

EVENING SESSION

8:10 O'Clock,
Council Chamber, City Hall,
December 17th, 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, Daley, McInnes, Conn, Logan, Golden, McDonald, Shields, O'Toole, Thompson, O'Malley, Probert, Smeltzer and Adams.

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

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CORNWALLIS CUP

Before taking up the regular business of the meeting His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that the Cornwallis Cup presented to the City for annual competition by the trustees of the Summer Carnival Fund of 1925 would be presented to the winners of the race held on the first day of July last.

He then called on ex-Mayor R. T. MacIlreith, K.C., one of the trustees of the Fund to make the presentation.

Mr. MacIlreith thanked the Mayor and Council for the honor conferred upon him and with a few well chosen remarks presented the Cup to Mr. John E. Burns, President of the Jubilee Amateur Aquatic Club whose crew consisting of J. Calnen, A. G. Bellew, H. Pelham and J. Fleming won the first race.

Mr. Bellew on behalf of the Jubilee crew thanked the donors of the Cup, His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council for the interest taken

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in the event, and in offering the Cup for annual competition.

GIFT OF TREES, QUINPOOL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Read letter D. MacGillivray, Esq., offering to supply varieties of Maple Trees to the City for planting on the western end of Quinpool Road when the improvements undertaken there are completed.

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G. E. Ritchie, Esq.,
Mayor,
Halifax.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Early in 1930, my offer to supply varieties of Maple trees with which to plant Quinpool Road from the Arm Bridge to Oxford Street was accepted by the City Council and the trees were duly planted. Now that a most commendable civic work is being done to broaden and complete Quinpool Road at its western end, I should like to offer Maple trees to complete the planting next Spring and will be glad to be advised of the estimated cost.

Yours faithfully,

D. MacGillivray.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Thompson that the offer of Mr. MacGillivray be accepted and that the thanks of this Council be tendered to him for his generosity. Motion passed.

*D. MacGillivray
and Donovan*

AIR MAIL SERVICE

Read letter assistant Deputy Post-master General re curtailment of the air mail activities in Canada.

Ottawa, 20th November, 1931.

G. E. Ritchie, Esq.,
Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:

In the temporary absence of the Postmaster

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General I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant with reference to a resolution passed by the Aero Club of Halifax, urging the extension of the air mail route at present operated between Rimouski and Montreal to one between Halifax and Montreal during the winter months.

In reply I beg to inform you that the air mail service between Rimouski and Montreal is distinctly seasonal and financial provision was made on that basis.

The recent curtailment in air mail activities in Canada was, as you are doubtless aware, actuated by the necessity for economy and even with the reduction in the number of air mail services and in the mileage to be flown, strict watch is necessary to ensure our remaining within the limits of our appropriation.

I regret to state therefore that favourable consideration of your request at the moment is unlikely but I will seize the first opportunity to bring the matter to the personal attention of the Postmaster General.

Yours very truly,

H. Coolican,
Assistant Deputy Postmaster General

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WEIGHING OF COAL AND COKE

Read letter Alderman O'Malley re the weighing of coal and coke and the taking over of all permanent and supernumery coal weighers. Referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee.

*and motion
C. Curie*

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OPEN AIR SKATING RINK

Read application of Arthur J. Carson for permission to conduct an open air skating rink on a vacant lot belonging to the City adjoining the incinerator.

Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the application be referred to the Committee on Works and the Committee be authorized to take what action is necessary in the matter.

*Engineer
Committee of Works* Motion passed.

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BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA

Read notice of sittings of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada at the Court House, Halifax on the 3rd day of December, 1931.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF LEGISLATION

Read letter Col. the Hon. Gordon S. Harrington, Premier re application of the City for legislation.

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

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant concerning legislation to fund certain expenditures of the City for the relief of unemployment. While these measures of course are always introduced as a private measure yet so far as the Government is concerned it will take no objection to your bill and I can see no reason why the House should not approve of it.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. Harrington,

Solicitor
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CANADIAN RED CROSS NATIONAL EMERGENCY APPEAL

Read letter Canadian Red Cross society asking that the City contribute the sum of \$2500.00 towards the National Emergency Fund.

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

Dear Mayor Ritchie:

The National Emergency Appeal recently announced by Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada, is today being vigorously placed before the citizens of the Dominion with the hope that within the next ten days there will be realized a fund which will be sufficient to eliminate the spectre of distress in Canadian homes from coast to coast.

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Already this worthy Appeal has met with a generous response from both individuals and corporations. But, if the acute conditions which undoubtedly will arise during the present winter season are to be satisfactorily coped with, the contributions must be even more generous.

As you know the City of Halifax, as the largest centre in Nova Scotia, will take a prominent place in the distribution of this relief through the Red Cross Society. We feel, therefore, that Halifax City should be ready and willing to lend financial assistance to this Appeal, and we would respectfully suggest that this matter be placed before the City Council at its meeting to-morrow night with a view to securing a contribution of not less than \$2,500.00.

We are sure you will be interested to know that the little town of Digby and Port Hawkesbury, through their Town Councils, have already made substantial contributions to the fund, and we feel sure that Halifax will be happy to have placed before it this opportunity to contribute to such a deserving undertaking.

