

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
CIVIC YEAR  
1931-1932

GEORGE EDWIN RITCHIE

MAYOR

Office of the City Clerk  
Halifax, N.S.,  
May 2nd, 1931

GEORGE EDWIN RITCHIE having been on the 1st day of May A.D. 1931 by the City Clerk in the presence of the City Council publicly declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the Civic Year 1931-32, at the election held on 29th April A.D. 1931.

I do hereby certify that before entering upon the duties of the office of Mayor he was on the 5th day of May A.D. 1931 sworn before His Honor the Lieutenant Governor at Government House by subscribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oaths of Office of Mayor in the Presence of Aldermen Stech, Donovan, McInnes, Golden, O'Malley and O'Toole.

And that upon the said 5th day of May he was sworn as a Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax before the City Clerk.

  
H.S. Rhind  
CITY CLERK

A L D E R M A N

Office of City Clerk,

May 6th, 1931

ARTHUR HERBERT MINSHULL for  
Ward No. 1, WILLIAM EDWARD DONOVAN for Ward No. 2  
JOHN HARVEY CONN for Ward No. 3, WILLIAM HERBERT  
GOLDEN for Ward No. 4, WILLIAM JOSEPH O'TOOLE  
for Ward No. 5, and EDMOND JOHN JOSEPH PROBERT  
for Ward No. 6 having been on the 1st day of  
May A.D 1931 in the presence of the City Council  
publicly declared duly elected Aldermen of the  
City of Halifax for the Wards for which they  
were severally and individually respectively  
elected at the election held on the 29th day  
of April A.D 1931.

I do hereby certify that before  
entering upon the duties of Aldermen the following  
named Candidates, ARTHUR HERBERT MINSHULL for  
Ward No. 1 WILLIAM EDWARD DONOVAN for Ward No. 2  
WILLIAM HERBERT GOLDEN for Ward No. 4, WILLIAM JOSEPH  
O'TOOLE for Ward No. 5 and EDMOND JOHN JOSEPH  
PROBERT for Ward No. 6 were each and severally  
sworn before His Worship, Mayor Ritchie by sub-  
scribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance and  
the Oaths of Office of Aldermen and Justices  
of Peace for the City of Halifax and signed  
the Roll of Aldermen in the presence of  
the City Clerk on the 5th day of May A.D.  
1931, and that John Harvey Conn for Ward No. 3

was sworn before His Worship Mayor Ritchie by  
subscribing and taking the Oath of Allegiance  
and the Oaths of Office of Alderman and  
Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax  
and signed the Roll of Alderman in the  
presence of the City Clerk on the 9th day  
of May A.D 1931.



H.S. Rhind

CITY CLERK

GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX

1931-32

MAYOR

GEORGE EDWIN RITCHIE

DEPUTY MAYOR

WILLIAM EDWARD DONOVAN

ALDERMEN

Ward			Ward		
<u>1</u>	Henry John Stech	1932	Ward	James F. McDonald	1932
	Walter Mitchell	1933	<u>4</u>	Wm. E. G. Shields	1933
	Arthur Herbert			Wm. H. Golden	1934
	Minshull	1934			
Ward			Ward		
<u>2</u>	Vern E. Redmond	1932	Ward	John A. O'Malley	1933
	Gordon McL. Daley	1933	<u>5</u>	Wm. J. O'Toole	1934
	William E. Donovan	1934			
Ward			Ward		
<u>3</u>	Russell McInnes	1932	Ward	Frank Adams	1932
		1933	<u>6</u>	Arthur J. Smeltzer	1933
	John H. Conn	1934		Edmond J. J. Probert	1934

H. S. Rhind

CITY CLERK

E V E N I N G      S E S S I O N

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
May 14th, 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  
Mitchell, Minshull, Stech, Donovan, Redmond, McInnes,  
Conn, Golden, McDonald, Shields, O'Toole, O'Malley,  
Probert, Smeltzer and Adams:

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

The following papers were  
submitted: ✓

PETITION SHOE REPAIRERS RE EARLY CLOSING  
OF SHOE REPAIR SHOPS

Referred to the Laws and Privileges  
Committee. ✓

LETTER COL. HON. GORDON S. HARRINGTON, PREMIER  
RE GRANT TO MISS MARY KLINE

Read letter Col. The Hon. Gordon S.  
Harrington, Premier, stating that the Government will  
assist in any way it can to further legislation  
submitted by the City to make a grant to Miss Mary  
Kline:

Halifax, N.S.,  
April 24th, 1931

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with your letter of  
the 23rd indicating the desire of the City to make  
a grant to the daughter of the late J.J. Kline, which  
grant would be equal to his contributions to the  
Superannuation Fund I can only say that this of  
course must arise as a private measure in the House  
and if it is the desire of the City to have the measure  
the Government will assist in any way it can to further  
it.

Yours faithfully,  
G.S. Harrington

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*Solicitor*

✓  
May 14th, 1951

LETTER CITY CLERK SUDBURY ONTARIO  
RE DEPORTATION OF COMMUNISTS

Read letter from the City Clerk, Sudbury, Ontario covering draft resolution in reference to the deportation of Communists.

Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee. ✓

*and Mr. Guinness*

PETITION PROPERTY OWNERS GRANVILLE STREET RE  
DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF BELL PROPERTY

Read petition property owners, Granville Street re dilapidated condition of the Bell property on the east side of that street between Buckingham and Duke Street.

Referred to the Committee on Works. ✓

*Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

NOTICE OF ACTION  
BY  
NICHOLAS BRINE AGAINST THE CITY FOR DAMAGES

Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee. ✓

*and Mr. Guinness*

RESIGNATION J.W. MCCARTHY  
AS A MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION

Read resignation J.W. McCarthy, as a member of the Provincial Exhibition Commission.

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded by Alderman Mitchell that this resignation be not accepted and that Mr. McCarthy be requested to fill out his term of office as an Exhibition Commissioner until November 1st next. Motion passed unanimously.

*J.W. McCarthy*

APPLICATION OF CHAS. S. BLAKNEY  
FOR AUCTIONEERS LICENSE

Read application of Chas. S. Blakney, for Auctioneers License.

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the application be granted. Motion passed.

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APPLICATION PETER SEELEY  
FOR AUCTIONEERS LICENSE

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee on application of Peter Seeley for Auctioneers License.

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report be adopted and application granted. Motion passed

*Peter Seeley*

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NATAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that this year the 21st of June falls on Sunday and if it was the intention of Council to celebrate Natal Day it will be necessary to pass a resolution fixing a date.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded by Alderman Donovan that His Worship the Mayor proclaim Monday 22nd day of June as a Civic holiday for the purpose of celebrating Natal Day and that all civic offices be closed on that day. Motion passed.

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FIRE FIGHTERS BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Read letters from Jas. Cody suggesting that His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council give their approval and patronage to an afternoon of games to be held on the 22nd June next on the grounds of the Provincial Exhibition, and participated in by members of the Fire and Police Departments of the City of Halifax and by the N.S. Police:

Halifax, N.S.,  
May 13th, 1931

His Worship  
George E. Ritchie, Esq.,  
Mayor of Halifax.

Your Worships:

We would appreciate the favor, if the attached letter were dealt with at the meeting of Council scheduled for May 14th. By so doing this would give us a better chance for advertising, as the next

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meeting of Council would be too late. Of course I am not overlooking the possible fact of not getting this request granted, but we are hoping so.

