

July 12th, 1934.

July 9th, 1934.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer, also an opinion of the City Solicitor with reference to two claims against the City for damages to cars caused by the running away of horses attached to a city team.

The Committee on Works recommend that the said claims be paid, viz:-

E. Burgess	\$118.47
H.E. Burgess & Co.	85.50
	<u>\$203.97</u>

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

WATER METER BILLS

Read report of the Committee on Works re water meter bills.

July 9th, 1934.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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

#22¹ Almon St. Acct. 60285, Consumption for February and March 1934, to be reduced to 5,000 gallons for each month.

81-83 Brunswick St. Acct. 30078, The Consumption for January, February and March 1934 shown as 101,600 gallons to be averaged at 16,000 gallons per month for the three months.

6 Brunswick St. Acct. 40253. Consumption shown March 1934, viz:- 121,500 gallons to be reduced to 50,000 gallons.

82 Cornwallis St. Acct. 40570. Consumption shown January, February, March and April 1934, viz: 255,300 gallons, to be reduced by one-half.

*City Engineer
Committee on Works*

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3 Gerrish St. Acct. 51075. Consumption for January, February, March and April 1934 to be reduced to 20,000 gallons for each month.

203 Brunswick St. Acct. 40218. Consumption for February 1934 to be reduced to 7,000 gallons.

65-67 Gottingen St. Acct. 50857. Consumption January, February, March and April 1934 to be reduced to 2,000 gallons for each month.

18 Starr St. Acct. 41609. Consumption for January 1934 to be reduced to 10,000 gallons.

271 Brunswick St. Acct. 40242. Consumption for February 1934 to be reduced to 11,000 gallons.

270 $\frac{1}{2}$ Maynard St. Acct. 61520. Consumption for June and July 1933 to be reduced to 10,000 gallons for each month.

231 Brunswick St. Acct. 40226. Consumption for January, February and March 1934 to be reduced to 15,000 gallons per month.

83 Cornwallis St. Acct. 50623. Consumption for January, February and March 1934 to be reduced to 5,000 gallons per month.

6 Woodill St. Acct. 51702. Consumption for September 1933 to be reduced to 9,000 gallons,

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT BORROWING

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re borrowing.

*City Engineer
Comm. on Works*

July 12th, 1934.

June 13th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At the last session of the Legislature authority was obtained for the borrowing of the following amounts for the purposes mentioned.

To pay the cost of repairing and rebuilding the roof of the City Market a sum not exceeding \$5,200.00.

To pay for the construction of a vault in the City Engineer's Office a sum not exceeding \$600.00.

The Act provides that the City may borrow these amounts and repay them with interest in five yearly instalments.

It is recommended that the Council authorize the borrowing of the above amounts and that tenders be called for the repairing and rebuilding of the roof of the Market building and that the work on the vault be done by day's work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

June 12th, 1934.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Engineer on borrowings as follows:-

Roof of the City Market	\$5,200.
Vault, City Engineer's Office	600.

is recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that the reports be adopted.
Motion passed.

CIVIC EMPLOYEES

Read resolution re civic employees.

to check.

July 12th, 1934.

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Whereas in the opinion of the Halifax City Council, due to the great depression and economic crisis, that has been experienced in Halifax as well as throughout Canada and the world in general, it is imperative that in order to bring about a more equitable distribution of work;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that every employee in the City of Halifax, who is in receipt of a superannuation or pension allowance amounting to \$960.00 per annum or over, be asked to tender his resignation, within thirty (30) days from the passing of this resolution.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the head of every civic department for their information.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the resolution as submitted be adopted.

Alderman Donovan objects.

His Worship the Mayor stated that resolution should be given as a notice of motion, to which Council agreed.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Read resolution re independent audit.

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

WHEREAS alleged shortages in certain civic departments are at present under investigation by the City Auditor's Department.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the accounts of all civic departments should be periodically audited independently of the City Auditor's Department.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby approved and agrees to have an immediate independent audit of all accounts covering every civic department.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Lordly that the resolution as submitted be adopted.

*Bob Steek
Clerk*

July 12th, 1934.

Moved in amendment by Alderman
McCarthy, seconded by Alderman McDonald that this
resolution be referred to the Finance Committee for
consideration at the earliest possible moment.
Amendment passed unanimously.

ACCOUNT, CLAYTON & SONS

Read report of the Firewards
Committee submitting account for uniform clothing
amounting to \$1,866.21.

July 9th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on
Firewards held this day, the attached account of
Clayton & Sons of \$1,866.21 for making and trimming
88 Firemen's suits were considered.

Your committee recommend that this
account be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Smeltzer,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded
by Alderman Power that the account as submitted
be paid. Motion passed.

NEW FIRE STATION

Read report of Fire Chief Churchill
and City Engineer re new fire station.

July 13th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Complying with resolution of the
City Council of June 14th on the advisability
of building a fire station on the City Market site,
I might say that I have viewed three sketches
prepared by the City Engineer's Department.

*auditor
Fire Chief*

Fire Chief

July 12th, 1934.

#1 sketch takes in an area between Dyke Street and the Market Building which provides for a three door station, with three stories on Market Street and two stories on Brunswick Street. Three doors would not be sufficient for a station as intended to replace the old Brunswick Street Station and the ~~XXXXX~~ present Dedford Row Station. Under the old arrangement we had six doors and if this was adopted the Department would only have a three door station for the whole downtown section.

#2 sketch provides for two stories on Market Street and one storey on Brunswick Street, taking in a section of the Market Building, having apparatus, quarters for officers and men and the office on the Brunswick Street level. This would not appeal to me as a satisfactory arrangement for a Fire Department. The men would be too far away from the apparatus and in the event of alarms would have to cover too much space, through halls and rooms, to get to their apparatus. This would greatly slow up the response of the Department and would be a decided disadvantage. In this plan there is not sufficient light and gentilation as the light for a great part would be borrowed light and the same applies to ventilation.

