

EVENING SESSION

8:10 O'Clock  
Council Chamber, City Hall,  
November 12th, 1931.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Mitchell, Minshull, Stech, Donovan, Daley, McInnes, Conn, Logan, Golden, McDonald, Shields, O'Toole, Redmond, O'Malley, Thompson, Probert, Smeltzer and Adams.

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

HALIFAX HARBOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Before taking up the regular business of the meeting, His Worship the Mayor presented the prizes, won at the Annual Single Scull Race for the Championship of Halifax Harbour which was held on the 12th day of September on the North West Arm. The first prize, the Cogswell Silver Medal and a Silver Cup was presented to Dan Wallace of the Jubilee Rowing Club. The second prize, a Silver Cup to Roy Patterson of the Micmac Rowing Club, Dartmouth. ✓

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

Read notice of reconsideration given by Alderman Logan at the last meeting of Council re the adoption of the reports of the City Prison Committee on tenders for fish and meat.

Alderman Logan gives notice of reconsideration of the resolution adopting Items No. 33 and 34 on the Agenda, viz., Report of the City Prison Committee on Tenders for fish and report City Prison Committee on tenders for meat.

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Moved by Alderman Logan, seconded by Alderman Thompson that the resolution adopting the report of the City Prison Committee in re tenders for fish and meat be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed unanimously.

The original motions moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted were now before the meeting.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Logan, seconded by Alderman Thompson that the said reports be referred back to the City Prison Committee and that the said Committee be instructed to call for tenders for the supplying of meat and fish to the Prison for the balance of the Civic Year. Amendment put and passed.

CONRWALLIS CUP

The City Clerk submitted a Deed of Gift from the Summer Carnival Committee of 1925 to the City of Halifax of the Conrwallis Cup.

MEMORANDUM made, in duplicate  
this <sup>20th</sup> day of June, 1931.

BETWEEN Robert T. MacIlreith, Chairman, Dugald MacGillivray, William R. Powell and Edmund A. Saunders, members of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Management Committee of the Halifax Summer Carnival 1925 to invest, manage and dispose of the surplus funds remaining from such carnival, hereinafter called the Trustees of the First Part and the City of Halifax, hereinafter called the City, of the Second Part.

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W H E R E A S the Trustees deem it to be desirable that a cup or trophy emblematic of the Four Oared Shell Championship of Halifax Harbour, should be offered to the Corporation of the City of Halifax for annual competition on the waters of the North West Arm.

NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS that with the intention of giving effect to such desire, the Trustees present and deliver to the said City herewith a silver cup to be held in perpetuity by the said City as emblematic of the Four Oared Shell Championship of Halifax Harbour and to be offered in annual competition under the following conditions and such additional or other conditions not repugnant with the conditions set out herein, as the said City may from time to time see fit to adopt: -

CONDITIONS.

1. The cup shall be known as the Cornwallis Cup.
2. It shall be competed for annually on the twenty-first day of June, or on such other day as the Natal Day of Halifax celebrated, on the waters of the North West Arm over a course starting from a point South of the prolongation of the South side line of South Street into the waters of the North West Arm and extending from such point to a turning mark or buoy moored three-quarters of a mile seaward and return.
3. The competition shall be open to all bona fide amateurs recognized as such by the Association, for the time being, governing the amateur oarsmen in the City of Halifax.

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4. All competitions shall be rowed under the rules of boat racing as promulgated by the Association, for the time being, governing amateur oarsmen in the City of Halifax.

AND THESE PRESENTS FURTHER WITNESSETH that the said City agrees for itself, its successors and assigns, to take upon itself the burden of the said above recited trust.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties) of the First Part have hereunto set) their hands and seals and the City) of Halifax has hereunto affixed its) corporate seal, sealed, delivered and) countersigned by its Mayor and Clerk) in the presence of

Witness to signatures of  
Trustees -  
Betty Bettison

Robert MacIlreith  
D. MacGillivray  
William R. Powell  
E. A. Saunders

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NOTICE OF ACTION

Read notice of action against the City by Ross B. Taylor and T. P. Gilfroy. Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee and the City Solicitor.

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Read invitation of the Rector and Wardens of St. Paul's Church to the Mayor and Aldermen to attend the Remembrance Day Service in St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, the 11th of November at 11.15 o'clock.

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AVON RIVER POWER MERGER

Read letter L. A. Lovet, Esq., K.C., re the opening up of the proceedings before the

*admission  
Solicitor*

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Public Utilities Board re merger of the Avon River  
Power Company and other companies.

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CONDITIONS AT COUNTY JAIL, REPORT OF GRAND JURY

Read report of the Grand Jury on  
conditions at the County Jail.

Halifax, N. S. Oct 31st, 1931

City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir,-

I am directed by His Lordship the Chief  
Justice to send you for the information of the Mayor  
and City Council, a copy of the Report made to the  
Court at the present sitting, by the Grand Jury on  
the condition of the Halifax County Jail.

Very truly yours,

Reginald V. Harris,  
Prothy.

To  
His Lordship Chief Justice, J. A. Chisholm,  
Halifax, N. S.

Acting on Your Lordship's instructions  
of October 8th, 1931, the Grand Jury of this term  
has visited and carefully inspected the Halifax  
County Jail and begs to report as follows,-

We found all corridors and cells to be  
reasonably clean for such an institution, also  
reasonably bright and dry with the exception of the  
lower corridor on the northern side of the building,  
which, due to its location, has the advantage of very  
little sunlight and only in the late afternoon.

We found the sanitary conditions most  
unsatisfactory and totally inadequate. At the time  
of our inspection we found thirty five inmates of  
whom thirty three (33) were males, with only twenty  
cells to accommodate thirty three male inmates it will  
be realized that in many single cells, two inmates  
have to be accommodated, which necessitates removal  
of the sleeping cot and the placing of two  
mattresses on the floor of the cell. In fact we  
found that in some instances, and quite frequently,  
mattresses have had to be placed on the floors of  
the corridors and inmates required to sleep there.  
We cannot too strongly condemn this practice of  
sleeping two inmates in one cell.