I will take this opportunity to let you know that we are expecting you, to open our Ball on the 18th at the Lord Nelson. This ceremony has been done in the past by our Mayors, and I feel sure that you will not disappoint us on this occasion.

Thanking you for past favors,  
on behalf of the Association., I remain,

Respectfully yours

James M. Cody  
Secretary

Halifax, N.S., May 13th, 1931

His Worship Mayor Ritchie,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

In view of the fact that for a number of years there has been no organized effort to celebrate Halifax' Natal Day. The Fire Fighters Association are endeavouring to celebrate the day in a humble way.

We have made application to the Exhibition Commission, for the use of the Exhibition Grounds. This application, we are pleased to say was granted at their last meeting.

Our intentions are to have a monster old time sport day, consisting of horse races, foot races and special features. It has been our desire to create an annual field day for Police and Firemen, and with those thoughts in mind, we have written the Chief of Police, Chief of Fire Dept., and the Commissioners, of the N.S. Police. If we get the co-operation of those Departments, there will be special events confined to the three departments. We are trusting to get this field day away to a good start, for there is nothing better, to increase the physical part of man than competitive competition.

Now Gentlemen, we are not seeking any financial assistance, but we sure would appreciate your moral support, and it would give us a lot of pleasure to have posted on our advertising Under Distinguished Patronage of His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Trusting that you will give this letter your best consideration, and in anticipation of a favorable reply.

On behalf of the Fire fighters  
Association,

I remain,

Respectfully yours

James M. Cody  
SECRETARY



The following resolution was submitted:

RESOLVED that the letter be filed and that the request for the approval and patronage of His Worship the Mayor and the members of the Council to an event participated in by the members of the Fire and Police Departments and of the Nova Scotia Police be given.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer seconded by Alderman Adams and adopted.

*Geo M. Cody*

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CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL  
ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the City Home \$8,834.75 and to the T.B. Hospital \$3,041.57:

Halifax, N.S. May 13th, 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 Vice Chairman, Aldermen O'Toole and Redmond.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS APRIL 1931 AMOUNT \$8,787.75  
( 1929-30 \$47,00)

City Home accounts for the month of April 1931 amounting to \$8,787.75 and \$47.00 year 1929-30 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS APRIL 1931 AMOUNT  
\$3,041.57

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of April 1931 amounting to \$3,041.57 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. J. O'Toole  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$19,595.13.

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S., May 14th, 1931

WORKS AND WATER DEPARTMENT  
ACCOUNTS

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend for payment accounts amounting to \$19,595.13 chargeable as follows:

<u>Works Dept.</u> - 1930-31-Capital	\$2,196.52	
Appropriations	<u>9,366.15</u>	\$11,562.67
1931-32-Capital	\$265.74	
Appropriations	<u>5,964.40</u>	6,230.14
		<u>\$17,792.81</u>
<u>Water Dept.</u> - 1930-31 Construction		
	290.10	
Maintenance	<u>1,304.51</u>	\$1,594.61
1931-32-Construction	66.02	
Maintenance	<u>141.69</u>	207.71
		<u>\$1,802.32</u>

G.E.Ritchie,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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 chargeable to the various appropriations \$4,587.50 and to Capital account \$2,460.50:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
May 13th, 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 to \$4,587.50 was passed as correct and recommended for payment.

Your Committee further recommend that the account of the National Cash Register Co., for the Cash Register installed in the City Collector's Department \$2,460.50 chargeable to Capital Account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Stech seconded by Alderman McInnes 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 \$15,255.50 and to the Fire Alarm Maintenance \$465.87:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
May 13th, 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 chargeable to Fire Department \$13,255.50 and to Fire Alarm Maintenance \$465.81, 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 Smeltzer that the report be adopted and accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY HEALTH BOARD

Read report of the City Health Board recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$2,839.36:

May 14th, 1931

Halifax, N.S. May 14th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Health Board, held on Wednesday, May 13th, the following named accounts amounting to \$2,839.36, were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.D. Forrest,  
CHAIRMAN, 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 \$9,328.21:

Halifax, N.S.,  
May 14th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, the following accounts amounting to \$9,328.21, were examined, found correct, and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
G.E. Ritchie  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded by Alderman Adams 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 \$1,816.64:

May 24th. 1931

Committee Room, City Hall,  
April 27th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the attached lists of accounts amounting to \$1,816.64 was recommended to the City Council for payment.

The attached report of Governor Grant is also submitted to the Council for it's information.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. Donovan  
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded by Alderman McDonald 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 Public Gardens \$454.54 and to Fleming Park \$126.35:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
May 12th, 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, chargeable to Public Gardens, \$454.54 and chargeable to Fleming Park \$126.35 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. Donovan  
CHAIRMAN

~~REMOVED~~

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded  
by Alderman Stech 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  
\$3,490.04:

Halifax, N.S. May 11th, 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 Shields that the report be adopted and  
accounts paid. Motion passed.

GRANT TO WIDOW THOMAS WHALEN

Read letter of the City Auditor  
re the payment of the grant to the widow of the late  
Hoseman Thomas Whalen for which legislation was  
obtained at the last session of the Legislature:

City Auditor's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
April 30th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

On February 12th, the Council voted  
to obtain legislation to enable the City to pay to  
the widow of the late Hoseman Thomas Whalen a grant  
of \$1,000.00.

This grant has been approved by  
the Legislature and now requires a resolution of  
Council to authorize the payment.

The Chairman of the Committee of  
Firewards has asked me to direct your attention to  
this matter in order to obtain your approval for  
payment of the money.

Yours truly,  
A.M. Butler  
CITY AUDITOR.

May 14th, 1931

Moved by Alderman O'Toole

seconded by Alderman Stech that this Council authorize the City Auditor to pay to Mrs. Whalen the amount of the grant/ viz \$1,000.00. Motion passed.

CAMP HILL CEMETERY-REVENUE FROM SALE OF LOTS

Read letter of the City Auditor in reference to the appropriation of the revenue received from sale of lots at Camp Hill Cemetery:

City Auditor's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
May 9th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Council held November 13th 1930 a report from the Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery recommending the sale of certain lots at various prices of \$50.00, \$75.00 and \$100.00 was adopted.

This resolution of Council provides that the income from the monies received be credited to the general maintenance account of the Cemetery.

I am informed that the intention of the Cemetery Committee was to fund only \$40.00 of the lots sold for \$50.00 and to apply the sum of \$10.00 in each case to maintenance, this being considered necessary because of the immediate grading which had to be done before the lots could be sold.

In order to carry out this proposal I would suggest that the attached resolution be considered by the Council.

Yours truly,  
A.M. Butler  
CITY AUDITOR

The following resolution was submitted:

RESOLVED that the resolution of Council passed November 13th 1930 authorizing the Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery to grade, divide, and sell certain lots in the Cemetery at \$50.00 \$75.00 and \$100.00 each and which provided that the monies so received be funded and the interest only used for the maintenance and improvements of the Cemetery, be amended, so that the Committ caforesaid will be authorized to apply the sum of Ten Dollars to the general maintenance account from the monies received only from the proceeds of any such lots sold at a price of Fifty Dollars each

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Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded  
by Alderman McDonald and passed.

