

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
March 15th, 1934.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Minshull, Stech, Donovan, Miller, Conn, McCarthy, Golden, McDonald, O'Toole, Getley, Holland, Probert, Doyle and Smeltzer.

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

MINUTES

There being no objections to the minutes of the previous meeting as read, His Worship the Mayor declares them approved.

The following named papers were submitted.

DARTMOUTH BRIDGE

Read letter proposed to be forwarded to the Chairman of the Halifax Harbor Commission together with a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Halifax.

J. L. Hetherington Esq.,  
President, Halifax Harbor Commissioners,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

We, the undersigned, representatives of the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth, the Halifax and Dartmouth Boards of Trade, and the Municipality of Halifax County, make the following request to you and your fellow-members of the Halifax Harbor Commission in relating to the proposal to construct a bridge across Halifax Harbor.

March 15th, 1934.

That the engineering staff of your Commission be instructed to report upon the feasibility of such a bridge, estimated cost, and all other matters preliminary to such construction. The engineers' report to be on a bridge located at the most suitable and most economical site; and the following alternate plans are suggested:

1. Plans for a combined railway and highway bridge.
2. Plans for a bridge for the use of pedestrians and vehicular traffic only.

It is unnecessary for us to impress upon you the desirability of early action in this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Halifax, Feb. 21st, 1934.

.....Mayor  
The City of Halifax.

.....Mayor  
The Town of Dartmouth

.....President  
The Halifax Board of Trade

(Sgd). John. Battersen.....President  
The Dartmouth Board of Trade

(Sgd). J. J. Hopkins.....Warden  
The Municipality of Halifax.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be empowered to sign on behalf of the City of Halifax, the attached letter to the Chairman of the Halifax Harbour Commission.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the letter and resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

LETTER, PROPERTY HOLDERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Read letter from Property Holders Protective Association.

March 15th, 1934.

108 Willow Street,  
Halifax, N. S.  
February 19th, 1934.

His Worship Mayor Thompson,  
City Hall,  
Halifax City.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Property Holders Protective Association held in the Board of Trade Rooms on February 8th, 1934, the following resolution was passed unanimously.

" RESOLVED that the City Council should be commended for trying to collect taxes from all possible sources of taxation. "

Attending the above meeting were representatives from the Teachers Federation and the Civic Reform Association.

Respectfully yours,

Property Holders Protective Association.

Wm. A. Gates, Pres.  
Chas. J. McGinn, Secretary.

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WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$16,010.99.

March 14th, 1934.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 14th instant, accounts chargeable as follows, amounting to \$16,010.99 were approved and recommended to Council for payment:-

Works Dept. Capital	\$6747.73	
Appropriations	<u>7878.20</u>	\$14625.93
Water Dept. Construction	414.90	
Maintenance	<u>970.16</u>	<u>1385.06</u>
		<u>\$16010.99</u>

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

March 15th, 1934.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Police Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$9,437.86.

Halifax, N. S.  
March 10th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, the following accounts amounting to \$9,437.86, were submitted by the Chief of Police, and after examination by the Committee, it was unanimously recommended that the accounts be recommended to Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

CITY PRISON ACCOUNTS

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$1,630.14.

City Prison,  
Halifax, N. S.  
March 8th, 1934.

To 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 \$1,630.14 was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

March 15th, 1934.

The report of Governor Grant for the month of February is also submitted hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Finance recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$10,317.59.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
March 13th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$10,317.59 chargeable to the various services was passed as correct and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

CITY HOME AND T. B. HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Charities Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$7,273.44 chargeable to the City Home and \$2,813.12 chargeable to the T.B. Hospital.

March 15th, 1934.

Halifax, N.S. March 12th, 1934.

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 Holland and MacDonald.

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS, FEBRUARY 1934, AMOUNT \$7273.44

City Home accounts for the month of February 1934 amounting to \$7273.44 are recommended for payment.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS, FEBRUARY 1934  
AMOUNT \$2813.12

Tuberculosis Hospital accounts for the month of February 1934 amounting to \$2813.12 are recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. J. Probert,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

LIBRARY COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Library Committee recommending for payment accounts amounting to \$316.82.

March 13th, 1934.

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	\$260.82
T. C. Allen & Co.	Books	29.75
Book Room	"	12.70
Univ. Toronto Press	Can. Hist. Review	2.00
Can. Military Gazette	Can. Mil. Gazette	2.50
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Ledger dater	1.50
R. W. Wright & Co.	Supplies	7.55
		<u>\$316.82</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,  
-489- CHAIRMAN.

March 15th, 1934.

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

GARDENS, PARKS AND COMMONS ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Public Gardens amounting to \$735.11 and to Fleming Park \$108.32.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
March 15th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, the attached list of accounts amounting to \$735.11 chargeable to the Public Gardens and \$108.32 chargeable to Fleming Park was considered, passed as correct, and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Conn,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Read report of the Committee on Firewards recommending for payment accounts chargeable to the Fire Department amounting to \$12,643.17 and to the Fire Alarm Telegraph System accounts amounting to \$436.53.

March 15th, 1934.

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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 \$12,643.17 for the Fire Department and \$436.53 for the Fire Alarm Department were considered.

Your committee recommend that these accounts be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Golden,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Golden, seconded by Alderman Getley 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 \$5,104.92.

March 14th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, March 13th, the following accounts amounting to \$5,014.92 were passed and recommended to the City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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



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ACCOUNT - FRANK A. GEROW

Read letter City Clerk submitting for payment an account of Frank A. Gerow amounting to \$37.50 for maintenance of one, George Chisholm, a delinquent child.

March 14th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit herewith for payment an account amounting to \$37.50 payable to Frank Gerow for the maintenance of one, George Chisholm, a delinquent child. This account was mislaid in the Department of the Juvenile Court and was only received this morning by us. It should have been in for the last meeting of Council.

In taking this matter up with the Auditor, it was suggested that this account be passed separately as the Finance Committee accounts have already been passed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. Powell,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Minshull that the letter of the City Clerk be approved and account paid.  
Motion passed.

SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTHWESTERN SLOPE

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer right-of-way, northwestern slope.

February 22nd, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I received notices from the Fairview Cemetery Company Limited and also from Burt and Druscilla Walker refusing to accept

*City Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

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the money paid into Court for the land and rights required for the extension of the sewer on the northwestern slope.

