

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N

SPECIAL MEETING.

5.05 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
August 27th, 1936.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Gates, Mitchell, Stech, Donovan, Burgess, Curran, Freda, McCarthy, Hemdry, McDonald, Keshen, O'Toole, Curtis, Power, Gough, Smeltzer and Walker.

The meeting was called specially to consider the appointment of City Assessor.

Alderman Walker immediately presented the following statement, objecting to this meeting being held.

"Before any business whatever is started I want this objection recorded by the clerk; that I consider this meeting illegal, as I did not get two clear days notice, and that other aldermen are in the same position as regards their notices.

I got my notice on Tuesday morning, August 25th and should have got it on August 24th.

I therefore object to any business being transacted, and any discussion that takes place will not be a meeting of the City Council.

The act is interpreted to mean two clear business days.

27th August, 1936.

John Walker,
ALDERMAN."

Alderman Power then submitted and read an affidavit re the legality of holding this special council meeting.

August 27th, 1936.

"CANADA
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA,
COUNTY OF HALIFAX,
CITY OF HALIFAX. SS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGALITY OF A CERTAIN
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HALIFAX CALLED FOR AUGUST 27th, A.D.
1936, AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

I, John J. Power, of Halifax in the County
of Halifax, Barrister, do solemnly declare as
follows:

1. I am an alderman of the City Council of the
City of Halifax for Ward Five in the said City of
Halifax.

2. That I was on the 25th day of August, A.D.
1936, about the hour of three o'clock in the after-
noon handed by Police Officer Costwell the
printed paper produced herewith and marked exhibit
"A" hereto at my office in the Roy Building in
the said City of Halifax, and I say that is the
only notice of said meeting of said City Council
for August 27th, 1936, at five o'clock in the
afternoon that I have ever received, no other
notice of said meeting having been delivered to me
by anyone.

And I make this solemn declaration
conscientiously believing the same to be true and
by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me at
Halifax in the County
of Halifax, this 27th
day of August, A.D. 1936. (Sgd) John J. Power.

(Sgd) C. B. Smith,
Commissioner of the Supreme
Court of Nova Scotia.

The City Solicitor, upon request
from Alderman Gates, read Section 106 of the
City Charter, as follows:-

"No act or proceeding of the Council shall be
questioned on account of any vacancy in their
body, or for want of notice of the holding
of the meeting."

August 27th, 1936.

Alderman Gates asked the City Solicitor if, in his opinion, this meeting was quite in order.

The Solicitor replied that, in his opinion, the meeting was in order by virtue of Section 106 of the City Charter.

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor re the purpose of this meeting, also report from the Finance Committee recommending that Mr. J. F. McManus be appointed to the position of City Assessor.

Office of the Mayor,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
August 24th, 1936.

W. P. Publicover, Esq.,
CITY CLERK.

Dear Sir:-

On August 10th, I suggested to the Finance Committee the appointment of Mr. J. F. McManus as City Assessor.

The committee was to have met on that day, but as there was not a sufficient number of aldermen present to constitute a quorum, the meeting was postponed to August 13th, when my suggestion was concurred in, and forwarded to the City Council for their approval.

This was the day on which the City Council met. As the agenda must be out the day before Council meeting, the reports of the Finance Committee on the agenda were bulked, and did not show that this particular report was to come before the Council. This constitutes a technical irregularity, and should be corrected by the City Council.

The appointment has been made, and it is now the legal liability of the City Council to confirm it.

I would, therefore, ask you to notify the members of the City Council to attend a meeting of the said Council on Thursday, August 27th, at 5.00 o'clock in the afternoon to make such confirmation.

Yours very truly,

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR.

August 27th, 1936.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, your committee had for consideration, the appointment of a successor to Mr. P. J. McManus, City Assessor, who has tendered his resignation to take effect on August 31st, 1936.

Your committee recommends that Mr. Joseph F. McManus be appointed to succeed the present City Assessor; he to assume office on the 1st day of September 1936 at an annual salary of \$3,333.33 subject to the usual 10% contribution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McCarthy,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy,

seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and Mr. J. F. McManus appointed to the position of City Assessor at a salary of \$3,333.33 per annum subject to the 10% contribution; Mr. McManus to assume office on September 1st, 1936. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gates
Gough
Hendry
Keshen
McCarthy
McDonald
O'Toole
Smeltzer
Stech

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Mitchell

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Aldermen Power and Walker excused
from voting.