CITY HEALTH BOARD APPROPRIATION 1930-31

Read report of the Finance Committee  
in reference to the appropriation of the City Health  
Board 1930-31 being overdrawn:

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

The Chairman,  
The Finance Committee,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

I attach hereto a letter from the  
Chairman of the Board of Health in which he advised  
that the appropriation for the Infectious Diseases  
Hospital for the Civic Year 1930-31, will be  
overdrawn approximately \$,4,000.00

In explanation of this overdraft  
the Chairman states that it is occasioned by extra  
costs incidental to a threatened epidemic of  
scarlet fever and diphtheria during the year.

Under Section 879 of the City  
Charter authority is conferred on the Board of Health  
to make expenditures in excess of their appro-  
priation by reason of an outbreak or threatened out-  
break of epidemic diseases, and the request for  
additional funds is apparently to be submitted to  
Council at the time of the epidemic.

However, the Board of Health  
apparently could not know that their appropriation  
would be eventually overdrawn, and as it is only  
now that this develops it will be necessary for  
Council to deal with the matter.

The application is for authority  
under 879 of the City Charter to grant to the Health  
Board a further appropriation of \$4,000.00 to be  
recouped from the estimates of 1932-33.

Respectfully submitted,  
A.M. Butler  
CITY AUDITOR

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

A.M. Butler, Esq.,  
City Auditor,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

I beg to report that the appro-  
priation of the Infectious Disease Hospital for  
the Civic Year ending April 30th, 1931 is overdrawn  
approximately \$4,000.



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This overdraft is due entirely to a threatened epidemic of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria from September 1930 to the end of March, 1931, while for the civic year ending April 30th, 1931, Diphtheria cases reported totalled 250 and Scarlet Fever cases totalled 133, and in addition a number of other cases of infectious diseases were reported.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.D. Forrest  
CHAIRMAN. C.H.B.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
May 13th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the City Auditor informed the Committee by letter that the appropriation of the City Health Board for 1930-31 will be overdrawn approximately \$4,000.00 and recommended that authority be given under Section 879 of the Charter to grant to the Health Board a further appropriation of \$4,000.00 to be recouped from the Estimates of 1922-23.

Your Committee recommend that the application be approved and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.J. Stech  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

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

TEMPORARY ROAN ROYAL BANK

Read report of the Finance Committee covering resolution providing for a temporary loan from the Royal Bank to meet current expenses of the City until taxes for the current year are collected:

Halifax, N.S. May 12th, 1931

The Chairman,  
The Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith for your consideration, copy of the customary resolution which enables the City to do any temporary borrowing which may become necessary during the current year 1931-32.

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This is in accordance with Section 332 of the City Charter and the amount available is 30% of \$2,022,670.14, which amounts to \$606,801.04.

I recommend that the resolution be passed by your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
R.V. Dimock  
CITY TREASURER

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
City Hall,  
May 13th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the City Auditor submitted a letter from the City Treasurer asking that the attached draft resolution providing for a temporary loan from the Royal Bank of Canada to meet current expenses of the City until the taxes for the current year are collected.

Your Committee recommend that the said resolution be adopted by the Council

Respectfully submitted,  
H.J. Stech  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

The following resolution was submitted:

WHEREAS it is considered advisable for the purpose of defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year 1931-1932 would if now collected, be applied, that the City of Halifax do borrow, under Section 332 of the City Charter from the Royal Bank of Canada an amount not exceeding Thirty per cent of the taxes for the current year 1931-32

AND WHEREAS the taxes for the current year 1931-32 amount to the sum of \$2,022,670.14 of which amount upwards of Ninety per cent, is outstanding and uncollected.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax do borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada up to the sum of \$606,801.04 available from time to time in such sums as may be required to be applied in defraying expenditures for which the taxes for the current year 1931-32 would, if now collected, be applied, to be repaid to the said Royal Bank of Canada out of the taxes when collected, and that the City Treasurer be and is hereby

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authorized on behalf of the City of Halifax to negotiate the said loan and to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax therefor

The interest to be paid on current balances not to exceed  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum.

*Treasurer*  
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Moved by Alderman Stech seconded by Alderman McInnes and passed unanimously.

REFUNDING LOAN \$362,000.00

Read report of the Finance Committee on the application of the City Treasurer for authority to ask for tenders for a loan of \$362,100.00 to meet an issue of 6% Debentures which will mature on July 1st 1931:

Halifax, N.S. May 6th, 1931

The Chairman,  
the Finance Committee,  
City Hall.

RE REFUNDING LOAN \$362,100.00

Dear Sir:

On 1st July 1931 an issue of 6% Debentures issued in 1921 amounting to \$362,100.00 will mature, and as provision in Sinking Funds has been made to retire this loan in 1952, it will be necessary to refund it until that time. I beg to refer for your consideration the accompanying draft of a resolution authorizing me to call for tenders for the purchase of same and recommend that it be passed by your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
R.V. Dimock  
CITY TREASURER

Committee Room, City Hall,  
May 13th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the City Auditor submitted a letter from the City Treasurer notifying the Committee that an issue of debentures amounting to \$362,100.00 issued in 1921 will mature on the 1st July next accompanying the letter was a draft resolution dealing with the matter.

Your Committee recommend that authority be given the Treasurer to advertise for a refunding loan and the resolution submitted with his letter adopted.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.J. Stech  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

May 14th, 1931

The following resolution was submitted:

WHEREAS by Section 32 of Chapter 57 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for 1930 it was enacted that whenever certain loans of the City of Halifax forming part of the City of Halifax, Consolidated Fund fell due the City might without further legislative authority issue the stock or debentures of the City for the purpose of obtaining money to retire such loans and that such stock or debentures should be issued under the authority of and in conformity with the provisions of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act, and should form part of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund, and should mature in 1952.

AND WHEREAS among the loans so enumerated was one for the sum of \$362,100 maturing on the 1st day of July, 1931 and it is desirable to obtain tenders for the purchase of stock or debentures to procure the money necessary to retire the said loan

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED that the treasurer do advertize for tenders for the purchase of such an amount of the stock or debentures of the City for the Term of twenty one years from the first day of July 1931, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent as will at the best price obtainable therefor produce the sum of \$362,000 together with the expenses of issuing the same, and do report to the Committee on Finance the said tenders when the same have been received.

*Treasurer*  
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Moved by Alderman Stech seconded  
by Alderman McInnes and passed unanimously.

SCHOOL SITE MUMFORD ROAD

Read report of the Finance Committee on the application of the Board of School Commissioners to spend the balance left in Capital Account from a recent building programme for the purchase of land on the west side of Mumford Road for a site for a school building; also for the approval of the expenditure of \$59,000.00 already authorized for the erection of a school on the said site:

May 14th, 1931

✓ Auditor's Office,  
May 6th, 1931

The Chairman,  
Board of School Commissioners,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the conversation which I had on May 5th with you and Commissioner A.J. Halburton, may I say that after discussing the matter with the City Solicitor he agrees that the unexpended balance on Capital Account of approximately \$3,300.00 remaining in the hands of the City after completing the construction of certain schools may be used on account of any further capital programme.

At a meeting of the City Council, held January 26th a report of the Finance Committee approving of an expenditure not to exceed \$59,000.00 for the construction of a four room school building on Chebucto Road, was adopted.

May I inform you that the City did not obtain legislation to cover the borrowing for this school, but this omission can be overcome by direct application to the Governor-in-Council.

I understand that the cash surplus now held by the City is required by you as the amount of \$59,000.00 is not sufficient to cover all of the items entering into the cost because of the fact that your Board does not consider it advisable to erect a school on the site first proposed. Because of this circumstance it is necessary to purchase new land for the building.

