00	3,000.00
Inspector Heating, Plumbing etc.	1,800.00	-
Attendance Officer,	1,900.00	2,000.00
Office Expenses	300.00	400.00
Contingent	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>\$443,184.46</u>	<u>\$446,360.15</u>

LESS

Estimated Receipts:	<u>1929</u>	<u>1930</u>
Provincial Government Grant	2,300.00	\$1,200.00
School Fees	800.00	1,200.00
Bank Interest	850.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	500.00	600.00
	<u>\$4,450.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

\$438,734.46      \$442,360.15

Moved by Alderman Cragg seconded  
by Alderman Stech that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman  
Dickie seconded by Alderman Redmond that the  
estimates be taken up item by item.

Amendment put and passed.

The Estimates are considered item  
by item.

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded  
by Alderman Stech that all items listed under  
"Estimated Expenditure" amounting to \$446,360.15  
be approved. Motion passed.

January 27th, 1930

Alderman Smeltzer dissenting from the items increases to salaries of officials.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Moved by Alderman Redmond seconded by Alderman Dickie that the Council disapprove and take objection to the following items:

Provincial Government Grant \$1,200.00  
School Fees 1,200.00

Motion put and passed.

BANK INTEREST -\$1,000.00 Approved

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS-\$600.00 Approved

✓  
Miss G. J. Wilson

✓  
REFUND TO HOSEMAN CHARLES THOMAS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending that Hoseman Charles Thomas who has resigned from the Fire Department be refunded the sum of \$233.74 being the amount he is entitled to receive from the Firemens' Superannuation Fund:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 13th, 1930

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the Fire Chief verbally reported the resignation of Charles Thomas as hoseman in the Fire Department.

Your Committee having accepted the resignation of Mr. Thomas recommend that the Trustees of the Firemens' Superannuation Fund be instructed to refund one-half of his contributions to the Fund which amounts to \$271.02 less the sum of \$37.28 paid in advance of his salary.

Respectfully submitted  
W. J. O'Toole  
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded by Alderman Cragg that the report be adopted, payment of the amount to be subject to the

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certification of the City Auditor. Motion passed.

✓  
ALDERMANIC VACANCY WARD No.6

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer  
seconded by Alderman Dickie that this Council fix  
Wednesday, February 12th, 1930 as the date for  
holding the election of a duly qualified person to  
fill the vacancy in Ward # 6 caused by the  
resignation of Alderman Robertson, and that  
Alderman Smeltzer and Alderman Adams be appointed  
presiding officers to conduct the election.  
Motion passed.

✓  
CLAIM H.M. MACLEOD

Read report of the Finance  
Committee in re claim of H.M. MacLeod for com-  
pensation of \$400.00 being the price of a lot of  
land he was compelled to buy through an error  
alleged to have been made by an official of the  
Assessor's department;

Halifax, N.S. Dec.9, 1929

Mayor L.A. Gastonguay,  
Halifax, N.S.

Your Worship:

Will you be good enough to  
have this letter placed before your finance committee  
for consideration.

I wish to be re-imbursed to the  
extent of \$400.00 on a lot of land I was compelled  
to buy through an error on the part of the  
assessor's department of the City of Halifax.

The City of Halifax sold me a  
lot of land they did not own, and the facts are  
as follows.

Mr. R. Scriven of the Collector's  
department called me up in the fall of 1927 and  
asked me if I was interested in a lot of land  
next to my flats on Harvard St., which the city  
was selling for taxes. I informed Mr. Scriven I  
was not interested as I had more taxes to pay  
than I was able and wanted no more real estate,

*Trueman*

*Ad Smeltzer  
Ad Adams*

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my opinion as to any liability on the part of the City, I beg to say as follows:

The estate of Nathan Cornfoot was assessed in respect to a lot of vacant land on the West side of Harvard Street. Mr. MacLeod was the owner of a lot on the same side of the street, on which he had a house. Mr. MacLeod's lot did not immediately adjoin the Cornfoot lot, a vacant lot the property of a Mr. Cox, intervening between the Cornfoot lot and Mr. MacLeod's lot.