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His Worship the Mayor then declared Mr. J. F. McManus duly appointed to the position of City Assessor for the City of Halifax.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Board of Trade
In order that the question of Daylight Saving Time could be considered, the following motion was made:-

"Moved by Alderman Hendry, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the rules of order of Council be suspended".

Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Hendry, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Daylight Saving Time continue until midnight September 27th, 1936.

Motion put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Donovan
Gough
Hendry
Keshen
Mitchell
Smeltzer
Stech

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran
Freda
Gates
McCarthy
McDonald
O'Toole

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CONVENTION OF UNION OF N.S. MUNICIPALITIES

The Mayor stated that he understood the Deputy Mayor was not going to attend the convention of the Union of N. S. Municipalities at Digby, and suggested that the Council appoint a substitute.

August 27th, 1936.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Gates that Alderman Keshon be appointed a delegate to attend the convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities at Digby. Motion passed.

5.35 P.M.,

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

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CITY CLERK.

E. J. Stage
E. J. STAGE,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

EVENING SESSION

8.05 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
September 17th, 1936.

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, Stech, Donovan, Burgess, Curran, Freda, McCarthy, Hendry, McDonald, Keshen, O'Toole, Curtis, Gough and Walker.

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

DELEGATION REPRESENTING UNEMPLOYED OF THE CITY

The Mayor informed Council that a delegation representing the unemployed of the City was present and wished to be heard by Council.

There being no objection, the spokesman of the delegation was granted permission to address Council for a period of ten minutes.

Mr. John Lewis Wall, representing the unemployed, then read the following resolution and answer from the Provincial Government.

BE IT RESOLVED:-

We, of the Unemployed hold these truths
(1) That all men are created equal.
(2) That governments are instituted and have power from the consent of the governed.
(3) That whenever any form of government becomes destructive, in the interests of the people, it is the right of the people to alter, or abolish it, and to institute a new government organized to maintain peace, happiness and good government to the satisfaction of all peoples.

September 17th, 1936.

Therefore Be It Resolved no trifling thing should be allowed to put a government out, but the continued starvation of people including little children, the repeated appeals of the unemployed for work have not been recognized, and we prove this by the over one million persons in Canada who are unemployed.

Therefore Be It Resolved, as there is money provided for military training of young citizens, and no provision for unemployment.

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved, we the unemployed, without delay, petition the Provincial Government in the name of all citizens, for work for all citizens able to work and demand this in the name of good government, peace and progress for all citizens.

Signed
And Moved for adoption by.....

Meeting at North Common, Halifax, N. S.

Seconded by.....

Chairman of the Meeting.....

Secretary of the Meeting.....

Wednesday, August 26th, 1936.

Report of Works Committee:

September 8th, 1936.

Interviewed Mr. Paul, Secretary to the Minister of Labor on Tuesday, September 8th at 11.30 A.M. According to Mr. Paul, the Provincial Government are willing to meet the demands of the people, but it will have to go before the City Council first.

September 4th, 1936.

Interviewed Mr. Manning

4 P.M. Friday afternoon.

Was told that Premier MacDonald received our petition concerning work for the unemployed of Halifax. We were told that on the following Tuesday, September 8th, 1936 we were to have an interview with Mr. Paul, Secretary to the Minister of Labor, A. S. MacMillan.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the City did not contribute any money towards the military training of young citizens. This, he said, was a matter which was dealt with by the Federal Government.

September 17th, 1936.

Mr. Wall, informed Council that what the unemployed desired was for the City Council to co-operate with the Provincial Government concerning this resolution.

The Mayor then stated that he understood the unemployed of the City desired work rather than direct relief. For nearly three years, he said, the Dominion Conference of Mayors had been trying to have this scheme brought into effect and he personally hoped that it would materialize.

The Mayor then thanked Mr. Wall and assured him that he would do everything possible to obtain relief work for the unemployed.

The following named papers were then submitted.

MINUTES

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

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION BY ALDERMAN POWER
RE APPOINTMENT OF CITY ASSESSOR.

In the absence of Alderman Power, Alderman Walker moved that this matter be reconsidered.

There was no seconder to this motion, and as the matter had already been dealt with at a special meeting of the City Council, the Mayor ruled the item out of order.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN WALKER RE
POLICE COMMITTEE

Read notice of motion by Alderman Walker as follows:-

September 17th, 1936.

