

EVENING SESSION

8.05 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
January 16th, 1936.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor; Aldermen Gates, Mitchell, Stech, Donovan, Burgess, McManus, Freda, McCarthy, Hendry, McDonald, MacDonald, O'Toole, Curtis, Gough, Smeltzer and Walker.

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

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Motion passed.

The following named papers were submitted:-

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN GATES

Ald. Gates
Committee
Read notice of motion submitted by Alderman Gates at the previous meeting of Council.

"RESOLVED that a committee of this Council be appointed for the purpose of investigating the possibility of obtaining from persons or bodies (including governments) which are exempt from taxation some compassionate allowance or contribution to pay for such services rendered by the City, such as police, and fire protection and any other services, together with further sums in lieu of taxation, and that this committee be the Taxation and Tax Exemption Committee".

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the notice of motion be approved. Motion passed.

January 16th, 1936.

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Committee on Finance amounting to \$10,240.11; Committee on Charities amounting to \$9,511.77; Gardens Committee amounting to \$605.41, Fleming Park amounting to \$108.32; City Prison Committee amounting to \$2,414.82; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,532.95 chargeable to Fire Department and \$743.53 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$11,316.37; City Health Board amounting to \$6,086.81; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$446.45; Library Committee amounting to \$347.46; Police Committee amounting to \$10,028.84; Point Pleasant Park Committee amounting to \$414.46 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

8.20 o'clock,

Alderman Lordly arrives and takes his seat in Council.

NEW FIRE STATION

Read report of the Firewards Committee submitting resolution to cover additional borrowing to defray the cost of the erection of a new fire station.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 13th, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Firewards held this date, the matter of erecting a new fire station was considered.

Your committee is therefor submitting the attached resolution for adoption by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. Gates,
CHAIRMAN.

*Ald. Gates
Chief Churchill*

January 16th, 1936.

WHEREAS by Section 60 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1934, the City was authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$53,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the erection of a new fire station and the purchase of land on which to erect the same or any portion thereof;

AND WHEREAS the City Council in the civic year 1934-35 called for tenders for the erection of the said fire station;

AND WHEREAS the Firewards Committee on consideration of this matter have decided that the sum of \$53,000.00 is not sufficient to defray the cost of the erection of a new fire station and the purchase of land on which to erect the same or portion thereof, as hereinbefore provided, and have recommended that an additional sum of \$18,000.00 is necessary to accomplish the purpose hereinbefore set out;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$18,000.00 in addition to the said sum of \$53,000.00 in order to defray the cost of the erection of a new fire station and the purchase of land on which to erect the same or any portion thereof;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Halifax that legislation be secured at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$18,000.00 to supplement the sum of \$53,000.00 already authorized to defray the cost of the erection of a new fire station and the purchase of land on which to erect the same or any portion thereof if the said land shall be necessary for the same.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report and resolution as submitted be adopted.

Alderman Gates read extract from a meeting of the City Council held on June 13th, 1935 which included a report submitted by Alderman Curtis re the condition of the Brunswick Street fire station.

After considerable discussion on the subject, a vote was taken, which resulted in 9 voting for the motion, and 8 against it as follows:-

January 16th, 1936.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Donovan
Gates
MacDonald
McCarthy
McDonald
O'Toole
Smeltzer
Stech
Walker

- 9 -

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Freda
Gough
Hendry
Lordly
McManus
Mitchell

- 8 -

Motion lost. (A two-thirds vote of the Council being required.)

ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE HALIFAX "MAIL"

At this time His Worship the Mayor stated that, as there had been several references made during this meeting to items appearing in the Halifax "Mail" under dates of January 14th and 15th regarding a remark purporting to have been made by the City Auditor at a meeting of the Finance Committee held on recent date, he wished the City Clerk to read correspondence written by himself and the City Auditor on the matter.

The City Clerk then read the following letters.

Mayor's Office,
Halifax, N. S.
January 16th, 1936.

The Halifax Mail, and
The Halifax Daily Star,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to a front page headline which appeared in the Halifax Mail of January 14th, and an editorial which appeared on the 15th, I am handing you herewith a copy of a letter addressed to me by the City Auditor, Mr. A. M. Butler.

January 16th, 1936.

The facts as set forth regarding the item in the edition of the 14th are, to my knowledge, correct. I attended the meeting of the Finance Committee to which reference was made, being particularly interested in Direct Relief expenditures and their financing, and I was very attentive to what was said on that subject, and will say unequivocally that the City Auditor did not warn the Finance Committee that the City was heading for bankruptcy if relief was continued at its present rate for another year.

With reference to the editorial published in the Halifax Mail on the 15th instant, I wish to say further that my denial of this statement was made during a telephone conversation with a responsible head of the Halifax Mail, protesting against the publication of this story. I said at that time that it was incorrect and unfair, and that the publication of such stories might lead to irreparable damage to the credit of the City of Halifax. I stated further that I considered it most unfair to continue this policy of sniping at the City Government and its officials, and that the publication of incorrect information was harmful to the orderly prosecution of the City business.

I feel it is my duty to bring this matter to the public notice and I would ask you to give it the same publicity, position, space and display which you devoted to the original "story".

Yours truly,

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR.

City Auditor's Office,
Halifax, N. S.
January 16th, 1936.

Mayor E. J. Cragg,
CITY HALL.

Dear Mr. Mayor:--

The editions of the Halifax "Mail" of the 14th and 15th instant bring me, as a responsible civic official, into prominence.

In the edition of the 14th, I am quoted as having warned the Finance Committee, at its meeting held the 13th January, that the City faces bankruptcy if relief, at the present rate, was continued for another year.

January 16th, 1936.

I said nothing about bankruptcy and did not use the word "bankrupt". What I said was that we could not maintain relief at its present rate of expenditure beyond another year. Why? Because of the manifest unfairness to business if tax burdens were further increased in the same way that relief costs have made them increase. The financial circumstances of taxpayers as they vary from time to time, should influence both policies of expansion and retrenchment, and it is not desirable to increase taxation to a degree that will bring about a serious falling off in tax payments. The recent action of the Dominion Government in increasing relief appropriations to the Provinces is proof that the municipalities, with their limited taxing power, are already overburdened, and so without some relief it is possible to visualize a situation which might become very difficult for our taxpayers a year hence.

