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TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION

Read letter Board of School Commissioners covering resolution re superannuation of Miss M. Teresa Sullivan:

Referred to the Finance Committee.

*Alfred Cragg
Clerk*

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$13,323.85:

City Works Office,
Halifax, Feb. 12th, 1931

ACCOUNTS
WORKS AND WATER DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 1931

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works the 11th instant, accounts amounting to \$13,323.85, chargeable as follows, were approved and recommended to Council for payment:

Works Dept-	Capital	\$4,383.95	
	Appropriations	<u>7,189.71</u>	\$11,573.66
Water Dept.-	Capital	\$341.38	
	Maintenance	<u>1,408.81</u>	<u>1,750.19</u>
			<u>\$13,323.85</u>

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman O'Toole 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 \$8,085.10:

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Committee Room, City Hall,
February 11th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached list of accounts amounting in all to \$8,085.10 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,
E.J. Cragg,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Cragg seconded by Alderman McCarthy 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 the City Home \$9,786.75 and to the T.B. Hospital \$2,703.54:

Halifax, N.S. Feb. 11th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report.

MEMBERS PRESENT: The Chairman,
Aldermen Redmond, McCarthy and Probert.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS JANUARY 1931 AMOUNT \$9,786.75

The City Home accounts for the month of January 1931 amounting to \$9,786.75 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS JANUARY 1931
AMOUNT \$2,703.34

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of January 1931 amounting to \$2,703.34 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,
F.W. Dickie
CHAIRMAN.

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Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Redmond 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 Fire Department \$12,298.20 and to Fire Alarm Maintenance \$403.01:

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 10th, 1931

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 were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Fire Department	\$12,298.20
Fire Alarm Maintenance	403.01

Respectfully submitted,
W.J.O'Toole
CHAIRMAN

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

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$2,974.80:

Halifax, N.S. Feb. 12th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday evening, February 11th,

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at 8 o'clock, the following named accounts amounting to \$2,974.80 were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$9,371.37:

Halifax, N.S.,
Feb. 11th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, the following accounts amounting to \$9,371.37, were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,
L.A. Gastonguay
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman Cragg 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 \$1,848.78 and covering report of Governor Grant for the month of January showing a total of 98 prisoners in custody.

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Committee Room,
City Hall,
February 6th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day the attached list of accounts amounting to \$1,848.78 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

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

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. Donovan
CHAIRMAN

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

CITIZENS FREE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$422.07:

Citizens Free Library,
Halifax, N. S., Feb. 10th, 1931

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

Gentlemen:

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

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. Stech
CHAIRMAN

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

GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens \$684.26 and to Fleming Park \$96.48:

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Committee Room, City Hall,
February 10th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common held this day the attached list of accounts was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment:

Public Gardens- Capital	\$66.13	
Current	<u>618.13</u>	\$684.26
Fleming Park Current		96.48

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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TENDERS FOR BINDING MAGAZINES
CITIZENS FREE LIBRARY

Read report of the Library Committee covering tenders for binding magazines:

Halifax, N.S. February 10th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Library Committee held this day tenders for binding approximately one hundred volumes of magazines were read, the tenders being as follows:

T.C. Allen & Co. Half-roan	\$2.16	per volume
Buckram	1.68	" "
Phillips & Marshall- Half-Roan	2.20	" "
Buckram	1.90	" "
Matheson & Blakeney Half-Roan	2.75	" "
Buckram	1.75	" "

Your Committee respectfully recommends that the tender of T.C. Allen & Co. be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
L.F. Barnaby
LIBRARIAN

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

Wm. F. L. Barnaley

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ADVERTISING HALIFAX-FINANCIAL POST

Read report of the Finance Committee covering account of A. McKim, Limited for advertising in the Financial Post:

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 11th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached account of A. McKim, Limited for advertising in the Financial Post- 2,360 lines at \$354.00 - as per agreement, was submitted, read, and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Your Committee further recommend that the accounts for disbursements in connection with the said advertisement, amounting to \$38.77 be passed for payment subject to the ruling of the City Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. Cragg
CHAIRMAN

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

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SEWER ASSESSMENT LEGISLATION

Read report of the Finance Committee covering reports of the committee on Works and City Engineer and City Solicitor in reference to sewer assessment legislation.

City Engineer's Office,
February 6th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

The assessment for sewers as provided for in the City Charter is on a different principle than that for any other service, such as

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sidewalks, paving, street oiling etc. In the latter cases half the cost of the work is charged to the abutters and as this is collected it is credited to the Capital Account. In the case of sewers, the assessment as collected, is turned into a Sinking Fund. The result is that this sinking fund accumulates to more than the Capital which it is meant to retire long before the maturity of the bonds. I have discussed this matter with the City Auditor and he agrees with me that it would be advisable to place the sewer capital account on the same basis as the permanent pavement and sidewalks accounts and that as the assessment is paid in that it be credited to the account instead of being turned into the Sinking Fund and that the amount necessary for the Sinking Fund be assessed yearly in the same manner as is done in the case of other accounts.

If this recommendation is approved it will be necessary to procure legislation.

I am attaching an amendment to the Charter which has been prepared by the City Solicitor for adoption by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 10th, 1931

The City Engineer,
CITY.

RE SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Sir:

In reference to the matter of your letter in the above, I beg to say that it is probably covered by the language of Section 571 of the new Charter, but in order to put the matter beyond doubt I would suggest that an amendment adding "the construction of sewers" to the other betterment charges be included in this year's legislation.