"That at the next regular meeting of the City Council, I will move that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend the present legislation to Police Committee to read seven, one Alderman from each ward and the Mayor".

His Worship the Mayor declared the notice of motion out of order as the legislation calls for three members to constitute the Police Committee, and Council has no authority to change this status.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN GOUGH RE SECTION 119 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

Read notice of motion by Alderman Gough re Section 119 of the City Charter.

"At the next regular meeting of the City Council, I will move that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation to amend Section 119 of the City Charter, Sub-section 2 by striking out the words "at least two-thirds of the Council" and substituting "a majority of Council".

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Gates that the notice of motion re Section 119 of the City Charter be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee. Motion passed.

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 \$10,862.19; Committee on Charities amounting to \$9,391.12; Gardens Committee amounting to \$1,698.12, Fleming Park amounting to \$447.57; City Prison Committee amounting to \$2,042.99; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,597.37 chargeable to Fire Department and \$560.39 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$9,658.14; City Health Board amounting to \$5,919.31; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$820.35; Library Committee amounting to \$329.56; Police Committee amounting to \$10,201.43 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

*Laws & Priv.
Com.*

September 17th, 1936.

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

ALDERMANIC VACANCY - WARD #3

Read letter from the City Clerk re Aldermanic vacancy in Ward #3.

September 12th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to the aldermanic vacancy in Ward 3, caused by the resignation of Alderman J. F. McManus, the usual advertisements were inserted in the newspapers. Notices to the electors of Ward 3 giving advice as to the date of an election to fill the vacancy and the latest date for filing nominations of candidates were posted throughout the said ward, but no nominations were received by me.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

The Mayor stated that he felt the citizens should be given another opportunity to elect a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman McManus.

It was then moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Gates that October 6th be fixed as the date for the election of an Alderman for Ward No. Three to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman J. F. McManus, and that Monday, September 28th be set as the latest date for filing nominations of candidates.
Motion passed.

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RESIGNATION OF J. F. MCMANUS AS A MEMBER OF
THE NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMM.

Read letter from Mr. J. F. McManus
submitting his resignation as a member of the N. S.
Provincial Exhibition Commission.

Halifax, N. S.
September 1st, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:-

I hereby tender my resignation as
a member of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition
Commission for the term ending October 1936.

Yours respectfully,

J. F. McManus.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded
by Alderman Gates that the resignation be accepted.
Motion passed.

Ald. McDonald
H. F. Lordly
Moved by Alderman Hendry, seconded
by Alderman Walker that Alderman McDonald be
appointed to the Exhibition Commission to fill the
seat left vacant by the resignation of Mr. J. F.
McManus. Motion passed.

The Mayor declared Alderman McDonald
appointed as a member of the N. S. Provincial
Exhibition Commission to fill the vacancy caused
by the resignation of Mr. McManus.

EXTENSION OF LIEN - REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS TAXES

*clerk of the
Executive Council*
Read report of the Finance Committee
and letter of the City Collector re extension of
lien on real estate and business taxes.

September 17th, 1936.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 14th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Collector recommending that the lien on the 1933 real estate and the 1935 business taxes be extended to the 1st of February next was considered.

Your committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

September 12th, 1936.

Chairman of the
Finance Committee,
City of Halifax,
City Hall,

Dear Sir:-

Under Chapter 55, Section 16, Sub-section 1, of the "Nova Scotia Laws of 1936" the lien on the 1933 Real Estate and the 1935 Business Taxes was extended up to and including the first day of November 1936.

Under Section 16, Sub-section 2, permission was given to further extend the lien, on representation by the City to the Governor-in-Council, prior to the 21st day of September, 1936.

In view of the fact that business generally has not shown any definite improvement, I have no hesitation in recommending to your committee that the lien be further extended to the first of February next.

This procedure has been carried out in the last two years and in my opinion is a benefit both to the taxpayers and the City.

I sincerely hope that the Finance Committee will see their way clear to support this recommendation.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,
CITY COLLECTOR.

September 17th, 1936.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report and letter be adopted. Motion passed.

BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Read report of the Committee on Finance re banking arrangements.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 14th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
And Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the matter of a revision in interest rates on the city's bank accounts was further discussed.

At the commencement of the civic year our bankers gave notice that it would be necessary, because of the prevailing low rates of interest, to reduce the rate on daily credit balances below the then current rate of 3%.