The taxes on the Cornfoot lot being in arrear it was duly advertised for sale. The description in the advertisement was only "a lot on the West side of Harvard Street assessed to the estate of Nathan Cornfoot". Previous to the sale Mr. MacLeod called on Mr. Morrow, the Collector, and inquired of him of the lot advertised was the one adjoining his own. Mr. Morrow informs me that in reply he told him that apparently from the way it was set up on the roll it was, but not to rely on that, because the rolls had in several instances been found inaccurate in respect to the location of lots, and that he should satisfy himself by inquiries of the Assessor or at the Registry of Deeds. The Assessor informs me that Mr. MacLeod made no inquiries of him. Mr. Scriven in the Collector's Office informs me that Mr. MacLeod asked him if the lot advertised adjoined his own, and that he asked Mr. Rosborough the Assistant Assessor if such was the case, and was told by him that apparently from the rolls it was. Mr. Rosborough has very little recollection of any such conversation, except to confirm the statement that such appeared to be the case from the rolls. Apparently this satisfied Mr. MacLeod and he purchased the Cornfoot Lot at the Tax Sale on 27th November 1927.

He then, without waiting for the year for redemption to expire, or to obtain a description of the lot he had purchased proceeded to place a garage on the vacant lot adjoining his own property. Subsequently after the year expired he took a tax deed of the property purchased by him in, which the Cornfoot lot was correctly described

He then discovered that the lot purchased by him was not the one adjoining his own and that he had built the garage on Mr. Cox's land, and was compelled to purchase the latter at a price which he considers excessive and he now claims compensation in some form from the City

I am unable to see any legal ground on which Mr. MacLeod can make any claim on the City. The City has made no mistake. It advertised and sold the Cornfoot lot. The advertisement stated nothing as to the location of the lot, and there is no obligation on the City or its officials to furnish information as to location and title of property proposed to be sold. Even if an official of the City had given Mr. MacLeod incorrect information, that would in my opinion have been only an expression of his honest though mistaken belief for which the City would be in no way responsible.

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but after some consideration I decided that if anyone were to buy this and build next to me, my flats would be darkened and certainly depreciate in value so I decided to see Mr. Morrow and get the particulars of the lot in question. He gave me the amount of taxes against the lot and informed me it adjoined my property at 16 Harvard Street, also giving me the date of the sale. On that date I went to the Auditor's office to bid in this lot, and before Mr. Morrow put up this lot I again asked him if he was sure this was the lot adjoining my property as I had no way of knowing. To make sure Mr. Morrow again sent a man up to the assessors office to get the location of the lot and the word came back that it adjoined my property. On this information I bought the lot and paid for it. In the late summer of 1928 I put up a double garage on this lot and made a driveway putting in about twenty loads of ashes, which I bought. This spring, 1929, I had an opportunity to sell my flats with this lot and garage included and I got after the city for the deeds to this lot, and after some time spent in endeavoring to get this deed I was informed the lot I had bought did not adjoin my property, but was north one lot further. I explained my position to Mr. Morrow and he said he had been mis-informed by the assessors office and advised me to see Mr. McManus, which I did, and he informed me he knew the owner of the lot adjoining my property and that he could have the lots exchanged. He stated that the owner, a Mr. Cox of Dartmouth, had told him he would sell the lot for \$300.00. Mr. McManus later told me he had interviewed Mr. Cox but could not come to any agreement with him. Later on Mr. Cox came to my store and ordered me to have the garage removed or he would take action against me. I tried to reason with him, and even offered him the lot I got from the city for the half lot my garage is standing on, but he would not agree to this and I was compelled to pay him \$750.00 for this lot of land.

Not in all fairness, I think, as I was compelled to buy this lot through a blunder of the City Assessors office informing Mr. Morrow the lot adjoined my property the City should reimburse me as they sold me a piece of property they did not own, and put me in a position where Mr. Cox could make it most interesting for me, which he did. These are the absolute facts of the case, and I would ask that this matter be placed before the finance committee for their consideration.

Thanking you for your attention to the above, I am,

Yours truly,

H.M. MacLeod

Halifax, N.S. Oct. 21st, 1929

His Worship the Mayor,  
CITY.

RE CLAIM OF H.M. MACLEOD

Sir:

In compliance with your request for an inquiry into the facts of this claim and

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But so far as I can ascertain no definite statement was given to Mr. MacLeod by any official. On the contrary he was expressly informed that no accurate information could be given, and that he should satisfy himself by proper inquiry. On the face of the matter it would seem singular that he should be unaware of the ownership of land immediately next to his own. He seems to have taken for granted that things were as he wished them to be. How little care he exercised is shown by the fact that he placed the garage on the property he supposed he had bought, not only without further inquiry, but even without waiting till the period of redemption had expired. His trouble appears to me to have been wholly due to his own want of due care, and not in any way to any action or want of action on the part of the City

For these reasons I am unable to see in which way he can make any claim on the City

Yours very truly,  
F.H. Bell,  
CITY SOLICITOR

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
January 24th, 1930

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Finance beg to report on the application of Mr. H.M. MacLeod in a letter addressed to His Worship the Mayor in which he asks to be reimbursed to the extent of \$400.00 being the price of a lot of land he was compelled to buy through an error alleged to have been made by an official of the Assessor's Department.