Now let me refer you to the "Mail" of the 15th instant, in which it is stated editorially that "the civic official in question (the auditor) said 'I have no recollection of saying it (the word "bankrupt") but if you heard me, it is fair comment' ". I should like to take this opportunity of stating that I said no such thing. The "Mail" reporter called me the evening of the 14th instant and I merely repeated that I had no recollection of using the word "bankrupt", and that it would be absurd for me to have done so. He said "you sort of mumbled it at the end of your remarks, and I don't think anyone heard you but me".

Thus it is, that, having thought he heard me "sort of mumble it" that we find the headlines in the "Mail" on the 14th January. According to these I am quoted as having warned the committee of the melancholy days ahead, but the remarkable part of it is that the "Mail" reporter has been busy ever since the publication of the account of the meeting, trying to find someone who would confirm having heard me "sort of mumble" the warning contained in the lurid word "bankrupt".

Let me make an observation respecting the phrase "if you heard me, it is fair comment", a phrase, may I add, fabricated by the "Mail". It is capable of two interpretations, one of which is insidious. In the first place it might be said to be a tribute to the reporter's journalistic integrity. In the second place it might be construed as my saying that it is "fair comment" that a state of bankruptcy is only a year away. The first instance shows the "Mail", in its characteristic way, making for cover. The second instance indicates the insidious nature of the "Mail's" campaign, plus possible "facts" for its future diatribes. The second meaning, of course, suggests a situation palpably untrue.

January 16th, 1936.

It should not be necessary to add that should it ever be my opinion that the financial affairs of the civic corporation are approaching a bankrupt state that I will set forth my views in a written report.

I thought you would be interested in the facts of this incident as I have given them in order that you may compare them with the sensational account as public-serviced by "one of Canada's Great Newspapers".

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

SUPERANNUATION - HOSEMAN RICHARD CONNORS

Finance Comm.

Read report of the Firewards Committee and letter City Treasurer re superannuation of Hoseman Connors.

Halifax, N. S.
January 13th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the following letter of Chief of Fire Department was read re superannuation of Hoseman Richard Connors:

"Chairman and Members
of the Committee on Firewards.

Gentlemen: -

Herewith attached is application from Hoseman Richard Connors for superannuation, also letters from the City Medical Officer and Dr. E. K. MacLellan, Chief Medical Officer at Camp Hill Hospital where Mr. Connors is now confined.

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

Your committee recommends that Hoseman Connors be superannuated.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. Gates,
CHAIRMAN.

January 16th, 1936.

City Treasurer's Office,
Halifax, N. S.
January 16th, 1936.

Chairman of the Finance Committee,
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Chief of Fire Department, Mr. J. W. Churchill, informs me that Hosenan Richard Connors is being recommended for superannuation.

Mr. Connors entered the service on May 28th, 1920 and has been contributing to the fund since June of that year.

His contributions for the fifteen years and eight months amount to (\$888.49), eight hundred, eighty-eight dollars and forty-nine cents.

Under section 868 (1) of the City Charter he would be entitled to (\$497.15) four hundred, ninety-seven dollars and fifteen cents per year; being fifteen and two-third fiftieths of \$1,586.66, his average salary for the past three years.

Yours faithfully,

George J. Allen,
CITY TREASURER.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

*Chief Churchill
Ald. Gates*

PURCHASE OF LADDER TRUCK - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Committee on

Firewards re purchase of ladder truck.

January 13th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Firewards held this day, the following report from the Chief of Fire Department was considered:-

"Chairman and Members
of the Committee of Firewards.

Gentlemen:-

I feel it my duty to again report on the condition of #3 ladder truck which was badly damaged in an accident on January 27th, 1933 at the corner of Morris and South Park Streets. The truck was repaired at that time at a cost of \$345.00, contrary to the advice of the department's mechanic and others.

January 16th, 1936.

In September 1934 I reported to your committee that this truck was out of alignment. At that time I took this matter up with the firm who had done the repairs and they recommended some minor adjustments which were carried out with no satisfaction.

In its present condition I consider the truck a menace both to the men who are obliged to ride on it and to the life and property of others. I am of the opinion that a new frame would be too expensive for the age of the truck and I would recommend that this truck be replaced.

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

Your committee recommends that authority be granted to obtain prices for a suitable chassis with a view to seeking legislation for the amount necessary; such legislation to be approved by City Council at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. Gates,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report of the Firewards Committee be adopted. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Freda
Gates
Gough
Hendry
MacDonald
McDonald
McManus
O'Toole
Smeltzer
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Mitchell
Stech

-2-

At this time, Alderman McCarthy stated that he wished to tender his resignation as a member of the Firewards Committee, and requested the Mayor to accept same.

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Alderman Gates also stated that he wished to resign as Chairman and member of the Firewards Committee.

The Mayor stated that he could not accept the resignations of Aldermen McCarthy and Gates owing to the fact that he had decided on certain policies when appointing the various committees and he did not wish to depart from them, but if Council so desired it could deal with the matter.

It was then moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Freda that the resignations of Aldermen McCarthy and Gates as members of the Firewards Committee be not accepted. Motion passed.

SUPERANNUATION OF HOSEMAN WM. J. HOWE

Chief Churchill
City Treasurer
Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Treasurer re the superannuation of Hoseman Howe.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 13th, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, the attached letter from the City Treasurer regarding superannuation of Hoseman Wm. J. Howe was considered.

Your committee recommends that Hoseman Howe be superannuated at the sum of \$497.15 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

January 16th, 1936.

Jan. 10th, 1936.

Chairman of Finance Committee,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:- Re: Superannuation, Hosenan Wm. J. Howe

Mr. Howe has been in the department twenty-four years, but has only been contributing to Superannuation Fund since June 1920, or fifteen years eight months, and is entitled to \$497.15 per year, being $15\frac{2}{3}/50$ ths of \$1,586.66 average salary for past three years.