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

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 11th, 1931

SEWER ASSESSMENT

Chairman, Finance Committee,

Sir:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held this day, had under consideration the attached report of the City Engineer together with an opinion of the City Solicitor with reference to assessment for sewers, which were approved and ordered forwarded

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to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

Committee Room, City Hall,
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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the Committee on Works submitted a report from the City Engineer and City Solicitor with reference to assessment for sewers which was adopted by that committee and forwarded to the Finance Committee for its approval.

Your Committee recommend that legislation be obtained at the ensuing session of the Legislature to amend Sec. 571 of the new City Charter by adding the following words to said section "the construction of sewers".

Respectfully submitted,
E.J. Cragg
CHAIRMAN

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

Motion passed. ✓

BUSINESS TELEPHONE RATES

A.W. JONES, K.C. - ACCOUNT

The Council decided to defer
consideration of this report until an adjournment
of this meeting :

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LIGHT ELEVATOR COURT

Read report of the Committee on
Works and City Engineer recommending the installing
of a light in Elevator Court off Barrington Street:

*Solicitor
Engineer*

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City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S., Jan. 6th, 1931

ELEVATOR COURT
STREET LIGHTING

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises on Elevator Court asking to have a street light placed in this Court, that at present the east end of it is very dark. There are a large number of tenants in the buildings fronting on the Court and the proposed light would be in the nature of a safety measure to them and the public.

The estimated cost of installing a 250cp light is \$7.00, and the yearly cost of maintenance is \$39.00.

I would recommend that it be installed.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,
Halifax, Canada,
January 23rd, 1931

ELEVATOR COURT-
STREET LIGHTING

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer on the installation of a street light in Elevator Court.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the reports be adopted.
Motion passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF
LOAN \$5,000.00

Read report of the Committee on Works covering report of a sub-Committee recommending that a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00

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be obtained under the provisions of Section 976 of the City Charter to be applied as may be found necessary from time to time by the Committee on Works to provide additional work to relieve unemployment:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 3rd, 1931

Committee on Works

Gentlemen:

Your sub-committee appointed to enquire into the unemployment situation beg to report that they had a meeting with representatives of the Halifax Poor Association, St. Vincent dePaul Society, the Salvation Army, Halifax Welfare Bureau and a representative of the Halifax Herald.

From the information submitted it was difficult to arrive at the exact number of persons requiring relief. The committee gathered that there is a maximum of four hundred families for whom work must be provided. The representatives were asked to submit the names of such families so that they could be compared with the lists in the City Engineer's Office. It may develop that several of these are already being provided for with the work being done under the agreement with the Governments. Until the lists are submitted this cannot be accurately determined.

It would appear, however, to your committee, that it will probably be advisable to provide some further work and in order to do this additional funds must be found. Your committee would recommend that the City Council be asked to vote a sum not to exceed \$5,000 to be obtained under the provisions of Section No. 976 to be applied as may be found necessary from time to time by the Committee on Works, to provide such additional work.

Respectfully submitted,
L.A. Gastonguay, Mayor
J.W. McCarthy, Deputy Mayor
W.J. O'Toole,
H.W. Johnston, City Engineer

City Works Office,
Halifax, February 12th, 1931

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a report of the sub-committee appointed to enquire into the

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unemployment situation.

The Committee on Works recommend that the said report, together with the accompanying resolution, be adopted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

The following resolution was submitted:

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and that a sum not exceeding FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (5 00) be raised under authority of Section 976 of the City Charter as amended by the Acts of 1924, chapter 60 Section 52, said amount to be borrowed as required from the Bank or any fund available and to be included in the Civic Estimates for 1931-32.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded by Alderman O'Toole and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting for the same.

Aldermen Dickie, Stech, Donovan, Redmond, Cragg, McCarthy, Rains, Shields, O'Toole, Drysdale, Probert and Adams.

STAIR STREET SEWER

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a petition from owners of property on Stair Street between Robie and Preston Street for the extension of sewer:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S. Feb. 11th, 1931

STAIRS STREET SEWER

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the petition from owners of property on Stairs Street between Robie Street and Prescott Street for the extension of the sewer, that there are five houses on this street. The length of the sewer required is 310 feet.

The estimated cost of the work is \$1,300.00 and the estimated sewerage rates \$1,100.00.

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I would recommend that the sewer be ordered to be built.

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

City Works Office,
Halifax, Canada,
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STAIRS STREET SEWER

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer on the extension of the sewer on Stairs Street, between Robie and Prescott Streets, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

Engineer

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JENNINGS STREET GRADING

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a petition of owners of property on Jennings Street asking that the City grade and accept the Street and then construct curb, gutter and sidewalk:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
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JENNINGS STREET GRADING

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on a petition from owners of property on Jennings Street asking that the City grade and accept the street and then construct curbs, gutters and sidewalks, that it is signed by owners of over 58% of the frontage on the street.

The estimated cost of grading the street is \$500.00.

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I would recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted and that the City grade the street at the expense of the owner and when graded that it be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,
Halifax, Canada,
February 12th, 1931

JENNINGS STREET GRADING

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on a petition for the grading and acceptance of Jennings Street and the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the said report.

Respectfully submitted,

M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

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

Engineer
Motion passed.

JENNINGS STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a petition of property owners on Jennings Street asking for construction of concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on this street:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 11-1931

JENNINGS STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on a petition from property owners on Jennings Street asking for the construction of concrete sidewalk and curbs and gutter on this street, that it is signed by the owners of

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of over 58% of the frontage on the Street.

The street has not yet been taken over but I am submitting a report under even date recommending that the street be graded at the expense of the owners and that when graded it be accepted as a City street.

This street is well built up with a good class of houses and a big improvement would be effected by the construction of the sidewalk.