#3 sketch provides for a three door station within the Market building, not taking in the area to the south and does not provide for a workshop in the lower level which would still be occupied as market space. This sketch also provides for borrowed light and ventilation.

This section of the City is very much congested during three market days of the week with produce teams, trucks and private automobiles which would be a serious handicap to fire apparatus responding to fires. At Duckingham and Brunswick Streets the tram cars would also add to the confusion and would greatly slow up the response to fires. If at any time Gottingen Street was extended to intersect with Duke Street this would further interfere with our response. If, on the other hand, the station was built on the site of the present Brunswick Street Station, the new street extension would be a decided advantage to the Department.

The sketches do not provide for a clear turn into Duke Street which is not satisfactory.

None of the disadvantages mentioned here would be encountered if the old site at the corner of George and Brunswick Streets were used. My intention, in the first place, was to better the efficiency of the Department and give a greater measure of protection, however, if the Market site is used, as shown on sketches, I am of the opinion it would never be satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Churchill,
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT.

July 12th, 1934.

Chairman,
Committee of Firewards,
CITY.

Sir:-

In accordance with your request, I have had a sketch plan made of providing and utilizing part of the Market property for the purposes of a Central Fire Station. Three different schemes were studied as follows:-

Proposal A. - Using the area south of the Market Building and building one storey over it, also extending northerly into the present market on the Brunswick Street level for offices, dormitories, etc., the estimated cost of which is \$39,300.00.

Proposal B. - Using the area south of the Market Building without utilizing the latter at all, estimated cost of which is \$36,700.00.

Proposal C.- Building a floor entirely within the present Market building at an estimated cost of \$34,000.00.

This latter scheme would not allow for any basement repair shop unless a portion of the present Market floor were taken for this purpose. It would only allow three doors on the Brunswick Street entrance to the apparatus room and would close off the south half of the stairway leading from the Brunswick Street level to the present Market floor.

Proposals A and B. would prevent the use of the area south of the building used for vehicles belonging to the market people.

Proposal B would only allow for three doors to the apparatus room.

With the exception of C. the other proposals would tend to spoil the Architectural appearance of the block.

I have not been asked to express an opinion as to the advisability of utilizing a portion of the Market building for an Engine House, but my view is that it should not be erected here as apart from the disadvantages of the site for an Engine House, the building may be required in the near future for other public purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

July 12th, 1934.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Getley that the reports be filed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Lordly that the reports of the Fire Chief and City Engineer be referred to the Firewards Committee for their long, careful and earnest consideration. Amendment put and passed.

DICKLE PUMPER

Read report of the Committee on Firewards re Dickle Pumper.

July 9th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:--

At a meeting of the Committee on Firewards held this day, the report of the sub-committee on the legality of purchase and payment of the Dickle Fire Pumper was considered.

It was moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Gates that the following resolution be passed;

RESOLVED that this committee is satisfied as regards the legality of the transaction and that the machine was purchased in accordance with the specifications as submitted also the test of the Dominion and Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters and that this committee commend the sub-committee for bringing to their attention the matter of the turning radius, which is being taken care of by the Chief. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Smeltzer,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted and filed.

Alderman Gough stated that authorization to purchase is not authorization to pay for and disagrees with the opinion of the City Solicitor.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Power that this matter be referred to County Court Judge Murray for a thorough investigation under oath. Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Gates
O'Toole
Getley
Power
Gough
Smeltzer

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Donovan
Miller
Lordly
Adams
McManus
McCarthy
Hendry
McDonald
MacDonald
Doyle
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The original motion put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Gates
Mitchell
Donovan
Miller
Lordly
Adams
McManus
McCarthy
Hendry
McDonald
MacDonald
Smeltzer
Doyle
-13-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen O'Toole
Getley
Power
Gough

-4-

CONVENTION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Read report of the Committee on Firewards re convention of fire chiefs.

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July 12th, 1934.

July 9th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the following report of the Chief of Fire Department was considered;

" Office of Chief of Fire Dept.,
Halifax, July 9th, 1934.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Board of Firewards.

Gentlemen:-

The Dominion Fire Chiefs are holding their 26th Annual Convention in the City of London, Ontario from August 14th to 17th inclusively. This organization consists of about 250 Fire Chiefs from coast to coast.

I am at present holding the office of 1st. Vice-President and in the ordinary course of events, if present, I will no doubt be elected to the highest office of the Association.

In 1932 this Convention was held in our City and at that time Chiefs from the most important cities in the Dominion were present, including the Chief of Vancouver.

Those conventions are educational and only matter pertaining to the advancement of Fire Prevention and Fire Extinguishment are discussed.

I would ask that your Board favorably consider sending me to this convention to represent the City of Halifax. Expenses would not exceed \$160.00 and this item is provided for under the heading of "Miscellaneous" in the 1934-35 Estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Churchill,
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT. "

Your committee recommend that the Chief be sent to the Convention at London, Ontario and be granted an amount not to exceed \$160.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Smebter,
CHAIRMAN.

July 12th, 1934.

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

PAINTING FIRE STATIONS

Read report of the Committee on
Firewards submitting tenders for painting of fire
stations.