Under the provisions of Sections 632 and 633 of the Charter the amount of compensation to be paid shall be determined by one of the following methods:-

By a referee to be agreed on by the City and owner, or

If they are unable to agree by a Judge of the County Court for District No. 1, or

By a referee appointed by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

The Charter also provided that if there is more than one property or interest therein belonging to different owners, in place of the foregoing provision, the City may apply to the Judge of the Supreme Court in Chambers to appoint one person to be referee.

It is recommended that application be made to the Judge of the Supreme Court asking to have the County Court Judge for District No. 1 appointed as referee in the two cases under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 27th, 1934.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer dated February 22nd on the sewer right-of-way Northwestern slope was read at a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 23rd instant, and it was resolved to recommend to Council that said report be adopted and that application be made to a Judge of the Supreme Court asking to have the County Court Judge for District No. 1 appointed as a referee in the two cases under consideration.

Copies of notices from the Fairview Cemetery Company Limited, also from Burt and Druscilla Walker are attached hereto.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

March 15th, 1934.

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

WATER EXTENSION, YOUNG STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension, Young Street.

March 9th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from Mr. Hamm for the extension of water on West Young Street, west of Oxford Street, that the length required to supply his house would be 236 ft.

The estimated cost of the work is \$1,070.00.

At present this will be the only house requiring the water.

I would recommend that the extension be made provided the owner will sign a bond guaranteeing the payment of a special rate, which is recommended to be fixed at \$75.00 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

March 15th, 1934.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted and that the water be extended on West Young Street, west of Oxford Street to supply the property of Mr. Hamm, at an estimated cost of \$1070.00, and a special rate of \$75.00 per annum.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

March 15th, 1934.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

SEWER, EDINBURGH AND PHILLIP STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re sewer, Edinburgh and Phillips Streets .

March 14th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

With further reference to a report adopted by the City Council on December 13th, 1933, wherein a certain number of sewers were ordered to be constructed in connection with the Unemployment Relief work, it was recommended that the following sewers be ordered and added to the list.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

Project No. 12 - Edinburgh Street, Connolly Road to Oxford Street, 670 feet long, estimated cost \$4,800.00.

Project No. 18 - Phillip Street, 700 feet long, estimated cost \$4,100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

March 15th, 1934.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the attached report of the City Engineer be adopted and that sewers be constructed on Edinburgh and Phillip Streets, as part of unemployment relief work.

A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Miller that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

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TENDERS FOR \$100,000.00 BORROWING

Read report of the Committee on Finance submitting tenders received for the borrowing of \$100,000.00.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
March 13th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration tenders for the borrowing of \$100,000.00 from the following:-

Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.	99.519
Johnston & Ward associates Cornell, MacGillivray Ltd.	99.515
W. C. Pitfield & Co.	99.28
A. E. Ames & Co.	99.172
Dominion Securities Ltd.	99.079
N.S. Bond Corp. Ltd.	99.07
Mar. Life Assurance Co.	98.75
Eastern Securities Co., Ltd.	98.53
Hansen Bros.	98.52
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	98.41
Royal Securities Ltd.	98.28
J.C. McIntosh & Co. associated with Nesbitt, Thompson & Co., Ltd.	97.79

Your committee recommend that the tender of Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd. at 99.519 for the borrowing of \$100,000.00 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Miller that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the tender of Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd. at 99.519 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

The following resolution is submitted.

March 15th, 1934.

WHEREAS by Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia passed in the year 1932, being 22, Geo. V. Chapter 56, the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$100,000.00 to defray the expense of construction of New Sewers and no money has heretofore been borrowed under said statutory authority save and except the sum of \$50,000.00 and it is now desirable to borrow a further sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS by Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia passed in the year 1919, being 9-10 Geo. V. Chapter 82, the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$200,000.00 to defray the expense of construction of additional permanent sidewalks and no money has heretofore been borrowed under said statutory authority save and except the sum of \$175,000.00 and it is now desirable to borrow a further sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS by Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia passed in the year 1931, being 21 George V. Chapter 72, the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$100,000.00 to defray the expense of construction of new sidewalks and no money has heretofore been borrowed under said statutory authority save and except the sum of \$70,000.00 and it is now desirable to borrow a further sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose aforesaid.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes aforesaid and under the authority of the above recited enactments, the City of Halifax do issue and sell the debentures and/ or stock of the City to the principal amount of (\$100,000.00) One Hundred Thousand Dollars, that such debentures and/ or stock be issued in conformity with the provisions of the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act 1905, and form part of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, and that the said debentures and/ or stock be dated as of the first day of January 1934 be payable 25 years from the first day of January 1934 for \$100,000.00, and bear interest from the 1st day of January 1934 at the rate of four and one half percent per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of January and July in each year, represented by interest coupons attached hereto, in the case of debentures and that the principal and interest of the said debentures and/ or stock be payable in the lawful money of the Dominion of Canada at the office of the City Treasurer in the City of Halifax or at the principal office of the Royal Bank of Canada in any of the Cities of Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver, Dominion of Canada in said lawful money of the Dominion of Canada, at the option of the holder.

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That the said debentures and/ or stock be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer, be sealed with the corporate seal of the City and be countersigned by the City Clerk. That the coupons attached to the said debentures be signed by the written, stamped, lithographed or engraved signatures of the Mayor and Treasurer.

That the monies so borrowed as aforesaid be applied in accordance with the provisions of the statutory authorities aforesaid and for the purposes aforementioned.

That the City Treasurer be authorized to issue "Interim Receipt Certificates" in respect to the said hereinbefore recited loans and that the said Interim Receipt Certificates be issued to either "Bearer" or "Order" as may be requested by the purchasers thereof which said Interim Receipt Certificates shall be signed by the Mayor, the City Treasurer and the City Clerk, and be exchanged definitive debentures and/ or stock when the same are engraved and ready for delivery.

That the definitive debentures be delivered at or as near the 1st May 1934 as is possible for the City to do so.

That exchange of definitive debentures for Interim Receipt Certificates take place at Halifax as specified in the call for tenders.

That the City of Halifax will not share or be responsible for any expense which may be incurred by the purchasers in connection with investigation by them of the validity of the issue of the debentures and/ or stock heretofore mentioned.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Miller that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

\$9,800.00 BORROWING

Read report of the Finance Committee submitting two resolutions providing for the borrowing of \$9,800.00 on a five year basis.

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Committee Room, City Hall,  
March 13th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached resolution providing for the borrowing of \$9,800.00 on a five year basis together with a resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to offer the debentures for the said loan at par to the trustees of the trust funds of the City.

Your committee recommend that the above mentioned resolutions be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Miller that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted.