During the early stage of the committee's discussion our bankers were free to fix the rate on credit balances, but because of a ruling recently issued by the Canadian Bankers Association which restricted the rate on credit balances to $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the minimum monthly balance, it became necessary for the bank to adhere.

In anticipation of the financial effect of the rate revision the current bank accounts of the city were, immediately on receipt of the bank's notice, merged and all of the various tax years are carried on one tax account. This makes for complete utilization of credit balances throughout the year except for a period of several months at the commencement of any civic year when the net balance on current account is in favor of the city. The effect of the merger is to reduce the amount which it is necessary to borrow, and means that the credit balances so applied are actually earning the equivalent of the difference between the rate charged on overdrafts $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ and allowed on credit balances $1\frac{1}{2}\%$.

However, in the final discussions with our bankers, we were informed that if the city would re-open the accounts and conduct them as heretofore, the rate on daily credit balances would be $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ and on overdrafts, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.

*Auditor
Royal Bank of Canada
Treasurer*

September 17th, 1936.

Your committee is of opinion that it would be inadvisable from the city's standpoint to re-open the accounts and recommends the adoption of the new rates retroactive from June 1st last as follows:-

$1\frac{1}{2}\%$ p.a. on minimum monthly credit balances,
 $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ p.a. on overdrafts.

The city's bankers also have advised that the expense of clearing and otherwise accounting the coupons payable twice yearly on the debentures of the city should carry a service charge, and in line with the general practice applying to governmental and municipal accounts have stated that they will require payment of one-eighth of 1% of the value of the coupons paid from time to time in respect to the city's funded debt. This arrangement which is new so far as the account is concerned is also recommended for the Council's approval.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

TENDERS FOR INSURANCE ON FIRE APPARATUS

Read report of the Committee on Firewards re tenders for insurance on fire apparatus.

September 11th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Firewards held this day, the following tenders were considered for insuring fire apparatus for one year;

W. R. MacInnes & Co.	\$2665.20
General Insurance Agencies Ltd.	1798.59
V. W. Redmond	1600.00
C. Willis Hebb	1510.50
A. J. Haliburton & Co.	1511.36
Saunders & Duffus	1511.36
H. R. McCaughlin	1511.36
John Strachan Co. Ltd.	1511.36
Alfred J. Bell & Co. Ltd.	1511.36
Dale & Co. Ltd.	1511.34
Thompson Adams & Co.	1511.36
Rainnie & Co. Ltd.	1511.36

*Chief Churchill
Richard Clark Agencies*

September 17th, 1936.

H. N. Wrathall Co. Ltd.	\$1419.61
F. W. Annand	1327.87
Oatway & Thompson	1327.87
E. C. Fraser	1327.87
The Travelers	1327.87
Richard Oland Agencies Ltd.	1183.90

Your committee recommends that the tender of Richard Oland Agencies Limited at \$1183.90, being the lowest, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Gates,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

PROGRESS PAYMENT TO T.M. VAUGHAN

Read report of the Committee on

Firewards re progress payment to T. M. Vaughan.

September 11th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Firewards held this day, an account was considered from T. M. Vaughan for making uniform suits.

Your committee recommends that a further progress payment of \$500.00 be made to Mr. Vaughan.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Gates,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

ACCOUNT - GEORGE W. TINGLEY

Read report of the Committee on

Firewards re account of George W. Tingley.

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*Auditor
Treasurer
Chief Clerk*

*Auditor
Treasurer
Fire Chief*

September 17th, 1936.

Sept. 11th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Firewards held this day, the attached accounts amounting to \$4,493.00 from George W. Tingley were considered for ladder truck chassis, windshield, ladder racks and tires supplied by Bickle Seagrave Ltd.

Your committee recommends that these accounts be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Gates,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

TAG DAY - HALIFAX WORKMENS CLUB ASSOCIATION

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting application from the Halifax Workmens Club Association for permission to hold a tag day on Saturday, September 26th,

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 15th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached letter from the Halifax Workmens Club Association requesting permission to hold a tag day on Saturday, September 26th was considered.

Your committee recommends that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stebbins,
CHAIRMAN.

September 17th, 1936.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be adopted and permission granted the Halifax Workmens Club Association to hold a tag day. Motion passed.

APPLE TAG DAY - BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Boy Scouts Assn.
Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting application from the Boy Scouts Association for permission to hold a tag day on Saturday, October 17th.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 15th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached letter from the Boy Scouts Association requesting permission to hold an Apple Tag Day on Saturday, October 17th, 1936 was considered by the Laws and Privileges Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your committee recommends that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

ORDINANCE RE DUTIES OF TENDERS COMMITTEE

Laws & Priv. Committee
Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re ordinance respecting the duties of the Tenders Committee.