July 9th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of
Firewards held this day, the following tenders were
considered for painting the West Street and the
Quinpool Road Fire Stations:

	<u>WEST ST. STA.</u>	<u>QUINPOOL RD.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Anthony Thompson			\$275.00
Percy Doutilier			400.00
W. M. Saulnier			429.00
L. J. Lambert			450.00
W. C. Metlin	285.00	165.00	450.00
H. L. Roche			530.00
D. C. Dyant			425.00
Saxon & Lutley		154.00	
J. Cosgrove	297.00	185.00	482.00
R. S. Donnell			525.00
Frank Reardon	267.00	174.00	441.00
Collins & Ead	255.00	150.00	405.00
J. Mannett & Sons	375.00	73.00	448.00
W. H. Doutilier	265.00	190.00	455.00
Power & Zong	180.00	150.00	330.00

Your committee recommend that the
tender of Power & Zong, being the lowest for the
painting of the West Station at \$180.00 be accepted
and that the tender of Collins & Ead for painting
the Quinpool Road Station at \$150.00 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Smeltzer,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded
by Alderman Gates that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

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11.50 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by
Alderman Power that this Council do now adjourn.

Motion lost.

RELIEF EMERGENCY SHELTER

Read report of the Committee on
Finance and letter City Auditor submitting an
account for emergency relief shelter amounting to
\$69.00.

Committee Room, City Hall,
July 9th, 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 letter from the City
Auditor submitting an account amounting to \$69.00
for temporary emergency shelter.

Your committee recommend that the
letter of the City Auditor be approved and
account paid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

July 9th, 1934.

The Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

The Relief Committee have asked me
to secure approval of the attached bill for
emergency shelter granted evicted families during
the period May 19th to June 16th, all amounting to
\$69.00 to be charged to the relief account, to be
paid the Salvation Army.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

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

July 12th, 1934.

APPOINTMENT CASHIER, CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Read report of the Committee on Finance and letter from City Collector together with resolution providing for the appointment of cashier in the City Collector's Department.

Committee Room, City Hall,
July 9th, 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 letter from the City Collector re the appointment of Mr. William E. Anderson as cashier in the Collector's Department.

Your committee recommend that Mr. Anderson be appointed cashier in the City Collector's Office at an initial salary of \$1,080.00 per year, subject to the 10% reduction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

July 9th, 1934.

Chairman and Members of the
Finance Committee,
City of Halifax,
CITY HALL.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to the vacancy in my office caused by the dismissal of Mr. Ralph Campbell who held the position as "Cashier" I wish to recommend the appointment of Mr. William E. Anderson to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Anderson has been employed in the Collector's office for the past three and one-half years and his work has been very satisfactory.

Mr. Anderson's salary at the present time is \$990.00, and I would also recommend that he would receive the same salary in the new appointment as his predecessor, namely \$1300.00 less ten percent.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,
CITY COLLECTOR.

*auditor
by collector*

July 12th, 1934.

WHEREAS the schedule of salaries as approved by the City Council on the 17th day of April, 1930 in respect to the salary to be paid to the cashier in the Collector's Office provides a \$900.00 minimum and a \$1200.00 maximum salary;

BE IT RESOLVED that William E. Anderson as cashier be paid an initial salary in that office of \$1080.00 less 10% to be deducted for the purpose of civic revenue;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the said cashier be entitled to receive such additional automatic increase at the rate of \$60.00 annually until the amount of the salary for the position reaches \$1200.00, provided that in any year such increase is given, it has been approved by the Council as applying as a general automatic increase to other employees whose salaries have not yet reached their maximum.

Moved by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that the report and resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

GRANT, MRS. MAUD PALMER

Read report of the Committee on Finance together with letter from the City Auditor re grant to Mrs. Maud Palmer, widow of the late Chief of Police.

Committee Room, City Hall,
July 9th, 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 letter from the City Auditor regarding grant of \$1,000.00 to Mrs. Maud Palmer, widow of the late Chief of Police.

Your committee recommend that the letter of the City Auditor be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Steah,
CHAIRMAN.

*Auditor
Mrs. Palmer*

July 12th, 1934.

July 9th, 1934.

The Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

Prior to the legislation going to the house at the last session, Mrs. Palmer, the widow of the late Chief of Police was voted to be paid the sum of \$1,000.00, if and when approved by the legislature.

This borrowing power was not included in the City Bill and payment cannot be made. I would suggest in order that Mrs. Palmer might be assisted that this committee recommend to Council that the Treasurer be authorized to write the Royal Bank of Canada stating the circumstances and advising the bank that, if and when the legislature approves of this payment, (it will be included in next year's borrowing bills) repayment of the loan with interest will be made to the bank. In order to safeguard the position further, a letter from the Premier could be secured in order to express the government's agreement with the legislation.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Dutler,
CITY AUDITOR.

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

CLERK, CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Read report of the Committee on Finance and letter of City Auditor together with resolution providing for the borrowing of an amount not exceeding \$250.00 for temporary help in the City Treasurer's Office.

Committee Room, City Hall,
July 9th, 1934.

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

Gentleman:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached letter from the City Auditor re Clerk in the City Treasurer's Office.

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Your committee recommend that the letter of the City Auditor be approved and that a sum not exceeding \$250.00 be provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

July 9th, 1934.

The Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

On account of the illness of the Treasurer, Mr. Dimock, it has been necessary to arrange for the employment of a clerk in the Treasurer's Office.

Payment of this person's salary at the rate of \$18.00 per week has been made thus far from the contingent account, but the arrangement is that if and when the Council provides an appropriation, this account will be reimbursed, otherwise the charge will stand.

An amount not exceeding \$250.00 is required for this purpose. The employee in question is Mr. J. B. Sabean who was formerly working on the public works payrolls.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

WHEREAS the City requires money for the purpose of meeting the cost of engaging casual assistance in the Treasurer's Office during the absence through illness of the Treasurer, and no funds have been provided for this purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED that an amount not exceeding \$250.00 be appropriated for the aforesaid purpose pursuant to the provisions of Section 332A of the City Charter, and that the said sum be borrowed from any bank or fund available and repaid when placed in the Estimates for 1935-36.

Moved by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that the report and resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

July 12th, 1934.