WHEREAS by Order-in-Council of the Executive Council of the Province of Nova Scotia passed on the 16th day of May 1933, the City of Halifax was directed to borrow a sum not exceeding \$7,500.00 and for this purpose to issue its debentures to an amount not exceeding the said sum and to pay the proceeds thereof, or so much thereof as may be necessary to the Board of School Commissioners for the purpose of taking down and rebuilding parapets and raising and renewing roof, and repairs to brick work generally at Alexander McKay School, and for the purpose of reshingling the whole of the main roof with fire proof shingles at Quinpool Road School; and it is now desirable to borrow a sum of \$6,500.00 to defray a portion of the said repairs;

AND WHEREAS by Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia passed in the year 1933, being 23-24 Geo. V. Chapter 67, Section 37, the City of Halifax was authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$3500.00 to defray the cost of repairs and the rebuilding of walls surrounding the City Prison, and for the installation of flood lights therein; and it is now desirable to borrow a sum of \$3,300.00 for the purpose of defraying a portion of the cost of the said repairs, rebuilding and installation;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes aforesaid, and under the authority of the above recited enactment and Order-in-Council, the City of Halifax do issue and sell the debentures of the City to the principal amount of \$9,800.00, and that such debentures be issued in conformity with the provisions of the Halifax City Charter, be dated as of the first day of August 1933, and be repayable in five equal yearly instalments, and that all such debentures shall bear interest from the date thereof at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum, payable half-yearly on the first days of February and August in each year, such interest to be represented by coupons attached to the said debentures, and that the principal and interest shall be payable in lawful money of Canada at the office of the Treasurer of the City of Halifax, or at the main office of the Royal Bank of Canada in the Cities of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver at the option of the holder;

That the said debentures shall be signed by the Mayor and Treasurer of the City of Halifax, and countersigned by the Clerk of that City, and sealed with the corporate seal of the City, and that the coupons attached to the debentures shall be signed with the written, stamped, lithographed or engraved signature of the Mayor and Treasurer.

That the money so borrowed shall be applied in accordance with the respective enactments above recited and for the respective purposes therein mentioned.

That the City of Halifax will not share or be responsible for any expense which may be incurred by the purchasers in connection with investigation by them of the validity of the issue of the debentures heretofore mentioned.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded

by Alderman Miller and passed unanimously.

The following resolution is submitted.

WHEREAS the City requires to borrow an amount of \$9,800.00 on five year serial debentures pursuant to the resolution of the Council adopted this day;

BE IT RESOLVED that the trustees of the trust funds of the City be asked to tender for the said debentures at par and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept such an offer if and when made by the said trustees.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Miller and passed unanimously.

\$6,800.00 BORROWING

Read report of the Finance Committee together with an extract from minutes of a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 5th day of March 1934, providing for the borrowing of \$6,800.00.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached extract from a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 5th day of March regarding the borrowing of the sum of \$6,800.00 made up as follows:-

Construction of vault in	
City Engineer's Office	\$600.00
Market Building roof	5,200.00
Public Baths, Bedford	
Basin	1,000.00

Your committee recommend that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and that the sum of \$6,800.00 be borrowed on a five year basis.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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"It was resolved to recommend to the City Council that the following sums be borrowed on five year basis and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Committee:-

Construction of vault in	
City Engineer's Office	\$600.00
Market building roof	5,200.00
Public Baths, Bedford Basin	1,000.00

A true extract.

M. A. Hunter,  
CLERK OF WORKS "

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Miller that the report and extract as submitted be approved and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation providing for the borrowing of \$6,800.00 above mentioned. Motion passed.

\$2,000.00 BORROWING

Read report of the Finance and Gardens Committees recommending that legislation be sought to provide for the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the purpose of renewing plumbing at the Greenhouse in the Public Gardens.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached report of the Gardens Committee requesting permission to borrow the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of renewing and replacing plumbing in the Greenhouse.

Your committee recommend that a sum not to exceed \$2,000.00 be borrowed for the purpose above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached

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letter from the City Engineer enclosing the report of the Plumbing Inspector re hot water piping at the Public Gardens Greenhouse.

Your committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation for the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the purpose of renewing and replacing piping at the Greenhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Conn,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Miller that the reports of the Finance and Gardens Committees be adopted and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare necessary legislation providing for a sum not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the purpose above mentioned.  
Motion passed.

\$2,500.00 BORROWING

Read reports of the Finance and Gardens Committees recommending that legislation be sought to provide for the borrowing of \$1,500.00 for repairing the Tower at Sir Sanford Fleming Park and the sum of \$1,000.00 for general purposes at the Park.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached report from the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons requesting legislation providing for the borrowing of \$1,500.00 for repairing the Tower at Sir Sanford Fleming Park and the sum of \$1,000.00 for general purposes at the Park.

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Your committee recommend that the request of the Gardens Committee be approved, and that a sum not to exceed \$2,500.00 be borrowed for the purposes above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached report of the Asst. Building Inspector covering repairs to Sir Sanford Fleming Tower.

Your committee recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation to provide for the borrowing of \$1,500.00 for repairing Sir Sanford Fleming Park tower and the sum of \$1,000.00 for general purposes at Fleming Park, same to be for the civic year 1934-35 only.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Conn,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Miller that the reports of the Finance and Gardens Committees be approved, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation providing for the borrowing of \$2,500.00 as above mentioned. Motion passed.

\$53,000.00 BORROWING FOR FIRE STATION

Read report of the Finance Committee together with a resolution submitted by the Committee on Firewards requesting that legislation be sought to enable the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$53,000.00 for the erection of a fire station.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached resolution providing for the borrowing of \$53,000. for the erection of a central Fire Station on Brunswick Street.

Your committee recommend that the resolution as submitted be approved and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

At a meeting of the Firewards Committee held the 2nd day of March, 1934, the following resolution was unanimously passed.

" RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to the City Council that legislation be obtained enabling the City to purchase a site and to erect thereon a fire station to replace the present fire stations on Brunswick Streets and Bedford Row, and for this purpose to borrow a sum not exceeding \$53,000.00".

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report and resolution be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

8.45 P.M.,

Alderman Adams arrives and takes his seat in Council.

TENDERS FOR BINDING

Read report of the Library Committee submitting tenders for binding.

March 15th, 1934.