If you think it desirable to have a representative of the Red Cross attend your Council meeting in order to outline to its members the vital importance of the success of this fund and the methods by which it is proposed to handle the distribution of relief money, we will be only too glad to have this arranged.

Yours very truly,

J. C. Gass,
President.

Mr. J. L. Hetherington and Mr. Robert

Rankin of the Red Cross Society were present as a delegation in support of this appeal.

Moved by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Donovan that permission be granted to Mr. Hetherington to address the Council on the subject. Motion passed.

Mr. Hetherington then spoke briefly, urging upon the Council the necessity of contributing to this fund, and asked that the sum of \$2500.00 be contributed by the City.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Stech that the application be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

*and Stech
C. Rankin*

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$12,036.09.

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this day, Accounts amounting to \$12,036.09 chargeable as follows, were approved and recommended to Council for payment:-

Works Dept- Capital	\$1846.38	
Appropriations	<u>7948.76</u>	\$9795.14
Water Dept- Construction	530.20	
Maintenance	<u>1710.75</u>	2240.95
		<u>\$12036.09</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 various services amounting to \$3,766.67

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 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 \$3,766.67 was passed as correct, and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman
McInnes that the report be adopted and accounts paid.

Motion passed.

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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 \$10,628.31, and to the T. B. Hospital
\$2,951.04.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:- The Chairman, Aldermen
O'Malley, Redmond and Minshull.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS NOVEMBER 1931 AMOUNT \$10,628.31.

City Home Accounts for the month of November
1931 amounting to \$10,628.31 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS NOVEMBER 1931 AMOUNT \$
2,951.04.

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month
of November 1931 amounting to \$2,951.04 are recommended
for payment.

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.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee of Firewards
recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Fire
Department \$13,787.55 and to the Fire Alarm Maintenance
\$455.50

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen: -

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the attached accounts amounting to \$13,787.55 for the Fire Department and \$455.50 for the Fire Alarm Maintenance 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 accounts paid. Motion passed.

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS.

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$2,381.86 and covering report of Governor Grant for the month of November showing a total of 74 prisoners in custody at the prison.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 10th, 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 \$2,381.86 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.

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

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Citizens Free Library
Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to
\$442.77.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Library Committee beg to submit bills
amounting to \$442.77 for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by
Alderman O'Malley that the report be adopted and accounts
paid. Motion passed. ✓

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee recommendin
for payment accounts amounting to \$9,299.52.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this
date the following accounts, amounting to \$9,299.52
were examined, found correct and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Donovan 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 \$2646.56.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members, City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, December 15th, the following named accounts amounting to \$2,646.56 were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Forrest,
Chairman, City Health Board.

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

✓ GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Common recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens \$3,263.26 and to Fleming Park \$108.32.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 14th, 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 \$3,263.26 and chargeable to Fleming Park \$108.32, were passed as correct and

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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.

ADVERTISING HALIFAX, ACCOUNT A. MCKIM LTD.

Read report of the Finance Committee in re the account of A. McKim Ltd., for advertising on behalf of the City in the New York American.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the account of A. McKim Ltd., \$150.00 covering advertising on behalf of the City in the New York American was under consideration.

This account was contracted for by the late Mayor and the late Chairman of the Finance Committee. The appropriation for that year is now exhausted.

Your Committee recommend that the account be paid from any available funds. If, no funds are available provisions be made for its payment in the civic estimates for 1932-33.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

RATE STRUCTURE, N.S. LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD.

Alderman McInnes, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee informed the Council that his Committee was not quite prepared to submit a report on the inquiry

*Auditor
H. J. Stech
Clerk*

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into the rate structure of the N. S. Light and Power Co., Ltd., and requested His Worship the Mayor to adjourn this meeting after the agenda was finished until Tuesday afternoon, December 22nd at 5 o'clock, when he will be prepared to present the report.

RATE STRUCTURE, N. S. LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD.

Read letter City Auditor asking authority for an appropriation not exceeding \$1500.00 for expenses incurred in connection with the inquiry into the rate structure of the N. S. Light and Power Co., Ltd., before the Public Utilities Board.

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To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of Council.

Gentlemen:-

Authority is asked for an appropriation not exceeding \$1500.00 to be disbursed with the approval of the Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee to pay for expert engineering services and incidental expenses, incurred in connection with the inquiry into the rate structure of the N. S. Light and Power Co., Ltd.

Yours very truly,

A.M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

Moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Shields that this Council approve of an expenditure not to exceed \$1500.00 for this purpose. The accounts to be certified by Council representing the City at the hearing. Motion put and passed. Aldermen Thompson and O'Malley dissenting.

WATER METER ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending reduction in certain water meter accounts.