This matter was referred to the City Solicitor by your Committee for report and he reports that he can see no legal ground on which Mr. MacLeod can make any claim on the City.

The report of the City Solicitor is submitted for your information and action.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. J. Cragg  
CHAIRMAN

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

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ADVERTISING HALIFAX

His Worship the Mayor submitted and read letters from the Halifax Herald and Morning Chronicle asking that the City subscribe for an advertisement in a special West Indies Edition of these two publications:

*Mr MacL 2024*



January 30th, 1930

His Worship explained that unfortunately there was no appropriation in the estimates for this service and he did not see how the expenditure could be made without special legislation

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the City insert advertisements in these two publications and that legislation be sought to pay for the cost of the same.

Motion put and lost five voting for the same and seven against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Donovan  
Corbin  
Mullane  
Smeltzer  
Adams

Alderman Mitchell  
Dickie  
Stech  
Redmond  
Cragg  
McDuff  
Drysedale  
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Moved by Alderman Mitchell

seconded by Alderman McDuff that this meeting do now adjourn.

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Meeting adjourned

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

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

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*Halifax Herald  
Chronicle*

A F T E R N O O N   S E S S I O N

5.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
February 4th, 1930

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Mitchell, Dickie, Stech, Smith, Donovan, Cragg, McDuff, McInnes, O'Toole, Mullane, Drysdale, Smeltzer and Adams.

The meeting was called specially to deal with school board estimates for the ensuing year.

Before taking up the order of business Alderman McDuff called attention of the Council to the unfair criticism made by the President of the Board of Trade and published in the daily press with reference to the action of the City Council on the matter of the construction of an Airport in Halifax. ✓

Alderman McDuff asked that the order of business be suspended to permit him to read a message to the Council on the subject.

By unanimous consent of Council Alderman McDuff is permitted to submit and read his message.

His Worship:

Before proceeding with the regular agenda I would like the permission of the Council to answer what I consider very unfair criticism of the Council, made at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade in reference to the proposed Airport.

We here all realize that the Board of Trade is an irresponsible body ( I do not say this in any disrespectful way). They have many useful functions to perform but we are the elected representatives of the Citizens of Halifax and are responsible to them for our acts, while the Board of Trade is responsible to no one.

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After the plebiscite was taken in which we were authorized to spend \$150,000. for an Airport, we immediately set to work to implement the authority given us.

Mr. H.W. Johnston, City Engineer, was instructed to visit the Airports of other cities, so that he could bring back with him practical knowledge regarding the project. He visited in all twelve landing fields and secured a great fund of useful knowledge and information.

A bill was drafted by our City Solicitor authorizing the City of Halifax to borrow the sum of \$150,000. and this bill was passed by the Legislature at its last Session.

Our Engineers were sent out over the so called "Blue-Hill -Farm" site with the object in view of drawing up plans and specifications. These plans and specifications being prepared, we called for tenders.

Before this time the cost was problematical, but from then on we had facts to guide us.

The lowest tender for grading and surfacing two landing strips of a width of 500 feet each, and a length of 2000 feet was \$122,500.00. We must bear in mind that this only provided for ordinary field surface and did not provide for hangars. In addition to this cost there will be the expense of placing transmission lines underground, replacing poles, fences, sewer pipe, etc., etc., estimated by our Engineer at a cost of nearly \$15,000.00

If we estimate \$10,000 for hangars, this brings the total cost up to \$137,500 without the cost of the site.

Our Engineer and Assessor after careful consideration set a value of \$62,818.27 on the land - the assessed value of which is \$41,140.00. The property owners are asking in round figures \$112,000. If we expropriate the property it is my personal opinion that we cannot get it for less than \$70,000. which would bring our total cost up to \$207,500. We would only then have a fourth class airport. May the city not be incurring a serious risk in expropriating this property, for the reason that should the property owners be awarded anything approaching the price asked, the city then would be unable to finance the scheme and thus have the property left on their hands.

There is another important feature of this proposition which the average citizen may have overlooked, and that is, the annual amount required for interest and sinking fund on the capital expenditure. For argument's sake let us put the capital expenditure at \$200,000. For interest and sinking fund we shall have to tax the ratepayers an annual sum of \$14,000. In addition to this we shall have to have a Superintendent and other help for the Field which may well run into another \$6,000. making a total annual charge of \$20,000.