March 14th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Library Committee held March 13th, your committee had under consideration tenders for binding as follows:

	Half Roan	Buckram.
Phillips & Marshall	\$2.20	\$1.75 per volume
Matheson & Blakeney	2.25	1.70 " "

Your committee recommend that the tender of Phillips & Marshall be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Minshull,

seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted and the tender of Phillips & Marshall be accepted. Motion passed.

SUPPLIES - CITY PRISON

Read report of the City Prison Committee submitting tenders for supplies for twelve months period beginning May 1st, 1934 and ending April 30th, 1935.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
March 8th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, your committee had under consideration tenders for supplies for twelve months period beginning May 1st, 1934 and ending April 30th, 1935 as follows:-

BREAD

Scrivens Bakery	.05¢ per	1½ lb. loaf
Moirs Ltd.	.05¢	" "
Bens Ltd.	.05½¢	" "
O'Malley's Ltd.	.05¼¢	" "
Newport's Bakery	.07¢	" "

*Miss Barnaby*  
*Phillips & Marshall*

*City Prison*  
*Committee*

March 15th, 1934.

FISH

Harris L. Bowman .04¢ per lb.  
E. A. Manuel .06¢ "

BEEF

W. A. Maling & Co. .06, 4/10¢ per lb.  
M. B. Fineberg .07¢ per lb.  
Edgar A. Manuel .08½¢ "  
J.A. Leaman & Co, Ltd..09¢ "

GROCERIES

Howards Ltd.  
Ritcey & Co., Ltd.  
B. B. Seeton & Co., Ltd.

Your committee recommend that the tenders of Sorivens Bakery, and Moirs Limited for bread at .05¢ per 1½ lb. loaf be accepted, same to be divided equally month by month alternately, and that the tender of Harris L. Bowman for supplying fish at .04¢ per lb. be accepted, the tender of W. A. Maling & Co. for the supplying of beef at .06, 4/10¢ be accepted, and the tender of Ritcey & Co., Ltd. for supplying groceries be accepted. These being the lowest tenders in each case.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Minshull,  
CHAIRMAN.

M oved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Holland that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

GRANT - MRS. FRANCES M. PALMER

Read letter from Mrs. Frances

M. Palmer, widow of Wm. E. Palmer, late  
Chief of Police.

Halifax, N. S.  
February 24th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Aldermen in Council,  
City of Halifax.

Gentlemen:-

It is understood that the City Charter makes no provision for payment of pensions or gratuities to widows or dependents of former city employees dying whilst on

*City Treasurer  
City Auditor  
Mrs. Palmer*



March 15th, 1934.

superannuation. I think, however, certain cases deserving special consideration have been and still are being provided for by special legislation. I therefore desire to bring to your special consideration the case of my late husband, W. E. Palmer.

On his being retired after thirty-three years service he became entitled to a life pension which pension he drew for such a short period. The money he received as pension was deducted from the amount he paid into the superannuation fund and the balance of his contributions to this fund without interest was refunded to me after his death. Thus it will be seen that not one cent was paid from city funds in recognition of his services to the city, and the city benefitted by the accrued interest on his contributions to the superannuation fund.

I have been left with hospitalization, medical, nursing and funeral expenses to pay. The estate of my late husband, as probate will show, is negligible. I am therefore, left to meet the whole expense.

The health of my late husband was not the same after his serious injury received whilst on duty on Brunswick Street and I am perfectly safe in saying his life was shortened by long hours devoted to duty before and after he became Chief of Police. Had he lived for a few short years after retirement he would have received some compensation from city funds for his long and faithful service. As it now is no recognition other than his own contributions, less interest, has been given.

At the time my husband presented the finding of the medical examination, taken at his own expense, he should have been given one year's leave of absence with pay. His contributions to the superannuation fund would then have been intact at the time of his death and I should have been able to meet the liabilities mentioned.

In view of the above statements, I think it is incumbent on the City to make some concession on my behalf, therefore, it is respectfully requested that you, whilst in council, will give the matter earnest consideration and action after recognizing the justice of my appeal.

Yours truly,

Frances M. Palmer.

March 15th, 1934.

Moved by Alderman Golden, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation enabling the City to borrow a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00, same to be paid to the widow of the late Chief of Police. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Minshull  
Donovan  
Conn  
Adams  
McCarthy  
Golden  
McDonald  
O'Toole  
Getley  
Holland  
Probert

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Stech  
Miller  
Doyle  
Smeltzer

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CITY TAX RATE 1934-35

Read report of P. J. McManus, City Assessor announcing the tax rate for the civic year 1934-35.

March 15th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I desire to submit my report on the Assessment made for the year 1934-35.

The total value of all assessable property is \$58,940,320.00. The estimate of Council came to the sum of \$2,074,482.61, and after deducting the amount of Company tax, and Special Tax, and allowing for School Rebate the net amount required is \$2,039,183.61.

To get this amount we have fixed the Tax Rate at \$3.46, divided as follows:

County	.10	
School	1.10	
City:		
General	1.87	
Relief	.08	
Charities	.31	\$ .346

March 15th, 1934.

The net decrease in Real Estate amounts to \$174,575. I think it is but fair to say that in this amount we have to transfer to Supplementary sheets approximately \$80,000., one amount being the property known as the Halifax Infirmary, and now occupied by the Sisters of Charity, and under a decision of Mr. Justice Russell classed as an Alms House, and other smaller amounts from Tax Sale. If not for this the net reduction would be well under the \$100,000.

#### BUSINESS TAX

We have had a very heavy drop in our Business Assessment. This has been brought about by:

- 1st. The number of vacancies.
- 2nd. In many cases reduction of rentals, amounting to 50% of the rental paid last year.
- 3rd. An unusual number of Firms and others doing business who notified us prior to February 25th., that it was their intention to retire from business on May 1st. All of these had to be taken off our rolls.

Thus we have a net decrease in our business assessment of \$313,690.

HOUSE TAXES These also show a decrease of \$107,560. This can be accounted for by reduction in rentals, and the large number of vacancies.

During the year we have made 744 special assessments amounting to \$442,350., and producing a return of \$15,590.20.

Our Poll Tax shows the number to be assessed as 3,500, which should net approximately \$35,000.

There will be a small reduction in the value of exempted property. The total amount, together with a complete list of all exemptions will be included in our annual report.

Yours truly,

P. J. McManus,  
CITY ASSESSOR.

March 15th, 1934.

