

SPECIAL MEETING

AFTERNOON SESSION

4.40 o'clock p.m.  
Council Chamber  
City Hall,  
January 26th, 1931

A meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Stech, Mitchell, Donovan, Redmond, Daley, Cragg, McInnes, McCarthy, O'Toole and Adams.

The meeting was called specially to deal with the following matters-

1. Report of the Finance Committee on School Estimates for the year 1931.

2. Report of the Finance Committee recommending approval of the proposal of the School Board to erect a new school building on Chebucto Road.

SCHOOL ESTIMATES 1931

Read report of the Finance Committee covering estimates for public schools for the Civic Year 1931:

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City  
Council.

Committee Room, City Hall  
Jan. 21st, 1931

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that at a meeting held this day the estimates of the Board of School Commissioners for 1931 amounting to \$468,714.08 submitted to the City Council on the 15th inst., were duly considered.

Your Committee has gone carefully into the various items of expenditure and find that the increases made in several of the items are necessary by reason of the addition of new school buildings, and the proposed erection of another four roomed school building to relieve the over-crowding in Oxford Street and Chebucto Road Schools.

Your Committee recommend that the estimates as submitted amounting to \$468,714.08 being an increase of \$26,252.93, over the previous year be now approved and included in the civic estimates for 1931-32.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Cragg  
CHAIRMAN

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SCHOOL ESTIMATES  
1931-32

	1931-32	INCREASE	DECREASE	1930-31
Teachers	\$316,730.00	\$13,320.00		\$303,410.00
Technical Classes	3,500.00	500.00		3,000.00
Supervised Playgrounds	2,000.00			2,000.00
Books & Stationery	2,500.00			2,500.00
School Apparatus	3,000.00			3,000.00
Auxiliary Classes and Equipment	8,110.00	885.00		7,225.00
Dental Inspection	2,485.00	185.00		2,300.00
Medical Inspection	6,510.00	115.00		6,395.00
Janitors	30,251.00	480.00		29,771.00
Maintenance	24,057.55	6,493.75		17,563.80
Rents	13,334.07	578.72		12,755.35
Insurance	3,613.56	2,113.56		1,500.00
Fuel	27,882.90	3,282.90		24,600.00
Telephones, Motor Power, etc.	3,500.00	100.00		3,400.00
City of Halifax, water	6,500.00	500.00		6,000.00
General Expenses	1,300.00			1,300.00
Advertising & Printing	650.00			650.00
Interest on Debentures	2,430.00			2,430.00
Supervisor	3,755.00			3,755.00
Secretary	2,500.00	400.00		2,100.00
Assistant Secretary	-		1,900.00	1,900.00
Stenographers (2)	2,025.00	100.00		1,925.00
Messenger Service	480.00			480.00
Mechanical Supt.	3,000.00			3,000.00
Attendance Officer	2,000.00			2,000.00
Office Expenses	400.00			400.00
Pension, Ex-Secretary	1,200.00	1,200.00		-
Contingent	1,000.00			1,000.00
	<u>\$474,714.08</u>	<u>\$30,253.93</u>	<u>\$1,900.00</u>	<u>\$446,360.15</u>
Less Estimated Revenue:				
Grants	\$3,200.00		2,000.00	1,200.00
School Fees	1,200.00			1,200.00
Bank Interest	1,000.00			1,000.00
Miscellaneous	600.00			600.00
	<u>\$6,000.00</u>		<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
	<u>\$468,714.08</u>	<u>\$30,253.93</u>	<u>\$3,900.00</u>	<u>\$442,360.15</u>

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Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 15th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

I hand you herewith, by order of the Board of School Commissioners, copy of the estimates for 1931-32 as approved by them and in accordance with resolution adopted by them at their meeting January 13th:

RESOLVED that the Estimate 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 Sixty-eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fourteen Dollars and Eight Cents ( \$468,714.08 ) that being the amount required for the support and maintenance of the schools under the charge of the Board for the year ending April 30, 1932, 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 schools by the City itself nor an amount to supplement pensions paid to retired teachers.

I am,  
Yours very truly,

H.F. Bezanson,  
SECRETARY

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

Motion passed unanimously.

*H. F. Bezanson*

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING CHEBUCTO ROAD

Read report of the Finance Committee on the application of the School Board for permission to erect a four room school building on a lot of land owned by the School Board on Chebucto Road:

Halifax, N.S., January 14, 1931

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

Gentlemen:

I am directed to advise you, that, at a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, held yesterday, it was unanimously decided to apply for permission to

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erect a four-room School Building on a lot of land owned by the School Board, on Chebucto Road, near the City Airport. This School Building would be so constructed that, as occasion arose, it could be enlarged. The Estimated cost of same, including furnishings, etc., would be \$59,000.

The Board has been approached by citizens residing near the Arm Bridge, protesting against their children having to travel such long distances to the nearest School, which they claim to be a hardship, especially during the winter months.

We would therefore respectfully ask that your honoured Body give early consideration to this request, as the need is urgent.