RADIO EQUIPMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Police Committee submitting tenders for the supplying of radio equipment for police cars together with resolution providing for the borrowing of \$2,968.00 to pay for same.

July 10th, 1934.

The Mayor,
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Commission held this day, at which were present the Chairman and Alderman McManus, it was decided to recommend to Council that radio equipment be purchased for installation in the motor vehicles of the Police Dept.

The tender of the Canadian Marconi Company for \$2,968.00 is recommended for acceptance. The other tenderer was the Northern Electric Company Limited, price \$3,770.00.

Attached hereto is a report from the Chief of Police covering the details of the operation of one car for a period of four days at 16 hours a day, showing area covered, miles travelled and gas consumed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Cragg,
CHAIRMAN OF POLICE COMMISSION.

RESOLVED, pursuant to legislation enacted at the 1934 session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, authorizing the City of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding \$3,500.00 and expend the same for the purchase of Radio Equipment for the Police Department, that the City Council approve of the recommendation of the Committee on Police, that the tender of the Canadian Marconi Company for supplying Radio Equipment for four motor vehicles operated by the Police Department and other equipment incidental thereto at a price of \$2,968.00, be accepted.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Hendry that the report and resolution as submitted be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Gates that this

Chief of Police
Auditor

July 12th, 1934.

matter be referred to the Police Committee and new tenders called for when proper specifications are drawn up. Amendment lost.

The original motion passed.

Aldermen Gates and Mitchell wishing to be recorded against.

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

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of June 1934 showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 437 and the number of patients in the T. B. Hospital to be 53.

FILED

H. Buchanan

CHARITIES COMMITTEE, TENDERS FOR COAL AND ICE

Read report of the Charities Committee submitting tenders for the supplying of coal and ice for 12 months period from July 1st, 1934.

Halifax, N. S.
June 25th, 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 Doyle, Gates and MacDonald.

Tenders were opened and considered for coal and ice, City Home, for a period of twelve months from July 1st, 1934 as follows:-

COAL

S. Cunard & Co.	1200 Tons	Acadia Run of Mine	\$6.65 per ton
	25 "	Welch Anthracite	14.40 "

Union Coal Co. Ltd.

	1200 Tons	Acadia Run of Mine	6.59 "
	25 "	Welch Anthracite	14.40 "

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R. E. Archibald	1200 Tons Acadia Run of Mine	\$6.55 per ton
	25 " Welch Anthracite	14.25 "
	25 " Scotch Anthracite	13.75 "
G. B. Goodwin & Co., Ltd.	1200 Tons Acadia Run of Mine	6.61 "
	25 " Welch Anthracite	15.00 "
Mathew Coal Co.	1200 Tons Acadia Run of Mine	6.65 "
	25 " Welch Anthracite	14.25 "
Healy & Co., Ltd.	Tender received a day after closing date was not opened.	

ICE

Rocky Lake Ice Co.	Ice	4.00 per ton
	2 (10 lb. pieces daily)	4.00 "month
George Hutchinson	Ice	3.25 "
	2 (10 lb. pieces daily)	5.00 "month

The tender of R. E. Archibald for Acadia Run of Mine and Welch Anthracite, being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

The tender of George Hutchinson for Ice, being the lowest is recommended for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McCarthy,
CHAIRMAN.

DIRECT RELIEF EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor re direct relief expenditures as at July 12th, 1934.

REPORT ON DIRECT RELIEF EXPENDITURES.
(Estimated)

June 14th, 1934- July 12th, 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
" Apr. 12th/34	132,000.00	44,000.00
	<u>870,000.00</u>	<u>290,000.00</u>

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Expenditures to June 30th, 1934	\$760,194.13	\$253,398.04
Add estimated to July 12th, 1934	15,000.00	5,000.00
Add estimated orders not presented for payment	<u>12,000.00</u> 787,194.13	<u>4,000.00</u> 262,398.04
Unexpended balance available to July 31st, 1934	82,805.87	27,601.96

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.

July 12th, 1934.

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TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1934

Read report of the City Auditor covering tax collections for the month ending June 30th, 1934.

City Auditor's Office,
June 30th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

Report on Tax Collections for the month of June is submitted. Collections for months of May and June amounted to \$1,305,495.92; corresponding period last year \$1,299,526.85. Collections on account of taxes for the years 1908-1924 were \$32.67. The ledger value of this group on June 30th, 1934 after deducting Reserves for short collection amounted to \$551,135.69. Collections of Poll Taxes in 1934-35 of current and arrears to June 30th, 1934 amounted to \$6,541.15; corresponding period last year \$7,210.55.

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ARREARS TAXES

Civic Year	Reserves	Outstanding Balances May	New accounts and adjustments	June Collections	Outstanding Balances June
1925-26	\$65,714.42*	\$65,704.80	-\$ 508.80		\$ 65,196.00
1926-27	39,884.80*	42,181.10	- 534.40	54.58	41,592.12
1927-28	41,099.55*	41,036.89	- 558.40	25.16	40,453.33
1928-29	46,029.30*	45,789.58	- 620.50	68.42	45,100.66
1929-30	49,418.22*	49,134.54	-1,096.48	123.27	47,914.79
1930-31	58,951.61*	58,136.79	- 927.38	467.78	56,741.63
1931-32	69,582.94*	104,623.82	- 910.58	6,938.03	96,775.21
1932-33	47,635.22	266,599.04	17.00	9,453.56	257,162.48
1933-34	56,548.33	512,406.97	1,132.10	27,652.43	485,886.64
		1,185,613.53	-4,007.44	44,783.23	1,136,822.86

Current Taxes

1934-35	46,308.91	1,439,004.68		425,974.00	1,013,030.68
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Water Dept.
Rates, etc.