S T A T E M E N T

WARD	REAL ESTATE	BUSINESS TAX	HOUSEHOLD TAX	TOTAL
1	\$8,266,250.	\$386,700.	\$563,200.	\$9,216,150.
2	13,671,900.	3,236,535.	706,205.	17,614,640.
3	9,310,100.	2,230,840.	386,760.	11,927,700.
4	5,305,200.	565,900.	409,100.	6,280,200.
5	4,528,450.	491,100.	368,200.	5,387,750.
6	7,180,225.	767,575.	575,080.	8,522,880.
	<u>48,262,125.</u>	<u>7,678,650.</u>	<u>3,008,545.</u>	<u>58,949,320.</u>

Estimate as passed by City, Council,  
February 27th, 1934.

	\$2,074,482.61
Less Company Tax	<u>35,000.00</u>
	2,039,482.61
Less Anticipated Special Taxes	<u>2,000.00</u>
	2,037,482.61
Add for School Rebate	<u>1,700.00</u>
	\$2,039,182.61

Assessment \$58,949,320.  
x 3.46                      2,039,646.47

TAX RATE

County.....	.10
Schools .....	1.10
City:	
General .....	1.87
Relief.....	.08
Charities.....	<u>.31</u>
	\$ 3.46 per Hundred.

COMPARITIVE STATEMENT, 1933-4, 1934-5.

YEAR	WARD	REAL ESTATE	BUSINESS TAX	HOUSEHOLD TAX	TOTAL
1933-4	1	\$8,264,000.	\$396,950.	\$579,750.	\$9,240,700.
1934-5	1	8,266,250.	386,700.	563,200.	9,216,150.
		+ 2,250.	- 10,250.	- 16,550.	- 24,550.
1933-4	2	13,864,000.	3,402,795.	720,765.	17,987,560.
1934-5	2	13,671,900.	3,236,535.	706,205.	17,614,640.
		- 192,100.	-166,260.	- 14,560.	- 372,920.
1933-4	3	9,340,900.	2,325,570.	390,370.	12,056,840.
1934-5	3	9,310,100.	2,230,840.	386,760.	11,927,700.
		- 30,800.	- 94,730.	- 3,610.	- 129,140.
1933-4	4	5,299,600.	599,350.	421,880.	6,320,830.
1934-5	4	5,305,200.	565,900.	409,100.	6,280,200.
		+ 5,600.	- 33,450.	-12,780.	- 40,630.
1933-4	5	4,585,850.	518,750.	407,820.	5,512,420.
1934-5	5	4,528,450.	491,100.	368,200.	5,387,750.
		-57,400.	- 27,650.	- 39,620.	-124,670.
1933-4	6	7,082,350.	748,925.	595,580.	8,426,855.
1934-5	6	7,180,225.	767,575.	575,080.	8,522,880.
		+ 97,875.	+18,650.	-20,500.	+ 96,025.

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<u>Ward</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
1	\$24,550.	
2	372,920.	
3	129,140.	
4	40,630.	
5	124,670.	
6		
	<u>691,910.</u>	<u>\$96,025.</u>
		96,025.

Total Decrease.....\$595,885.

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DIRECT RELIEF COMMITTEE RE O'MALLEY LETTER

Read report of the Direct Relief Committee in reply to letter of Ex-Alderman J. A. O'Malley forwarded to their committee from the City Council.

February 27th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:--

At a meeting of the above committee held yesterday afternoon, the following communication to be addressed to your honourable body was approved:--

"The Halifax Direct Relief Committee respectfully suggests to your honourable body that should further communications be received by your Council concerning direct relief, that the City Clerk be authorized to refer such communications directly to the committee in order that its reply might be made simultaneously with any written criticism that might be offered".

Trusting this suggestion will meet with your favour.

I have the honour to be,  
Gentlemen,

E. A. Saunders,  
SECRETARY.

March 15th, 1934.

Feb. 27th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:--

We have before us extracts of minutes of your meeting of February 15th, 1934, along with copy of letter from Mr. J. A. O'Malley in reference to your Council having appointed the City Auditor a member of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee - said letter also stating as follows:-- "From some of his actions in connection with the City's business, I feel he has unduly exerted his opinion which has seriously affected the position of certain private citizens".

The legality of Mr. Butler's appointment as a member of the Relief Committee is, we consider, a question to be dealt with by the City Solicitor. We beg leave, however, to submit that in our opinion Mr. Butler being on or off the Relief Committee has not had, nor will it have, any effect on the Relief Committee's deliberations that have not been or will not be beneficial. The said committee being a civic committee is entitled to the reasonable help and co-operation on the part of any city official as occasion requires same. If Mr. Butler were not on the committee, his presence at meetings would be necessary and we feel sure he would have given the same efficient and willing co-operation as he has as a member of the committee. This co-operation we may say has been very much appreciated by the Relief Committee.

In regard to Mr. Butler "unduly exerting his opinion", by which we presume Mr. O'Malley means that Mr. Butler dominates the sub-committee on bread; we have to report that the members of said sub-committee are quite unconscious of the alleged dominance. If your Council is of the opinion that any members of the Relief Committee are as weak minded as intimated by Mr. O'Malley, their resignation should be asked for.

Furthermore, it may interest the Council to know that the committee which finalized the present bread arrangement consisted of:--

A. H. Whitman, Chairman.  
Edward Cummbngs                      Alderman H. J. Stech  
E. A. Saunders, and with this  
Committee Mr. Butler was associated in an  
advisory capacity.

March 15th, 1934.

Mr. O'Malley's statement that Mr. Butler was directly responsible for adding \$3,000.00 yearly to the purchase price of bread carries the insinuation that he alone was responsible. Such an insinuation is unfair and unwarranted. The Relief Committee as a whole, as its minutes will show, was responsible for the price increase of ~~4~~ 6¢ a loaf.

Should it be necessary to justify the delivery of bread, the severity of the weather of this winter should convince any reasonable person of the wisdom of the committee's action. The committee knew that much hardship was avoided to men, women and children, the state of whose apparel in many cases was such that grave risks to their health would have been encountered.

In regard to Mr. O'Malley's contention that all bakers excepting one were willing to deliver at 6¢ a loaf, the actual fact is that all the bakers excepting one were unwilling to deliver at that price. We have been advised that the delivery of bread costs over 1¢ a loaf, and when the committee was informed that should it insist on maintaining the 6¢ rate, the bakers of necessity would be obliged to require the drivers of the bread teams to work hours of overtime without extra compensation, the committee's response was immediate and to the effect that its members would not be party to such an action, because tax-payers whose livelihood is obtained from the manufacture and distribution of bread are entitled to a fair and reasonable profit on their wares, just as their employees are entitled to fair compensation for their labour.