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

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

- 92-94 Sackville St. - The bill for June, July and August to be made up on a consumption of 16,000 gallons per month.
- 107-09 LeMarchant St.- September consumption to be reduced to 7,000 gallons.
- 805-07 Barrington St.- September consumption to be reduced to 3,800 gallons.
- 142-46 Upp. Water St. - The April consumption to be reduced to 24,000 gallons.
- 229-31 Barrington St.- Consumption for February to be reduced to 20,000 gallons.
- 20 Maitland St. - Consumption for February and March to be 25,000 gallons for each month and the bill made up accordingly.
- 130-32 Hollis St. - February consumption to be reduced to 20,000 gallons.
- 138 Creighton St. - The consumption for January, February and March to be taken at 2,700 gallons for each month and the bill made up accordingly...
- 136 Creighton St. - The consumption for January, February and March to be taken at 2,000 gallons for each month and the bill made up accordingly.
- 12 Cunard St. - The consumption for January, February and March to be taken at 8,500 gallons per month and the bill made up accordingly.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Committee on Works

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

REPAIRS TO INCINERATOR

Read report of the Committee on Works covering the certificate of the City Engineer recommending a final payment of \$123.35 to W. F. Bedwin being the balance in full on his contract for constructing a new roof and making repairs at the incinerator.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend payment to W. F. Bedwin of the balance in full of \$123.35, on his contract for constructing a new roof and making repairs to the Incinerator.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

SIDEWALK, SOUTH STREET

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the construction of concrete sidewalk, curbs and gutters on South Street.

November 24th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions of the Committee on Works, I beg to report on the question of concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters on the north side of South Street between Robie Street and South Park Street and South Park Street and Queen Street. The estimated cost of the former is \$6,500.00 of which the share of the Victoria General Hospital would be \$1,250.00. School for the Blind \$450.00 and the balance would be paid by the City.

We cannot claim the assessment from the Hospital as this is Provincial Government property, but the Government, if approached, would probably agree to make a grant of the amount of their share towards the cost of the work.

There is considerable traffic on this sidewalk and there is no question that a big improvement would be made by covering it with concrete.

With regard to the other section between South Park Street and Queen Street, the estimated cost of the sidewalk is \$3,500.00 of which the City's share would be about one-half, provided the Department of National Defence will agree to make a grant of their share of about \$1,700.00 otherwise this would have to be added to the City's share.

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There is not much traffic on this side of the street, the houses are on the south side and if the sidewalk is to be built on the one side only, the south side is the one that should be chosen.

Concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters are undoubtedly an improvement to any street, as well as a convenience for the public using them, the only question is whether the use of the sidewalk justifies the City in going to the expense of its construction. As stated above I do not think that it is in the case of the sidewalk on the north side between South Park Street and Queen, but with the traffic between South Park Street and Robie Street it is warranted. I would therefore, recommend that this latter section be placed on the order paper to be done, but that the north side between Queen Street and South Park Street be not ordered for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

November 28th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on the construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters on South Street is recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

SIDEWALK, PEPPERELL STREET

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on the north side of Pepperell Street between Preston and Oxford Streets.

November 24th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with the instructions of the Committee on Works, I beg to report on the construction of concrete sidewalk, curbs and gutters on the north

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side of Pepperell Street between Preston Street and Oxford Street, that the estimated cost of the work is \$2,300.00 of which the City's share will be about one-half.

There is already a sidewalk, curb and gutter on the south side of this street and the construction of the work under consideration would complete the improvement on the street.

The Quinpool Road School abuts on this sidewalk and both on account of the appearance and utility it would be advisable to build it. I would recommend that it be placed on the order paper.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

November 28th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on the construction of a concrete sidewalk, curbs and gutters on the north side of Pepperell Street, between Preston and Oxford Street, is recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

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SIDEWALK, DRESDEN ROW

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer on the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Dresden Row from Spring Garden Road to Sackville Street.

November 24th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions of the Committee on Works, I beg to report on the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Dresden Row from

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Spring Garden Road to Sackville Street, that the estimated cost of the work is \$2700.00 of which the City's share is one-half.

There is a sidewalk on the east side of the street and there should be one on the west side in this, one of the older streets.

I would recommend that it be placed on the order paper.

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 a sidewalk on the west side of Dresden Row, from Spring Garden Road to Sackville Street.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by

Engineer
Alderman Adams that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

SIDEWALK, CHEBUCTO ROAD

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer on a petition asking for concrete sidewalk, curbs and gutters on both sides of Chebucto Road between Windsor Street and Oxford Street.

November 25th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition asking for concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters on both sides of Chebucto Road between Windsor Street and Oxford Street, that the estimated cost of this work is about \$12,000.00, of which the City's share would be \$6,300.00

The petition is signed by the owners of about 20% of the frontage, but the School Board's frontage, who have not signed the petition, would bring the proportion up to about 40%.

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The south side of the street is closely built up and on the north side there are two schools, this fact alone, renders the construction of a sidewalk almost a necessity.

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

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached is a report of the City Engineer on a petition asking for concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters on both sides of Chebucto Road, between Windsor Street and Oxford Street.

The Committee on Works recommend that the said report be adopted.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

SEWER EXTENSION, OXFORD AND BERLIN STREETS

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re water and sewer extension Oxford and Berlin Streets.

December 8th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have received a request from the Eastern Trust Company for the construction of a sewer on Berlin Street, in order to drain this sewer it would be necessary to extend the sewer along Oxford Street from Summit to Berlin Street.