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The City Engineer while away visited the often mentioned Airport of St. John N.B. This field was purchased at a very small cost but never-the-less he states that up to the date of his visit they had spent \$126,000, and it was estimated that an additional expenditure of some \$15,000. was necessary to complete the runways.

It has been suggested that we go ahead and spend the \$150,000, and get what we can for the money but Major Tudhope says "steps should be taken to ensure that the Airport when completed will meet all the requirements for Commercial Aircraft, present and future.

Deputy Minister G.J. Desbarats says that his engineers are of the opinion that the difficulties and cost of making a really good Aerodrome on this site are considerable and that careful consideration would be given the expense involved before proceeding with the construction work.

My only thought in making this statement is that the citizens may not be led away by any loose talk by the President of the Board of Trade, who has no responsibility to the over-burdened taxpayers of this City, regarding the inactivity of the City Council. We have done, I claim, all we could be reasonably expected to do under the circumstances, bearing in mind our oath of office and our responsibility to the Citizens.

I would like to ask the Board of Trade what they have ever done to improve the status of the City Council? If they are dissatisfied with it why do they not take some action to remedy the situation and do less talking.

The Evening Mail in its issue of January 31, 1930 contains this threat 'If the present City Council will not carry out the instructions of the Citizens and provide an Airport, it will be necessary to elect a Council that will". That, of course, is for the Citizens of Halifax themselves to say. But here is the situation, we were instructed by the plebiscite to build an Airport at a cost of \$150,000. but, when upon the best engineering advice at our command we find it cannot be built for any sum approaching this amount, we refuse to be coerced or threatened into squandering the people's money. We have no authority to spend one dollar more than the amount authorized by the plebiscite. At least this is my own personal position in the matter. As for continuing to be a member of the City Council or not- I shall lose no sleep.

Reviewing the whole proposition, I am forced to conclusion that a first-class Airport built on the Blue-Hill-Farm site will cost the citizens at least a quarter of a million dollars, saddling the city with an annual outlay of approaching \$25,000. for interest, sinking fund and maintenance charges.

I wish to go emphatically on record as favoring an airport but must confess that the cost is rather alarming when we consider the many other necessary and pressing undertakings the City must, in the very near future, face.

However, it is a matter that the citizen must give careful study and consideration and decide for themselves.

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SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

Read letter of Miss S.J. Wilson, Secretary of the School Board regarding the objections taken by Council at its last meeting to items in the School Board estimates under Estimated Receipts:

Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, N.S., January 31, 1930

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter, January 28th, regarding objections being taken by the City Council, to items of the School Board's estimate. I submit the following explanation.

PROVINCIAL GRANT \$1,200.00

You may notice that this is indicated as Provincial Grant instead of probable Provincial Grant, as formerly. This is composed of two items:

Domestic Science	\$600.00
Mechanic Science	600.00

each a definite amount and in no way connected with any other grant.

SCHOOL FEES

Last year we estimated receipts for School Fees \$800.00 and received that amount. Since September 1929, we have received \$1,200.00. This year, if the Board is upheld in its decision requiring fees from non-residents who wish their children to attend the City Schools, we will be able to double that amount, but if defeated in our intention, we are in receipt of \$1,200.00 which was itemized.

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BANK INTEREST:

This we expect will be a little greater; hence, the stated estimate.

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Is also an estimated amount.

I am,

Yours very truly,

S.J.Wilson  
SECRETARY

Mr. W. P. Buckley, Chairman of the Board and Miss S. J. Wilson, Secretary, were present and satisfactorily explained to the Council the items that were objected to viz;

Provincial Government Grant	\$1,200.00
School Fees	1,200.00

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the items, i.e., Provincial Government Grant \$1,200.00 and School Fees \$1,200.00 be now approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer seconded by Alderman Donovan that the estimates as a whole as submitted by the School Board \$442,360.15 be now approved and the amount be included in the Civic Estimates for 1930-31. Motion passed.

*W.P. Buckley  
Miss S.J. Wilson*

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OVERCROWDING OF SCHOOLS  
BUNGALOW SCHOOLS

Read letter Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners covering estimates of the cost of construction of two bungalow schools to provide additional accommodation to relieve the overcrowded condition of Chebucto and Oxford Schools:

Board of School Commissioners,  
February 4th, 1930

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council,  
CITY.