I would recommend that when the street is accepted as a City street that the sidewalks, curbs and gutters be constructed. The estimated cost of the work is \$4,400.00 of which the City's share will be one-half.

Respectfully submitted,
H.W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 12-1931

JENNINGS STREET CONCRETE SIDEWALK

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer on the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curbs and gutter on Jennings Street.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

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

Motion passed. ✓

MCDONALD STREET SEWER

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the construction of sewer on McDonald Street:

City Works Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
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MCDONALD STREET SEWER

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works on the 11th

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instant had under consideration a report of the City Engineer on the construction of a sewer on McDonald Street.

It was resolved to recommend to the City Council that a sewer be constructed on McDonald Street, from Chebucto Road to Flinn Street.

Respectfully submitted,

M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman Shields seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the reports be adopted. Motion passed. ✓

Engineer

LEGISLATION
LONG TERM DEBENTURES

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Legislation for Capital Borrowings for sewer and permanent sidewalks:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 9th, 1931

CAPITAL ACCOUNT-LOANS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

Our powers for borrowing on Capital Account for sewers and sidewalks is becoming exhausted. The last authorization on account of sidewalks being in 1919 when authority was had to borrow \$200,000. from time to time as required.

I would recommend that legislation be sought to borrow a sum not exceeding \$100,000, for sewerage purposes and not exceeding \$100,000. for permanent sidewalks.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office, Halifax,
February 12th, 1931

CAPITAL ACCOUNT-LOANS

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on the borrowing on Capital Account for sewers and sidewalks.

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At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 11th instant, said report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

Moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded by Alderman Shields that the report be adopted. Motion passed unanimously, the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same:

Aldermen Dickie, Stech, Donovan, Redmond, Cragg, McCarthy, Rains, Shields, O'Toole, Drysdale, Probert and Adams.

*Solicitor
Engineer*

LEASE OF SHOP 3-5 SPRING GARDEN ROAD

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer re lease of shop # 3-5 Spring Garden Road:

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
February 11th, 1931

3-5 SPRING GARDEN ROAD
LEASE

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of Mr. Wilson for an extension of his lease of the property No. 3-5 Spring Garden Road, that this property was leased to John E. Cahill for the three years ending April 1931 at a rental of \$60.42 per month. It was sub-let by him to Mr. Wilson with the consent of the City.

Mr. Wilson has occupied the premises for over two years and has improved them and also conducts a store which is a credit, as well as a very great convenience, to the neighbourhood.

The rental the City is now receiving for the premises is \$5.00 less than was received for the three years ending 1928 and is the same as we received in 1925.

The part of the building leased is the ground floor only, the upper floor being occupied by the Veteran Firemen's Association.

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If tenders were called for, the City might obtain a better price than it is receiving at present, on the other hand the tenders might be lower. Mr. Wilson is satisfied to pay the increased rental. This does not seem to be an opportune time to interfere with or disrupt any established business and in view of all the circumstances it is recommended that the property be leased to Mr. Wilson for three years at a rental of \$800.00 per annum payable monthly in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,
Halifax, Feb. 12th, 1931

3-5 SPRING GARDEN ROAD-LEASE

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer re lease of the premises # 3-5 Spring Garden Road.

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

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

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AIRPORT-"LEASE"

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending that the airport at Halifax be leased to the Halifax Aero Club for one year!

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
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Halifax,
Airport

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report that in accordance with the instructions of the sub-committee of the

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Committee on Works, appointed to deal with Airport matters, that advertisements asking for tenders for the lease, maintenance and operation of the Halifax Airport were asked for from nine firms interested in airports and air-craft, and advertisements were also inserted in newspapers in Toronto, Montreal, St. John, as well as in our own City. No offers were received in response to these enquiries. Subsequently representatives of the Halifax Aero Club appeared before the sub-committee and offered to assume the management of the landing field on the following conditions, namely, that a suitable fence around the property be erected by the City; the Club to erect a hangar forty feet by forty feet, the roof and sides to be of galvanized iron with sliding doors, towards the cost of which the City to contribute \$2,000.00, and the hangar to be the property of the City; the City to pay the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum for which amount the Club will take over the management and the maintenance of the Airport, collecting all revenue; the Club from all revenues received, except Club fees, to repay to the City as revenues accrue until the said sum of \$3,000. is paid, any surplus revenue derived from the operation of the Airport to be divided in the proportion of fifty percent to the City and fifty percent to the Club; the Club to supply the necessary markings and wind gauges; the Club to erect a suitable office building and to provide proper facilities for supplying oil and fuel to planes, the said building and facilities to become the property of the City at the termination of the agreement; the Airport to be operated under such rules and conditions as may be approved of by the City, and the scale of fees charged to also be approved.

Subsequently another tender was received from the Atlantic Airways Limited who offer to lease the field for a term of three years for rentals as follows:

For the first year	\$350.00
" " second "	500.00
" " third "	1,000.00

all amounts to be less business tax, the City to fence the Airport and erect a hangar approximately forty feet by sixty feet. The Company further agrees to maintain the runways in a reasonable state of repair.

The cost of fencing is a legitimate capital cost and must be borne by the City in any case, and is estimated at about \$7,000.00. A hangar is a necessity on the field but there is no money available for it unless a further borrowing is made.

It may be stated here that the total cost of the Airport to date is as follows:

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Cost of Site	\$66,893.40
Grading and Drainage	104,247.25
Inspection and other expenses	<u>2,842.93</u>
	<u>\$173,983.58</u>

To which must be added the estimated cost of seeding	<u>1,650.00</u>
	<u><u>\$175,633.58</u></u>

In a sense it is disappointing that more tenders were not received, but these conditions were not unexpected, as the experience of all airports is very similar, the first few years in the life of a port being the most difficult as aviation activities are not automatically attracted to it by its mere construction, but business has to be developed in much the same manner as in any other line.