The estimated cost of the work on the two streets is about \$5,500.00 and the estimated sewerage rates \$4,200.00

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I have informed the Company it was not usual for the Council to order the construction of a sewer until a certain number of houses were under construction on the street, they replied that they were prepared to advance the City of Halifax the cost of immediately installing the sewer and water on Berlin Street and the sewer on Oxford Street on the understanding that when three houses are constructed on these streets the money advanced would be refunded to the Company.

On two other occasions a similar agreement was entered into with this Company and it worked out satisfactorily.

The estimated cost of extending the water pipe on Berlin Street is \$1,317.34.

I would recommend that the sewer on Oxford Street from Summit Street to Berlin Street and that the sewer and water pipe on Berlin Street be ordered and that the offer of the Eastern Trust Company to finance the work be accepted, the money to be repaid to them when three new houses are constructed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on the construction of a sewer on Oxford Street, from Summit to Berlin Street, and a sewer and water extension on Berlin Street is recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

SEWER EXTENSION. LIVINGSTON STREET

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer extension at the corner of Kempt Road and Livingston Street.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The owner of the house No. 157 Kempt Road has made application to connect to the Kempt Road sewer on Livingston Street. As the house is situated some distance further north it requires a long drain to connect to this manhole.

When the sewer on Livingston Street is built, which will likely be in the very near future, as there are now houses on the street requiring drainage, the Kempt Road sewer will be carried diagonally across the intersection of Livingston Street.

I would recommend that the City do this part of the Livingston Street sewer now, which will enable the owner of No. 157 to connect into the sewer without having to do work which will eventually be torn up.

The estimated cost of the work is \$140.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer recommending the extension of the Livingston Street Sewer is recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

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WATER LOT, H. S. TREMAINE
WEST SIDE NORTH WEST ARM

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer in re the purchase of a water lot on the west side of Quinpool Road from Mr. H. S. Tremaine.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

For some time I have been negotiating with Mr. Tremain for the purchase of a water lot on the west side of Quinpool Road owned by him. This lot adjoins property purchased some time ago from Mrs. Margaret Egan and has a frontage of 214 feet on the street.

The plan submitted shows ownership of the various lots lying between Chebucto Road and Horseshoe Island. I do not think that there is any question that the City should acquire ownership of these lots. Mr. Tremain asks \$600.00 for the lot under discussion.

While this price may appear to be high, yet in my opinion if it were expropriated the City would have to pay this much for it.

I would recommend that this offer be accepted and that the City acquire the property.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on the purchase of a water lot on the west side of Quinpool Road from Mr. H. S. Tremaine, is recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Adams that the reports be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Logan that the reports be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration and report. Amendment put and passed.

Engineer
ST. ALBANS STREET, CHANGING OF NAME

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City

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Engineer on the application of Mr. W. D. Piercy asking that the name of the western end of St. Albans Street be changed.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a letter from Mr. W. D. Piercy, copy of which is attached, asking that the name of the western end of St. Albans Street between Windsor Street and Walker Street be changed, that at present this street is opened from Robie Street to Clifton Street and from Walker Street to Windsor Street. It is laid down on the Official City Plan from Robie to Windsor Streets.

The property between Clifton Street and the rear of Windsor Street lots is being developed as a manufacturing site and it is extremely unlikely that that part of St. Albans Street between Clifton Street and Walker Street will ever be required as a City Street. If this be the case, having the one name of what will be probably two streets, will lead to confusion.

Legislation will be required to remove that section of that street from Clifton Street to Walker Street from the City Plan. If this is obtained I would recommend that the request of Mr. Piercy be complied with and the portion of the street between Windsor and Walker Street be called Windsor Terrace, I may say that he has started the construction of at least five houses on this street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

November 20th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted and that the name of that portion of St. Albans Street between Windsor Street and Walker Street be changed to Windsor Terrace.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

December 17th, 1931.

Engineer
Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Probert that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

AIRPORT. PUTTING WIRES UNDERGROUND

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re the putting of wires of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company at the airport underground.

December 9th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am attaching copy of a letter received from the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Ltd., asking that they be given permission to lay the wires now running on poles along Chebucto Road in front of the Airport in cable underground through a portion of the Airport property. The proposed route will be approximately as shown on Plan #6742, this however, may be subject to alteration when detailed plans are submitted.

The Council gave the Tram Company permission to lay their power lines underground through the north end of the Airfield under an agreement which provided among other things, that the term of the right granted would be until one year after the City gave notice in writing to terminate such rights, provided that the right granted should continue for so long as the property is used as an Airport.

The cost of putting these local and long distance telephone wires underground is considerable and in view of the improvement that will be made in conditions surrounding the Airfield and also of the readiness of the Company to meet the City's wishes, there would not seem to be any grave objection to leasing a right of way through the Airfield property, although it is thought that the lease should be for a definite term of years, say ten, and with the right of cancellation if at any time the property should cease to be used as an Airfield.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

December 11th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

December 17th, 1931.

Attached hereto is a letter from the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company, also a report of the City Engineer with reference to the placing of wires on Chebucto Road in front of the Airport in cable underground, through a portion of the Airport property.