	101,642.53	- 205.47	71,573.17	29,863.89
	2,726,260.74	-4,212.91	542,330.40	2,179,717.43

Poll Taxes 1932-33	2,708.45		212.50	2,495.95
Poll Taxes 1933-34	7,913.48		613.15	7,300.33
Poll Taxes 1934-35	22,195.00		1,232.50	20,962.50

* 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 required, on April 30th of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

MERGER, N. S. LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD.
WITH AVON RIVER POWER CO., LTD.

Read report of the Public Utilities Committee together with letter from the City Solicitor re merger of N. S. Light and Power Co., Ltd. with Avon River Power Co., Ltd.

Committee Room, City Hall,
July 10th, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee held this day, your committee had under consideration the attached letter from

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the City Solicitor re amalgamation of the N. S. Light and Power Company with the ~~XXXXX~~ Avon River Power Company.

Your committee recommend that the City Solicitor's letter be forwarded to the City Council for its information and that the City Council authorize the City Solicitor to take whatever action he deems necessary to protect the City's interests.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Doyle,
CHAIRMAN.

July 6th, 1934.

Alderman A. M. Doyle,
Chairman, Public Utilities Committee,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

You are probably aware of the fact that the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company is seeking to amalgamate with the Avon River Power Company. You will recall that just over a year ago we had several lengthy sessions over a similar matter, and I am advising your committee that an application will probably be made to the Public Utilities Board in the near future for permission to carry this amalgamation through. I think it would be advisable for the City to appear and in any event I propose to attend the meeting and take whatever stand I think is necessary to protect the interests of the City.

The point in issue seems simply to be this: The Public Utilities are permitted to earn up to 8% of the value of the assets "used and useful" in the business. That is what the rates in the City of Halifax at present are based upon. Should the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company acquire assets of other companies, which companies do not earn up to 8% on their assets, the effect would be that the amalgated companies would be in a good position to go before the Public Utilities Board and apply for increased rates in order to permit them to earn the maximum amount permitted under the Public Utilities Act. This might have the effect of increasing the rates in the City of Halifax.

Of course it might be a converse case, whereby the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company might amalgate with a Company whose earnings are high and this might cause some reduction in the rates.

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My suggestion is, although it may not be possible to make the same effective, that if possible regional rates for the City of Halifax be established based upon the value of the assets of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, used and useful, situated in the City. In this way the rates in the City of Halifax would continue to be somewhat uniform with what they have been in the past. The difficulty however, which exists is this, namely, that it is almost impossible to divide up the expenses of the management of the amalgated companies so as to allocate a certain proportion of these expenses to the City of Halifax,

However, be this as it may, I believe that we should appear before the Public Utilities Board, and I will endeavor to obtain what information I can so that I will be in a position to speak for the City.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

Motion passed.

Auditor

GRANT. HEALTH CLINIC

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter City Auditor re grant to Health Clinic.

Committee Room, City Hall,
July 9th, 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 letter from the City Auditor requesting authority to pay the Health Clinic the amount authorized at the last session of the legislature, namely: \$2,500.00.

Your committee recommend that the letter of the City Auditor be approved and that the sum of \$2,500.00 be paid as suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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The Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

Approval of the committee and authorization of the Council is sought in order to pay the Health Clinic the amount authorized at the last session of the legislature, namely: \$2,500.00 in quarterly payments throughout the balance of the year.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

Moved by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted and that the Health Clinic be paid the sum of \$2,500.00 in quarterly payments throughout the balance of the year. Motion passed.

12.50 o'clock,

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

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E. J. Pragg
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

H. C. Powell,
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING.

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
July 24th, 1934.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Gates, Mitchell, Steoh, Donovan, Miller, Lordly, Adams, McManus, McCarthy, Hendry, J. F. McDonald, O'Toole, Getley, Power, Gough, Smeltzer and Doyle.

The meeting was called specially to consider Agreement Direct Relief, Report Firewards Committee re Fire Station, Mayor's message re Dean charges, Letter Mrs. Marie Dean re civic officials, Repairs to Tower City Hall and Cogswell Street Paving.

DIRECT RELIEF AGREEMENT

Read resolution re Direct Relief Agreement.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS under Subsection (1) of Section 8 of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, "The Nova Scotia Unemployment Act, 1931", it is enacted as follows:-

"8. (1) Every Municipality in addition to all power and authority now vested in it shall have and shall be deemed to have had for the purpose of taking advantage of and the benefit of The Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931, or any order or regulation made thereunder, or any agreement made in pursuance thereof, or of carrying out and performing any agreement entered into for that purpose between the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia and the municipality, full power and authority to furnish direct relief as defined in Section 5 of the Agreement in the Schedule to this Act, and to construct, alter, add to, extend, improve or repair any municipal works or undertakings, and to vote, rate, collect, receive, appropriate and pay all sums of money

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required to defray the cost or the municipality's proportion of the cost of the same, or with the approval of the Governor in Council to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the municipality the said sums or any part thereof."

AND WHEREAS under Section 11 of said Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, the said "The Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931", includes any Act of the Parliament of Canada hereafter enacted or any amendment thereto if any of the purposes is the relief of unemployment in the Dominion of Canada or the Province of Nova Scotia, or includes the relief of unemployment in said Province;

AND WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada has during its present Session enacted The Relief Act, 1934, the purpose of which is the continuance of direct relief within the fiscal period ending the 31st day of March, A.D. 1935, and the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia have agreed to continue the proportionate payments for direct relief until the 15th day of August, A.D. 1934.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and expedient in order to meet the extraordinary expenses occasioned by payments of direct relief by the City of Halifax that further advantage be taken of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932 and of The Relief Act, 1934 (Canada) to raise the necessary funds;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that for the purpose of furnishing direct relief within the City of Halifax until the 15th day of August, A.D. 1934, and thereafter for such period as the Dominion and Province may agree to pay their proportionate parts for direct relief within the fiscal period ending the 31st day of March, A.D. 1935, the Council of the said City, under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, do authorize the Mayor and Clerk of the said City to enter into and execute an agreement in the annexed form with the Provincial Secretary of the Province of Nova Scotia.