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 15th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached

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ordinance respecting the duties of the Tenders Committee which was given a first reading at a meeting of the City Council held on August 13th, 1936, was considered.

Your committee recommends that the ordinance be now given a second reading and referred to the Governor-in-Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that this ordinance be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee.

Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR FIRE INSURANCE ON T.B.HOSPITAL

Health Board
Read report of the City Health Board re tenders for fire insurance on T. B. Hospital.

September 16th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, September 15th, tenders for fire insurance on the Tuberculosis Hospital, amounting to \$25,000. including \$20,000. on the building and \$5,000. on the furniture, fittings and equipment, were opened.

The Board recommends that the tender of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company at \$7.50 per \$1,000. for a three-year term, being the lowest of those received, be accepted to replace the insurance which matures on September 20th, 1936.

Copies of all tenders received and considered are herewith attached for your information.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded

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by Alderman Keshen that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

8.40 P.M.,

Alderman Smoltzer arrives and takes his seat in Council.

WATERS - NORTH WEST ARM

Read report of the City Health Board submitting report from Dr. W. D. Forrest in connection with the death of a young girl who had been a frequent bather at the Public Baths.

September 16th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, September 15th, a report was read in connection with the death of a young girl who had been a frequent bather at the Public Baths. The Board directed that a copy of the report be forwarded for your information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Forrest,
CHAIRMAN.

Halifax, N. S.
September 15th, 1936.

Some weeks ago this community was saddened by the untimely death of a young girl, who previous to her last illness was stated to have been in perfect health. This young woman had been in the habit of visiting the Public Baths on the North West Arm and was taken ill shortly after her last visit, which was for the purpose of bathing in these waters.

Owing to the fact that there has been considerable criticism of sanitary conditions in this vicinity the suggestion was made that this young woman had lost her life as the result of an illness brought on by swallowing some of this water. This story found its way into the Public Press and was given front page prominence in Upper Canadian papers, included among which was the Montreal Star.

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That this post hoc, ergo propter hoc type of reasoning in which sequence is confused with consequence is fallacious could not be illustrated better than in this case.

After a careful inquiry into all the facts in connection with this case I have no hesitation in saying that the water of the North West Arm can no more be held responsible for this young woman's death than can the crashing of Mrs. Markham's plane in the marshy land at Bauloine.

I am reliably informed by one who was closely associated with this case that the cause of death could in no way be traced to water swallowed on the Arm or elsewhere.

Some thirty thousand bathers visited these waters during the past summer. On sports day a week ago there were over eight hundred, yet in no other instance was it ever suggested that ill effects could be ascribed to these waters. This fact in itself would seem to be significant. In the case at issue not only were the waters of the Arm held to blame, but a specific organism was singled out for special condemnation - the colon bacillus, or as it was more dramatically described - the deadly colon bacillus.

There is no doubt that in past years this organism has borne a very bad reputation. Whenever it was found anywhere it was generally thought that its presence indicated close proximity to material contaminated with sewerage. It is generally recognized today that it does not deserve the bad reputation which it formerly acquired. Let us investigate the character of this much maligned individual.

In the first place it is a common inhabitant of the intestinal tract of all animals - human and otherwise. A portion of the intestinal tract is called the colon, hence its name - the colon bacillus. It is a member of the most widely distributed group of bacteria in nature. It is to be found on all plants and vegetables.

In eating such articles of food as radishes, lettuce, tomatoes, chery, water cross, strawberries, etc., we undoubtedly swallow them in large numbers.

Rinsing in water or wiping with a damp cloth does not get rid of them. The bacteria belonging to this group, like those belonging to the lactic acid group, are practically always present in milk since even the slightest contamination with stable dirt and stable dust is bound to convey them to the milk. Positive results from the B. Coli test were obtained from all samples of milk even the very finest certified milk.

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Even pasteurization is no guarantee against them. It soon became evident that if all milk giving positive results from the careful application of this test were to be rejected, we would be practically without a milk supply. They are now declared to be harmless. If this were not so their universal presence in almost everything we consume would be a decided menace.