Gentlemen:-

I hand you by order of the Board

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of School Commissioners estimate of cost, as prepared by our Mr. Hull, for the erection of two Bungalow Schools. This, in accordance with resolution adopted by the Board January 30, that, as additional accommodation is required by two of the West End Schools to relieve the overcrowded condition of Chebucto and Oxford Schools, the Board authorizes Mr. Hull to prepare an estimate of the cost of two four room school buildings, similar in construction to the present brick Bungalow Schools, but so constructed as to allow for another story to be added as required.

I, therefore, ask that your Council give the Board due consideration at your earliest convenience.

I am,  
Yours very truly,

S. J. Wilson  
SECRETARY

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 4, 1930

M. L. Boswell, Esq.,  
Chairman of the S.S. & B. Committee,  
The Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, N.S.

Sir:-

I herewith submit an estimate of the cost of two four room school buildings at Chebucto Road, and St. Thomas Aquinas Schools. These buildings to be similar in plan to the present Bungalow Schools, but to be so constructed to allow for another story to be added when required.

Cost of building	\$54,000.00	
Architects' Fees	1,620.00	
Furnishings	<u>2,500.00</u>	
		\$58,120.00
Cost of one building		\$58,120.00

The cost of these two buildings complete with furnishings would be One Hundred and Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$116,240.00)

Respectfully Submitted

Fred. E. Hall,  
MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT

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Also, read letter of Mr. G.K. Butler,  
Supervisor of Schools to the Chairman of the Board  
with reference to the necessity of providing  
additional school accommodation:

Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 4th, 1930

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

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. W.P. Buckley,  
Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners, I  
am enclosing a copy of the letter which I have given  
him outlining the need of more school accommodation  
in the west end of the City served at present by  
Oxford and Chebucto Schools.

The Chairman requested that this be  
submitted to the City Council when this matter of  
increased school accommodation was under  
discussion.

I am,  
Very truly yours,  
G.K. Butler  
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

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W.P. Buckley, Esq.,  
Chairman,  
Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax.

Sir:-

Among the recommendations which I made  
last year to relieve the congestion in our City  
Schools were a four-roomed bungalow for Chebucto  
School and a four-roomed bungalow to relieve Oxford  
School. These are still necessary. Chebucto has  
two classes, 132 pupils on half-time and in  
addition there are, at Oxford School, about 80  
children who should be in Chebucto School. Some of  
the other classes at Chebucto are altogether too  
large for efficient work. At Oxford there are two  
classes, 126 children, housed in a temporary building  
which, at the most, should not have more than 90,  
and is, owing the fact that it has no foundation,  
very cold and is the cause of great discomfort  
to both children and teachers. Other classes in  
this school are much too large, one having an  
enrolment of 72.

In view of the facts I recommend the  
erection of a four-roomed bungalow, so constructed  
that it can be enlarged by adding an additional  
story, at Chebucto, and a similar building at  
St. Thomas'. This last will relieve Oxford School,  
in which there are a considerable number of children



from this district who are now attending College Street School, and allow the Grade 1 class, now on half time at College Street, to have a full day.

Respectfully submitted

G.K. Butler  
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the application of the School Board with reference to the construction of Bungalow Schools be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

CLAIM OF CARL SJOGREN

The following resolution was submitted:

"RESOLVED that the City do under the authority of Section 976 of the City Charter borrow from any bank or fund available the sum of \$600.00 to defray the cost of settlement of a claim against the City for injuries to one Carl Sjorgren.

The sum so borrowed with interest thereon shall be included in the yearly estimates for the Civic Year 1930-31.

Moved by Alderman Cragg seconded by Alderman McInnes and passed unanimously the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same:

Aldermen Mitchell, Dickie, Stech, Smith, Donovan, Cragg, McDuff, McInnes, O'Toole, Mullane, Drysdale, Smeltzer and Adams.

5.55 O'Clock

Moved by Alderman McDuff seconded by Alderman Mc Innes that this Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

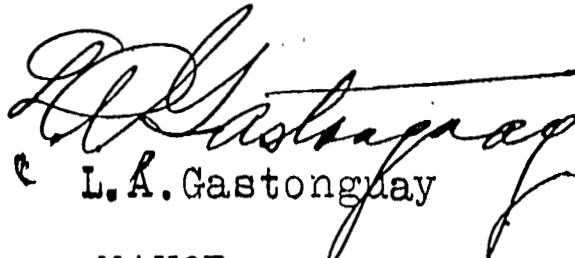
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A. J. R.*


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Meeting adjourned

  
L.A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR.

  
H.S. Rhind  
CITY CLERK