The report of the City Engineer was approved at a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 9th instant, and recommended to Council for adoption.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

RETAINING WALL MORRIS STREET

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re the condition of a retaining wall on Morris Street on the north side, east of Water Street.

November 24th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On the north side of Morris Street east of Water Street, a wall which had been a foundation wall of a house has caved in and allowed the street to cave. I have consulted with the City Solicitor and he informs me that the City cannot hold the owner of the property liable for the maintenance of this wall and that it is the City's duty to prevent the material from the street overflowing private property. It will therefore be necessary for the City to restore this wall. The estimated cost of which is \$1,000.00. We have no funds available for this work and it would appear to be necessary that the amount should be borrowed under the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 60, of the Acts of 1928, known as Section 976 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,

December 2nd, 1931.

The City Engineer,
CITY HALL.

Sir:-

In reply to your request for my opinion in the above, I beg to say as follows:-

December 17th, 1931.

The sidewalk which has fallen into the old cellar adjoining had evidently been raised above the original level of the street and had been kept in place by the foundation of the adjoining building. If the building had not been there the City would have been obliged to build a wall to support the sidewalk. I know of no law which obliges the owner of a building to keep it in repair merely for the purpose of keeping up the adjoining street, and consequently if the City wishes to maintain the sidewalk, as I assume it is legally bound to do, I do not see how it can escape the obligation of building a proper retaining wall.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) F. H. Bell,
CITY SOLICITOR.

December 15th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 9th instant, the attached report of the City Engineer on the construction of a retaining wall on the north side of Morris Street, east of Water Street, was adopted and the following resolution was approved and forwarded to the City Council for adoption:-

RESOLVED that the City do borrow under the authority of Section 976 of the City Charter, a sum not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and expend the same in the construction of a retaining wall and repairs to the north side of Morris Street, east of Lower Water Street, and that the sum so borrowed with the interest payable thereon, be included in the civic estimates for the civic year 1932-33.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Shields that the reports be adopted. Motion put and passed. Eighteen Aldermen being present and voting for same. ✓

Engineer

STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT REFUND

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer covering letter of the N. S. Light and Power Co., Ltd., re the payment by the Company of the credit on the Street Lighting contract.

December 17th, 1931.

Dec. 16th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am attaching hereto a letter received from the Manager of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Ltd., yesterday, asking that payment by the Company of the accrued credit on the Street Lighting Contract, due the City be deferred until next year. This amounts to \$27,566.67 for the past three year period.

The Company claims that at the present time assuming that our paving agreement is ratified by the legislature, the City owes them some \$18,000.00 on that account. I have not checked this over, but think that the amount suggested is high. The two items should not be mixed up, the credit on the lighting contract is due the City, whereas the amount for paving is not a legal liability of the City until the agreement is ratified by legislation.

The moneys received every three years on account of the lighting contract are deposited to a special account and they with interest are used under authority of legislation in reducing the yearly appropriation for Street Lighting.

The Auditor informs me that interest at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ can be obtained on this amount and if the Company will pay us this interest from the first of November there can be no objection to allowing the payment to be deferred until, say the first of February.

The Company state in their letter that they are asking this as a matter of accommodation and that there is no question about their responsibility for the amount, also if the City is unable to accommodate them they are prepared to send their cheque at once.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

December 14th, 1931.

Mr. H. W. Johnston, City Engineer,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Johnston:-

The accrued credit due to the City from this Company on account of the street lighting contract which covers the three year period, amounts to \$27,566.67 as stated in your letter to me of November 10th, and is now due.

December 17th, 1931.

This Company is temporarily in a difficult cash position. It has been necessary to expend considerable sums of money for the expansion of our service to keep up with the demands of our customers, and it has been impossible to do any financing during recent months. We are faced with the necessity of finding additional large sums of money during the coming year, largely for the completion of the paving programme that was agreed upon between ourselves and the City, and the disturbed condition of the financial market will make it difficult for us to actually finance these improvements.

Under these circumstances it would be a very real help to us if the City could see its way clear to allow us to defer the pavement of the amount due you on lighting account. At the present time, assuming that our paving agreement is ratified by the legislature, the City owes us some \$18,000.00 on this account; and before the paving is completed the City will owe us a very much larger sum than that. If the City is in a satisfactory cash position at this time I request that the payment of this money by us be deferred until next year. I ask this solely as a matter of accommodation, because there is no question about our responsibility for this amount, and if the City is unable to accommodate us we are prepared to send you a cheque at once.

Will you be good enough to put this situation before the Board of Works and if you are able to do so I would appreciate you recommending the course that I request.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) J. B. Hayes,
MANAGER.

December 16th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend for adoption the attached report of the City Engineer with reference to a request of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company, Limited that payment by the Company of the credit on the street lighting contract be deferred until next year.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Thompson,

December 17th, 1931.

seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the N. S. Light and Power Co., Ltd., be asked to forthwith tender their cheque for the amount of the credit due the City on the Street Lighting contract. Amendment put and passed, 12 voting for same and 6 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Daley
McInnes
Conn
Logan
Golden
McDonald
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Smeltzer

Aldermen Stech
Donovan
Redmond
Shields
Probert
Adams

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Engineer

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re proposed expenditure of \$1000.00 for investigating the circumstances of persons applying for unemployment relief.