In view of the fact that the new school will cost in excess of \$59,000.00 I think the School Board must obtain the permission of the City Council to spend beyond that amount. I would also suggest that the City should have decided to it the land on which it was first proposed to build the school, inasmuch as the City will have to provide funds in excess of the original appropriation to acquire new land for a site.

Yours truly,

A.M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR

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May 14th, 1931

Halifax, N.S. May 12th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor, by direction of the Board of School Commissioners to request that permission be given this Board by your honored body to expend balance left in Capital Account from recent building programme, of approximately Three Thousand, Three Hundred ( \$3,300.00) Dollars for the purchase of land on West side of Mumford Road for School Building, this, in lieu of the Chebucto Road lot, which the Board feels would be too close to the Airport.

Further, that your honored body approve of expenditure of Fifty-Nine Thousand \$59,000.00 dollars already requested and authorized by you, for the erection of said School on Mumford Road.

I have the honor to be,

Sirs,

Yours respectfully,  
H.F. Bezanson  
SECRETARY

Committee Room, City Hall,  
May 13th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the School Board asking for authority to utilize funds, a balance left in Capital Account from a recent building programme amounting to \$3,300.00, for the purchase of a new site for a school on West side of Mumford Road was read. Also for the approval of Council of the expenditure of \$59,000.00 for the erection of a new building on this site.

Your Committee recommend that the application of the School Board be approved and adopted by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.J. Stech  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

His Worship the Mayor submits  
and reads a letter from the Hon. John Doull,  
Provincial Secretary in reference to the application  
of the School Board for approval of the Governor-  
in-Council in purchasing a block of land on the  
west side of Mumford Road for the purpose of building



May 14th, 1931

a school thereon:

Halifax, N.S.,  
May 13th, 1931

George E. Ritchie, Esq.,  
Mayor of the City of Halifax,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Board of School Commissioners of the City of Halifax have applied to the Governor-in-Council for approval of the purchase of a block of land on the West Side of Mumford Road for the purpose of building a school thereon, and have also applied for an order directing the City of Halifax to issue debentures to an amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars for the erection of a school on this lot.

The City Charter contemplates that a hearing in connection with the matter be held, at which the City Council may appear, and we will arrange to have the matter come up at the next meeting of the Government. In the meantime, I would be glad to know whether the City Council agrees to the request of the Board of School Commissioners or whether you desire to be present at the hearing.

Faithfully yours, .

John Doull.

Moved by Alderman Stech seconded by Alderman McInnes that the report be adopted and the letter of the Provincial Secretary Filed. Motion passed.

*J. F. Ryan*

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MIGHT DIRECTORIES

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the purchase of twelve (12) directories for the various civic departments:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
May 13th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the City Clerk submitted requisitions received from several of the Civic Departments for Directories for 1931.

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Your Committee recommend that the City Clerk be authorized to place an order for twelve directories to be allocated as follows:

City Treasurer	✓ 1
City Health Board	✓ 1
City Clerk	✓ 1
Assessors	✓ 1
City Home.	1
Fire Dept.	1
Library	✓ 1
Collector.	✓ 2
Police Dept.	✓ 3 12

Respectfully submitted,  
H.J. Stech  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Stech seconded by Alderman McInnes that the report be amended and that the five directories required by the Works Department be included in the requisition, and that the report as so amended be adopted.  
Motion passed.

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Dunne's dir.*

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

His Worship the Mayor submitted his nominations to standing Committees for the Civic Year 1931-32 as follows:

1. ANNUAL REPORT & PRINTING

Alderman Daley  
Shields  
O'Malley Approved.

2. ARBITRATION BETWEEN CITY, COUNCIL AND DARTMOUTH.

Members representing City on this Board-  
His Worship the Mayor,  
Alderman Stech  
Redmond  
McInnes  
Smeltzer Approved

3. CABS COMMITTEE

His Worship the Mayor (Chairman)  
Alderman McInnes  
Probert.

Alderman Probert asked to be excused from serving on this Committee and Alderman Donovan was nominated in his place. Approved



May 14th, 1931

4. CAMP HILL CEMETERY

Alderman Redmond  
Stech  
McDonald  
Smeltzer,  
Adams  
Golden

Approved

5. CHARITIES COMMITTEE

Alderman Minshull  
Redmond  
O'Malley  
Adams  
Probert  
Shields.

Alderman Adams asked to be excused  
from serving on this Committee and nominated  
Alderman Smeltzer in his place. Approved

6. COURT HOUSE COMMISSIONERS

For the City of Halifax-  
His Worship the Mayor,  
Alderman McInnes,  
Daley  
Conn

Approved

7. EXHIBITION COMMISSION

Chap. 72 R.S. 1923  
Appointed by Governor-in-Council:  
Hon. O.P. Goucher, Chairman  
W. Sasby Blair, Kentville,  
Harry D. Biden, Amherst,  
Willard S. Thompson, North Sydney,  
W.B. Bishop, Lawrencetown.

Appointed by N.S. Farmers Association,  
V.B. Leonard,  
Clarence D.R. Nicholson, Coxheath, C.B

Appointed by City Council-  
His Worship the Mayor,  
Aldermen McCarthy, 1931  
Rains, 1932  
Donovan 1933  
O'Toole 1934

Manager and Secretary H.D. Biden.

(New Appointment to be made November 1st 1931)

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Stech  
Mitchell  
McInnes  
Daley  
Minshull  
Probert.

May 14th, 1921.

Alderman Minshull asked to be excused from serving on this Committee and nominated Alderman O'Malley.

Approved

9. FIRE ESCAPES COMMITTEE

Alderman O'Toole  
O'Malley  
Conn  
Shields  
Golden  
Adams

Alderman O'Malley asked to be excused from serving on this committee and nominated Alderman McDonald.

Approved

10. COMMITTEE OF FIREWARDS

Alderman O'Toole  
O'Malley  
Adams  
Shields  
Conn  
Golden.

Alderman O'Toole asked to be excused from serving on this Committee as he had already served four years on it and nominated Alderman Mitchell.

Approved

Alderman O'Malley also asked to be excused from serving on this Committee and nominated Alderman McDonald.

Approved

The Committee as revised is approved.

11. GARDENS PARKS AND COMMONS

Alderman Daley  
Donovan  
Ward 5 ( to be appointed)  
Stech  
O'Malley  
Adams

Alderman O'Toole asked that instead of the new Alderman from Ward No. 5 being placed on the Committee that he be placed on it as he was conversant with the work and would like to have an opportunity of looking after the improvement of the Common .

Approved

12. GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS CIVIC REVENUE AND PROPERTIES TRANSFER TO CITY;

His Worship the Mayor.  
Alderman Daley  
Shields  
Mitchell

Approved

13. HARBOUR CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Alderman O'Malley  
Donovan  
Ward 3 ( to be appointed)

Alderman O'Malley asked to be excused from serving on this Committee and nominated the new Alderman for Ward 5 for the position.

Approved

14. CITY HEALTH BOARD

Dr. W.D. Forrest,  
Alderman Stech  
Redmond  
McDonald  
O'Toole  
Ward 5 ( to be appointed)  
Ward 3 ( " " "

Alderman Stech asked to be excused from serving on this Committee and nominated Alderman Smeltzer in his place.