We found the plumbing of the building  
to be antiquated as are the toilets, of which there  
too few, and these insufficiently lighted.

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The greatest handicap in connection with the proper care and handling of inmates of the county jail, is the lack of accommodation. The portion of the building now used as a jail is entirely too small. The cells are antiquated in construction, poorly lighted and ventilated and we see no opportunity for improvement in this regard as the building now is and we strongly recommend,

1st. That immediate steps be taken to erect an addition of at least forty (40) feet to the west end of the present building, this addition to be built and equipped in the most modern way.

2nd. That the interior of the jail section of the present building be reconstructed and made to conform with the new addition recommended above.

3rd. That in the reconstructed building and addition, some provision be made so that inmates may have sufficient exercise and recreation.

4th. That in reconstruction and remodeling, as also in the new addition, particular attention be given to matters of heating, lighting, ventilation, plumbing and fumigation, also that provision be made so that segregation of the various classes of inmates may be effectively carried out. We cannot too strongly stress the matter of proper segregation of inmates. We have found in one corridor that inmates, with very minor offences against them have to associate, day and night, with (so called) hardened criminals and those suffering with venereal and other diseases. Segregation, under conditions as they exist in the Halifax County Jail to-day, is absolutely impossible,

5th. That inmates be given, each day, at least one hour's exercise in the open (weather conditions permitting) in squads of say five or more. This could be done in the yard adjoining the jail.

6th. That persons, whose sentences are in excess of thirty days, be not incarcerated in this institution. If this recommendation cannot be carried out, then it is strongly urged that some form of employment be evolved. The enforced idleness of inmates of the County Jail is deplorable. Some of the time of the inmates might very properly be employed in putting and keeping the jail yard in a more presentable condition.

Jailor Mitchell, with conditions as they exist today, has a most difficult situation to deal with and is to be commended for the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties.

Your Grand Jury has given this matter very careful consideration and respectfully urges that immediate action be taken to carry out its recommendations. It is not our idea to raise a plea that inmates of institution of this kind should be treated with more than average hospitality at public expense, but do let us remember first,-

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that the degree of criminality differs and segregation of classes is most advisable and second that even criminals are entitled to accommodation where they will not come out more degraded than they went in. Sunlight, fresh air, warmth in winter, freedom from risk of infection, these are not too much to ask for any human being.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. B. Hillis Foreman                      J. O'Dwyer Juror  
C. Ochiltree MacDonald Juror    E.M. Hubley do  
Geo. A. Cook                                      do    Hector W. MacGregor do  
F. E. Porter                                      do    Geo. C. Clark                      do  
W. A. Affleck  
Secretary.

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$10,549.01.

CITY WORKS OFFICE  
Halifax, N. S.  
Nov. 11th, 1931.

WORKS & WATER DEPTS-ACCOUNTS OCTOBER 1931.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 11th instant, accounts, amounting to \$10,549.01 chargeable as follows, were approved and recommended to Council for payment:-

Works Dept. - Capital	\$474.48	
Appropriations	6153.85	\$ 6628.33
Water Dept - Construction	2976.83	
Maintenance	943.35	3920.68
		\$10549.01

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 amounting to \$3,106.17.

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

To 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 \$3,106.17 was passed as correct and recommended to the Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech  
CHAIRMAN

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

CITY HOME AND T.B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$16,906.63.

Halifax, N.S. Nov 5th, 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, Alderman Minshull, Probert, Redmond and O'Malley.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS OCTOBER 1931 \$10,956.11 CAPITAL A/C \$843.51

City Home accounts for the month of October 1931 amounting to \$10,956.11 and Capital account amounting to \$843.51 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS OCTOBER 1931 AMOUNT \$5,106.71

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of October 1931 amounting to \$5,106.71 are recommended for payment.



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Respectfully submitted,

W. E. G. Shields  
CHAIRMAN.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$12,232.23, chargeable to the Fire Department, and \$443.37 chargeable to Fire Alarm Maintenance.

Halifax, N.S. Nov 10th, 1931.

COMMITTEE ROOM BEDFORD ROW FIRE STATION

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached accounts amounting to \$12,232.23 for the Fire Department and \$443.37 for the Fire Alarm Department were considered.

Your Committee recommend that those accounts be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell  
CHAIRMAN.

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

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee  
recommending for payment accounts amounting to  
\$9,265.37.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Police Committee held  
this date, accounts amounting to \$ 9,265.37, were  
examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted.

G. E. Ritchie,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

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CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison Committee  
recommending for payment accounts amounting to  
\$1,438.31 and covering report of Governor Grant for  
the month of October showing seventy-six males and  
five females in custody on the 31st of October.

City Prison,  
Halifax, N.S.  
November 2nd, 1931.

To the Chairman,  
And Members City Prison Committee.

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit the report of the City  
Prison, for Month ending October 31, 1931 as  
follows.

Admitted during month Sixty-seven males  
and Five females. Discharged Fifty-nine males and  
Two females.

In custody October 31, 1931, Seventy-  
six males and Five females, total of Eighty-one  
inmates. Included in this number there were Eighteen  
men and Two women, convicted under the N.S.L. Act.

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At this date last year there were Sixty-nine in custody, made up of Sixty-four men and Five women.

Respectfully submitted

George Grant  
Governor City Prison

Committee Room, City Hall  
November 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 \$1,438.41 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Minshull 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 \$2,297.18.

Halifax, N.S. November 11th, 1931

His Worship, the Mayor,  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, November 10th, the following named accounts amounting to \$2,297.18 were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Forrest  
CHAIRMAN. C. H. B.