It would appear that the success of the port can best be obtained by placing the management of it in the hands of an organization whose members are banded together for the sole purposes of increasing public interest in aviation, and therefore may be relied on to conduct affairs with this end in view rather than that of personal gain.

The alternative is for the City to appoint a manager and look after the field itself. In my opinion the interests of the City and the Airport would be best protected by leasing the field for the first year or two under proper conditions.

It is recommended that the lease of the field be given to the Halifax Aero Club for one year in accordance with the offer made, except that the Club erect its own hangar which would be the property of the Club unless the lease were cancelled, when the City would agree to take it over at the cost price of erection less depreciation at the rate of ten percent per annum.

It is of interest to note conditions in Regina, where a municipal airport was formed, whose members are appointed every year by the City. This Board is composed of two aldermen, three members of the Flying Club, and one member chosen by the citizens at large. This Board has charge of the air-drome, and two years ago built a hangar which has been occupied by the Club since that time. The Secretary of the Board is also Secretary of the Club, and is the airport manager. In my opinion it is doubtful whether this method of management would be as satisfactory as leasing the field.

Respectfully submitted,

H.W. Johnston
CITY ENGINEER

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City Works Office,
Halifax, Canada,
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AIRPORT-MANAGEMENT

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day it was resolved to recommend to the City Council that the management, maintenance and operation of the Airport be leased to the Halifax Aero Club for one year on the following conditions:

- (a) That the Club pay to the City 50% of the gross revenue received excluding Club dues.
- (b) That the Club signs a lease containing such terms as may be approved of by the Works Committee.
- (c) That the Club pays to the City a hangar rental equal to 10% of the cost of the building.

AND IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to recommend to the Council that the Committee on Works be authorized to erect a hangar on the property.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Hunter
CLERK OF WORKS

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

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL
DEFECTIVE PLASTERING

Read report of the City Health Board
in reference to the withdrawal of the offer by the
Keefe Construction Company to repair the defective
plastering at the Infectious Diseases Hospital:

Office of City Health Board,
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 12th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Wednesday, February 11th, a letter

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was read from the Keefe Construction Company, withdrawing their written offer to repair the defective plaster in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, upon terms to pay one-third of the cost of the work, the city to pay the balance.

The City Health Board recommends that the whole matter be referred to the City Solicitor to take whatever action is deemed necessary.

Copies of letters dealing with the matter are attached for your information.

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

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

Motion passed.

Solicitor

EXTENSION CITY HOME

It was decided to defer consideration of this report until an adjournment of this meeting of Council.

GRANT TO WIDOW OF THE LATE THOMAS WHALEN

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending that legislation be sought at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to pay to the widow of the late Thomas Whalen a grant of \$1,000.00:

Committee Room,
City Hall, Feb. 10th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day an extract of the minutes of the City Council held on the 15th day of January 1931, regarding grant to the widow of the late Thomas Whalen, Fireman, was considered.

Your Committee having received a certificate from Dr. Gerald R. Burns, wish to again recommend that legislation be sought at the next

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session of the Legislature enabling the City to pay to the widow of the late Hoseman Thomas Whalen, a grant of \$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
W.J.O'Toole
CHAIRMAN

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

*Solicitor
Chas. D. D.
Mr. Whalen*

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 1931

Read report of the City Auditor covering statements of Collections during January 1931.

City Auditor's Office,
January 31st 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

Report on Tax Collections for the month of January is submitted. Collections amounted to \$75,708.74. Collections on account of taxes for civic years prior to May 1st, 1925 were \$447.99. The outstanding book value of this group on December 31st was \$646,609.69:

ARREARS TAXES	OUTSTANDING BALANCES DECEMBER 1930	NEW ACCOUNTS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	JANUARY COLLECTIONS	OUTSTANDING BALANCES JANUARY 1931
Civic Year 1925-26	\$70,785.96		\$201.97	\$70,583.99
Civic Year 1926-27	51,257.70		271.69	50,986.01
Civic Year 1927-28	62,658.18		1,890.06	60,768.12
Civic Year 1928-29	132,895.26		11,495.77	121,399.49
Civic Year 1929-30	263,472.27		12,193.75	251,278.52
	<u>\$581,069.37</u>		<u>\$26,053.24</u>	<u>\$555,016.13</u>
Current Taxes				
Civic Year 1930-31	575,309.27		39,825.40	535,483.87
Water Dept. Rates & Taxes	51,781.19		9,830.10	41,951.09
	<u>\$1208,159.83</u>		<u>\$75,708.74</u>	<u>\$1132,451.09</u>

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ESTIMATES OUTSTANDING JANUARY
PREVIOUS MONTH COLLECTIONS BALANCE

Poll Tax
1930-31 \$18,000.00 \$10,386.15 \$888.00 \$9,498.15

Respectfully submitted,
M.L. Bellew
ASST. CITY AUDITOR

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the City Auditor
covering statements of Departmental Appropriations
as at January 31st 1931.

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S., Feb. 12th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached herewith are the usual
Statements of Departmental Appropriations as at
31st January 1931.

Respectfully submitted,
A.M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR

FILED

ORDINANCE RE WEIGHING OF COAL AND COKE
2nd READING

It was decided to defer consideration
of this Ordinance until an adjourned meeting of this
Council.

CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL
MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities
Committee for the month of January showing the number
of inmates in the City Home to be 378 and the number
of patients in the T.B. Hospital to be 51.