Approved

15. HOUSING COMMISSION

Chap. 4 Acts 1919 Sec. 18  
R.D. Guildford, 1932  
W.O. Cameron 1932  
S.J. Hatcher 1932  
E.A. Thompson 1933)  
G.J. Lynch 1933) Reappointed

Approved

16. JURIES LISTS REVISERS

Cap. 223, R.S. 1923  
City Clerk  
Ald. Smeltzer  
Ald. O'Toole

APPROVED

17. LAWS & PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

Alderman McInnes  
Daley  
Stech  
Minshull  
Conn  
Probert

Approved

18. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Alderman Stech  
Golden  
McDonald  
O'Malley  
Ward 5 ( to be appointed)  
Conn.

Alderman Stech asked to be excused from serving on this committee and nominated

Alderman Minshull Approved

May 14th, 1931

19. POINT PLEASANT PARK DIRECTORS

C.C. 1931 Sec. 668  
Hon. W.A.Black, P.C.Chairman  
Hon, R.G.Beazley  
Hector McInnes, K.C.  
Col. B.A.Weston  
His Worship the Mayor  
Alderman Ward 3 ( to be appointed)  
Alderman O'Toole  
Redmond  
O'Malley  
Conn  
McDonald

Approved

20 . POLICE COMMITTEE

His Worship the Mayor  
Alderman McInnes  
Probert.

Alderman Probert asked to be  
excused from serving on this Committee and Alderman  
Donovan was nominated for the vacancy.

Approved

21. PRISON COMMITTEE

Alderman Minshull  
Danovan  
Golden  
Conn  
O'Malley  
Probert.

Approved

22 SCHOOL-COMMISSIONERS OF  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

C.C.1931 Sec. 895  
Appointed by Governor in Council  
Maxwell W.Boswell 1931  
Chairman

Ernest F.Hubley	1931
A.J.Halburton	1932
E.S.Blackie	1932
Arthur W.Morton	1933
Gerald P.Flaven	1933

Appointed by City Council

Alderman Donovan	1931
O'Toole	1931
Stech	1932
McInnes	1932
Smeltzer	1933
Shields	1933

Secretary H.F.Bezanson.

( New Appointment to be made in October next.)

May 14th, 1931.

23. TENDERS COMMITTEE  
Alderman Shields  
Minshull  
Daley  
McDonald  
Ward 5 ( to be appointed)  
Smeltzer Approved
24. TOWN PLANNING BOARD  
Chap. 3 Oct. 1915 Chap. 62 Acts 1919  
His Worship the Mayor.  
Alderman Redmond  
Smeltzer  
Daley  
E. J. Kelly  
R. M. Hattie  
City Engineer. Approved
25. WORKS COMMITTEE  
His Worship the Mayor  
Alderman Mitchell  
Donovan  
McInnes  
Shields  
O'Toole  
Adams
- Alderman McInnes asked to be  
excused from serving on this Committee and  
nominated Alderman Conn in his place. Approved
26. INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE  
Alderman Probert  
Mitchell  
Daley  
Minshull  
Ward 5 ( to be appointed) Approved
27. TAX PROPERTY SALE COMMITTEE  
Sec. 470 C. C.  
His Worship the Mayor  
Chairman Finance Committee  
Alderman Mitchell  
City Engineer  
City Collector Approved
28. BOXING COMMISSION  
Dr. G. Murray Logan  
J. Harry Breen  
Thos. C. Leon Approved

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

Read report of the City Clerk  
covering list of applications of officials for  
reappointment for Civic Year 1931-32.

May 14th, 1931

City Clerk's Office,  
May 14th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen

I beg to submit herewith the attached list of applications of officials for re-appointment for the Civic Year 1931-32. The original application of all applicants are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.S. Rhind  
CITY CLERK

LIST OF OFFICIALS FOR REAPPOINTMENT  
MAY 14th, 1931

City Clerk's Office	Asst. City Clerk	H.C. Powell
	Stenographer	B.M. Reid
Treasurer's Office	Asst. City Treasurer	Geo. J. Allen
Engineer's Office.	Asst. City Engineer	W. J. DeWolf
	Clerk of Works	M. A. Hunter
	Asst. " "	Thomas Moore
	Supt. Water Dept.	W. H. Daniels
	Supt. of Streets	James Downey
	Asst. Bld. Inspector	W. R. Fegan
	Meter Readers	R. F. Clancy
		J. Barnstead
		A. O' Hearn
		M. P. O' Toole
		B. Colquhoun
		M. J. O' Toole
City Electrician's Office	City Electrician	G. H. Durling
" Auditor's Office,	Asst. City Auditor	M. L. Bellew
	Clerk	Thos. A. Shields
	"	T. G. Murphy
Assessor's Office.	Deputy Assessor.	Chas R.
		Rosborough
	1st Clerk	C. G. Corbett
	Clerk	Hattie Doyle
	"	Marion Thomson
	Stenographer	Rose Zwerling
Collector's Office.	Asst. City Collector	A. T. E. Crosby
	1st Clerk	Margt. M. Hopewell
	Cashier	R. J. Campbell
	Stenographer	Elsie Doyle
	Clerk	J. C. Dingle
	"	S. G. Cook
	"	Jas. E. Henrion
	"	Jas. Williamson
	"	W. A. Anderson
	"	R. B. Scriven
	"	D. D. Wallace
	Sub-Collector.	J. M. Joyce
	"	Henry Rising
	"	Robt. H. Cass
	"	John Merrick
	"	Wm. C. Yates
Mayor's Office	Stenographer	V. L. E. Street

May 14th, 1931

Act. City Med. Officer	W. Bruce Almon, M.D.
Supt. Public Gardens	W. H. Hall
Reg. Camp Hill Cemetery	Geo. Thompson
City Health Board. Secretary	A. C. Pettipas
Asst. "	Irene Hingston
Inspector.	F. C. Craig
"	J. F. Caldwell
"	Amos Woodworth
Dairy & Food Inspector	H. S. McFatrige, V. S.
Asst. "	John F. Dempster
City Home. Superintendant	J. H. Buchanan
Secretary	H. A. Garrison
Matron	Catherine Graves
General Asst.	Samuel E. Brown
Engineer	Jas. I. Doherty
City Prison Governor	Geo. Grant -
Matron	Mrs. J. M. Grant -
Underkeepers	Walter H. Handsley -
"	John W. Grant -
"	Roy W. Crowell -
"	Arthur Cooper -
"	H. F. Platt -
Janitor City Hall	James E. Lynch
Matron Police Station	Mrs. A. Lynch
Citizens Free Library--	
Librarian	L. F. Barnaby
Asst. "	Mary Durney
Surveyors of Lumber	W. A. McKenzie
" "	Edw. Gibson
" "	Carl. Fox.
Fence Viewers Ward 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 6	
Weighers of Bundles Hay and Loose Hay	L. E. Goodwin
Pound Keepers at City Stables Bell. Road	City Stableman
Pount Keeper at Incinerator.	Eng. At Incinerator
Insp. of Painters Work	Frank Reardon
	James Harrison
Inspector of Masons Work	James Taylor

Read application of Dr. Phillip A .  
Gough for the position of Dairy and Food Inspector.

Robie Street, Halifax  
May 14th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:

I desire to make application for the position of Dairy and Food Inspector for the City of Halifax.

I hereby agree to perform the required duties, provide transportation and perform all other work of a Veterinary nature, in the various Civic Departments of Halifax, for the sum of \$2,400 per annum.