I, H. C. Powell, Clerk of the City of Halifax hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the Council of the said City, held on the day of _____, A.D. 1934.

Dated at Halifax,
in the County of Halifax,
this _____ day of _____
A.D. 1934.

.....
City Clerk.

July 24th, 1934.

WHEREAS the City of Halifax for some time past has been associated with the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and The Province of Nova Scotia in the providing of direct relief on a basis of 1/3 from each party;

AND WHEREAS the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia have decided to reduce the amount of their respective contributions from 33 1/3% each to 25% each, thus leaving a balance of 50% to be contributed by the City;

BE IT THEREFORE AGREED by each of the undersigned in consideration of the authorization by E. J. Cragg, Mayor of the City of Halifax, directing the continuance of such relief on the basis of the payment by the City of 50% thereof that each of the undersigned aldermen of the City of Halifax will support the action of the Mayor in authorizing the continuance of relief on such basis, and will vote in favor of such authorization at any meeting of the Council called for this purpose or at which the same is properly under consideration and will support any resolutions and do any things necessary to effect the granting of such relief on such basis.

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INDENTURE OF AGREEMENT entered
into this day of A.D. 1934.

BETWEEN:

The Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, (hereinafter called "the Province"), represented herein by the Honourable Angus L. Macdonald, Provincial Secretary,
of the first part,

- and -

The City of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, a body corporate, (hereinafter called "the City"), represented herein by E. J. Cragg, Mayor, and H. C. Powell, City Clerk,
of the second part.

WHEREAS although it is recognized that direct relief is a responsibility of the said City, it is deemed necessary and expedient, owing to the emergency conditions existing therein, for the said City to apply for aid under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1932, and to avail itself of the provisions of "The Relief Act, 1934" (Canada);

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AND WHEREAS the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia have agreed to continue their proportionate payments of direct relief under said Acts until the 15th day of July, A.D.1934;

AND WHEREAS, under Subsection (1) of Section 8 of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, "The Nova Scotia Unemployment Act, 1931", it is enacted as follows:-

"8. (1) Every Municipality in addition to all power and authority now vested in it shall have and shall be deemed to have had for the purpose of taking advantage of and the benefit of The Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931, or any order or regulation made thereunder, or any agreement made in pursuance thereof, or of carrying out and performing any agreement entered into for that purpose between the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Municipality, full power and authority to furnish direct relief as defined in Section 5 of the Agreement in the Schedule to this Act, and to construct, alter, add to, extend, improve or repair any municipal works or undertakings, and to vote, rate, collect, receive, appropriate and pay all sums of money required to defray the cost or the municipality's proportion of the cost thereof or any part of the cost of the same, or with the approval of the Governor in Council to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the municipality the said sums or any part thereof."

AND WHEREAS the City entered into an Agreement with the Province dated the 3rd day of February, A.D.1933, for the furnishing of direct relief, the said agreement being made part of an agreement with the Province dated the 24th day of August, A.D.1933, and the provisions of said agreements were continued until the 31st day of March, A.D.1934.

NOW THEREFORE it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:-

All the provisions of said agreements are hereby continued and shall apply mutatis mutandis to this agreement except where inconsistent herewith, and shall remain in full force and effect until the 15th day of July, A.D. 1934, and thereafter for such period of time as the Dominion and Province may agree to pay their proportionate parts for direct relief within the fiscal period ending the 31st day of March, A.D. 1935.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Honourable Angus L. Macdonald, Provincial Secretary, has hereunto set his hand and seal of office on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, and E. J. Cragg, Mayor, and H. C. Powell, City Clerk, have on behalf

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of the City of Halifax hereunto set their hands and affixed the corporate seal of the City, the day and year first above written.

SIGNED on behalf of the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia by the Honourable Angus L. Macdonald, Provincial Secretary, in the presence of

SIGNED on behalf of the City of Halifax by E. J. Cragg, Mayor, and H. C. Powell, City Clerk, in the presence of Mayor City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Gates that the resolution be approved. Motion put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

- Alderman Adams
- Donovan
- Doyle
- Gates
- Gough
- Hendry
- Lordly
- McCarthy
- J.F. McDonald
- McManus
- Miller
- Mitchell
- Power
- Smeltzer
- Stech
- 15-

- Aldermen Getley
- O'Toole

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Gates that from and after August 15th, 1934 distribution of direct relief be discontinued and the Relief Committee dissolved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Doyle that a sub committee be appointed with His Worship the Mayor

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as Chairman to consider the continuance of direct relief and suggest ways and means of reducing the amount of relief distributed, with the object in view of discontinuing direct relief to the greatest extent possible; report from this committee to be made to the City Council August 9th, 1934. Amendment put and passed, 16 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Donovan
Doyle
Gates
Getley
Gough
Hendry
Lordly
McCarthy
J. F. McDonald
McManus
Miller
Mitchell
O'Toole
Power
Stegh
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Alderman Smeltzer

-1-

The original motion not put.

NEW FIRE STATION

Read report of the Firewards Committee re new fire station.