FILED

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COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of A.H. Cullymore, Supervisor of Coal Weighers showing the Permanent Weighers to have received the sum of \$139.62 each for their services during the month.

FILED

Alderman Cragg asked to be recorded as objecting to the delaying of the consideration of the report of the Finance Committee with reference to the proposed extension to the City Home.

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Donovan that this meeting do now adjourn until Thursday evening February 19th at 8 o'clock. Motion passed.

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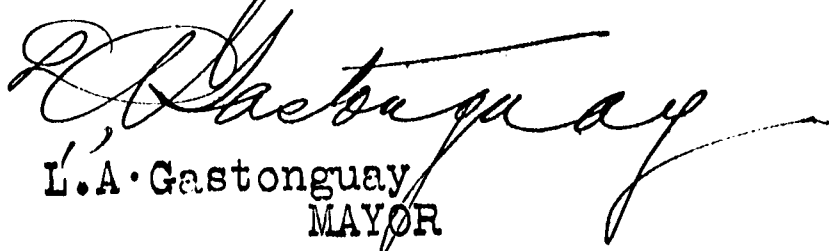
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Meeting adjourned


L.A. Gastonguay
MAYOR


H.S. RHIND
CITY CLERK

A D J O U R N E D M E E T I N G
E V E N I N G S E S S I O N

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
February 19th, 1931

An adjourned 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, Daley, Cragg, McInnes, McCarthy, Rains, McDonald, Shields, O'Toole, Drysdale, O'Malley, Probert and Smeltzer.

Council met pursuant to adjournment to take up for consideration the several matters deferred at the previous session of this meeting.

Before taking up the regular business His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that a delegation was present from the Children's Aid Society who wished to have an opportunity of addressing the Council on the subject of a grant to the Children's Aid Society.

By unanimous consent of Council the delegation was heard and was addressed by B.W. Russell, K.C. and Miss Lantz, who asked the Council in making up the estimates for 1931 to provide for a grant of \$1,500.00 to the Children's Aid Society.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

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WEIGHING OF COAL AND COKE

His Worship stated that a delegation of the Coal Weighers, headed by Mr. J.A. Walker, K.C., Solicitor, was present and would like to have an opportunity of addressing the Council on the subject of the proposed ordinance in re the weighing of coal and coke in this City,

*and Cragg
C. Clerk*

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By unanimous consent it was decided to hear the delegation and the Council was addressed by Mr. Walker, Solicitor for the Weighers, Mr. Cullymore, Supervisor, and Mr. Burns, a permanent Weigher, who all protested against the passing of the proposed new Ordinance at the present time.

The Clerk informed the Council that the proposed Ordinance to amend Ordinance No.28 entitled "Weighing of Coal and Coke" read a first time at a meeting of the City Council held on the 15th January 1931 was now before the meeting.

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded by Alderman Stech that the said Ordinance be amended by striking out the following words from clause 2-

"No such license shall be issued to a person who is a coal weigher"

That clause 7 be amended by striking out the words in the forth line thereof "not less than" and substituting therefore the following words-

"a period not exceeding".

That the following clause be added as clause No. 12:

"Ordinance No.28 is hereby repealed".

Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded by Alderman Stech that the said Ordinance as amended be now read a second time. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance No.28 "An Ordinance for the Weighing of Coal and Coke. 2nd reading.

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ORDINANCE No. 28

THE WEIGHING OF COAL AND COKE

1. No person shall sell in the City any coal or coke by retail unless the same shall have been weighed by a coal weigher who has received a license from the City.
2. Every person shall, before entering on his duties as a coal weigher, take an oath before the Mayor, for the faithful performance of his duties, and receive a license from the City.
3. The Mayor shall administer to such person or persons as in his sole discretion are fit and qualified to be coal weighers, an oath for the faithful performance of his or their duties.
4. All coal or coke so sold by retail shall be sold by the ton weight of two thousand (2000) pounds avoirdupois and its subdivisions.
5. Every truck, wagon, cart or other vehicle used in the hauling or delivery of coal shall be weighed by a coal weigher at least once every day, and a certificate signed by the weigher showing the date, the weight of the vehicle, and if such vehicle is being used for the delivery of coal or coke in bags, the number of such empty bags in such vehicle when weighed.
6. The weigher weighing any coal or coke shall furnish the truckman or other person taking delivery thereof a certificate signed by the weigher, stating the weight of each load of coal or coke so delivered, the trade name of such coal or coke, the date such coal or coke was weighed, the number of the load and the name of the truckman or driver, and in case such coal or coke is being delivered in bags, the number of bags on such load.
7. Any coal weigher who delivers any certificate containing any false statement shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days, and the license of such coal weigher shall be cancelled and such coal weigher shall not be again eligible to be licensed.
8. Any person selling coal, who delivers or permits to be delivered, any coal or coke without the same having been weighed, and a certificate given therefor signed by a licensed coal weigher, shall for each offence be liable to penalty not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) , and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days.
9. The City Council shall appoint from time to time and for such period of time as the Council determines, one or more inspectors who shall take an oath before the Mayor for the faithful performance of his or their duties before entering upon the duties hereinafter described. Such inspector or inspectors shall ex officio be coal weighers, and shall receive such salary as the Council determines.

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10. Such inspector or inspectors are hereby empowered to stop any vehicle being used in the delivery of coal or coke and to weigh such vehicle or order the driver of such vehicle to have the same weighed or re-weighed whether loaded with coal or coke or not, on any scale.

11. Any driver of any vehicle who disobeys any order of an inspector shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$20.00 and in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding 10 days.