We might add in conclusion that all of the bakers we have had in conference with the exception of Mr. O'Malley have accepted the present plan.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Saunders,  
SECRETARY.

Those present at the meeting who approved of the above reply were as follows:-

A. H. Whitman, Chairman; A. M. Butler,  
E. Cummings, J. C. Jones, S. A. Marshall,  
Alderman E. L. Miller, Alderman A. H. Minshull,  
Alderman W. Mitchell, Major A. G. Smith,  
Alderman H. J. Stech, and also B. G. Bradley.

E. A. S.

March 15th, 1934.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report of the Relief Committee be embodied in the minutes. Motion passed.

OPINION CITY SOLICITOR RE OFFICIALS ACTING  
ON COMMITTEES.

Read opinion of the City Solicitor regarding civic officials acting as members on any committees.

March 8th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:

At the meeting of the City Council held on February 15th, I was requested to give an opinion in writing as to the legality of city officials sitting on the Direct Relief Committee and other special or standing committees.

Dealing with the Direct Relief Committee, I find in the agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia, dated February 3rd, 1933, it is provided that "the City shall appoint a committee to control the distribution of direct relief to be composed of not less than three persons who shall be real estate owning rate-payers of the City". In so far as this Committee is concerned I see no legal reason why a city official who is a "real estate owning rate-payer" should not sit as a member of this committee.

With regard to the standing committees of the City Council in the absence of special legislative authority it seems to me that it is not the intention of the City Charter that city officials should be members of these committees. This is borne out in Section 111 (2) where it is provided that every nomination of the Mayor may be rejected by the Council and the Council may appoint another alderman in his place.

As to special committees, it would seem to me that the same rules should govern as apply to standing committees, but on any committee which is not stated by a legislative enactment to consist solely of members of the City Council and on which any rate-payer is entitled to serve, any City official, in my opinion, can serve, for the reason that by becoming a city official he does not lose his rights of citizenship.



March 15th, 1934.

There may be arguments made against the appointment of officials on committees from the point of view of policy but these are not within the purview of this opinion.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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GASOLINE TAX

Read letter City Solicitor re  
gasoline tax.

March 14th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

In examining the bills introduced in the House of Assembly, I find that Bill #13 entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1926, the "Gasoline Tax Act, 1926", increases the tax on gasoline from six to eight cents, an increase of 33 1/3%.

In view of the fact that the City of Halifax pays a substantial sum of between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00 annually for highway tax, and the citizens of Halifax pay a considerable sum for motor vehicle registrations, and also in view of the fact that in the City of Halifax there are many motor vehicles which from one year's end to another do not go outside of the City limits, I am calling this increase in tax to your attention in order that if the City should decide to take any steps or make any resolutions in favour or against this increased tax that the same should be done at once while the House is sitting and before this Bill is passed.

From time to time various statements have been made to the effect that the City of Halifax should receive some portion of the Government Highway Tax or the Gasoline Tax, in order to assist it to keep up its streets, and particularly those streets which constitute the ends of the main trunk provincial highway. To date however nothing has been accomplished, and as the Legislature is now sitting, in my opinion this would be an opportune time to approach the Government in this matter, for the reason that it would be possible to have the same ratified by the appropriate legislation.

March 15th, 1934.

I was requested by the Committee of Laws & Privileges at its meeting held on the 13th instant to communicate this matter to you.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

The following resolution is submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Halifax do hereby go on record that the government of the Province of Nova Scotia share with the City of Halifax the highway tax now being paid to the Province of Nova Scotia by the City of Halifax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee be appointed by His Worship the Mayor to interview the government of the Province of Nova Scotia and to press the claim of the City for the said share.

Moved by Alderman Donovan,  
seconded by Alderman Miller that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor names  
the following committee as "Legislation Committee".

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

His Worship the Mayor

Alderman Stech

Alderman McCarthy

Alderman Doyle

City Solicitor

City Auditor

City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer,  
seconded by Alderman Miller that the committee as named be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

March 15th, 1934.

FEEES FOR SEARCHING TITLES

Read letter City Solicitor re  
fees for searches.

March 15th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

A situation has arisen which, in my opinion, should be dealt with without delay. It concerns the payment of fees for searches in the Registry of Deeds to the Registrar of Deeds when the searches are being made for the purposes of the City by myself or any other city officer of the City, or by any person employed by any official for this purpose.

An amendment to the Costs and Fees Act, being Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1929, provides as follows:

"14. No fees shall be charged by the Registrars of Deeds for searches for municipal purposes by municipal officers in any Registry of Deeds".

The amount of our fee for a search is \$,30. It will be observed that there are two objections to this amendment. First, that the searches must be made for "municipal purposes". In view of the fact that the words "municipal" or "municipality" have a strict meaning when used in statutes, it is not possible to extend the meaning of this word to include cities or towns. This should be amended to include cities or towns. Second, it provides for searches made "by municipal officers". This seems to me to require the officer himself to actually attend the Registry of Deeds and make the search. You will realize that insofar as the City of Halifax is concerned it is impossible for me to spend the time away from the office of the Registry of Deeds searching titles, and it is necessary, in view of the great number of titles to search from time to time, to employ assistance. This amendment should be extended to exempt assistants from paying the fee. I enclose herewith a suggested amendment which I trust the Council will adopt and order the same to be sent to the Attorney General with a request that the same be enacted.

*Judge Roberts.*

March 15th, 1934.

It should be borne in mind that the City of Halifax contributes largely to the up-keep of the Court House, and should receive some commensurate benefit therefrom. In addition to this the City of Halifax also pays the Registrar of Deeds a certain monthly sum for certain information which is furnished to the City Assessor.

I would be very pleased to answer any other questions which may arise concerning this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

The following draft amendment is submitted.

Sec. 14 of Part b of Chapter 252 of the Revised Statutes 1923 as the same is enacted by Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1929 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

" No fees shall be charged by the Registrar of Deeds for searches conducted by officers of the Cities, Towns or Municipalities or by persons engaged by such officers for the purposes of such Cities, Towns or Municipalities."

Moved by Alderman Minshull,  
seconded by Alderman Doyle that the draft amendment as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

#### LEGISLATION

Read letter City Solicitor submitting ~~draft~~ legislation to be added to the amendment to Section 27 of the City Charter passed at a meeting of Council held on December 14th, 1933 and to be known as "Sub-section 4".

March 15th, 1934.