Section 868 (1) City Charter reads:-

"Every official or employee who has contributed to the fund for ten years or more, and who has, on the recommendation of the committee, and on the report of two physicians, one of whom shall be the Medical Officer, been declared by the Council to be incapacitated or unfit for the discharge of his duties, and is retired from his office or employment by a two-thirds majority vote of the whole Council, shall receive from the fund an annual allowance, as hereinbefore provided, until the amounts so paid by way of allowance equal the amounts which he has contributed to the fund with interest thereon at three percent per annum, and thereafter he may be paid from the general revenues of the City to be raised by taxation an allowance equal to that which he has been receiving".

Mr. Howe's contributions to fund amount to \$887.40, interest to be computed.

Yours faithfully,

George J. Allen,
CITY TREASURER.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the Treasurer be adopted. Motion passed.

EXTENSION OF LIEN - 1933 REAL ESTATE TAXES

City Solicitor
City Collector Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Collector recommending that legislation be secured to extend the lien on the 1933 real estate taxes.

January 16th, 1936.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 13th, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from Mr. Crosby, the City Collector re extension of lien on the 1933 real estate taxes was considered.

Your committee recommends that legislation be obtained to extend the lien on the 1933 real estate taxes from May 1st, 1936 to November 1st, 1936 as suggested by the City Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

January 13th, 1936.

The Chairman,
Finance Committee,
City of Halifax,
CITY HALL.

Dear Sir:-

As in the past two years, I again feel it necessary to recommend that legislation be obtained to extend the lien on 1933 Real Estate Taxes from the first of May 1936 to the first of November 1936, with the same proviso as in the past, that the City may, prior to the 21st day of September 1936, request a further extension to be granted by the Governor-in-Council.

I may say that the extension of this lien, while it has added a great deal of work to this office, it has really been a great help to the people who, through no fault of their own, have been in reduced circumstances during the last few years.

I trust that you and your committee will see your way clear to support my recommendation in this regard.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,
CITY COLLECTOR.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Collector be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Mitchell wishing to be recorded against.

*City Solicitor
W. E. Donovan*

January 16th, 1936.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 656 OF THE CITY CHARTER
RE CONTROL OF COMMONS AND PARKS.

Read report of the Committee on
Gardens, Parks and Commons recommending that Section
656 of the City Charter be not altered.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 13th, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on
Gardens, Parks and Commons held on the above date,
your committee had under consideration extract from
minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on
the 12th day of December 1935 respecting amendment
to Section 656 of the City Charter, which reads
as follows:-

"Provided however, that before any
permission is given by the committee to any
person to use the Common, or any part thereof,
for any carnival, show, circus, fair or any
similar purpose, the approval of the Council
therefor must first be obtained".

The recommendation of your committee
is that Section 656 of the City Charter be not
altered.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded
by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be approved
and Section 656 of the City Charter remain unchanged.
Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and
9 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Freda
Hendry
Lordly
J.F. McDonald
O'Toole
Smeltzer
Stech

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Gates
Gough
H.A. MacDonald
McCarthy
McManus
Mitchell
Walker

January 16th, 1936.

*Health Board
City Treasurer*

RESIGNATION OF MISS MARY LYONS AS MATRON OF THE
TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read report of the City Health Board covering the resignation of Miss Mary Lyons, Matron of the Tuberculosis Hospital.

January 15th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, January 14th, 1936, the resignation of Miss Mary Lyons, as Matron of the Tuberculosis Hospital, was read. Copy of the resignation is attached.

Miss Lyons requests to be relieved of duty by January 31st, subject to the convenience of the City.

The City Health Board recommends that Miss Lyons be carried on the payroll until April 30th, 1936.

at the rate of 25⁰⁰ per mo.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Hendry that the report of the Health Board be adopted. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Alderman Gates asked if the clerk employed on Camp Hill Cemetery books was now a full time employee in the City Clerk's Office.

Alderman Stech replied that in his opinion the staff in the City Clerk's Office was sufficient to carry on the work of that department, and it was not necessary to employ additional help.

*letter sent
to all Chairmen*

January 16th, 1936.

Alderman Mitchell requested that the Chairmen of all committees send their legislation to the City Solicitor within ten days from this date in order that the Laws and Privileges Committee may prepare same for presentation to the City Council.

*Old Gates
Committee*

REPORT AND RESOLUTION OF THE GYRO CLUB RE
CIVIC TAXATION

Moved by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Lordly that the report and resolution of the Gyro Club re civic taxation be referred to the Taxation and Tax Exemption Committee for consideration and report back to the City Council. Motion passed.

LETTER FROM CITY CLERK, WINDSOR, ONT.
RE DIRECT RELIEF

Read letter from the City Clerk, Windsor, Ont. re direct relief.

Windsor, Ontario,
December 6th, 1935.

Mr. H. C. Powell,
City of Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise you of the following resolution passed by the City Council, at a regular meeting held on December 3rd, 1935.

"THAT the Federal Government be respectfully urged to assume the entire responsibility for the distribution of unemployment relief including the cost of hospitalization, thereby relieving municipalities throughout the Dominion of a burden they can no longer continue to bear;

And to appoint a Commission to administer the distribution of welfare in the entire Dominion;

And that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Councils in all cities in Canada with a request for their support".

Yours very truly,

C. V. Waters,
CITY CLERK.

FILED

January 16th, 1936.

DIRECT RELIEF BORROWING

Read report of the Direct Relief Committee submitting resolution to provide for the borrowing of \$110,000.00 for cost of direct relief and \$4,500.00 for administration purposes.

January 14th, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a copy of a resolution passed at yesterday's meeting of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee, requesting the approval of the City Council for an appropriation of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars for cost of direct relief and Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for administration thereof, for three months from February 1st to April 30th, 1936.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Mitchell,
SECRETARY.

BE IT RESOLVED, that under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, and an agreement between the Province and the City of Halifax in respect to disbursement of Direct Relief, the City do borrow from any bank or fund available the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$110,000.00) to be expended between the first day of February and the Thirtieth day of April 1936, on the order of the Direct Relief Committee, for the purpose of giving Direct Relief and Temporary Shelter, as approved by Council from time to time, to bona fide residents of the City of Halifax or temporary direct relief to any other persons as the committee may deem advisable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City, under the authority of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, authorize an appropriation of not exceeding FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, (\$4,500.00) for the purpose of defraying the cost of administering direct relief to be expended between the first day of February and the thirtieth day of April 1936.