12. Ordinance No.28 is hereby repealed.

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded by Alderman Stech that Ordinance No.28 re the Weighing of Coal and Coke having been read a first time at a meeting of the City Council held on the 15th day of January 1931, and having now been read a second time be adopted, engrossed and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

*Don G S
Aurington*

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CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR BLIND
APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Read letter Canadian National Institute for the Blind asking for an additional grant of \$500.00 to be used in relief of unemployment in connection with their work:

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that a delegation representing the Institute was present and had asked for an opportunity of addressing the Council.

By unanimous consent the permission was granted, and the Council was addressed by Professor F.H. Sexton and H.B. Campbell, Divisional Superintendent, who laid before the Council the needs of the Institute, and asked that the City supplement its former grant by an additional grant of \$500.00.

Referred to Finance Committee.

*Wm Cragg
C. R. R.*

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TELEPHONE BUSINESS RATES
ACCOUNT A.W. JONES, K.C.

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Read report of the Finance Committee re account of A.W. Jones, K.C., for services in connection with telephone business rates and covering opinion of the City Solicitor, as to the liability of the City for this account:

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N.S. Jan. 27th, 1931

Committee on Finance
City.

RE: ACCOUNT OF
A.W. JONES, K.C.

Sir:

On the 15th August 1929, the following resolution was passed by the Council:

"
BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Halifax under Section 72 of the Public Utilities Act of Nova Scotia do complain and it does hereby complain to the Board of Public Utilities of Nova Scotia against the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co-Limited that the rates at present charged in the City of Halifax are unreasonable, excessive and unjustly discriminatory, and further that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted by the City Clerk of the said City and that he the said City Clerk personally attend at the office of the said Board of Public Utilities and file same with the Board's proper officer.

BE IT FURTHER R SOLVED that subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council that an amount not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars be approved by the City Council to cover the cost of such enquiry"

A committee of three aldermen, Messrs. Mullane, Dickie and McInnes were appointed to consider the matter and prepare the City's case.

This Committee apparently engaged Mr. A.W. Jones, to prepare for them an opinion as to the subject of the resolution for on the 12th October following, it prepared for the Council the following report:

Committee Room, City Hall,
October 12th, 1929

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the special committee appointed to consider the matter of business telephone

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rates in the City of Halifax held this day, the Committee had before them an opinion from A.W. Jones, Esq., K.C., as to the best method for the City to adopt in an endeavour to obtain a reduction in the present rates of business calls in the City of Halifax.

Your Committee after carefully reading over this opinion recommend that the three suggestions contained in the opinion of Mr. Jones be concurred in, and that the City Council take whatever steps it can to make the suggestions effective.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell McInnes,
CHAIRMAN

On the presentation of this report the following resolution was adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED that in view of adoption by this Council of the report of the Telephone Committee that Legislation be sought at the next session of the Provincial Legislature to repeal Section # 101 of the Public Utilities Act and to carry out all the recommendations set out in the opinion of A.W. Jones, K.C., and that the good offices of the Provincial Government, and the members representing the constituency of Halifax in the said Legislature be requested in this behalf.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. A.W. Jones, K.C., be retained by this Council on behalf of the City of Halifax to draft the proposed Legislation and attend at all the hearings respecting same before the said Legislature and any of its Committees, and that the cost of drafting proposed legislation and attending hearings be borne out of the \$3,000. already passed by this Council which is subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the City Clerk to The Honourable the Premier of Nova Scotia and the members for Halifax in the said Legislation"

I am informed by the City Clerk that he carried out the direction of the resolution by forwarding a copy of the resolution to the Hon. Mr. Rhodes in order to obtain an assurance that the Government would use its good offices to promote the passage of legislation authorizing the proposed expenditure of \$3,000. No such assurance was however obtained.

The Committee, however, apparently instructed Mr. Jones to proceed with the work specified in the resolution. I have no information as to how much work was done by Mr. Jones other than the items set out in his account, and can consequently express no opinion as to the reasonability of his charge. If necessary that can be determined by the proper authority.

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It appears clear, however, that until legislative authority is obtained the City is under no liability. Section 72 of the Public Utilities Act which authorizes a City to make a complaint to the Board against the rates makes no provision for any expenditure by the City, nor does any other provision of that Act. No doubt in certain cases in which it was clear that the legislature had imposed a duty or obligation on the City an authority to incur any necessary expenditure might be implied. But no such obligation or duty is imposed by Section 72, and consequently in my opinion such an authority cannot be implied. There is no authority in the City Charter for any such expenditure and Sections 339 and 340 expressly forbid any expenditure not authorized by the estimates, and declare that any contract entered into involving the making of such an expenditure is not binding on the City, notwithstanding that the City has benefited by such contract.

I am, therefore, of opinion that this account cannot be paid until legislative authority for it has been obtained.

Respectfully submitted,
F.H. Bell
CITY SOLICITOR

Committee Room,
City Hall,
February 11th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the account of A.W. Jones, Esq., K.C., for services in connection with Business Telephone Rates of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., and for attending hearings and preparing legislation on this subject at the last session of the legislature, was duly considered.

This account was referred at a previous meeting to the City Solicitor for an opinion as to the City's liability. The City Solicitor's opinion is that the City is not liable for this account.

It was unanimously decided to concur in the opinion of the City Solicitor and to submit the same to the City Council for its approval.

Respectfully submitted,
E.J. Cragg,
CHAIRMAN

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

Moved by Alderman Daley seconded by Alderman Drysdale that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft legislation to enable the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$800.00 for the purpose of making a settlement with Mr. Jones for his services on the account being taxed by the taxing master. Motion passed.