Respectfully yours  
P. A. Gough, V. S.

May 14th, 1931

Moved by Alderman Mitchell

seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the appointment of the officials of the City Collector's Department be deferred until after the new City Collector is appointed. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the applications for the position of Dairy and Food Inspector be deferred to the City Health Board for report. Motion passed.

*D. J. Farrell  
A. C. Pittman*

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the applications of all officials excepting those mentioned above be approved and that they be reappointed for the Civic Year 1931-32. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Donovan seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the appointment of a fence viewer for Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 be referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

*Engineer  
Committee of Works*

At the suggestion of the City Engineer it was decided to cut out the appointment of the Engineer at the Incinerator as a Pound Keeper as there was ~~no~~ place at the Incinerator for a pound.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Alderman McInnes nominated Alderman O'Malley for the position.

Alderman Adams nominated Alderman Donovan for the position, seconded by Alderman Probert.

Alderman O'Malley declined the nomination and recommended the appointment of Alderman Donovan.

There being no other nominations His Worship declared Alderman Donovan duly appointed Deputy Mayor for the current civic year.

*Alv. Donovan*



✓  
May 14th, 1931

OILING PRINCESS PLACE

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending that Princess Place be oiled:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
April 30, 1931

PRINCESS PLACE OILING

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works on the 24th instant, resolved to recommend that Princess Place be oiled.

L.A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

*Engineer*

SEWER EXTENSION  
ALMON STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a petition from Westmount Land Co., Ltd. for extension of sewer on Almon Street:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
April 29th, 1931

Almon Street-Sewer

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on the petition from the Westmount Land Company, Limited, for the extension of the sewer on Almon Street, that the property that will be served is beyond the end of the present sewer which was only laid as far as houses were built.

The extension asked for will be about eighty feet long, and the estimated cost is \$400.00. The estimated sewerage rates are \$335.00. It is recommended that the extension be made.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

May 14th, 1931

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S. May 1st, 1931

Almon Street Sewer

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from the Westmount Land Co. Ltd. for the extension of the sewer on Almon Street.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.A. Gastonguay

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

*Engineer*

WINDSOR STREET SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a petition of owners of property on both sides of Windsor Street from North to Almon Street for the construction of Concrete sidewalks, curbs, and gutter, on that portion of the Street:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
May 1st 1931

WINDSOR STREET SIDEWALK

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on a petition from the owners of property on both sides of Windsor Street from North Street to Almon Street for the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, that it is signed by the owners of about 60% of the frontage.

There is already a sidewalk, on the west side between North Street and Seaforth Street. This is one of the main streets leading to the Exhibition and is also double tracked.

The estimated cost is \$7,800 of which the City's share will be about \$4,100.

There is no doubt that a big improvement would be made by the work proposed and it is recommended that it be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. T. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

May 14th, 1931

Halifax, N.S. May 1, 1931

WINDSOR STREET 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 sidewalk, curb and gutter on both sides of Windsor Street from North Street to Almon Street.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

*Engineer*

NORTH STREET SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a petition of owners of property on the south side of North St. from Windsor St. to Dublin Street for concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on that portion of the Street:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
May 1st 1931

NORTH STREET SIDEWALK

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on a petition from the owners of property on the south side of North Street from Windsor Street to Dublin Street for a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, that the petition is signed by about 47% of the property owners. A sidewalk has been built on a portion of the north side of this street and is ordered for the rest of the street as far as Oxford Street.

The estimated cost of the work is \$3,300.00 of which the City's share would be about one-half.

This street has a very flat grade and the curb and gutter would make a big improvement. It is also one of the main arteries leading from the City and I would recommend that the work be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

May 14th, 1931

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
May 1st 1931

NORTH STREET 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, curb and gutter on the south side of North Street, from Windsor Street to Dublin Street.

L.A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

*Engineer*

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WATER METER BILLS

Read report of the Committee on Works  
and City Engineer re Water Meter Bills:

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.  
April 1st 1931

164 Argyle Street  
Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 164 Argyle Street for a reduction in the water bill that the period complained of is the half year ending October 1930 and the amount of the bill is \$100.69. The consumption has been as follows:

1929	July-	15,300	Pipe Wasting ( N )	29-7-29
	August	Covered		
	Sept.	-		
	Oct.	49,900	" "	
	Nov.	22,900	" "	
	Dec.	Covered		
1930	Jan.	"		
	Feb.	81,800	" "	
	Mar.	-		
	Apr.	108,300		
	May	No Key		
	June	" "		
	July	" "		
	Aug.	" "		
	Sept.	" "		
	Oct.	" "		
	Nov.	" "		
	Dec.	557,000	Pipe Wasting	

May 14th, 1931

Jan.           No Key  
Feb.           " "

From the records it will be seen that a pipe has been wasting since July 1929, when the owner was notified on the 29th of that month and when the meter was read in December 1930 the pipe was still wasting and apparently no steps were taken to have the pipe repaired. I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
April 1st 1931

# 66 North St.-Water  
Consumption

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 66 North Street for a reduction in the water consumption, that the month complained of is January. The following is the record of consumption.

Oct.	3,200	
Nov.	4,400	
Dec.	1,400	
Jan.	14,600	W.O. Wasting (N) 13-1-31
Feb.	13,800	" " "
Mar.	7,800	

There was a large consumption in January and February due to a closet wasting. The owner was notified on the 13th of January and the waste continued in February, but was reduced in March. I would recommend that the consumption for January be reduced to 8000 gallons and the bill made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
April 1st 1931

275 QUINPOOL ROAD  
WATER CONSUMPTION

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 275 Quinpool Road for a reduction in the meter reading for January, that the record of consumption is as follows:

Sept.	1,400
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May 14th, 1931

Oct.	5,200
Nov.	10,000
Dec.	13,600
Jan.	30,200 (N) 23-1-31
Feb.	-
Mar.	4,100

The owner was notified on the 28th of January of the large consumption. The meter was not read in February, but in March the consumption was reduced to 4,100 gallons. As the owner took steps to remedy conditions, I would recommend that the consumption for January be reduced to 14,000 gallons and the bill made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S., April, 1931

230 ARGYLE STREET  
WATER CONSUMPTION

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 230 Argyle Street for a reduction in the meter reading for January. The record of consumption is as follows:

May-	
June	66,400
July	29,000
Aug.	28,000
Sept.	-
Oct.	50,000
Nov.	21,000
Dec.	20,000
Jan.	40,000 (N) 5-2-31

From the records it will be seen that there was a large consumption from May to December the average consumption being 26,800. The owner was notified of the large consumption in January on the 5th of February and the records will show that the consumption was reduced. As the owner took steps to have the consumption reduced on being notified I would recommend that the consumption be reduced to 26,800 gallons and the bill made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

Water Consumption  
35 Cogswell St  
His Worship the Mayor.

City Engineer's Office,  
April 30th, 1931

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 35 Cogswell Street for a reduction in their meter bill, that the consumption at these premises was as follows:

May 14th, 1931.