January 16th, 1936.

This resolution is conditional upon the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia contributing during the period aforesaid such an amount as may be agreed upon between the Province and the City as representing the shares of the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, the City contributing the balance of the cost.

The money so borrowed by the City as set forth in the first and second paragraphs of this resolution may be included in whole or in part in the civic estimates in the year ensuing that in which the money is borrowed, or may be repaid by means of a special loan to be issued on such terms as the Council, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, later decides.

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

Council LETTER, BOARD OF TRADE RE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Read letter from the Board of Trade re daylight saving time.

December 23rd, 1935.

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

Gentlemen:-

At the recent annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, a resolution was unanimously passed asking the cities and towns of the Maritimes adopting Daylight Saving during 1936 to have uniform dates - those suggested were from the Sunday nearest the 15th of May to the Sunday nearest the 15th of September.

The Saint John City Council has passed the following resolution:-

"That the letter from F. Maclure Solanders, Esquire, Commissioner of the Saint John Board of Trade, urging that uniform Daylight Saving dates be instituted and the dates suggested are approximately 15th May until 15th September, be received and filed, and that this Council go on record as being willing to adopt the period from May 16th to September 12th, 1936, for the Daylight Saving Time, provided that that period is generally adopted through the Maritimes".

January 16th, 1936.

If the foregoing resolution meets with the approval of your honourable body, it will greatly assist if the two major Cities of the Maritimes will be uniform in this respect.

Yours very truly,

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary,
THE MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell,
seconded by Alderman Lordly that this City adopt the same dates for daylight saving as adopted by the City of St. John, N. B.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman McManus that consideration of the letter of the Board of Trade be deferred until the next regular meeting of this Council. Amendment put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Freda
Gates
Gough
Hendry
McCarthy
McManus
O'Toole
Smeltzer
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Lordly
MacDonald
McDonald
Mitchell
Stech

-5-

The original motion not put.

LETTER, CITY CLERK, KITCHENER, ONT. RE
IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Read letter from the City Clerk,
Kitchener, Ont. re immigration from European
countries.

January 16th, 1936.

December 20th, 1935.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to certify that the Municipal Council of the City of Kitchener unanimously passed the following resolution, and requests your Municipal Council to endorse same and forward your action to the Prime Minister, Honorable W. L. MacKenzie King, The Minister of Immigration, Honorable T. A. Crerar and to the member of your constituency for their support:-

"THAT WHEREAS it is reported that the Dominion Government proposes to permit increased immigration from European countries, such immigration to be confined to agriculturists of independent means for settlement in Western Canada;

AND WHEREAS the agriculturists of Canada are now producing more goods than can be disposed of profitably;

AND WHEREAS a great many immigrants of this class have in the past left farms and drifted into the urban centres and became either competitors of the urban workers or a burden on the urban taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the great need of Canada is not greater agricultural production, but rather greater markets for our agricultural products;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in the opinion of this Council meeting in regular session, the reported proposal to permit increased immigration is one of extremely doubtful wisdom, and one which does not meet with the approval of this Council".

Letters have been sent to all municipalities in the Dominion of Canada having a population of 10,000 or over.

We trust that you will give this matter your favorable consideration.

Yours very truly,

C. C. Lips,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman McManus that this letter be embodied in the minutes and filed. Motion passed.

January 16th, 1936.

LETTER, CITY SOLICITOR RE NOTICE OF
ACTION, MINAS BASIN PUMP AND POWER CO.
VERSUS CITY OF HALIFAX.

Read letter from the City Solicitor
re notice of action, Minas Basin Pump & Power Co.,
versus City of Halifax.

Halifax, N. S.
January 16th, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:-

I wish to advise that a notice of
action in the above matter has been received, advising
of the intention of the plaintiff to commence an
action against the City for the sum of \$305.00.
The action is based on a collision between a ford
automobile owned by the plaintiff and a motor
truck owned by the City.

The matter has been reported to the
Company insuring the City and no further proceedings
have been instituted since the delivery of the
notice of action.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded
by Alderman McManus that this letter be embodied
in the minutes and filed. Motion passed.

LETTER, CITY SOLICITOR RE NOTICE OF ACTION,
H.G. STAIRS VERSUS CITY OF HALIFAX.

Read letter from the City Solicitor
re notice of action, H. G. Stairs versus City of
Halifax.

Halifax, N. S.
January 16th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

I wish to advise that a notice of
action has been received in the above matter, in
which Mr. Stairs claims damages due to his
running into an open trench on Young Avenue.

January 16th, 1936.

A settlement of this matter has been before the Board of Works and this notice of action is only reported to the Council for its information. No writ has as yet been issued.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman McManus that this letter be embodied in the minutes and filed. Motion passed.

City Engineer
Chairman of Works

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES - H. G. STAIRS

Read report of the Committee on Works re claim for damages, H. G. Stairs.

January 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer and correspondence re the claim of Mr. H. G. Stairs against the City of Halifax for damages alleged to have been sustained by him on November 23rd, 1935, due to an unlighted trench on Young Avenue.

A recommendation of the Committee on Works in connection with this claim was considered by the City Council on December 12th, 1935, and referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on January 8th, 1936, the matter was again considered and the claim discussed with Mr. W. M. Wickwire, Solicitor and agent for Mr. H.G. Stairs.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 15th 1936, His Worship the Mayor reported that Mr. Stairs had expressed his willingness to accept in full settlement of all his claims resulting from said accident, the sum of \$350.00 with the understanding that Mr. Stairs retain ownership of the car involved in said accident.

The Committee on Works recommends to Council that a settlement of the claim be made as above, provided that this settlement shall not be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the City of Halifax.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

January 16th, 1936.

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

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES @ DR. K. G. MAHABIR

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on
Works re claim for damages, Dr. K. G. Mahabir.

January 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto are reports of the
City Engineer re claim of Dr. K. G. Mahabir for
damages alleged to have been sustained by him on
November 23rd, 1935, due to an unlighted trench on
Young Avenue.