December 16th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The City Council at its last meeting authorized the expenditure of \$1,000.00 to be taken out of the appropriation of \$25,000.00 provided for Unemployment Relief, if this could be legally done. Subsequently it was learned from the representatives of the Provincial Government that under a ruling from Ottawa, no part of the Government's share towards Unemployment Relief could be used for this purpose. The City Solicitor reports that the money could legally be obtained under Section 976.

A report was made to the Finance Committee, who did not approve of this being done.

The alternative would seem to be to increase by one thousand dollars the amount of \$25,000.00 that was voted for Unemployment Relief by the City Council at its meeting held on the 12th of November.

December 17th, 1931.

In accordance with the resolution of the Committ passed at its last meeting, the lists have been handed over to the Welfare Bureau and they are now conducting investigations contemplated, when it was decided to give them charge of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

December 16th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer with reference to the borrowing under Section 976 of an additional sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for work in connection with unemployment relief.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 16th instant, it was resolved to recommend to Council that said report be adopted. Alderman O'Toole dissenting.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Minshull that this Council seek legislation to increase the grant previously voted for unemployment relief to \$26,000.00 and that the extra amount of \$1,000.00 be applied for this purpose. Amendment put and passed, 14 voting for same and 4 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Stech
Donovan
Daley
McInnes
Conn
Logan
Golden
McDonald

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Redmond
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson

*Engineer
Solicitor*

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FOR THE MOTION
(Continued)

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Shields
Probert
Smeltzer
Adams -14-

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WORKS DEPARTMENT MOTOR EQUIPMENT

Read reports of the Committee on Works and
City Engineer re purchase of motor equipment.

December 16th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At the last session of the Legislature authority was obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$10,000.00 for the purchase of motor equipment for use in street work and snow removal.

Information has been obtained as to the cost of suitable trucks and tractors for both services. After careful study and consideration, it is considered that with the equipment already owned by the City, the most useful machine for our purposes would be a tractor and a V-shaped plow. We will have in service for snow removal three motor sprinklers equipped with a blade plow and our old tractor with a side plow. These are sent out at the beginning of a snow storm and if the fall is not too heavy can keep a considerable length of streets opened.

The advantage of a V-shaped plow is that by using the wings one trip through several of our streets will open up a roadway, it can also plow drifts which the blade plow sometimes cannot do. The advantage of trucks in snow removal is their greater speed, but full advantage of this feature cannot be taken in City streets as when they are operating at high speed, the plows throw the snow on to the sidewalk and against the buildings.

The present high rate of exchange increases the cost of tractors (which are not made in Canada) to a very large amount. William Stairs, Son & Morrow Company, Limited have a 30 Caterpillar tractor similar to the one purchased two years ago, which was bought while the Canadian dollar was at par, and they offer it to the City at the price quoted, \$3,210.00 in Canadian funds. The equipment for winter work adds \$682.00 to this price, which is subject to the prevailing rate of exchange, when payment is made. The price of a LaPlant-Choate Model SV 30 Snow Plow with wings complete, with hydraulic controls and oil pump, suitable for use with the Caterpillar 30 Tractor, is \$2,410.00 which is

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also subject to the prevailing rate of exchange, These prices include delivery of machine and supervision of service man in assembling and instructions in use.

The Caterpillar tractor purchased over two years ago has given splendid service and satisfaction, the cost of upkeep being very low. We can use another one to advantage during the early part of the season, at a still greater advantage for plowing snow in winter if equipped with the type of plow mentioned.

While in these days one hesitates to recommend expenditures, yet in order to give a satisfactory service in clearing roads of snow so that cars may operate throughout the winter, it is felt that the equipment mentioned should be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

December 16th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted, and that the motor equipment mentioned therein be purchased, provided the money can be obtained therefor.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Thompson that these reports be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report. Motion passed.

*See Stech
Clark*

STREET ENCROACHMENTS

Read reports of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re rental to be paid on street encroachments.

December 3rd, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The sections of the City Charter and Ordinances relating to encroachments on streets are as follows:-

535. This provides that no encroachment shall

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be made on any street and it gives power to remove any that may be made after ten days notice has been given.

536. Provides that the Council may at any time direct that any existing encroachments shall be removed.

537. Provides that if any existing encroachment is destroyed or removed it shall not be rebuilt so as to continue the encroachment.

538. This section gives the Council power to allow an encroachment provided it does not occasion any unreasonable inconvenience to the public and reads as follows:-

(1) If, in the opinion of the Council, any obstruction or encroachment does not occasion any unreasonable inconvenience to the public, the Council may permit the same to continue on such terms as the Council approves, which may include an undertaking or security that the obstruction or encroachment shall not be rebuilt or repaired, and shall be removed whenever the Council so requires, and the payment to the City during its continuance of a reasonable annual rent.

(2) The Committee may permit the owner of any premises to have a hatchway or other opening in the street in front of such premises, on such terms and conditions as the committee deems fit, one of which conditions may be the payment to the City of a reasonable annual rent.