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

✓ GARDEN PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks, and Common recommending for payment accounts chargeable to Public Gardens \$2975.32 and to Fleming Park \$348.17.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
November 9th, 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 lists of accounts- chargeable to Public Gardens \$2,975. 32 and chargeable to Fleming Park \$348.17- were passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan  
CHAIRMAN

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

✓ GARDEN PARKS AND COMMON  
ACCOUNT FOR TREES

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending payment to the Lakeside Nursery Farm, Amherst, N.S, of their account \$1,342.50 for trees.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached account of the Lakeside Nursery Farm, Amherst, N.S., for trees amounting to \$1,342.50 was not received by the Audit Department in time to be passed with the regular accounts. It

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is now certified and checked by the City Auditor and payment of the same is respectfully requested.

Yours truly,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Library Committee recommending payment of accounts amounting to \$613.04.

Halifax, N.S. November 4th, 1931.

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

Gentlemen:-

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

City of Halifax,	Salaries, Sept. & Oct.,	\$554.96
T. C. Allen & Co.,	Books,	11.99
Book Room,	"	39.12
C.D. Cazenova & Son	Magazines,	3.70
Heaton's Pub. Co.,	Year Book,	3.27
		<u>\$613.04</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION  
ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY

Read report of the Finance Committee covering letter of the Halifax Relief Commission offering to reaccept a voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 for a period of five years on Relief Commission properties.

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Halifax, Nova Scotia  
October 23rd, 1931.

Col. H. J. Stech,  
Chairman of the Finance Committee  
of the City Council,  
City Hall,  
Halifax,  
N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the conference held at the offices of The Halifax Relief Commission, Thursday, October 8th at 3 p.m. in connection with the assessment of the properties owned by The Halifax Relief Commission which assessment was voluntarily accepted by the Commission under the City of Halifax claim award dated December 30th, 1926, for a period of five years.

The Commission has given full consideration to the case submitted by yourself, Mr. Butler, City Auditor and Mr. MacManus, Chief Assessor, and have decided to reaccept the voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 in place of the net assessment of \$478,457.50 upon which ex-gratia payment has been made for the year 1931-32. The Commission, however, requires to be included in this amount of \$500,000.00 the assessment of the property #1000-1020 Robie Street known as the Heber Hartlen property, assessed to The Royal Trust Company, but owned by the Commission. The reason for this being that this property came into possession of the Commission through a mortgage loan that was made, not as a Financial Investment, but as a relief measure.

The other properties #1006 Barrington Street, 22 Upper Water Street, 152-154 Granville Street and 163-169 Windsor Street, will not be included in the above assessment as they came into our possession through Mortgage Loans on financial bases.

It is therefore agreed that notwithstanding the provisions of its Act of Incorporation and without prejudice thereto, the Commission voluntarily accepts the assessment of all its properties for a period of five years from May 1st, 1932 upon a valuation not exceeding the sum of \$500,000.00 subject to deduction from this amount from year to year of one-half of the purchase money received by the Commission for any property sold during the preceding year. At the expiration of the five year period suggested the statutory exemption shall then automatically revive, pending re-consideration of the situation as at that date.

The Commission also wishes to continue the further condition upon which the original assessment of \$500,000.00 was voluntarily accepted on December 30th, 1926 viz., that the Richmond Heights District shall receive at the hands of the City the same degree of attention to its streets and general

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civic requirements as is accorded other sections of the City.

We shall be glad to receive a letter from you accepting this offer to the Commission.

Yours very truly,  
Halifax Relief Commission

W. E. TIBBS,  
COMMISSIONER

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
Nov. 2nd, 1931.

To 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 Halifax Relief Committee addressed to the Chairman with reference to the Assessment of the Relief Commission properties and informing the Committee that the Commission will accept a voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 in place of the net amount of \$487,457.50 upon which ex-gratia payment has been paid for the year 1931-32, this agreement to be for five years from 1st May 1932.

Your Committee recommend that the offer of the Relief Commission be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech  
CHAIRMAN.

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

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION LOAN \$50,000.00

Read report of the Finance Committee on the application of the Provincial Exhibition to amend a resolution in reference to the loan of \$50,000.00 approved by this Council on the 17th day of April, 1930.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
November 9th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

*Answer  
H & J Tibbs*

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Gentlemen:

The Committee on Finance at a meeting held this evening had under consideration the attached letter of Mr. H. D. Elden, Manager of the Provincial Exhibition Commission asking that the Resolution passed by the Exhibition Commission on 3rd April 1930 and approved by this Council on the 17th day of April 1930, authorizing a serial Bond issue of \$50,000.00 for a period of ten years be changed to a period of thirty years.

Your Committee recommend that no change be made to the Resolution passed by the Commission on the 3rd day of April 1930 and approved by this Council on the 17th day of April 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

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PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION  
CLAIM M. McF. HALL

Read report of the Finance Committee on the claim of M. McF. Hall for compensation for services rendered to the Exhibition Commission.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
November 9th, 1931.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Finance at a meeting held this evening had under consideration the Resolution of the Provincial Exhibition Commission asking that the City Council approve of the payment to Mr. M. McF. Hall the sum of \$1,000.00 yearly for five years in consideration of his past services to the Commission.

Your Committee find that it is not within the jurisdiction of the City Council to deal with this matter and recommend that the Commission be so informed and this resolution filed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.



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

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SURETY BOND OF OFFICIALS

Read report of the Finance Committee covering report of the City Auditor and a schedule of amounts of the Surety Bond of City Officials.

Sept. 30th, 1931.

The Chairman,  
The Finance Committee,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

Herewith you will find a list of civic employees who are covered by the general bond carried with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company for the period August 1, 1931 to August 1, 1932.