At a meeting of the Committee on
Works, January 15th, 1936, it was decided to recommend
to Council that the City of Halifax pay to Dr.
K.G. Mahabir the sum of \$275.00 in full payment of
all his claims resulting from said accident,
provided that this settlement shall not be construed
as an admission of liability on the part of the
City of Halifax.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

ABATTOIR LEASE

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

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

December 6th, 1935.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On November 13th, 1935, a report was
made on an application from the Marden Wild of
Canada Limited for an extension of their lease of
the City Abattoir which expires on March 31st, 1938.
The request was deferred and the Mayor and City
Engineer were requested to confer with the Company
in regard to an increased rental. On the same day
a letter was sent to the company asking whether in
the event of the City executing a proposed new
lease what increased annual rental it would be prepared
to pay or in the alternative what increased annual

January 16th, 1936.

rental it would be prepared to pay if the existing lease were extended for five years from the date of its termination. Attention was also drawn to a statement made at the meeting that there were very few Halifax people employed on its staff.

A reply dated November 18th was received, a copy of which is attached, in which the Company states that it can not consider an extension based on any increase in the rental but would like to have the property for another five years on the current rental. It asks the committee to bear in mind the amount spent by it on the building and repairs, etc. wiring and installation of an elevator.

It may be noted that under the terms of the lease the Lessee may make such alterations and repairs as are necessary for its requirements at its own expense and shall keep the building so altered and repaired in a proper state of repair and shall deliver the same at the termination of the lease in a proper state of repair reasonable wear and tear and damage from fire or other casualty always excepted. The Lessee has the right on the termination of the lease to remove all its trade fixtures. An elevator was installed which under the terms of the lease was not to be removed as a trade fixture and shall become the property of the City on the termination of the lease with the exception of the cables which under certain conditions may be removed by the Lessee.

The letter also states that on further inquiry it is found that with the exception of one employee who lives in Dartmouth, the others are all residents from Halifax and while the company has not a large staff permanently, during the busy season it takes on men by the day and week and it believed in every case these are Halifax residents and it agrees that if it has the committee's co-operation to give preference to Halifax residents.

As stated in the report of the 13th ultimo I am doubtful as to the wisdom at the present time of extending the lease for an additional five years as it is difficult to foretell what the conditions may be at the end of the present period of the lease namely March 31st, 1938, but there may not be the same objection to extending it for a period of three years which would be equivalent to granting the company a lease for five years from April 1936.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 16th, 1936.

Jan.16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto are reports of the City Engineer on an application from the Marden Wild Co. of Canada Limited, for an extension of their lease of the City Abattoir.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 8th, 1936, on motion of Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Gough, the committee decided to recommend to Council that the lease be extended or renewed to April 30th, 1941, under the said terms as existing in the present lease.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Gough that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

PAYMENT FOR CHLORINATORS

*City Engineer
Club of Works*
Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re payment for chlorinators,

January 7th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The City Council at a meeting held on October 17th, 1935, authorized the purchase of two chlorinators to replace those in use on the two low service mains, these have been installed and the bill from Messrs. Wallace & Tiernan Inc. amounts to \$2,563.00.

It is recommended that this be paid out of the "Renewals and Replacement Account" of the Water Department. Under Section 678 sub-section 2 of the City Charter, this has to be decided by resolution of the Council on the recommendation of the Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 16th, 1936.

Jan. 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 8th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer re payment for chlorinators was approved, and on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Gates, 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.

City Engineer
Chief of Works
Council PURCHASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY FRANK STONEMAN

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re purchase of property owned by Frank Stoneman.

January 7th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The Judge before whom this action was tried has given a decision covering the two points involved in the matter, and has found in favour of the City on the point of its right to erect the Retaining Wall and the Parapet and also to raise the level of the street, and against the City on the question of trespass, a small portion of the wall having been erected on the Stoneman property.

In the case of the Frank Stoneman property, he has awarded damages in the amount of \$80.00 up to December 31st, 1935, and in the case of Nellie Stoneman, \$20.00 damages.

He has also awarded the Stonemans the general costs of the action less the costs of the City in respect to the point on which the City was successful.

He has also granted a mandatory injunction requiring the City to remove the portion of the wall constituting the trespass, granting however, a stay of proceedings until a hearing and determination of the appeal taken by the Stonemans in respect to the City's right to erect the wall and raise the level of the street.

January 16th, 1936.

It is provided however, that if this appeal is not taken the stay of proceedings is to the 31st of January, 1936. The appeal has been commenced and notice thereof has been received by the City Solicitor.

The Solicitor for Mr. Frank Stoneman has intimated that his client will sell the whole of his property to the City for the sum of \$1,363.50. The frontage of this property is 303 feet and extends 200 feet into the Arm.

It would appear that there are four courses open to the City.

1. To negotiate with Mr. Stoneman on the basis suggested, and purchase the property for the sum of \$1,363.50.
2. To remove the portion of the wall which encroaches on the property. This would entail considerable expense and at the curve towards the south end of the property would interfere with the symmetry of the existing work and would be a detriment thereto.
3. The expropriation of the whole property if the price mentioned in (1) is considered too high.
4. To expropriate the portion of the property where there is an encroachment.

On different occasions the committee has gone on record as being in favour of acquiring, as opportunity offered, the property on the shore of the Arm from the Arm Bridge to the Public Bathing Beach. The City now owns all this property with the exception of the Stoneman property and the Murray property near the Arm Bridge.

It would appear to me to be in the best interests of the City to acquire the whole of the property, or in the alternative, to acquire that portion of the property covered by the encroachment.

Whether the price asked by the owner is too high is a matter for consideration; however, our experience of expropriation proceedings with the attendant costs and expenses involved, is that the City generally pays more than it was anticipated and I would be inclined to recommend the purchase at the price named.

If the committee decide that the whole property should not be acquired, then I would recommend that expropriation proceedings be taken to acquire the strip of land on which the encroachment stands, as I am reasonably certain, after discussing the matter with the Solicitor for Mr. Stoneman, that an agreement as to the price for this strip cannot be arrived at.