Solicitor

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CITY HOME PROPOSED EXTENSION

Read report of the Finance Committee covering report of the City Auditor on the proposed extension to the City Home. Also read letters from Parker Archibald, Municipal Clerk, and from W.T. Smith, Town Clerk of Dartmouth in reference to the present agreement for the board of paupers.

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.,
February 5th, 1931

The Chairman,
The Finance Committee,
City Hall.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request I have checked the costs of maintaining an inmate at the City Home. I find that when the buildings and plant are used to, or near capacity, an inmate can be clothed, fed and housed for approximately \$2.00 weekly. This figure would increase if the number of inmates falls off substantially, as the overhead then has to be distributed against the minimum instead of the maximum.

The money for the maintenance of the City Home is supplied by the taxpayers, comes from paying patients and from the profits on woodyard activities. For the information of your Committee I wish to state that the annual profits from this source runs from \$1,000.00 to \$1,250.00.

The rates in force for the maintenance of inmates are as follows:

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County of Halifax	\$3.50	weekly.
Town of Dartmouth	4.00	"
City inmates	4.50	"

The rate for City inmates appear to represent unfair discrimination against our own taxpayers.

The daily average of City, County and Dartmouth inmates, together with the staff for the Civic Year 1929-30 was 397.

On the assumption that \$75,000.00 would be the cost of the extension to the City Home this amount at \$5,250.00 a year. I understand, however, that three estimates have been submitted - one to provide the extra accommodation for the harmless insane which the Engineer estimated in 1925 would cost \$58,000. Another, to include additional space for the needs of the Officials, and Nursing Staff to cost \$67,000.00. The third, including adouble dwelling for the Superintendent and the Secretary to cost \$75,000.00. I understand that the Engineer has reported to the Finance Committee that there would be very little variation in these costs because while labor costs have increased, building costs have decreased.

The valuation of the City Home property is \$190,000.00. The City Home estimates pay interest on a valuation of \$80,000.00 but even taking the land and buildings at the assessed value it does not alter the fact that inmates can be kept in the City Home for \$2.00 weekly when it is running at or near capacity.

The report of the Charities Committee, therefore, submitted to Council on December 11th, and signed by the Chairman, is correct, inasmuch as, after taking into account the various items of revenue and expenditure shown in that report, a saving to the City, by maintaining at the City Home certain patients now maintained at the Nova Scotia Hospital of \$10,046.00 annually is indicated; even assuming that \$75,000 is to be spent on the proposed extension.

It would seem, therefore, that it would be a sound move on the part of the City to proceed with the extension because viewed financially it can be shown that the City would save a very substantial sum yearly as long as the Home continues to be used to capacity.

The broader aspects of the case, however, should be considered, and the question which naturally arises is why the City should extend its City Home plant for the purpose of taking care of certain patients now in the Nova Scotia Hospital when it is utilizing considerable space in the City Home to maintain approximately 125 inmates from the County of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth - space that might be used to practical advantage if the County and Dartmouth arrangement were terminated.

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When the decision was made to house and maintain these inmates it was undoubtedly wise, as it gave the City an opportunity to use its plant to capacity, and thus distribute overhead charges against a greater number. If the City could rely on the stability of the present arrangement with the County of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth there would be nothing to worry about because the figures show that the City would make \$10,000.00 a year by extending the City Home. The City, however, has no such assurance as the arrangement in question can be abrogated by either party on giving two years notice from March 1st of any year.

For the information of your Committee may I say that the signed agreement between the City and County dated the 30th day of April 1929 provides that the City shall maintain such poor and harmless insane persons of the county as are certified to be a charge on the County, at a rate of \$3.50 weekly.

The agreement terminates March 1st 1934. Under its terms there is nothing to relieve the City of responsibility in the event of the destruction of the City Home by fire or other cause, and the City in that event would have to continue to maintain the County inmates for a period between two and three years. I suggest that this situation be immediately corrected.

If, therefore, the present arrangement was terminated after the extension had been built we would have on our hands a plant which to a large extent would be idle. It would seem, therefore, inasmuch as there is a large amount involved in the capital requirements for the extension and having in mind that the present arrangement appears to be satisfactory to all parties, that the County and Dartmouth should be willing to bind themselves for a definite period of say fifteen years subject to the City being able throughout the period to house their inmates in the present City Home structure. If the County and Dartmouth are not willing to do this then the plant at the City Home should be studied by an expert to ascertain if it is practical to make certain alterations to permit the maintaining of the additional insane inmates; such a course involving the cancellation of the agreement which the City now has with the County and Dartmouth.

Another factor in the case is old age pensions. When this social measure becomes law in this Province nobody now knows what effect it will have on an institution like the City Home. If an attained age of 70 years must be reached before a person is eligible to receive an old age pension it is estimated by the Superintendent of the City Home that 25% of the City patients would be affected. Whether these inmates when receiving such pension, would continue to live in the City Home is a question which is difficult to answer but it seems that the very intention back of national old age pension plan is to remove the poor from such institutions.

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Having in mind these considerations it appears that they must be carefully examined before action is taken on the proposed extension. It is suggested that nothing would be lost by delaying this matter until an opportunity can be had to see if the County and Dartmouth authorities will not agree to enter into a fifteen year agreement. The reason the City should move very carefully in this matter is answered by the keen necessity for economy at the present time, and the City should safeguard itself to this point that if the extension is ordered it will not have on its hands a lot of idle plant in a few years time.

Finally we are without funds to proceed now as we have completed our borrowings for this year, If this scheme were projected at the beginning of a civic year the money would of course be available from our tax account, but at the present time this is heavily overdrawn. This is a strong point suggesting that the whole question should be delayed until May when funds will be available for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
A.M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 11th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the Committee had before it the resolution of Council referring to the Committee the report of the Charities Committee with reference to an extension to the City Home to provide accommodation for patients at present being treated at the Nova Scotia Hospital. This report has been before your Committee on several occasions, and was referred to the City Auditor to check up the figures of maintenance as contained in the report.