Yours truly,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

LIST FOR SCHEDULE BOND  
EMPLOYEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX

Name		Position	Location	Amount
Dimock	R.V.	City Treasurer	Halifax	\$25,000
Rhind	Henry S.	City Clerk	do	1,000
Powell	Harry C.	Asst. City Clerk	do	1,000
Palmer	W.E.	Chief of Police	do	2,500
Buchanan	J.H.	Supt. City Home	do	2,500
Churchill	J.M.	Fire Chief	do	2,500
Durling	G.H.	Electrician	do	500
Murphy	Thos. Gerald	Auditor's Off. clerk	do	1,000
Bellew	Milton L.	Asst. City Auditor	do	1,000
Shields	Thos. A.	Audit Clerk	do	1,000
Hopewell	Miss M.	Chief Clerk	do	1,000
Hall	Wm. Harry	Supt. Public Gardens	do	500
Moore	Thos. Jos.	Clerk of Works	do	1,000
Petipas	Arthur	Sec. City Health Board	do	2,000
Allen	Geo. Jas.	Assistant Treasurer	do	15,000
Grant	Geo.	Gov. City Prison	do	500
Scriven	Rufus B.	Clerk	do	1,000
Joyce	John M.	Sub-collector	do	1,000
Macalder	N.A.	Police Clerk	do	1,000
Rising	Henry	Sub-collector	do	1,000
Aitkens	Chas.	Police Court Clerk	do	500
Rennels	G. W.	Collector	do	1,000
Johnston	A.M.	Hospital Matron	do	500
Merrick	John R.	Sub-collector	do	1,000
Dingle	John	Clerk Collectors Office		1,000

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Name		Position	Location	Amount
Hunter	M.A .	Clerk of Works	Halifax	\$1,000
Cook	S.George	Clerk Coll.Off.	do	1,000
Wallace	D.D.	" " "	do	1,000
Carroll	D.E.	Led.Clerk & Coll.	do	1,000
		monies	do	500
Gallager	G.A.	Clerk	do	500
Phillips	W.	Led. Clerk	do	500
Colpit	M.B.	Clerk	do	250
Campbell	R.J.	Cashier	do	15,000
		Clk. & Rel.		
Williamson	James	Cashier	do	1,000
Yates	Wm.Chas.	Poll Tax Collector	do	1,000
Ward	H. Jos.	Caretaker	do	1,000
Bellew	Agnes V.	Steno & Clerk	do	500
Garrison	H.A.Jr.	Sec.City Home	do	1,000
Crosby	A.T.E.	City Collector	do	20,000
Hingston	Irene H.	Stenographer	do	500
Mahar	John E.	Poll Tax Collector	do	1,000
Gass	R.H.	Sub-collector	do	1,000
Mielke	F. Jas.	Secretary Housing		
		Commission	do	5,000
Fripps	Thos. W.	Supt.Pt.Pleasant Park	do	200
Thompson	Geo.A.	Clerk	do	500
Anderson	W.E.	Clerk in Collectors Office	do	1,000
Henrion	J. F.	Relief Cashier	do	2,500
Sullivan	E.A.	Collector	do	500
Mullaley	G.E.	Act.City Marshall	do	1,000

Committee Room, City Hall,  
November 9th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Finance at a meeting held on the 9th inst., had before it a letter from the City Auditor covering a list of the officials bonded by the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company for the year ending August 1st, 1932.

Your Committee recommend that the list and amounts covered by the general bond be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

PRE LIEN TAX ARREARS

Read report of the Finance Committee re pre lien tax arrears;

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City Collector's Office  
Halifax, N.S.

The Chairman and  
Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the list of Pre-Lien Taxes showing the amount of \$101,081.64 outstanding and covering the years 1908 to 1927 inclusive.

In the compiling of this list I am fully convinced that an audit of the books in this office is essential in order that all charges of an uncollectable nature be removed from our books.

Yours respectfully,

A.T.E. Crosby.  
CITY COLLECTOR.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
Nov. 9th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 9th inst., the City Collector submitted a list of persons in arrears for pre lien taxes showing a total of \$101,081.64 outstanding for the years 1908 to 1927 inclusive

The following resolution was adopted.

Moved by Alderman Daley seconded by Alderman McInnes that the City Auditor be authorized to engage two assistants to work on the pre lien tax accounts and to ascertain what accounts are collectable and what accounts should be written off. The costs of this work not to exceed \$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CITY COLLECTOR

Read report of the Finance Committee in re the appointment of an Assistant City Collector.

November 12th, 1931.

Committee Room, Nov. 9th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 9th inst., the matter of appointing an Assistant City Collector was under consideration.

Acting under a resolution of Council the City Clerk advertised for applicants to fill this position. These were by resolution of the Committee referred to a special sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, The City Collector and City Auditor. The report of the Sub-Committee is hereto attached.

It was unanimously decided by your Committee to defer consideration of this report for two months.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

RESIGNATION OF MISS BERTHA M. REID

Read report of the Finance Committee covering resignation of Miss Bertha M. Reid, Stenographer in the City Clerk's Office.

City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.  
November 10th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as Stenographer in the City Clerk's Office to take effect November 18th inst., and in doing so I wish to express my sincere thanks to His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council for any favors bestowed upon me during my term of service.

Yours sincerely,

B. M. Reid.

November 12th, 1931.

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

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 9th inst., the City Clerk reported that Miss Reid, Stenographer in his office had tendered her resignation to take effect on the 18th.

Your Committee recommend that the resignation be accepted and that the City Clerk be authorized to engage a Stenographer on probation for the balance of the Civic Year and that should she prove proficient in the work she be taken on permanently.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McInnes that the resignation of Miss E.M. Reid be accepted and the report of the Finance Committee adopted. Motion passed.

**MARITIME PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY LIMITED**  
**ASSESSMENT**

Read report of the Committee on Laws and Privileges on the application of the Maritime Paper Products Company, Limited recommending that assessment of the land and buildings of this Company be fixed at \$20,000. from the first of May 1931.

Halifax, N.S. October 16th, 1931.

Mr. H. S. Rhind,  
City Clerk,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

We have placed a special Assessment on the Maritime Paper Products Ltd., and they inform us that they have been granted exemption for a period of ten years, and the Assessment has been fixed at \$20,000 for that period.

I am not aware of any such agreement, and I would thank you if you will advise us if such a Resolution has been passed, also extracts of the "Minutes" with the Resolution.