(3) Any rent payable under this section may be added to and collected along with the annual rates and taxes rated upon the premises with which any such obstruction, encroachment, or hatchway is connected, in the same manner and with the same remedies as the rates and taxes."

Ordinance No. 4, Section 17 is the same as Clause 535 of this Charter. The only sections dealing with encroachments in this Ordinance after Section 17 refer only to the moving of buildings, building materials on the streets, scaffoldings, signs and awnings.

From a perusal of these enactments it would appear that the only power the Council has to allow steps to encroach on a street is conferred on it by Clause 538 and then permission can only be given if the encroachment does not occasion any unreasonable inconvenience to the public.

Any encroachment creates some inconvenience to the public and the point where it becomes an "unreasonable" inconvenience is sometime difficult to determine.

The custom that has been followed for years is

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that when a permanent sidewalk is built, encroaching steps have been allowed to remain in cases where an entrance cannot be otherwise obtained than by the remodelling of the building at a large expense to the owner.

Section 538 provides that a reasonable annual rental should be paid to the City during the continuance of the encroachment. This rental should be fixed at something more than a nominal fee and its amount should bear some reasonable proportion to the benefits accruing to the property.

In the case of illuminated signs, the annual fee has been fixed at 10 cents per square foot with a minimum charge of \$5.00. These signs do not interfere with the use of the street by the public in nearly the same degree as projecting steps, etc., and the rental for these latter should be at least as large as for signs. My own opinion is that the minimum rental should be 20¢ for each square foot of the street that the encroachment occupies and that a minimum fee of \$5.00 should be charged.

If this view is adopted it is recommended that notices of cancellation of any existing leases be given and new leases made up at the increased rental.

It will be noted that Section 538 gives power to the Council to authorize encroachments to continue and does not authorize new ones.

Under Ordinance No. 4 provision is made for coal holes and permanent excavations in the street and Section 6 of the Ordinance fixes an annual rental at 4 cents per square foot for such excavations. This amount was fixed a good many years ago and has never been changed, despite the increased value of real estate throughout the City since it has come into force.

It is recommended that this Ordinance be amended and the annual rental be fixed at 20 cents per square foot with a minimum of \$5.00 for each excavation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

December 15th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works on the 9th instant, had under consideration the attached report of the City Engineer, re encroachments on streets.

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It was resolved to recommend to Council that hereafter the rental to be paid for a permit to continue an encroachment on any street payable under the authority of Section 538 of the City Charter, shall be ten cents for each square foot of the area of the street occupied by the encroachment, and shall not in any case be less than five dollars each year, such rental to be payable in advance on the first day of May each year.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 4 OF STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works covering a draft ordinance to amend Ordinance number 4 entitled "streets".

December 15th, 1931.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 9th instant, the following resolution was approved and recommended to Council for adoption:-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 4, OF STREETS

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Halifax as follows:-

Section 6 of Ordinance Number 4 of the City of Halifax entitled "of streets", as amended by an Ordinance passed on the 11th day of July 1929, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "not less than four cents per square foot of such excavation" and substituting therefor the words - "Ten cents for each square foot of the area of the street occupied by the encroachment, and not in any case less than five dollars each year, such rental to be payable in advance on the first day of May each year".

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

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Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Adams that The Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 4 "of streets" be read a first time.

Read an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 4 "of streets".

First reading.

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CITY PRISON - TENDERS FOR MEAT AND FISH

Read report City Prison Committee re tenders for the supplying of meat and fish for the balance of the civic year.

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

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, tenders for the supplying of Beef and Fish were considered as follows:

H. Bowman,	Fish	7¢ per lb.
Boutliers Ltd.	Fish	7¢ per lb.
J.A. Leaman & Co.	Fish	10¢ per lb.
W.A. Mailing & Co.	Beef	7 and 4/10¢ per lb.
H.E. Burgess	Beef	7 and 1/8¢ per lb.

Your Committee recommend that the tender of H. E. Burgess & Co., for Beef at 7 and 1/8¢ per lb, and Harris Bowman for Fish at 7¢ per lb, they being the lowest tenders be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by

W. E. Donovan
Geo Grant
H. E. Burgess
H. Bowman

Alderman McDonald that the report be adopted. Motion passed. ✓

FIRES, THEIR CAUSES AND LOSSES

Read report of the Committee of Fire-wards covering report of Chief Churchill re fires, their causes

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and losses during the months of August, September and October 1931.

December 8th, 1931.

Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am submitting report on fires and losses for the month of August, September and October as follows:

AUGUST

During the month of August there were 24 alarms from the following causes:

Chimneys 5, brush 1, careless use of matches 1, boys setting fire 1, false 3, smoke 1, grass 1, sprinkler 1, sparks from chimney 2, gun powder explosion 1, defective wiring in cars 3, in dwelling 1, burning rubbish 2, careless smoking 1.

Property at risk \$	73,300.00	
Insurance losses		\$10,175.47
Losses not insured		25.00
Total loss		<u>\$10,200.47</u>

SEPTEMBER

During the month of September there were 25 alarms from the following causes:

Chimneys 6, smoke 1, sparks 1, supposed careless smoking 4, boys upset oil stove 1, false 3, defective wiring in cars 3, in concrete mixer 1, pan hot fat 1, blow torch 1, overheated stove 1, spontaneous combustion 1, unnecessary call 1.