Dr. W. T. Sedgwick, an authority on this subject, showed that the Bacillus Coli could be found on heads of ripening wheat which were collected aseptically from the midst of the vast fields of grain in the Canadian North West. No sewerage here and no fertilizers used. Since it has been recognized that the colon bacillus is so wide spread in nature as to be continually present in and on a good many of our food substances, and to be a constant inhabitant of our intestinal tract, it became self evident that this group has little or no influence on our health.

As a result of this wider knowledge of the distribution and harmlessness of the common bacillus, the Bacillus Coli Test was removed from the standard methods of milk analysis and its importance was very much reduced in connection with water examinations.

The mere presence of typical colon bacilli in a water would not justify, on this ground alone, the condemnation of the water for they do not necessarily indicate human contamination. A leading authority says, "Colon bacilli not to present an excess of 25 per cent in 1 cc. portions are the figures which are used as a basis of decision for the upper limits of pollution".

Dear in mind that this refers to drinking water.

The majority of the samples examined around and about the Public Baths are well below this figure.

It is not necessary to point out that the water in the Arm is salt water, and we are assured that cholera, typhoid, the colon group and similar germs retain their vitality, for a very short time when immersed in salt water. There are two organisms that are said to indicate recent and dangerous contamination with sewerage matter - streptococci and the Bacillus enteritidis sporigenes. The presence of these certainly would render the water unfit, for, drinking purposes.

September 17th, 1936.

There is no mention of the presence of either of these in the report from the Laboratory on the samples of water collected about the Public Baths. In this inquiry we confined our attention to the cause of this young woman's death and to whether this cause was in any way related to the swallowing of water at the Public Baths. We are convinced that the two cannot be associated.

W. D. Forrest,
CHAIRMAN, CITY HEALTH BOARD.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report of Dr. W. D. Forrest be adopted and embodied in the minutes of this meeting. Motion passed.

SUPERANNUATION - POLICE SERGEANT J. KELLOCK

Finance Com.
Read report of the Police Committee re the superannuation of Sergeant John Kellock.

September 15th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Police Committee, held this date, the following recommendation was made and is forwarded to you for approval;

"That Police Sergeant John Kellock be retired to superannuation on the 30th day of September of this year, and that he be granted a pension, in accordance with the provisions of Section 252 of the City Charter".

Respectfully yours,

J. B. Carter,
Secretary, Police Committee.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Gates that this report be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

ADDITIONAL GRANT FOR DIRECT RELIEF FROM GOVERNMENT

Read letter from the Halifax Direct Relief Committee re additional grant for relief.

September 17th, 1936.

Halifax, N. S.
September 17th, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:-

At the meeting of the Direct Relief Committee on September 14th, the following letter from E. B. Paul, Deputy Minister of Labor, was read:

"The Governor in Council has been pleased to authorize that an additional special monthly grant be paid to the City of Halifax for the months of June, July, August and September, amounting to \$3,125.00, in connection with Direct Relief payments."

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Curtis, that this be passed on to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Mitchell,
Acting Administrator.

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CITIZENS DAY - PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

His Worship the Mayor, with the consent of Council, named Wednesday, September 30th a half holiday in order that citizens would be able to attend the Provincial Exhibition.

RESCUE EFFECTED BY HAROLD SLAUGHENWHITE,
WILLIAM DAVIES, WILLIAM BROOKS AND
ALEXANDER SAMPSON ON YACHT OWNED BY
MR. J. C. MACKEEN.

His Worship the Mayor, at this time, paid tribute to the heroism of the Halifax men who risked their lives to save more than a dozen women and children from death when the yacht "Kinrara", owned by Mr. J. C. MacKeen, blew up in the harbor recently.

*Sloughenwhite
W. Davies
W. Brooks
A. Sampson
Royal Canadian
Society*

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The Mayor stated that he considered this rescue an outstanding example of personal bravery on the part of four Halifax men, namely Harold Slaughenwhite, William Davies, William Brooks and Alexander Sampson.

The following resolution was then submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, in regular meeting assembled, that the outstanding bravery and heroism of Harold Slaughenwhite, William Davies, William Brooks and Alexander Sampson, in risking their own lives to effect the rescue of the women and children on board the Yacht "Kinrara" which was destroyed by an explosion in Halifax Harbour on Wednesday, the 26th day of August 1936, be acknowledged and memorialized and this resolution incorporated in the minutes of this Council.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Harold Slaughenwhite, Alexander Sampson, William Davies and William Brooks and to the Royal Humane Society or their representatives in Canada, with a recommendation that the Society recognize the heroic acts of these men.