Yours truly,  
F. J. McManus,  
CITY ASSESSOR

November 12th, 1931.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
October 20th, 1931.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Laws & Privileges Committee held this day the attached letter of the City Assessor regarding assessment of property owned by Maritime Paper Products Co., Limited situate on Almon Street was considered and the following resolution ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval:

WHEREAS at a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held on the 23rd day of March 1931, it was resolved to recommend to the Council that the value for assessment of the property of the Maritime Paper Products Co., Limited should be fixed at \$20,000 for a period of ten years.

AND WHEREAS through an inadvertance the said recommendation was not submitted to the Council for approval.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Committee do now reaffirm the said recommendation, namely that the value of the land and buildings of the said Company for assessment be fixed at the sum of \$20,000 for a period of ten years from the 1st day of May 1931, and that the said recommendation if approved by the Council do have force and effect from the 1st day of May 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell McInnes,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

✓  
SIDEWALKS  
WATER, HOLLIS AND BUCKINGHAM STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re the relaying of sidewalks on Water, Hollis and Buckingham Streets.

October 14th, 1931.

WATER, HOLLIS AND BUCKINGHAM STREETS - SIDEWALK

His Worship the Mayor.

*Assessor  
Mar. Paper  
Products  
Co. Ltd*

November 12th, 1931.

Sir:-

There are three small portions of sidewalk in the vicinity of the Ordinance on Water, Hollis and Buckingham Streets, that are covered with old slate stone slabs which are badly worn and uneven. It will be advisable to lay a concrete sidewalk on these streets while the work is being done on Hollis and Water Streets near Duke Street. The estimated cost is \$500.00 of which the City's share would be about one-half. I would recommend that this work be done immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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WATER, HOLLIS AND BUCKINGHAM STREETS-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 in the vicinity, of the Ordinance on Water, Hollis, and Buckingham Streets.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

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

SIDEWALK BUCKINGHAM STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re the condition of the sidewalk on the North side of Buckingham Street from Granville to Barrington Street.

October 26th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the condition of the sidewalk on the north side of Buckingham Street from Granville Street to Barrington Street, that the sidewalk is in bad condition and should be renewed. The estimated cost of laying a new sidewalk in the street is \$315.00

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I would recommend that the work be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

Nov. 5th, 1931

BUCKINGHAM STREET SIDEWALK.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on the construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Buckingham Street, from Granville to Barrington Street is recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

SIDEWALK GRAFTON STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending that the sidewalk on the east side of Grafton St., from Blower Street to Spring Garden Road be surfaced with concrete.

October 31st, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report that the sidewalk on the east side of Grafton Street from Blower Street to Spring Garden Road is in bad condition. This sidewalk passes in front of two schools and carries a large amount of traffic and should be surfaced with concrete.

The estimated cost of the work is \$1,000 of which the City's share would be one-half.

I would recommend that a concrete sidewalk be laid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.



November 12th, 1931.

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GRAFTON STREET SIDEWALK.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Grafton Street, from Blower Street to Spring Garden Road, is recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

✓ SIDEWALK COMPTON AVENUE

Read report on the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a petition from property owners on Compton Avenue asking for the construction of curb, gutter and sidewalk on both sides of the street.

October 30th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from property owners on Compton Avenue asking for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides of this street,

November 12th, 1931.

that the street is well built up and has been for some years. It also connects with two main streets at each end, namely, Robie Street and Windsor Street.

The estimated cost of the work is \$4,800.00.

I would recommend that it be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

November 5/31.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides of Compton Avenue, is recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

*Engineer*

SIDEWALK OXFORD STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the petition of owners of property on both sides of Oxford Street between Quinpool Road and Chebucto Road asking that the sidewalk, curb and gutter be laid on this portion of the street.

October 10th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from the owners of property on both sides of Oxford Street between Quinpool Road and Chebucto Road, asking that sidewalks, curbs and gutters be laid on this portion of the street, that it is signed by the owners of 50% of the frontage.

The estimated cost of the work is \$10,400.00 of which the City's share would be about one-half.

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This work cannot be done this year, but it is recommended that it be placed on the order paper to be constructed during 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer on the construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters on both sides of Oxford Street, between Quinpool Road and Chebuoto Road.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

*Engineer*

WATER METER BILLS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending reduction in the water meter bills of sixteen properties.

October 28, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend reductions in water meter accounts, as follows:-

#219-223 Brunswick St.-	Consumption for March 1931 reduced to 24,000 gallons.
249 Robie St.-	Consumption December 1930 reduced to 4,000 gallons.
41-45 North Park St.-	Consumption January 1931 reduced to 40,000 gallons.
15 Charles St.-	Consumption March 1931 reduced to 53,000 gallons.
2-2½ Bluebell Lane-	Consumption October 1931 reduced to 12,000 gallons.
R952 Barrington St.- Acct. 50301	Consumption January 1931 reduced to 9,000 gallons.
551-555 Barrington St.-	Total consumption for January, February, March and April 1931 reduced by 25,000 gallons.

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65 Maitland St.- Consumption February and April 1931 reduced to 5,000 gallons each month.  
1026 Barrington St.- Consumption March 1931 reduced to 10,000 gallons.  
15 John St.- Consumption January 1931 reduced to 3,000 gallons.  
11 Willow St.- Consumption for Oct. 1930 reduced to 7,000 gallons.  
95 Lawrence St.- Consumption for October 1930 reduced to 3,000 gallons.  
135½ Cunard St.- Consumption for November 1930 reduced to 8,000 gallons.  
273 Barrington St.- Consumption for October 1930 reduced to 9,000 gallons.  
74 Gerrish St.- Consumption February 1931 reduced to 10,000 gallons.  
20 Chestnut St.- Consumption October 1930 reduced to 8,000 gallons.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

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

*Engineer*

WATER EXTENSION LEPPERT STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on an application of the property owners on Leppert Street asking for the extension of the water pipe on this Street.