I am,  
Sirs,  
Respectfully yours

H.F. Bezanson,  
SECRETARY

Committee Room, City Hall,  
January 21st 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached application of the Board of School Commissioners for permission to erect a four room school building on the lot of land owned by the School Board on Chebucto Road, was duly considered.

The estimated cost, including furnishings, etc., of the proposed building is \$59,000.00 and the building will be so constructed as to allow for extension if found necessary in the future.

Your Committee recommend that the City Council approve of the proposal of the School Board, and the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$59,000.00 on Capital Account for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
E.J. Cragg  
CHAIRMAN

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

*A. F. Bezanson* Motion passed.

5 O'Clock P.M.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded  
by Alderman Donovan that this meeting do now adjourn.

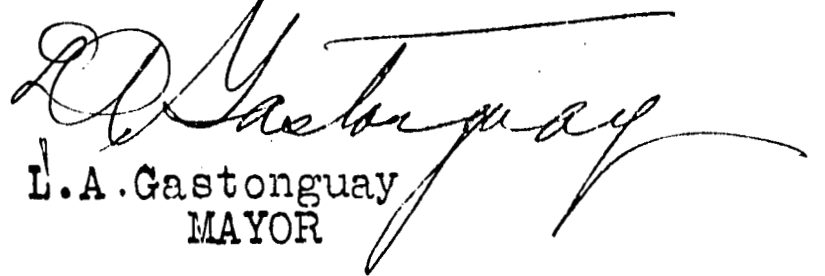
Motion passed.


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LIST OF HEADLINES

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Meeting adjourned

  
L.A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR

  
H.S. RHIND  
CITY CLERK

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock ,

Council Chamber, City Hall,

February 12th, 1931

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Dickie, Stech, Donovan, Redmond, Cragg, McCarthy, Rains, Shields, O'Toole, Drysdale, Probert and Adams.

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

His Worship the Mayor submitted and read the following letter from Alderman McInnes:

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 5th, 1931

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In view of the fact that Alderman Daley and myself will probably be absent from the City during the next meeting of the City Council, I would respectfully request that no business be dealt with except routine business, as there are several important matters on the agenda in which we are both interested.

Alderman Dickie has given notice of motion for the appointment of Robert A. Reid in connection with the telephone rates, and I feel that this is a matter upon which the only two sollicitors in the Council should have an opportunity of explaining the situation.

The ordinance for the weighing of coal should not be dealt with in our absence, as we feel that we are more familiar with this situation than the majority of the members of the Council.

I also feel that the extension to the City Home should be held over as I am doubtful if we can justify to the citizens the keeping of 350 inmates for the Municipality and ask the citizens to spend \$75,000. for an extension to keep our own people.

I am not altogether satisfied that a portion of Camp Hill should be given to the Victoria School of Art, but I feel certain that we

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should give them a piece of land some place in the City, and it should be an easy matter for the engineer or the Works Committee to decide upon a strip of land which is not required for other purposes.

In view of the fact that Alderman Daley and myself will be absent on City business, I feel that you can justify leaving all matters excepting routine business over until a later meeting.

Yours very truly,

Russell McInnes

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

His Worship asked the Council to defer consideration of the several matters on the Agenda requested by Alderman McInnes. This was unanimously agreed to.

The following papers were  
submitted: ✓

ILLUMINATED SIGNS

Read letter A.S. Barnstead, Clerk of the Executive Council in re approval of an ordinance to amend Ordinance # 43 of "Illuminated Signs".

Halifax, 29th Jan. 1931

The City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of an amendment to Ordinance No. 43 of the City of Halifax, passed at a meeting of the City Council held the 15th January, 1931, duly certified as having been approved by the Governor in Council on the 29th instant.

Yours truly,

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*Engineer*  
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Read letter C.P. Riddle, General Secretary of the Railway Association of Canada asking the Council to fix the dates that Daylight Saving Time would come into force with respect to civic activities:

Montreal Que. Feb. 5th/31

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

For the past several years it has been the practice of the majority of large centres in Eastern Canada to change from Standard to Daylight Saving Time on the date Spring train schedules go into effect on the Railways, and revert to Standard Time on the date Fall train schedules become effective.

This year the Spring schedules go into effect at 12.01 a.m. April 26th, and the Fall schedules at 12.01 a.m. September 27th. Daylight Saving Time will be in effect in the large centres in the Eastern States during this period, and for the convenience of the travelling public it is most desirable that cities in Canada adopting Daylight Saving Time should put it into effect for the same period.

It will be very much appreciated if you will be good enough to have the matter given consideration by the City authorities, and advise action taken.

Yours truly,

THE RAILWAY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA  
C.P. Riddell  
GENERAL SECRETARY

The following Resolution was

submitted:

RESOLVED that this Council adopt Daylight Saving Time during the summer of 1931, said time to be effective from midnight Sunday May 10th and ending Midnight Sunday September 27th, and that all civic activities be regulated accordingly.

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded  
by Alderman Stech and passed unanimously.

C P Riddle  
J L Donovan  
E L Summers