Property at risk \$	7,275.00	
Insurance losses		\$1,110.00
Losses not insured		1,165.00
		<u>\$2,275.00</u>

OCTOBER

During the month of October there were 35 alarms from the following causes:

Chimneys 10, false 9, defective wiring in cars 3, careless use of matches 1, careless smoking 2, unnecessary alarm 1, mail stored too close to stove 1, overheated stove pipe 1, spontaneous combustion of coal 1, gas fumes coming in contact with open flame 1, hot ashes in wooden box 1, open flame from lantern ignited car 1, sprinkler alarm 1, defective chimney 1.

Property at risk \$	109,200.00	
Insurance losses		\$1,532.50
Losses not insured		232.00
		<u>\$1,764.50</u>

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Dec. 8th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire-wards held this day the attached report on fires and losses was read and is forwarded to you for your information.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,
CHAIRMAN.

FILED

*Sanjour for City Council
now City report omitted*

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Read report of the City Auditor covering

tax collections for the month of November 1931.

City Auditor's Office,
November 30th, 1931.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

Report on Tax Collections for the month of November is submitted. Collections amounted to \$81,118.93. Collections on account of taxes for civic years prior to May 1st, 1925 were \$400.58. The outstanding book value of this group on November 30th, 1931 after deducting Reserves for short collection was \$563,892.36.

	Outstanding Balances October	New Accounts and other adjustments.	November Collections	Outstanding Balances November 1931.
<u>Arrears Taxes</u>				
Civic Year 1925-26	\$68,632.07		\$214.32	\$68,417.75
Reserve-	Nil.			
Civic Year 1926-27	46,954.67		409.02	46,545.65
Reserve	\$33,815.49			
Civic Year 1927-28	49,993.11		1098.86	48,894.25
Reserve	\$60,552.02			
Civic Year 1928-29	69,701.92		4534.84	65,167.08
Reserve	\$54,715.55			
Civic Year 1929-30	162,183.63		7043.08	155,140.55
Reserve	\$55,506.90			

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Civic Year 1930-31	\$ 321,171.90	\$11,920.78	\$309251.
Reserve \$56,881.32			
	<u>\$718,637.30</u>	<u>\$25,220.90</u>	<u>\$693,416.40</u>

Current Taxes

Civic Year 1931-32	636,491.73	25,200.94	611,290.79
Reserve \$52,526.75			

Water Department

Rates & Taxes	116,560.41	30,697.09	85,863.32
Reserve \$13,553.13			
	<u>\$ 1,471,689.44</u>	<u>\$ 81,118.93</u>	<u>\$1390,570.</u>

Estimated Revenue	Outstanding Previous Month	November Collections	Balance
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Poll Tax

1931-32	\$18,000.00	\$11,096.30	\$945.50	\$10150.80
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Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

Alderman Mitchell asked that the City Auditor be requested to put an additional column in his report of tax collections showing the receipts for the same month of the previous year.

DEFERRED BUSINESS
REPORT POLICE COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 1931

The consideration of this report was deferred at the meeting of Council held on the 12th day of November last until the first regular meeting in December, and is now before the Council.

Alderman McInnes' motion, seconded by Alderman that the report be adopted is now before the Council.

Alderman Adams asks the Chairman of the Police Committee if there was to be a report presented

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from the Chief of Police. The Chairman replied that a report had been made to the Police Committee by the Chief and if it was the wish of the Council he would have it submitted. His Worship called upon Alderman Donovan, Deputy Mayor to take the chair while he goes to his office to get the report. His Worship upon his return submits three reports received by the Police Committee from the Chief of Police and asked the City Solicitor to read the same.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Probert, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the consideration of this matter be deferred until the next regular meeting, of Council in January, and that in the meantime copies of the report made by the Chief of Police be forwarded to each member of Council. Amendment put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Redmond
Conn
Logan
Golden
McDonald
O'Toole
O'Malley
Thompson
Probert
Smeltzer
Adams

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Minshull
Stech
Donovan
Daley
McInnes
Shields

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NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN DALEY

Alderman Daley submitted the following notice of motion which he will move at a future meeting of Council.

That the Police Commission be requested forthwith to secure the services of a competent officer from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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or other body to spend six months or such longer period as may be required, who shall be vested with full powers to re-organize the Police force of this City."

At 10.45 o'clock, moved by Alderman McInnes, seconded by Alderman Shields that this meeting do now adjourn until Tuesday afternoon, December 22nd at 5 o'clock. Motion passed.

H. S. Rhind,
CITY CLERK.

G. E. Ritchie,
MAYOR

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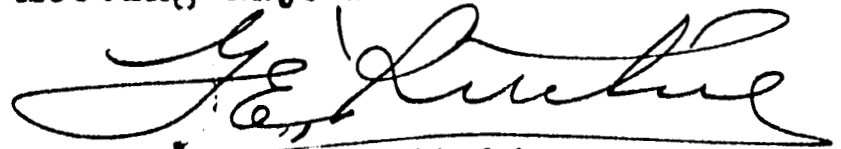
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Meeting adjourned.


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