October 21st, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of property owners on Leppert Street asking for the extension of the water pipe on this street, that the water pipe is now being extended northwardly on Mumford Road to supply the new school, and the proposed extension would be taken off this pipe. The petition is signed by the owners of five houses. There are two others who have not signed. The estimated cost of the extension is \$2200.00 and the interest at six percent would amount to \$132.00. I would recommend that the extension be made, provided the owners of property wanting the water will agree to sign a bond guaranteeing the City this amount. It is further recommended that a special rate be fixed for each of the five houses of \$26.40.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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The City Council,

November 12th, 1931.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer on the extension of the water pipe on Leppert Street.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted. Motion passed. ✓

*Engineer*

GRADING AND ACCEPTANCE FLINN STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the petition for the grading and taking over of Flinn Street between Watermain Street and McDonald Street.

October 14th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the petition from property owners on Flinn Street between Watermain Street and McDonald Street asking that the City grade and take over that portion of the street, that the total frontage is 678 feet of which the City owns 323 feet. The petitioners represent 33% of the frontage and with the City's property added, would make 81%.

The estimated cost of grading the street is \$330.00

This street is laid out on the official plan from McDonald Street to Armdale Drive, which is the street projected to run on the east side of the Railway.

At the last meeting Mr. Ruggles owning some lots through which the Watermain Street runs, appeared before the Committee asking to have the street removed from the plan. The matter was deferred pending a report on all properties similarly affected.

Until it is decided what is to be done with Watermain Street I think the matter of the grading and acceptance of Flinn Street should be deferred.

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

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer on a petition for the grading and taking over of Flinn Street between Watermain Street and McDonald Street.

The Committee on Works recommend that Flinn Street be graded and taken over from McDonald Street to Armdale Road.

G. E. Ritchie  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted. Motion passed. ✓

*Engineer*

HALIFAX INFIRMARY - TUNNEL DUNDONALD STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the application of the Sisters of Charity for permission to construct a tunnel across the northern end of Dundonald Street;.

October 21st, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application made by Mr. S. P. Dumaresq on behalf of the Sisters of Charity asking for permission to construct a tunnel across the northern end of Dundonald Street to connect the new Infirmary building with the building on the east side of the street, which is to be used as a power house, that the attached plan shows the location and design of the proposed work.

This tunnel will be a great convenience to the Infirmary Building and would not interfere with any public interests provided the permit contained conditions safe-guarding them.

I would recommend that the permit be granted under the following conditions:

1. That the location and method of construction be approved by the City Engineer.

2. That the owner will undertake to remove the tunnel at any time on receiving three months' notice in writing from the City.

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3. That in the event of the City requiring to extend pipes, ducts, wires or other construction along Dundonald Street, that the owners will pay the additional cost of such work to the presence of the tunnel, and will save the City harmless from any damage that may be done thereto, due to such work.
4. That the owners will provide, while the tunnel is being constructed, a six-inch cast iron water pipe leading underneath the tunnel, with the necessary bends at each end, to bring the pipe to a level of six feet below the finished grade of the street.
5. That the owners will extend the sewer underneath the tunnel to a point six feet north therefrom so that catchpits which may be constructed in the future can be connected to it.
6. That the owners guarantee the City from all claims for damages or otherwise, due to the location, construction or maintenance of the tunnel in the street.
7. That the owners pay to the City Annually a rental of \$120.00.
8. That the owners sign an agreement containing the above conditions and such others as may be decided on by the City Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

November 12, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer on an application of the Halifax Infirmary for permission to construct a tunnel to connect their buildings on Dundonald Street.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by

*Engineer*  
Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Read report on the Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending that the City Council approve of the expenditure of the City's share \$25,000.00 of the work to be done under unemployment relief.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report that the Sub-Committee appointed by the City Council to interview the Government regarding cash contributors towards unemployment relief, met representatives of the Provincial Government on Tuesday the 3rd instand and again on Friday the 6th. The Committee submitted a list of proposed expenditures as shown on the attached sheet. The Minister of Highways has agreed to recommend that the Governments contribute part cost of three items, as follows:-

CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS. He will recommend that the Government provide \$12,000. if the City will spend another \$12,000 on this work.

QUINPOOL ROAD WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT. The estimated cost of this work is \$25,000. The Highway Department proposes to widen a part of the St. Margaret's Bay Road within a short distance of the Arm Bridge and filling could be obtained for the improvement from the source. It is estimated that the additional cost of this filling will be \$5,000., or a total cost for the work of \$30,000. The Minister agrees to recommend that the Governments contribute in addition to the half cost \$12,500, a further sum of \$5,000. to compensate for the increased cost of the material, or a total of \$17,500.

PROTECTION TO MONUMENT POINT PLEASANT. The Minister agrees to recommend a contribution of \$500. out of a total expenditure of \$1,000. for building a cribwork in front of the Monument at Point Pleasant. This work is necessary in order to protect the Monument and has been strongly urged by the Park Commission.

One of the conditions of the grant towards Quinpool Road widening is that in the work outside the City Limits one-sixth of the labour employed may be residents of the municipality if there are as many as this proportion looking for work.

To sum up, a recommendation will be made that the Governments provide \$30,000. out of a total expenditure of \$55,000. Last year an Act was passed authorizing cities, towns or municipalities to raise their share of the cost of works undertaken for the relief of unemployment, but a reference to it will show that the Act only applied to the 1930 unemployment relief legislation. Until this is amended to include this years Act, it will be necessary for the City Council to obtain an undertaking from the Government that they will support legislation authorizing the expenditure by the City of the amounts shown.