1930	Dec. 8	1,300	
1931	Jan. 14	10,000	
	Feb. 17	-	
	Mar. 23	58,300	(N) 2-4-31
	Apr. 22	2,000	

The consumption recorded for March comprises two months' readings. The owner claims that it was caused by the water being allowed to run to prevent freezing. I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S., March 30th, 1931

105  
105 $\frac{1}{2}$  Gottingen St.  
Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 105-105 $\frac{1}{2}$  Gottingen Street for a reduction in the water consumption for the month of January. The record has been as follows:

Aug.	2,800	
Sept.	-	
Oct.	8,000	
Nov.	2,800	
Dec.	2,700	
Jan.	13,100	Tap and W.C. Wasting (N) 19-1-31
Feb.	5,300	

A tap and W.C. were wasting in January and a notice was sent on the 19th of that month and the records would show that on being notified the owner had the plumbing repaired as the consumption was reduced to 5,300 gallons. I would recommend that the consumption for January be reduced to 7,000 gallons and the bill made up accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
March 30th, 1931

201 Brunswick St.,  
Water Consumption

His Worship the Mayor

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the property No. 201 Brunswick St. for a reduction in the water consumption for the



May 14th, 1931

month of January. The record of consumption is as follows:

Aug.	14,900
Sept.	No Key
Oct.	11,500
Nov.	700
Dec.	3,300
Jan.	16,700 (N) 4-2-31
Feb.	20,600.

From the records it will be seen that the large consumption in January continued through February although the owner was notified on the 4th of February. The owner in her letter states that the water was allowed to run to prevent freezing. I cannot recommend a reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
April 30th, 1931

121 Gottingen St.  
Water Consumption.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 121 Gottingen Street for a reduction in the meter reading, that the month complained of is February, 1931. The consumption at these premises was as follows:

1931 Dec.10-	900	
1931 Jan.13	1,100	
Feb.10	26,000	W.O. Wasting (N) 17-2-31
Mar.11	6,800	
Apr.14	1,300	

There was a large consumption for the month ending February 10th, which the owner states was caused by water being allowed to run to prevent freezing. In view of the reading for January and March it would appear that there was an excessive waste in the premises. I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER.



May 14th, 1931.

City Engineer's Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
April 29th, 1931

171 Gottingen St.,  
Water Bill

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the owner of the premises No. 171 Gottingen Street asking for a reduction in the charge for water consumption at these premises, that the reading complained of is for March of this year. The record of consumption has been as follows:

1930 Dec. 10	3,100	
1931 Jan. 13	5,700	
Feb 11	62,300	T. & W.C. Wasting ( N.) 17-2-31
Mar. 11	40,700	T & W.C. wasting
Apr. 14	4,500	

There was a large consumption during February and March of which notice was sent on the 17th of February. The owner states that it was caused by allowing the water to run to prevent freezing. I cannot recommend any reduction in the Bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
H.W. Johnston  
CITY ENGINEER

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
May 1st 1931.

Water Meter Accounts

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto are reports of the City Engineer on requests for reduction in water meter accounts.

The Committee on Works recommend that reductions be made, as follows:

- 164 Argyle St. Consumption shown February and April 1931, viz. 190,100 gallons, to be reduced by 75,000 gallons.
- 66 North St. Consumption for January 1931, to be reduced to 8,000 gallons
- 275 Quinpool Rd. Consumption for January 1931, to 14,000 gallons
- 230 Argyle St. Consumption for January 1931, to be reduced to 26,800 gallons
- 35 Cogswell St. Consumption for March 1931. to be reduced by 18,000 gallons
- 105-105 $\frac{1}{2}$  Gottingen St. Consumption January 1931. to be reduced by 7,000 gallons.

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201 Brunswick St.- Consumption January 1931, reduced to 10,000 gallons and February 1931, reduced to 15,000 gallons  
121 Gottingen St. Consumption for February 1931 to be reduced by 10,000 gallons  
171 Gottingen St. Consumption February 1931, reduced to 40,000 gallons, and consumption for March 1931, reduced to 30,000 gallons.

Respectfully submitted

L.A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded

by Alderman Mitchell that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

SAND AND GRAVEL CONTRACT  
FINAL PAYMENT

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending payment to the Lawrencetown Sand and Gravel Co. of the sum of \$401.46 balance in full on their contract for the supply of sand:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
May 1st 1931

LAWRENCETOWN SAND AND  
GRAVEL CO.-FINAL PAYMENT

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend payment to the Lawrencetown Sand & Gravel Co.Ltd., of the sum of \$401.46, balance in full on their contract for the supply of sand.

Respectfully submitted,  
L.A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Adams seconded

by Alderman Mitchell that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

May 14th, 1931

✓  
ALEXANDER MURRAY AND COMPANY  
FINAL PAYMENT TAR PRODUCTS CONTRACT

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending final payment to Alexander Murray and Co. of \$2,773.90 on their contract for the supplying of tar products for the civic year 1930-31:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
May 1st 1931

ALEXANDER MURRAY & CO. LTD  
TAR PRODUCTS

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend payment to Alexander Murray & Co. Ltd., of the sum of \$2,773.90, balance in full on their contract for the supply of tar products.

L.A. Gastonguay  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

*Engineer  
Care of Works*

✓  
FINAL PAYMENT-AIRPORT SEED CONTRACT

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending final payment to Nelson & Co., of the sum of \$1,123.45 being amount in full on their contract for grass seed at the Airport:

City Works Office,  
May 14th, 1931

Airport-Seed

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend payment to Messrs. Nelson & Company of the sum of \$1,123.45, being amount in full on their contract for the supply of grass seed at the Airport.

G.E. Ritchie  
CHAIRMAN

May 14th, 1931.

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

*Engineer  
Chas of Works 1931*

AIRPORT HANGAR CONTRACT  
FINAL PAYMENT

Read report Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending final payment to John T. Inkpen on his contract for the construction of a hangar at the Airport- \$604.43:

City Works Office,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
May 14th, 1931

HALIFAX AIRPORT HANGAR

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works recommend payment to John T. Inkpen of the sum of \$604.43 being balance in full on his contract for the construction of a hangar at the Airport.

G.E. Ritchie  
Mayor and Chairman

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

*Engineer  
Chas of Works 1931*

✓  
CITY PRISON  
TENDERS FOR UNIFORM CLOTHING

Read report of the City Prison Committee covering tenders for uniform clothing:

Committee Room, City Hall,  
April 27th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day the following tenders were submitted for uniforms and summer caps for the prison staff:

May 14th, 1931

Clayton & Sons	
Cloth No. 11751	\$23.00 per suit
Caps (Police)	2.45 each
T.H. Vaughan	
Suits	23.50 per suit
Caps	3.95

It was recommended that the tender of Clayton & Sons being the lowest be recommended to the City Council for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.E. Donovan  
CHAIRMAN

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NEW MOTOR CAR FOR CHIEF

Read report of the Committee of Firewards covering tenders for a motor car for the Chief of the Fire Department:

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
April 21st 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached tenders for a new sedan car for the Fire Chief were considered as follows:

Robertson Motors Ltd.  
Reo 621, 121" W.B. 85 horse,  
power 1931 models 2 door  
Coach \$1,775.00  
4 door Sedan 1,900.00

Nash Motors Sales Co. Ltd.  
Nash Model 870 Sedan completely  
equipped and painted as  
per directions 1,565.00

Novn Motors Ltd.  
1931 Hudson eight Cylinder  
four door Standard Sedan  
120" wheelbase, colors maroon  
or black fully equipped  
F.O.B. 1,595.00

Purdy Motors Ltd.  
Chrysler 77 Sedan  
Fully equipped 1,700.00

*Clayton & Sons  
Gov. Grant*

May 14th, 1931

Standard Automobiles Ltd.  
Dictator 1931 Model,  
8 cylinders 31 horsepower  
Sedan \$1,575.00  
Studebaker Six Sedan 1931  
Model, 70 Horsepower 1,250.00

Hillcrest Motors Ltd.  
1931 "Century Six" Hupmobile  
4Dsedan 1,400.00  
1931 "Century eight" 4 door sedan 1,600.00

G.A.Mosher

Graham-Town Sedan 115 "Wheel base,  
76 Horse Power 1,395.00

Standard Sedan 115" wheel base  
76 Horse power 1,495.00

Special six 115" wheel base  
76 Horse Power 1,695.00

Moved by Alderman Rains seconded  
by Alderman Smeltzer that the tender of the Robertson  
Motors Limited for a Reo Sedan at \$1,775.00 be  
recommended to the City Council for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.J.O'Toole  
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman O'Toole seconded  
by Alderman Probert that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman  
McInnes seconded by Alderman Redmond that the  
report be referred back to the Committee of Firewards  
for further consideration and report.