January 16th, 1936.

The chances are that the amount of damages that would be awarded for the portion of the land mentioned, together with costs and expenses of the arbitration, would be larger in proportion than if the whole property were acquired.

If the committee decides to expropriate, it will be necessary for it to direct the Engineer to prepare a plan and description of the land or interests therein proposed to be expropriated and a report as to the desirability of the City acquiring the same. This direction should be given at this meeting so that a report may be submitted at the next meeting of the committee, which will allow time to present the matter to the Council at the regular meeting in January.

In the case of Nellie Stoneman, the encroachment of the wall extends about one-fifth along the frontage and the portion of the property immediately in front of the boat house has no parapet wall and the retaining wall does not encroach. In this case it is recommended that the part of the property on which the encroachment stands, be expropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer re Stoneman versus City of Halifax.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 8th, 1936, the committee on motion of Alderman Gates and Alderman Donovan, recommended to Council that the City of Halifax purchase from Mr. Frank Stoneman the whole of his property on the west side of Quinpool Road, between the property of Mrs. Nellie Stoneman and the Public Bathing Beach and Dock, for the sum of \$1,363.50.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Freda that the reports be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McManus, seconded by Alderman Lordly that this matter be deferred for one month. Amendment passed.

The original motion not put.

January 16th, 1936.

*City Engineer
Chief of Works
Council*

EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MRS.
NELLIE STONEMAN

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer also a resolution approved by the Committee on Works.

January 14th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 8th, 1936, directed the City Engineer to prepare a plan and description of that part of the property owned by Mrs. Nellie Stoneman on Quinpool Road on which the retaining wall encroaches and report on the desirability of the City acquiring said part of said property.

As stated in my report of the 7th instant, the Judge before whom the claim of Mrs. Stoneman was tried found that a portion of this wall encroached on the property of Mrs. Stoneman and has ordered the removal of such part. The encroachment extends for about 17 feet from the south line of her property and consists chiefly of footing stone through all the wall and a portion of the batter or slope of the wall from the line of the bottom of the retaining wall to the front, and is estimated to cover not more than thirty square feet.

It is not thought that any agreement as to the sale of this part of the wall to the City can be reached. It is recommended that it be expropriated and that the City pay into Court the sum of \$25.00 as compensation for the part of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee On Works January 15th, 1935, the City Engineer submitted the attached plan and description of that part of the property owned by Mrs. Nellie Stoneman on Quinpool Road on which the retaining wall encroaches and a report on the desirability of the City acquiring the said part of said property.

January 16th, 1936.

At said meeting the attached resolution was unanimously approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

WHEREAS the City Engineer has submitted a report dated January 14th, 1936, and also a plan and description covering the expropriation of certain land;

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Works is of the opinion that it is necessary that the said land should be acquired for the purpose of widening Quinpool Road in the City of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Committee deems it necessary that the said land and interest therein be expropriated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and it is recommended to the City Council that the said land hereinafter described be expropriated. The said land may be described as follows:

ALL that portion of the property situated on the southwestern side of Quinpool Road belonging to Mrs. Nellie Stoneman upon which the stone wall recently constructed by the City of Halifax is built. The said portion of the property being bounded on the northeastern side by the official southwestern street line of Quinpool Road, on the southwestern side by the outer edge of the above mentioned wall, on the southeastern side by the northeastern line of the property now or formerly owned by Frank J. Stoneman, and on the northwestern side by land now owned by the City of Halifax, as shown on a Plan entitled "Expropriation Plan of part of property of Mrs. Nellie Stoneman to be acquired by the City of Halifax for the widening of Quinpool Road" dated January 14th, 1936 and filed in the City Engineer's Office in Halifax as Plan No. KK-1-214.

Deferred for one month.

City Engineer
Works of Works WATER EXTENSION - CONNAUGHT AVENUE

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension, Connaught Avenue.

January 16th, 1936.

Jan. 14th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of Mr. Frank B. Doyle for an extension of the water main on Connaught Avenue to supply a house which he is building on a lot at the south-east corner of Connaught Avenue and Regina Terrace, that the pipe is now laid on Connaught Avenue to about the center of Regina Terrace.

The estimated length of the extension is one hundred and twenty (120') feet. The size pipe would be six inches and the estimated cost is \$600.00. The estimated assessment is \$85.00.

The railway right of way abuts on the west side of the street so that the assessment could only be obtained from one side. There is a likelihood that some of the lots south of the corner lot will be built on in the near future. It is recommended that the extension be made.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

Jan. 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 15th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer re water extension on Connaught Avenue was approved and on motion of Aldermen Gough and Freda, recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates,

seconded by Alderman Freda that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

WATER METER BILLS

City Engineer
Clerk of Works

Read report of the Committee
on Works recommending reductions in water bills.

January 16th, 1936.

Jan. 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 15th instant, on motion of Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Gates, the following reductions in water bills were recommended to Council for adoption:-

10125 - 19 Bower Road. April 1935 bill to be reduced by 25,000 gallons.

20850 - 66 Hollis St. The bill for the six months ending April 1935 to be reduced by 200,000 gallons.

20581 - 68 Dresden Row. Consumption for July 1935 to be reduced by 100,000 gallons.

30469 - 227 Market St. April 1935 bill to be reduced by 200,000 gallons.

40108 - 21 Bauer St. Consumption June 1935 to be reduced to 8,000 gallons.

40428 - 10 Compton Ave. Consumption for February 1935 to be reduced by 40,000 gallons.

40494 - 22 Creighton St. Consumption for January 1935 to be reduced by 100,000 gallons.

50367 - 357 Brunswick St. Consumption for September 1935 to be reduced to 10,000 gallons.

50487 - 139-41 Creighton St. Consumption May 1935 to be reduced by 10,700 gallons.

50499 - 177 Creighton St. May, June and July 1935 consumption to be reduced by 10,000 gallons each month.

50680A - 18B. St. Clifton St. Consumption for September 1935 to be reduced to 5,000 gallons.

50695 - 9 Charles St. Consumption for December 1934, January, February and March 1935 to be reduced to 10,000 gallons for each month.