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



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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer dated November 10th, 1931, and recommend that the City Council approve of the expenditure of the City's share \$25,000. of the work mentioned in the said report, and be it further resolved that the Governor-in-Council should be requested to use his good offices to procure the passage at the next session of the Legislature, of legislation authorizing the City to borrow the sum of \$25,000 being the City's share of a total expenditure of \$55,000. to be expended on work for the relief of unemployment, as agreed upon by the Honorable Minister of Highways and a Committee of the City Council, the said work being set out in the said report.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be adopted, and that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary legislation. Motion put and passed eighteen Aldermen being present and voting for the same. Aldermen Mitchell, Minshull, Stech, Donovan, Daley, McInnes, Conn, Logan, Golden, McDonald, Shields, O'Toole, Redmond, O'Malley, Thompson, Probert, Smeltzer and Adams.

*The Premier  
Engineer  
Solicitor*

BUILDING ACT-INSPECTION OF THEATRES

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a letter to the Premier asking to have the construction, maintenance, etc., of theatres come under the Building Act.

November 10th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At the last meeting of the Committee on Works a letter to the Premier asking to have the construction, maintenance, etc., of theatres come under the Building Act, was approved. I have had a letter from the Deputy Provincial Secretary, who asks that

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the request be made formally by the City Council.

It is recommended that the City Council be requested to pass the necessary resolution approving of the action of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend the adoption of the attached report of the City Engineer with reference to the construction, maintenance, etc., of theatres.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Conn that the reports be adopted, and that Governor in Council be asked to bring into force in the City of Halifax the Building Act and other ordinances and By-Laws relating to Buildings. Motion passed.

*Premier  
Engineer*

CRUSHED STONE CONTRACT

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending that the City pay to the Contractor one half of the 20% retained by the City under the terms of the contract for the supplying of crushed stone.

November 12th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommends to the City Council that in view of the limited amount of crushed stone that will be required by the City under the Contract with the Fairview Crushed Stone Company, Limited, and that the retention of the full amount of twenty percent called for by the contract is therefore no longer necessary, that the City pay to the Contractor one-half of the twenty percent, now in the hands of the City, retained under terms of the contract, the balance to be paid as provided in the contract.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

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*Engineer  
Ck of Works*  
Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by  
Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted. Motion  
passed. ✓

WORKS DEPARTMENT - REPAIRS TO INCINERATOR

Read report of the Committee on Works  
covering tenders for repairs to the Incinerator  
Building and recommending the acceptance of the  
tender of F. W. Bedwin \$616.75.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works  
held this day, tenders for repairs to the Incinerator  
Building were received from the following:-

F. W. Bedwin	\$616.75
J. K. Hunter	657.00
W. G. Foley	680.00
North End Sheet Metal and Roofing Works	929.00
J. A. Thibodeau	1415.00

The tenders of F. W. Bedwin, being the  
lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

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

WORKS DEPARTMENT-HEATING CITY WORK SHOPS

Read report of the Committee on Works  
covering tenders for heating of the City Work shops  
and recommending the acceptance of the tender of  
D. A. Cummings and Company \$1300.00 for the work.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works  
held this day, tenders for heating work at the City  
Workshops were received from -

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D. A. Cummings & Co.	\$1300.00
Farquhar Bros. Ltd.	1307.00
D. E. McNeil	1483.00
Hines Ltd.	1487.00
Mitchell & McRae	1580.00
B. H. Temple	1939.00

The tender of D. A. Cummings & Company, being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

G. E. Ritchie,  
Mayor and Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Shields that the report be adopted.

*Enginner*  
Motion passed. ✓

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Read report of the Police Committee on Police Department matters suggesting certain changes and improvements in the Police Department.

Halifax, N.S.  
November 10th, 1931

To the Members of the City Council,  
City Hall.

Gentlemen:

When the present Police Committee assumed office in May last, it was faced with a demand by the public and the press of the City for the establishment of a police force free from any outside influence; properly manned and trained to give adequate protection to persons and property in the City of Halifax. With this end in view the Committee began a study of the situation for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not such demand was justified and if so to establish and carry out some scheme of re-organization along the lines of more protection without any substantial increase in cost.

Under the present law the engaging, disciplining and dismissal of members of the Force is solely under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Your Committee is of the opinion that the Charter should be changed so as to give this authority to the active head of the force.

The Committee has carefully studied the various forms of Police Government, among others, Government by an independent Commission and is of the opinion that if the active head of the force is vested with the authority above suggested an independent commission is unnecessary, as the only matters to be dealt with would be matters of policy

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and finance which must be controlled by a Committee of the Council.

Your Committee has gone carefully into the Chief Charter as applied to the Police Department and find it very controversial and open to different interpretations. The Committee, therefore, have in hand the complete revision of that part of the Charter and intend presenting their revision to the Council for ratification in ample time for legislation.

On only one occasion has the present Committee attempted in any way to interfere with the present Chief's control of the force and on that occasion the Chief asked for the dismissal of an officer with twelve years service, more than eight of which were under the Chief in his present position, on the ground of inefficiency. The Committee, after investigation, came to the conclusion that the dismissal of this officer was not justified.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the City can be effectively policed with no larger force than at present if properly manouvred under efficient management, and is also of the opinion that Police Headquarters should never be left without a competent official of the force in charge. In response to our request the Chief of Police has made certain suggestions for the improvement of the Force, These would, however, involve an additional annual expenditure of Thirty-Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) and an immediate capital expenditure of about \$55,000.00 and would not, in our opinion add either to the efficiency of the force or promote the spirit of loyalty and co-operation so necessary to the usefulness of the force as a whole.

Your Committee has come to the conclusion that to put the force in such a condition of efficiency as the public has a right to expect, radical changes from its present organization and administration are absolutely necessary. These, speaking generally, would cover changes and re-arrangement in the personnel of the Force, in the duties to be performed by its members and in the manner in which some of these duties should be performed, including a reallocation of such duties among the members, and other changes which, in our opinion, would promote a greater degree of efficiency, loyalty and co-operation. Your Committee has concluded that it would not be advisable to enter more fully at present into the details of the changes we have in view, To enumerate them accompanied by a statement of the reasons for their adoption, would unduly lengthen this report, and to enumerate them without giving our reasons might easily occasion misapprehension. In addition, your Committee feel that it would be premature to enter largely into detail before having an opportunity of fully discussing proposed changes with some one with knowledge and experience in modern police work.