July 16th, 1934.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day the matter of the erection of a new Fire Station was again considered and it was moved by Alderman McCarthy seconded by Alderman Gates that the following Resolutions be passed;

RESOLVED that this Committee adopt the reports and recommendations of the City Engineer dated the 12th day of July 1934 and of the Chief of Fire Department dated the 13th day of July 1934,

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reporting adversely to the proposal that a portion of the City Market Building be utilized for the purpose of providing a location for a proposed new fire station.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee again recommend the immediate building of a new fire station on Brunswick Street, as recommended by the Chief and if the City Council approved of the building of the new fire station, that the City purchase the property owned by Harry Kitz, immediately adjoining to the south of the present fire station on Brunswick Street, together with a strip of land running from Brunswick Street to Market Street, and being 13 feet wide and 60 feet long, that cost of both the said properties being \$7,000.00 and the same to be free from all encumbrances.

ALSO that this Committee recommend to Council that the Committee on Works be authorized to engage the services of a competent architect to prepare plans and specifications for a new fire station proposed to be located on the site of the existing fire station as aforesaid, the cost of erection of the said new fire station, including the architect's fees, but not including the sum to be paid for the Kitz property not to exceed \$46,000.00.

If this resolution is approved Bedford Row Station is to be vacated on completion of new station.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Smeltzer,

CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer,

seconded by Alderman Gates that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Power that the report of the Firewards Committee be referred back for further consideration. Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Getley
Gough
Lordly
McManus
Mitchell
O'Toole
Power

Aldermen Donovan
Doyle
Gates
Hendry
McCarthy
J.F. McDonald
Miller
Smeltzer
Stech

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The original motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows.

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

Alderman Donovan
Doyle
Gates
Hendry
McCarthy
J.F. McDonald
Miller
Smeltzer
Stech.

Aldermen Adams
Getley
Gough
Lordly
McManus
Mitchell
O'Toole
Power

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Alderman Gough gives notice of reconsideration re new fire station.

REPAIRS, TOWER - CITY HALL

Read report of the Committee on Works re repairs, tower - City Hall.

July 24th, 1934.

The City Council,
Gentlemen,

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 18th inst. prices were submitted by the City Engineer for repairs to the tower of the City Hall, as follows:-

D. A. Cummings & Co.....	\$ 648.00
Mitchell & McRae	720.00
Jas. Donohue, Ltd.....	830.00
Farquhar Plumbing & Heating Co.....	<u>1032.00</u>

It was resolved to recommend to Council that the tender of D. A. Cummings & Co., for \$648.00, be accepted.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

City Engineer

July 24th, 1934.

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

COGSWELL STREET PAVING

Read report of the Committee on
Works re Cogswell Street Pavement.

July 24th, 1934.

The City Council,
Gentlemen,

City Engineer
At a meeting of the Committee
on Works on the 18th inst. the following resolution
was recommended to Council for adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED that in order to provide a
certain amount of work to partially relieve
the present unemployment situation that the
City do pave, with an asphalt pavement, that
portion of Cogswell Street lying between
Gottingen Street and Robie Street and construct
curbs, gutters and other appurtenances to the
pavement wherever necessary.

AND THAT the Governments of the Dominion of
Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia be
asked to approve of the expenditure as a
relief measure, and that they be asked to
contribute towards the cost of the work.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

LETTER -- MRS. MARIE DEAN

Read letter Mrs. Marie Dean as
follows.

July 11th, 1934.

To His Worship,
Mr. E. J. Cragg, Mayor,
And Board of Alderman,
City of Halifax, N.S.

Gentlemen:

I wish to call to your attention
that the conditions surrounding the previous
administration of Civic Affairs in Halifax had
reached such a stage that the citizens were not
only amazed, but were bewildered by the frequency
of the raids on the Public Treasury. The astonish-
ment at the audacity of some of the Officials and

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at the corruption that prevailed is shared WITH our citizens by people in distant places. In fact, Halifax has begun to smell across the whole of Canada and we have become a discredited people in other parts.

Warnings have been given and these disgraceful conditions have been pointed out to the people of Halifax upon public platforms in this City by four Members of your Council, to wit:- Alderman Gates, Alderman Dr. Gough, Alderman Smeltzer, the Venerable Alderman O'Toole and Alderman Power, K.C.

These sincere gentlemen, who have the confidence of the people of this City, have spoken against the high handed and unwarranted acts of public servants in no uncertain terms and have cried out for reform in the administration of our City's affairs; they have begged that the wild and flagrant spending of the tax payers money be stopped, and to date have received little support from other Members of the City Council on most vital matters to the citizens.

On Thursday evening at your regular meeting, your attention will be called to one of the most high handed pieces of work ever indulged in by a City Official. I refer to the illegal purchase of the \$14,000.00 "WHITE ELEPHANT FIRE-PUMPER" that cannot turn a street corner without being stopped and backed up while the house it would be headed for continued to burn down. Halifax will expect every man in the Council to do his plain duty when this PUMPER comes up for "air".

The time has now approached when the citizens of Halifax find themselves face to face with the most serious question they ever contemplated in a Civic matter, to wit: - a complete NEW form of City Government of a continuance of the present form with a DIRECT REVERSAL of the wild orgy of spending and a rigid policy of economy substituted.

Therefore, if the present form of City Government is to continue and pending any change, I herewith ask that the other Members of our Aldermanic body get behind these members, Alderman Gates, Power, Gough, Smeltzer and O'Toole and uphold and support them in the reforms they propose and the savings they suggest and which the people of Halifax are demanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Marie Dean.

July 24th, 1934.

Moved by Alderman MoManus,
seconded by Alderman Stech that the letter from
Mrs. Dean be filed. Motion passed ..
10,30 o'clock,

Moved by Alderman Stech,
seconded by Alderman Miller that this meeting
do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

H. C. Powell,
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING.

8.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
August 9th, 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 Gates, Mitchell, Stech, Donovan, Miller, Lordly, Adams, MoManus, McCarthy, Hendry, H. A. MacDonald, O'Toole, Getley, Power, Gough and Smeltzer.