50783 - 49 Cunard St. Consumption for October 1935 to be reduced to 10,000 gallons.

50881 - 119-119½ Gottingen St. Consumption for October 1935 reduced to 10,000 gallons.

50899 - 171 Gottingen St. Consumption for October 1935 reduced to 8,000 gallons.

January 16th, 1936.

51067 - 104-104 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gerrish St. Consumption for May 1935 to be reduced by 14,000 gallons.

60663 - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Clifton St. Consumption for June 1935 to be reduced by 5,700 gallons.

61527 - 286 Maynard St. Consumption for July and August 1935 to be reduced to 8,000 gallons for each month.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

AWARD OF ARBITRATOR RE EXPROPRIATION OF
WATERSHED PROPERTY.

Read report of the Committee on Works covering award of arbitrator re expropriation of watershed property.

January 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 15th, 1936, the City Engineer submitted the attached award of the arbitrator re expropriation of watershed property and said award was ordered forwarded to Council.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Gates that the report and award be approved. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHT - CORNER OF RUSSELL ST. EXTENSION
AND ISLEVILLE STREET.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works re street light, corner of Russell Street extension and Isleville Street.

January 16th, 1936.

Jan. 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 15th, 1936, the committee recommended to Council that a street light be installed immediately at the corner of Russell Street extension and Isleville Street.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Roper
Mr. Doyle
VOTE OF THANKS TO BE EXTENDED TO MR.
HENRY ROPER AND MR. KENNETH DOYLE

Read report of the Charities

Committee recommending that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Henry Roper and Mr. Kenneth Doyle.

Halifax, N. S.
January 10th, 1936.

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 Gough, Gates and Donovan.

Your committee recommends that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Henry Roper who contributed largely to the success of the Xmas festivities at the City Home by his gifts to every inmate and his presence on Xmas Day in the capacity of Santa Claus.

Your committee recommends also that a vote of thanks be tendered Ken Doyle's "Hill Billies" Orchestra for their presence on Xmas Day, giving of their time and talents to bring bright and cheerful music to the Old Folk of the City Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McCarthy,
CHAIRMAN.

Approved and Filed

January 16th, 1936.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMEN STECH
RE CIVIC ADMINISTRATION

Council
Read notice of motion by Alderman Stech as follows:-

WHEREAS from time to time in recent years, there have been many opinions expressed, by members of the City Council and citizens generally, regarding the civic administration of the business of the Municipality of the City of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS in any business, time requires and compels changes in business methods and administration;

AND WHEREAS on account of the unwieldy dove-tail combination of the City Council, it appears to be impossible to simplify and improve the present form of city government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as a first step towards effecting improvements in the business methods and civic administration of the corporation affairs, every alderman be retired at the end of the present civic year April 30th, 1936;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an election to fill the vacancies so caused be held on the last Wednesday in April, viz:- April 29th, 1936;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ordinary term of office for an alderman shall be three years.

SEPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME FOR
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1935.

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of December 1935 showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 450.
FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1935

Read report of the City Auditor covering tax collections for the month of December 1935.

January 16th, 1936.

City Auditor's Office,
December 31st, 1935.

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

Gentlemen:-

Report on Tax Collections for the month of December is submitted. Collections amounted to \$112,798.65; corresponding period last year \$73,801.51. Collections on account of taxes for the years 1908-1924 were \$4.48. The ledger value of this group on December 31st, 1935, after deducting Reserves for short collection amounted to \$548,716.20. Collections of Poll Taxes in 1935-36 of current and arrears to December 31st amounted to \$16,638.50; corresponding period last year \$18,650.25.

Arrears Taxes

Civic Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances November	New accounts and adjustments	December Collections	Outstanding Balances December.
1925-26	\$64,673.71*	\$64,465.24			\$64,465.24
1926-27	39,748.97*	40,898.24		35.28	40,862.97
1927-28	39,676.87*	39,266.74		33.85	39,232.89
1928-29	44,024.02*	43,360.21		60.69	43,299.52
1929-30	46,194.38*	45,230.90		48.76	45,182.14
1930-31	52,466.30*	50,367.69		148.46	50,219.23
1931-32	45,038.11*	41,222.44		246.64	40,975.80
1932-33	49,273.60*	89,861.93		7,721.03	82,140.90
1933-34	55,297.70	225,596.86		9,459.77	216,137.09
1934-35	50,732.33	416,671.45		23,492.84	393,178.61
		1,056,941.70		41,247.32	1,015,694.38
Current Taxes 1935-36	51,687.80	712,112.65		36,352.83	675,759.82
Water Dept. Rates, etc.		120,987.46		35,198.50	85,788.96
		<u>1,890,041.81</u>		<u>112,798.65</u>	<u>1,777,243.16</u>
Poll Taxes 1932-33		789.31		50.50	738.81
Poll Taxes 1933-34		3,882.29		126.50	3,755.79
Poll Taxes 1934-35		5,959.64		234.50	5,725.14
Poll Taxes 1935-36		15,253.10		923.50	14,329.60

* 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 is transferable to the General Reserve or the General Sinking Fund, as the case requires, on April 30th of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

January 16th, 1936.

DIRECT RELIEF EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor covering direct relief expenditures as at January 16th, 1936.

REPORT ON DIRECT RELIEF EXPENDITURES
(Estimated)

December 12th - January 16th, 1936.

<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
" April 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	232,000.00	44,000.00
" Aug. 16th/34	120,000.00	40,000.00
" Oct. 11th/34	150,000.00	50,000.00
" Jan. 17th/35	125,000.00	41,666.66
" Apr. 11th/35	125,000.00	41,666.66
" Aug. 15th/35	100,000.00	33,333.33
" Oct. 16th/35	100,000.00	33,333.33
	<u>1,590,000.00</u>	<u>529,999.98</u>

Expenditures to Dec. 31st, 1935. 1,414,338.51 471,446.17

Add estimates to January 16th, 1936. 15,000.00 5,000.00
1,429,338.51 476,446.17

Balance unexpended of authorized appropriations of which approximately \$30,000. is available for expenditure to Jan. 31st, 1936, the difference having lapsed. \$160,661.49 \$53,553.81

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor covering departmental appropriations and expenditures as at December 31st, 1935.