March 15th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Dear Sirs:-

At a meeting of the City Council held on December 14th, 1933, certain draft legislation requiring candidates for the Office of Mayor or Aldermen to deposit with the Clerk \$50.00 before their nomination papers could be received. It has been called to my attention that this should not apply to members of the City Council now sitting or to the present Mayor. I have accordingly prepared a draft of legislation to this effect which is submitted herewith and if approved by Council, I will add it to the section already approved.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

(4) This section shall not apply to the Mayor or Aldermen holding office at the time of the passing of this Section if such Mayor or Aldermen or any of them shall offer for re-election

Moved by Aldermen Probert,  
seconded by Alderman Donovan that the resolution as submitted be not approved. Motion passed.

#### PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting letter of the City Health Board re amendment to Section 119 of the City Charter.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 28th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached letter from the Secretary of the Health Board re amendment to Section 119 of the City Charter.

March 15th, 1934.

Your committee forward same to Council for its information and necessary action.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,  
CHAIRMAN.

February 21st, 1934.

Chairman and Members,  
Laws and Privileges Committee,  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on February 19th, a resolution was passed recommending that the offices of Secretary of the City Health Board and that of the Dairy and Food Inspector be included under the head of permanent appointments as provided by Section 119 of the Revised City Charter, 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Minshull,  
seconded by Alderman Golden that the report as submitted be not approved. Motion passed.

#### AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting amendments to Ordinances.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the Ordinance repealing Ordinances 1 to 30 inclusive and Traffic Bye-Law No. 79 be read the first time. Motion passed.

First reading given to Ordinance repealing Ordinances 1 to 30 inclusive and Traffic Bye-Law No. 79.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Donovan that Ordinances 1 to 30 inclusive and Traffic Bye-Law No. 79 be now

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read a first time. Motion passed.

First reading given to Ordinances 1 to 30 inclusive, and Traffic Bye-Law No. 79.

PURCHASE OF BROOMS

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the City Clerk be instructed to request all buying committees that when they are buying brooms for their various departments that they specify "Brooms made by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind", known as "Hope Brand Brooms", prices and quality being equal. Motion passed.

*Comm. on Works  
Health Board  
Police Dept.  
Fire Dept.  
City Hall  
City Prison  
Court House*

ACCOUNT, J. L. MCKINNON

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting an account of J. L. McKinnon, Esq., amounting to \$200.00 for services rendered as Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
March 13th, 1934.

*City Treasurer  
City Auditor*

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Privileges held this day, the City Solicitor advised the committee that he had received an account from Mr. J. L. MacKinnon, Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate for services rendered during the vacation of the Stipendiary Magistrate.

Your committee recommend that Mr. McKinnon be paid the sum of \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Doyle,  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

March 15th, 1934.

M oved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted and that Mr. McKinnon be paid the sum of \$200.00. Motion passed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Read letter The Railway Association of Canada re Daylight Saving Time for the summer months of 1934.

February 15th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME -1934

*Leave Privilege Commt*

For a number of years this Association has endeavoured, with the co-operation of the municipal authorities, to secure some degree of uniformity amongst the larger centres in Eastern Canada in connection with the adoption of Daylight Saving Time, feeling that it is very much in the interests of the travelling public that the periods adopted by such centres should not only correspond, but should also fit in with the Spring and Fall changes in train schedules, and, insofar as practicable, correspond to periods of Daylight Saving Time adopted by such cities across the border as Boston, New York, Buffalo, Chicago, etc.

This year the railways' Spring train schedules will become effective at 12.01 A.M., Sunday, April 29th, and the fall schedules at 12.01 A.M. Sunday, September 20th. We are informed that Daylight Saving Time will be in effect in the larger centres in the Eastern States between these dates, and for the comfort and convenience of the travelling public it would appear most desirable that cities in Canada which intend to adopt Daylight Saving Time this year should act uniformly by putting it into effect for the period April 29th - September 29th, inclusive.

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

Yours truly,

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



March 15th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor refers this matter to the Laws and Privileges Committee for their consideration and report back to Council at its meeting to be held April 12th,

Alderman Stech wishing to be recorded against deferring this matter.

SUPT'S REPORT OF INMATES IN THE CITY HOME AND T.B.HOSPITAL FOR THE MONTH OF FEB. 1934

Read report of the Charities Committee showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 453 and the number of patients in the T. B. Hospital to be 56.

FILED

DIRECT RELIEF EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor re direct relief expenditures as at March 15th, 1934.

REPORT ON DIRECT RELIEF EXPENDITURES.  
(Estimated)

February 15th - March 15th, 1934.

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>City's Share</u>
Vote June 16th/32	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
" July 14th/32	25,000.00	5,000.00
" Sept. 2nd/32	60,000.00	20,000.00
" Dec. 15th/32	135,000.00	45,000.00
" Apr. 13th/33	111,000.00	37,000.00
" July 13th/33	102,000.00	34,000.00
" Oct. 12th/33	150,000.00	50,000.00
" Jan. 11th/34	150,000.00	50,000.00
	<u>738,000.00</u>	<u>246,000.00</u>
Expenditures to Feb. 28th, 1934	623,310.17	207,770.06
Add estimated to March 15th, 1934	19,000.00	6,333.33
Add estimated orders not presented for payment	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	657,310.17	219,103.39

March 15th, 1934.

Unexpended balance  
available to  
April 30th, 1934.      \$80,689.83      \$26,896.61

School Officials and Teachers  
have contributed a total of \$5,774.05 to the  
Direct Relief Fund from which the sum of  
\$3,500.00 has been voted as a contribution to  
the Red Cross Society. The Council subsequently  
voted a further sum of \$5,000.00 for the  
same purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

March 15th, 1934.

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TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1934

Read report of the City Auditor  
re tax collections for the month of  
February 1934.

City Auditor's Office,  
February 28th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Report on Tax Collections for  
the month of February is submitted. Collections  
amounted to \$60,284.00; corresponding period  
last year \$58,254.05. Collections on account of  
taxes for the years 1908-1924 were \$83.50.  
The ledger value of this group on February 28th,  
1934 after deducting Reserves for short  
collection amounted to \$552,607.94. Collections  
of Poll Taxes in 1933-4 of current and arrears  
to February 28th, 1934 amounted to \$29,046.59;  
corresponding period last year \$30,582.88.