The City Auditor has presented his report, copies of which have been mailed to each member of Council.

Your Committee when considering the report had before them the Chairman and Superintendent of the City Home and were able to give some useful information on the subject.

It was moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded by Alderman Stech that the report of the City Auditor on the matter of an extension to the City Home be approved by this Committee and that the recommendations contained therein be recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
E.J. Cragg
CHAIRMAN

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Smeltzer, that the consideration of this report be deferred until a meeting of the City Council to be held next week.

Amendment put and lost two voting for the same and fourteen against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Dickie
Smeltzer

AGAINST

Alderman Stech
Donovan
Redmond
Daley
Cragg
McInnes
McCarthy
Rains
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
O'Malley
Drysdale
Probert

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Motion put and passed fourteen voting for the same and two against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Stech
Donovan
Redmond
Daley
Cragg
McInnes
McCarthy
Rains
McDonald
Shields
O'Toole
O'Malley
Drysdale
Probert

AGAINST

Alderman Dickie
Smeltzer

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The following resolution was

submitted:

RESOLVED that if the representatives of the County Council or the Town of Dartmouth are unwilling to enter into an agreement for the maintenance of the poor of the County or of the Town satisfactory to that Committee, the Committee be authorized to give a notice to the County or Town to terminate the existing agreement for the maintenance of the poor of the County or Town on the expiration of two years from the date of the notice.

FURTHER RESOLVED that in any future agreement for the maintenance of the poor of the County of Halifax or of the Town of Dartmouth provision be made for the termination of the agreement if the City Home is destroyed or rendered unfit for the accommodation of the said poor, and that in any event the existing agreement be amended by the insertion of such a provision.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee report its proceedings on this resolution to the meeting of Council to be held in the week beginning February 23rd instant.

Moved by Alderman Cragg seconded by

Alderman McCarthy and passed unanimously.

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CAMP HILL SITE
NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

Moved by Alderman Stech seconded

by Alderman Donovan that the consideration of this report be deferred until a future meeting. Motion passed. ✓

NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART-SITE FOR NEW BUILDING

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending that the application of the Nova Scotia College of Art for a piece of land situated on the North East corner of Robie Street and Quinpool Road for the purpose of erecting an Art School:be approved.

*W.D. Steele
J.H. Buchanan
W.J. Smith
S.P. Parker (Archdeacon)*

Council

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

BUSINESS TELEPHONE RATES
MARITIME TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANY

Read notice of motion by Alderman
Dickie:

(See page 510 Minutes of Council)

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Alderman Daley submitted the
following as an amendment to Alderman Dickie's
notice of motion.

That this Council do appoint a
standing committee of three persons to be
known as the Public Utilities Committee
whose duty it shall be to keep itself
informed as to the standard of service
rendered by public utilities in the City
of Halifax and as to whether or not the
rates tolls and charges imposed by such
utilities in the City are just and reason-
able, which said committee shall make
such recommendations to the Council from
time to time as it may deem necessary in
the interest of the ratepayers of Halifax.

On the amendment being read Alderman
Dickie informed the Council that he wished to withdraw
his motion as it had not been seconded.

The amendment submitted by Alderman
Daley was accepted as a resolution and passed
unanimously.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded
by Alderman Donovan that the following named
Aldermen comprise the special committee.

✓
Alderman Cragg, McInnes and
Daley.

Approved.

*W.S. College
of Arts
Engineering
Inspector*

W.S. Cragg

February 19th, 1931

✓
NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN DICKIE

Read notice of motion by
Alderman Dickie in reference to the so-called red
line on the North side of Morris Street between
Robie and Seymour Streets:

RESOLVED that the City of
Halifax either exercise the right of purchase
immediately of the properties on the North
Side of Morris Street between Robie Street
and Seymour Street or provide for the
immediate lifting of the so-called "red-
line" which under present conditions in-
volves undue hardship on the owners of the
said property.

Approved

✓
GARDENS PARKS AND COMMON
SANITARY CONVENIENCES-LEGISLATION FOR LOAN

Read report of the Committee on
Gardens, Parks and Common recommending that
legislation be obtained to borrow a certain sum for
the purchase of two gasoline mowers and for
additional sanitary conveniences at the Public Gardens:

Referred to the Finance Committee
for report.

*W. C. Craig
Chair*

✓
GARDENS PARKS AND COMMON
PURCHASE OF TREES

Read report of the Committee on
Gardens, Parks and Common recommending that the
Gardens Committee be authorized to enter into a
contract for the purchase of trees under the pro-
vision of the Street Tree Act.

Committee Room,
City Hall, Feb. 18th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on
Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day your Committee
had under consideration the purchase of trees for
planting, in accordance with the Street Tree Act
recently adopted by your Council.

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Superintendent Hall submitted prices from three different firms at approximately \$1.70 per tree of 10 to 12 foot lengths delivered at Halifax.

RESOLVED that the Committee on Gardens Parks and Common be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of trees under the provisions of the Street Tree Act.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount required for the purchase of such trees and the planting of the same be borrowed from any bank or fund available with interest, and repaid as the same are collected from the abutting owners, under the provisions of the said Act.

Respectfully submitted,

W.E. Donovan
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded

by Alderman Daley that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

10.45 o'clock p.m.

Moved by Alderman Dickie seconded by Alderman Donovan that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

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Meeting adjourned

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*W.E. Donovan
Chairman*