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Your Committee is of opinion that to enable any reform along the lines indicated to be successfully put into effect a change in the head of the police department is imperative. The present Chief has been long in service and has faithfully discharged his duties to the best of his ability. But your Committee feel that he neither has the requisite acquaintance with modern police administration nor possesses the qualities necessary to carry out the thorough going reforms required and which must be possessed by the active head of such a police force as the City is entitled to have.

The Committee has therefore requested the Chief to hand in his resignation and to retire on the full superannuation to which he is entitled by his length of service. We may point out that in the event of dismissal he would only be entitled to receive back one-half of his contributions to the Superannuation Fund without interest. In the event of his retirement the Committee is prepared to nominate as his successor a man whom after most careful search and consideration they believe will be fitted to inaugurate and carry out the required reforms. The Chief, however, has refused to act on this request.

Attached to this report is the opinion of the City Solicitor that the Commission has not power to dismiss the Chief or retire him without his consent and that the power of dismissal is solely in the hands of the Council.

The Commission therefore, recommends that the Council request the Chief to hand in his resignation forthwith, which will enable him to obtain his full superannuation and if he refuses to resign, that the Council take the necessary steps for his dismissal and the appointment of a successor, whereupon the Committee is prepared to give every assistance to such successor in connection with the re-organization of the Force.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. Ritchie,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

His Worship the Mayor,  
CITY HALL.

RE: CHIEF OF POLICE

Sir:-

In reply to your request for my opinion as to the power of the Police Committee to retire the Chief of Police, I beg to say as follows:-

Your inquiry presents the not unusual difficulty involved in reconciling enactments which deal with a subject from two or more angles. In the present case there are -

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- (a) the position and tenure of the Chief as one of the permanent officials of the City, and
- (b) the effect on his position and tenure of the provisions of the Charter relating to the Police Superannuation Fund.

Taking these in order, the Chief is one of the permanent officials of the City appointed under Section 119. By the provisions of this Section he holds office until dismissal and a successor is appointed by a two-thirds vote of the Council after notice in writing. This dismissal need not be for cause. There can be no question that the Chief can only be "dismissed" from office in the manner set out in this Section.

The answer to the second enquiry, namely, the effect of the provisions as to the Police Superannuation Fund is not so clear. The present Charter continues the provisions of the Police Superannuation Fund as established by the previous Charter. By these the members of the Police Force including the Chief are required to contribute a percentage of their salaries to that Fund and are entitled to receive retiring allowances from it. Section 270 provides that "every member of the Force who has served for twenty five years or more shall on resignation or on being retired by the Committee" be entitled to receive a retiring allowance. It is under this Section only that the Chief is entitled to a retiring allowance and the contention might be made with considerable plausibility that both the alternatives applied to him, that is to say, that he could not claim the benefit on resignation without also subjecting himself to the liability to retirement by the Committee.

On further consideration, however, I have come to the conclusion that this construction would not probably be approved by a Court, and that the alternatives in the Section would be read distributively, viz., that any member of the force would be entitled to an allowance on resignation but only those on removal by the Committee who could be removed by the Committee, and consequently not including the Chief whose removal was definitely dealt with by Section 119, and therefore not giving by implication a power to retire the Chief.

The question is not free from doubt, and I hope I will be pardoned for suggesting that in such a case the Committee would be unwise to attempt a doubtful removal thereby possibly involving themselves and the City in litigation, but that the wiser course would be to leave the matter to be dealt with by the Council on such recommendation as the Committee sees fit to make.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Bell,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the consideration of this report be deferred until the regular meeting of Council in December.

Amendment put and passed fifteen voting for the same and three against it as follows:

*Council*

Council Chamber,  
City Hall.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Alderman Mitchell  
Minshull  
Stech  
Redmond  
Daley  
Conn  
Logan  
Golden  
McDonald  
O'Toole  
O'Malley  
Thompson  
Probert  
Smeltzer  
Adams

Donovan  
McInnes  
Shields

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Alderman Thompson asked that the City Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the City Solicitors opinion mentioned in the report to each member of Council before the meeting.

PUBLIC GARDENS-GREEN HOUSE-  
HEATING SYSTEM

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending that the tender of D. A. Cummings and Company for alterations and additions to the heating system at the Public Gardens Green House, \$1,550.00 be accepted.

October 14th, 1931.

Alderman W. E. Donovan,  
Chairman Gardens Commission,  
CITY.



November 12th, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

A copy of the attached letter was sent to Hagen & Company, D. A. Cummings & Co., Hines Limited, and Mitchell & McRae, asking that they submit tenders for alterations to the heating plant at the Public Gardens, tenders to be in last Friday evening. Only one has been received, which I am enclosing herewith.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

Committee Room,  
City Hall,  
November 9th, 1931.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks & Common held this day, the attached letter of the City Engineer covering tenders for alterations and additions to the heating system in the Public Gardens was considered.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of D. A. Cummings & Co., at \$1,550.00 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by

Alderman Shields that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

*W. E. Donovan  
Engineer  
City Hall*

#### BUSINESS TELEPHONE RATES

Alderman McInnes, Chairman of the Special Committee on Public Utilities submitted a report of the Committee covering the report of Mr. Samuel H. Mildram on the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Limited for the information and consideration of Council.

Copies of said report were delivered to members of Council some days previous to this meeting.

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To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Utility Committee held this day the report of Mr. Samuel H. Mildram on the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Company, Limited was read and considered.

It was decided to recommend the said report, which is attached hereto, to the Council for its adoption.

It was further decided to authorize the Chairman to submit a copy of the said report to the Telephone Company with a view to ascertaining if the Company will consent to an order of the Public Utility Board to put into effect the recommendations made by Mr. Mildram; so that a reply can be obtained from the Company before the next meeting of Council.

Yours faithfully,

Russel McInnes,  
CHAIRMAN.

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The report follows on Page 352.