Arrears Taxes

Civic Year Reserves	Outstanding Balances January	New Accounts and adjustments	February Collections	Outstanding Balances February
1925-26	\$65,996.00*	\$65,770.40	\$14.70	\$65,755.70
1926-27	39,884.80*	42,355.99	56.39	42,299.60
1927-28	41,993.49*	41,555.56	35.76	41,519.80
1928-29	47,682.30*	46,424.16	84.31	46,339.85
1929-30	52,938.83*	50,259.56	119.87	50,139.69
1930-31	70,637.83*	69,251.37	3,437.76	65,813.61
1931-32	69,632.81*	164,052.26	11,803.57	152,248.69
1932-33	47,412.67	324,974.61	12,240.79	312,733.82
		804,643.91	27,793.15	776,850.76

March 15th, 1934.

<u>Current Taxes</u>					
1933-34	\$52,729.77	\$621,485.78	\$22,854.59	\$598,631.19	
<u>Water Dept.</u>					
Rates, etc.		62,250.64	-6,593.49	9,636.26	46,020.79
		<u>1,488,380.23</u>	<u>-6,593.49</u>	<u>60,284.00</u>	<u>1,421,502.74</u>
<u>Poll Taxes 1932-33</u>		3,900.00	- 874.30	398.00	2,627.70
Do 1933-34		12,757.49	509.19	1,770.50	11,496.18

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR,

\* Includes special tax payments and unexpended balances, and, for the Civic Year 1925-26, a special transfer as authorized by the Acts of 1928, Cap. 62. Any excess in these accounts above the outstanding tax balances will be transferred to the General Reserve or the General Sinking Fund, as the case requires, on April 30th of each year.

FILED

DELEGATION OF SEWER WORKERS

Read letter from sewer workers requesting an interview.

March 14th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

A delegation of three sewer workers wish to interview you at your regular meeting on Thursday, March 15th, to present their grievances of the sewer workers.

The delegation consists of:

Norman McNeil  
A. Horton  
G. Carlton,

Signed. A. E. Orton,  
CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor requests the delegates to meet him in the morning at 11 A.M.

Moved by Alderman Minshull, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that three delegates be heard at this meeting. Motion passed.

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Mr. George Carleton stated that the men on sewer work were not satisfied with the wages being paid.

Mr. A. E. Orton stated that he was instructed to state that the men considered they should be paid for wet weather, full time.

Mr. Norman McNeil stated that a family could not live on \$10.50 a week, he considered .50¢ an hour reasonable wages. He also submitted and read list of demands as follows.

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DEMANDS OF THE DELEGATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

(1) That all men working on the sewer jobs be transported to the there various jobs from the city field.

(2) That all men be supplied with rubber boots while on the jobs where warranted, these boots to remain the property of the City and to be supplied free.

(3) That all men be paid at the rate of fifty cents (50¢) per hour for not less than thirty hours (30 hrs.).

(4) That all men be paid full time each week, regardless of inclement weather, if they report at the job.

(5) That all discrimination on relief jobs, such as:  
(a) Firing of men for being late on the jobs,  
(b) Compelling men to work against their will, etc.,  
shall be stopped immediately.

(6) That all men, old or disabled be given a chance as watchmen.

DIRECT RELIEF

(1) That the City immediately adopt the relief scale as laid out by the Provincial Government.

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- (2) That no men be compelled to work for his relief order.
- (3) That there be no more evictions in Halifax.
- (4) That free medical attention be supplied to all people on relief; and that a Doctor's service be supplied at all hours by the City.

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FINAL DEMAND

That all delegations from the United Workers League of Halifax will be recognized by the officials of this City.

Mr. John R. McDonald, Provincial President of the United Workers League addressed Council stating that conditions in Halifax are much worse than in other cities. This, he stated, was first hand information received from investigations made by him personally. He requested that the Council consider this matter at this meeting while the delegation were present.

Mr. George Rae, local President of the United Workers League asks that the City of Halifax adopt the scale for relief as used by the Provincial Government.

His Worship the Mayor advised the delegates that their requests would receive consideration either by this Council or by a committee appointed by Council to consider same; decision of such findings would be communicated to them at an early date.

LEGISLATION

The Council now proceeded to consider items of legislation which were deferred at the meeting of Council held on Tuesday evening.

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ITEM NO. 13 RELATING TO SECTION 310  
OF THE CITY CHARTER

Moved by Alderman Conn, seconded  
by Alderman Donovan that this item be amended  
to read \$3,000.00 in place of \$3,500.00.  
Motion passed.

ITEM NO. 29 RELATING TO SECTION 440A of  
THE CITY CHARTER

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer,  
seconded by Alderman Getley that this item be  
deleted from the Legislation. Motion passed.

ITEM NO. 31 RELATING TO SECTION 476  
OF THE CITY CHARTER

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded  
by Alderman Smeltzer that this item be  
deleted and brought in force by way of an  
ordinance. Motion passed.

ITEM NO. 32 RELATING TO AMENDMENT TO  
SECTION 489 OF THE CITY CHARTER

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded  
by Alderman Smeltzer that Sub-section 5 of this  
item 32 in the fourth line thereof be changed  
to read \$3,000.00 in place of \$6,000.00.  
Motion passed.

ITEM NO. 38A RELATING TO SECTION 756  
OF THE CITY CHARTER

Moved by Alderman Conn, seconded  
by Alderman Smeltzer that this item be approved.  
Motion passed.

ITEM NO. 40 RELATING TO SECTION 898  
OF THE CITY CHARTER

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer,  
seconded by Alderman Donovan that this item  
be approved. Motion passed.

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ITEM NO. 46 RELATING TO EXTRA BORROWING  
FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT FLEMING PARK

Moved by Alderman Conn, seconded  
by Alderman Smeltzer that Item No. 46 be  
passed as amended, namely \$2,500.00. Motion passed.

ITEM NO. 48

Sub-section 3 of Section 956  
is amended by striking out the numbers 93 on  
the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor  
the numbers 152.

ITEM NO. 49

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded  
by Alderman Smeltzer that Sections, 1, 2,  
3, 4 of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1932 be  
and are hereby repealed. Motion passed.

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Alderman Miller, seconded  
by Alderman Doyle that His Worship the Mayor  
arrange a joint meeting of the Unemployment  
Committee, Direct Relief Committee and a member  
of the Provincial Government to consider the  
demands made by the delegation which appeared  
before Council this evening. Motion passed.

12.30 o'clock,

Moved by Alderman Minshull,  
seconded by Alderman Miller that this meeting  
do now adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor,  
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A. Audley Thompson,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN?

H. C. Powell,  
CITY CLERK.