FILED

January 16th, 1936.

11.15 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by
Alderman McManus that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

S P E C I A L M E E T I N G

AFTERNOON SESSION.

12.10 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
January 27th, 1936.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this day. There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Gates, Mitchell, Stech, Donovan, Burgess, Lordly, McManus, Freda, McCarthy, H. A. MacDonald, O'Toole, Curtis, Gough, and Walker.

The meeting was called specially to consider the School Board estimates.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

Read report of the Finance Committee submitting estimates of the School Board together with resolution covering same.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 27th, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:--

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, the estimate of the Board of School Commissioners for the civic year 1936-37 as attached hereto was considered.

Your committee, having given consideration to all items of the Board herewith submits a resolution which is recommended to the Council for its adoption. This resolution embodies objections to certain items which the Finance Committee recommends be endorsed by the Council and its adoption will enable the Council to record its objections should the recommendation of the committee be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

January 27th, 1936.

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 917 of the City Charter, the City Council at a meeting held January 27th, 1936 concurs in and approves the recommendations of the Finance Committee that the estimate of the Board of School Commissioners for the civic year 1936-37 as submitted to the City Council at this meeting should be objected to and the City Council does hereby object to the said estimate.

The said objection is taken against the following sub-divisions of the estimate as shown in detail below:-

<u>SUB-DIVISION</u>	<u>AMOUNT SUBMITTED BY BOARD.</u>	<u>AMOUNT OBJECTED TO BY CITY COUNCIL.</u>
Teachers	\$353,148.25	\$3,500.00
Dental Inspection	2,295.00	105.00
Medical Inspection	6,512.00	298.00
Janitors	31,176.35	1,478.05
Maintenance	30,197.45	6,357.91
Water	7,000.00	300.00
Supervisor	3,325.00	175.00
Secretary	2,375.00	125.00
Stenographers	1,998.75	176.25
Messenger service	480.00	60.00
Superintendent	2,660.00	140.00
Attendance Officer	1,434.21	61.71
Contingent	1,500.00	500.00
		<u>\$13,276.92</u>

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners this date.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Lordly that the report and resolution as submitted by the Finance Committee be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Gates that the objections as recommended by the Finance Committee be now considered, item by item. Amendment passed.

The original motion not put.

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SCHEDULE "B"

SCHOOL ESTIMATES, 1936-37

	<u>1936-37</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>1935-36</u>
Teachers	\$353,148.25	\$23,839.75		\$329,308.50
Technical Classes	3,500.00			3,500.00
School Supplies	5,000.00			5,000.00
Auxiliary Classes (Supplies)	600.00			600.00
Dental Inspection	2,295.00	105.00		2,190.00
Medical Inspection	6,512.00	298.00		6,214.00
Janitors	31,176.35	1,478.05		29,698.30
Maintenance	30,197.45	2,145.39		28,052.06
Rents	13,984.05			13,984.05
Insurance	3,100.00		400.00	3,500.00
Fuel	26,000.00			26,000.00
Telephones, Light and Power	4,000.00			4,000.00
Water	7,000.00	300.00		6,700.00
General Expenses	1,300.00	100.00		1,200.00
Advertising and Printing	650.00	50.00		600.00
Interest on Debentures	2,430.00			2,430.00
Supervisor	3,325.00		54.50	3,379.50
Secretary	2,375.00	125.00		2,250.00
Stenographers (2)	1,998.75	176.25		1,822.50
Messenger Service	480.00	60.00		420.00
Superintendent	2,660.00	140.00		2,520.00
Attendance Officer	1,434.21	124.21		1,310.00
Contingent	1,500.00	500.00		1,000.00
Office Expenses	400.00			400.00
Pension, Ex-Secretary	1,200.00			1,200.00
Sewers, Sidewalks, etc.	2,000.00			2,000.00
	<u>508,266.06</u>	<u>29,441.65</u>	<u>454.50</u>	<u>479,278.91</u>
Less Estimated Revenue:				
Grants	5,950.00		400.00	5,550.00
School Fees	300.00		50.00	250.00
Bank Interest	1,300.00			1,300.00
Miscellaneous	600.00			600.00
	<u>8,150.00</u>		<u>450.00</u>	<u>7,700.00</u>
	<u>\$500,116.06</u>	<u>\$29,441.65</u>	<u>\$ 904.50</u>	<u>\$471,578.91</u>

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TEACHERS

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Lordly that the Council object to this item in the sum of \$3,500.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Walker that Council object to this item in the sum of \$20,719.04 instead of \$3,500.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Gough
Mitchell
Stech
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Donovan
Freda
Gates
Lordly
MacDonald
McCarthy
McManus
O'Toole

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The original motion passed.

DENTAL INSPECTION

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that Council object to this item in the sum of \$105.00. Motion passed.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that Council object to this item in the sum of \$298.00. Motion passed.

JANITORS

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Freda that Council object to this item in the sum of \$1,478.05. Motion passed.

Alderman Gates against.

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MAINTENANCE

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that Council object to this item in the sum of \$6,357.91. Motion passed.

WATER

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Freda that Council object to this item in the sum of \$300.00. Motion passed.

SUPERVISOR

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Curtis that Council object to this item in the sum of \$175.00. Motion passed.

SECRETARY

Moved by Alderman Freda, seconded by Alderman McManus that Council object to this item in the sum of \$125.00. Motion passed.

STENOGRAPHERS

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Lordly that Council object to this item in the sum of \$176.25. Motion passed.

MESSENGER SERVICE

Moved by Alderman MacDonald, seconded by Alderman Walker that Council object to this item in the sum of \$60.00. Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

Moved by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Walker that Council object to this item in the sum of \$140.00. Motion passed.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Freda that Council object to this item in the sum of \$61.71. Motion passed.

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CONTINGENT

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Lordly that Council object to this item in the sum of \$500.00. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that this Council object to the School Board estimates in the sum of \$13,276.92 as shown in the resolution submitted by the Finance Committee, and that a copy of said resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners this date. Motion passed.

1.10 P.M.,

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


E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.


W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.