✓ Amendment put and passed.

AERO AUTOMATIC ALARM

Read report of the Committee of  
Firewards in reference to installing a receiving  
panel of the Arco Automatic Alarm Co. in the Bedford  
Row Fire Station:

May 14th, 1931

Halifax, May 7th, 1931

Chief of Halifax Fire Dept.  
Fire Headquarters,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

In line with the verbal application of our representatives, we are requesting permission to install a receiving apparatus in the Bedford Row Fire Station for the purpose of receiving fire alarms.

It is our understanding that the charge for this service and use of your facilities is an annual rental of \$100.00 per year.

Will you please forward us the necessary papers or letter of approval and instructions as to payment of the rental. We should also like your approval to proceed with this work as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,  
A.E. Smith  
Manager.

Montreal, Que., May 6th, 1931

J.W. Churchill,  
City of Halifax Fire Dept.  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

AERO AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SYSTEM  
RECEIVING PANEL

Further to your letter of March 19th 1931, and in connection with our letter of March 14th, 1931, concerning the installation of the receiving panel of the automatic Alarm Company Limited for the receiving of signals actuated by the Aero Automatic Fire Alarm System in our Deep-water Freight Shed and to conversation of yourself and Mr. O'Toole with our Mr. C.A. Thomson.

We have arranged with the Automatic Alarm Company, Limited to take care of the \$100.00 charge required by the City of Halifax for the installation of this panel and have asked them to write you direct, as the result of the above mentioned conversation we have given them to understand that the resolution concerning this item has been passed by the Halifax City Council and that both yourself, Mr. O'Toole and the Board of Fire wards will give the necessary permission on the request being made and the payment of the \$100.00 That is now only a matter of formality.

We wish to thank you for your continued co-operation.

Yours truly,

W.Y. Muirhead  
DIRECTOR OF INSURANCE



May 14th, 1931

Committee Room May 15th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached letters from the Canadian National Railways and the Aero Automatic Alarm Co.Ltd., in reference to installing a receiving panel of the Automatic Alarm Company in Bedford Row Fire Station were considered and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.J.O'Toole  
CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman O'Toole seconded by

*W. J. O'Toole*  
*Chas H F P* Alderman Mitchell that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

✓  
CHARITIES COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY REPORT

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of April 1931 showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 346 and the number of patients in the T.B.Hospital to be 48.

FILED

✓  
TAX COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 1931

Read report of the City Auditor covering statement of Tax Collections during the month of April 1931:

City Auditor's Office,  
April 30th, 1931

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

Report on Tax Collections for the month of April is submitted. Collections amounted to \$84,718.59. Collections on account of taxes for civic years prior to May 1st 1925 were \$808.44. The outstanding book value of this group on April 30th was \$643,507.83:

May 14th, 1931

Arrears Taxes	Outstanding Balances March 1931	New Accounts and other Adjustments	April Collections	Outstanding Balances April 1931
Civic Year 1925-26	\$69,758.57		\$322.41	\$69,436.16
Civic Year 1926-27	48,814.53		607.82	48,206.71
Civic Year 1927-28	55,660.01		1,453.58	54,206.43
Civic Year 1928-29	98,588.75		9,546.03	89,042.72
Civic Year 1929-30	228,260.70		15,142.55	213,118.15
	<u>\$501,082.56</u>		<u>\$27,072.39</u>	<u>\$474,010.17</u>

CURRENT TAXES

Civic Year 1930-31	\$479,782.75		\$33,618.65	\$446,164.10
Water Dept. Rates & Taxes	34,309.21	20,000.00	24,027.55	30,281.66
	<u>\$1,015,174.52</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$84,718.59</u>	<u>\$ 950,455.93</u>

	Estimates	Outstanding Previous Month	Collections April	Balance
<u>Poll Tax 1930-31</u>	\$18,000.00	\$6,196.15	\$1,136.50	\$5,059.65

Respectfully submitted,  
A.M. Butler  
CITY AUDITOR

FILED

REAPPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES  
CITY HALL- RENOVATION

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded by Alderman Donovan that the Special Committee appointed on the 13th November last to consider the remodelling of the City Hall and the building of a public library, consisting of Aldermen Stech, Adams, Daley, McInnes, Shields, O'Malley be now re-appointed. Motion passed.

May 14th, 1931

✓  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIALS  
SUPERANNUATION FUND

Moved by Alderman Shields seconded  
by Alderman Donovan that a Special Committee consisting  
of Alderman McInnes, Minshull and Stech be appointed  
to take up the unfinished matter of the re-establish-  
ing of the various superannuation funds of the City  
and to continue the investigation commenced by the  
Special Committee appointed on the 14th August last.

Motion passed ✓

*and McInnes*

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COLLECTOR

Moved by Alderman McInnes seconded  
by Alderman Donovan that the City Clerk be  
instructed to advertise for applicants to fill the  
vacant position of City Collector. The applications  
to be in within ten days of the date of the advertise-  
ment. and that the applications be submitted  
to the Finance Committee for consideration and  
report.

Motion passed ✓

*and Stech*

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Moved by Alderman Mitchell seconded  
by Alderman McInnes that the appointment of the  
Special Committee known as the Public Utilities  
Committee of which Alderman Daley was a sponser be  
deferred until the next meeting of Council.

10. o'clock p.m.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell  
seconded by Alderman Probert that this meeting do  
now adjourn until Thursday the 21st inst., at  
8 o'clock.

*Motion Passed* H.R.

*Council*

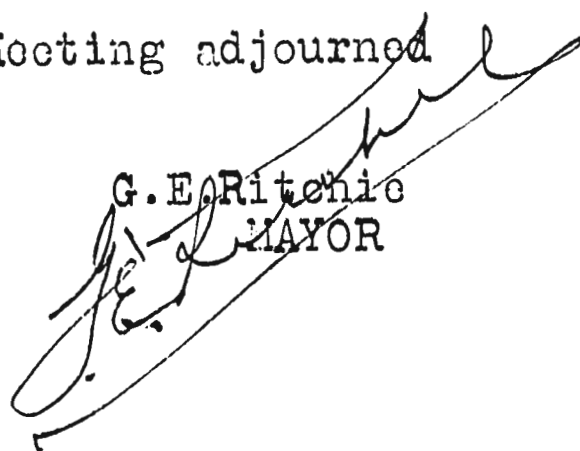
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Meeting adjourned

  
H. S. RHIND  
CITY CLERK

  
G. E. RITCHIE  
MAYOR