The meeting was called specially to consider report of the Finance Committee re independent audit and report of Special Committee on Direct Relief Policy.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Read report of the Finance Committee together with resolution re independent audit,

Committee Room, City Hall,
August 9th, 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 resolution was adopted.

The resolution read at the Council meeting of July 12th was also considered by the committee; the members of which decided that as a preliminary step a study into and report on the general accounting system of the City should first be secured, after which the matter of an independent audit could be dealt with if deemed advisable, following the receipt of such report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

August 9th, 1934.

WHEREAS at a meeting of Council held the 12th day of July 1934, a resolution was read directing that an independent audit of all civic departments be held.

AND WHEREAS the said resolution on being referred to the Finance Committee for a report was considered by the said Finance Committee, and it was decided that, pending an independent report on the accounting system of the City, recommend such independent audit should not be held.

AND WHEREAS Section 307 of the city charter specifies that Council may direct the form and mode of accounting by ordinance or resolution, and it is deemed advisable pursuant to Section 24 of Chapter 70 of the Acts of 1931 to employ independent accountants (by reason of their possessing special skill and knowledge in respect to accounting systems) for the purpose of having them report to Council any recommendations they deem advisable to make in connection with the accounting system of the City, in order to effect a general improvement in such system, and in particular to have such independent accountants advise the Council their views on, and the practicability of effecting changes in, the system as relating to:

- (a) centralizing the revenues of the city in one department, and
- (b) installing a ledger system in the collector's office in order that accounts rendered to taxpayers monthly or periodically will include all unpaid charges regardless of the service, the terms of payment or the variation in the period of the lien.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose of meeting the cost of such report on the accounting system of the City, that a sum not exceeding \$2,500.00 be appropriated under the aforesaid section and borrowed from any bank or fund available, and that such sums that are expended or estimated to be expended in the present civic year be placed in the estimates for 1935-36, and that the Finance Committee of the City Council be and are hereby authorized to arrange with an individual or firm or with individuals or firms practising in the City of Halifax as public or chartered accountants to prepare such report on the accounting system, and

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such other things as the Finance Committee may from time to time direct, and further that the appropriation as established under this resolution be chargeable with the cost of temporary assistance required by any civic department incidental to such report.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report and resolution as submitted be adopted.

His Worship the Mayor calls upon Alderman Smeltzer to assume the Mayor's chair while he addresses Council from the floor of the chamber.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lordly, seconded by Alderman Gough that tenders be called for from local firms of chartered accountants for an independent audit of all civic departments; such audit to be started at once for the period of one civic year 1933-34, with the understanding that if, in their opinion, it is necessary to audit further bank, that they report to Council for further instructions and that a sum not exceeding \$10,000. be borrowed under the authority of Section 332A of the City Charter from any bank or fund available for the purpose of such audit. Upon the vote being taken there appeared for the amendment 8, against it 8 as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Getley
Gough
Hendry
Lordly
Mitchell
O'Toole
Smeltzer
Power
-8-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Donovan
Gates
MacDonald
McCarthy
McManus
Miller
Stech
-8-

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His Worship the Mayor votes against the amendment and declares it lost.

Upon the vote being taken for the motion, there appeared 8 for the motion and 8 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Donovan
Gates
MacDonald
McCarthy
McManus
Miller
Stech

-8-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Getley
Gough
Hendry
Lordly
Mitchell
O'Toole
Power
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His Worship the Mayor votes in favour of the motion and declares it passed.

Motion passed.

POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF DIRECT RELIEF

Read report of the Special Committee on Direct Relief Policy.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Special Committee on Relief begs to report that - in their opinion, after due deliberation and investigation, the present direct relief committee should be disbanded, and the duties carried on by them should be delegated to a committee to be named by the Mayor. It will be necessary under the relief act to name them as a special committee to administer direct relief.

This committee feel that those handling relief should be directly responsible to Council, and the members of the Charities Committee already have the knowledge and the machinery set up to deal with cases of necessity. It is also recommended that the present staff now operating from the market building be taken over by the new committee and that if considered necessary or advisable, that additional investigators be employed to more thoroughly look into relief cases, with a view to reducing the number on relief - both those who may be fraudulently receiving relief or those who can possibly get on without it.

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These changes are recommended in the interest of economy and with a view to eventually discontinuing the issuing of direct relief entirely; details of this system will have to be worked out later.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Lordly that the report as amended be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Gates that His Worship the Mayor appoint a committee of six aldermen, one from each ward, to be known as the Direct Relief Committee; said committee to take over the duties of administering direct relief on September 1st. Motion passed.

DIRECT RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

The following resolution was

City Auditor submitted.

"RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$4,000.00 be appropriated under Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932 to meet the costs of direct relief administration to October 31st, 1934".

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Gates and passed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Alderman Hendry gives notice that he will submit a motion at the next regular Council meeting to rescind the motion adopting Daylight Saving Time passed by this Council on April 12th, 1934.

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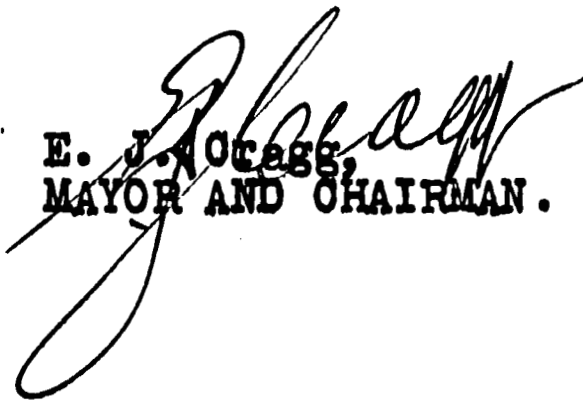
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10.50 o'clock,

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

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E. J. O'Casey,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

H. C. Powell,
CITY CLERK.