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

Alderman Donovan pointed out that Basil Mabey and Fred LeBlanc had also aided in this rescue.

The Mayor stated that the resolution was meant to include all those who had actually risked their lives in the rescue, but that these two men would be sent letters from the Council acknowledging the part they took in effecting the rescue.

September 17th, 1936.

WORKMENS COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT FOR LABOR
BY DIRECT RELIEF MEN

*Auditor
Treasurer
Workmens Comp.*

Read report of the Committee on Works and letter from His Worship the Mayor re Workmens Compensation Assessment for labor by direct relief men.

August 13th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 12th, 1936, the attached report of His Worship the Mayor in reference to the Workmens Compensation Board Assessment for labor by direct relief men was considered and on motion of Alderman Gates and Alderman O'Toole, ordered forwarded to City Council without recommendation.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Office of the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.
August 11th, 1936.

Board of Works,
Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

Gentlemen:-

The matter of the Workmens Compensation Assessment for labour by direct relief men was referred to me, to be taken up with the Workmens Compensation Board. The history of this question is well-known to the Board of Works and members of the Council and I will not deal with it, simply report the result of my conference with the representative of the Workmens Compensation Board.

Mr. John MacKeigan, assessment officer, was named by the Board as their representative and I met him on July 27th. The assessment charged against the City on account of Direct Relief Labour amounts to \$4934.00 and the penalties amount to \$650.00, or a total of \$5584.00. Assessment for the year 1932 and 1933 would not be discussed by the Board's representative, but 1934 and 1935 were discussed with the following result; Mr. MacKeigan agreed to reduce the assessment for 1934 by two-thirds or \$1138.00 bringing the total down to \$4446.00. We also agreed on an adjustment for 1935 reducing this amount to \$1620.00, which leaves a total due the Board of \$2826.00. It was also agreed that the penalties would be reduced by one-half or \$325.00 leaving a net balance due the Workmens Compensation Board of about \$2500.00. The figures quoted above are in round numbers without regard to the cents.

September 17th, 1936.

I beg also to report that the matter of the principles involved in this assessment can not be dealt with further at this time. The Government of Nova Scotia was asked before the last session of the Legislature to amend the Workmens Compensation Act exempting municipalities from assessment on direct relief labour. This they did not see fit to do, and as the law stands at present, we are compelled to pay Compensation Assessment whether we like it or not. Whilst not agreeing that we should be liable for this assessment I am, nevertheless, recommending that settlement be made forthwith on the above basis.

Yours very truly,

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the letter of the Mayor be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS

Read report of the Committee on Works re Public Works Congress at Toronto.

September 16th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works recommend that the City Engineer be delegated to represent the City of Halifax at the Public Works Congress of the American Society of Municipal Engineers and the International Association of Public Works Officials to be held in Toronto during the week starting September 28th, 1936, and that his expenses be defrayed from the Departmental appropriations.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

MAYNARD STREET - CONCRETE SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Maynard Street, concrete sidewalk.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

September 17th, 1936.

August 25th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached petition of property owners, asking that a curb, gutter and sidewalk be laid on the west side of this street between North Street and Charles Street, that we are just completing the work on the east side of the street.

The application is signed by the owners of 53.29% of the frontage. This street is comparatively flat and narrow and there is no question of the big improvement that would be made if the work were completed on the west side, in a similar manner to that on the east side.

The estimated cost of curb, gutter, sidewalk and sodding is \$1315.00, of which the City's share would be one-half this amount.

It is recommended that the work be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 26th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on the west side of Maynard Street, between North Street and Charles Street, was on motion of Alderman Gates and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

QUINPOOL ROAD - CONCRETE SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Quinpool Road, concrete sidewalk.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

September 17th, 1936.

August 25th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with a request made at a meeting of the City Council for a report on a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Quinpool Road between Monastery Lane and Windsor Street, - there is a concrete walk on this side of Quinpool Road from Robie Street to Windsor Street and from Monastery Lane to Beech Street. The proposed work would join these walks.

The estimated cost is \$2500.00, and the abutter's share would be about one-half of this amount.

The work would make a big improvement in the appearance of the street and would also prove a convenience for a large number of pedestrians.

It is recommended that the work be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 26th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Quinpool Road, between Monastery Lane and Windsor Street, was on motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Gates, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

CLIFTON STREET - CONCRETE SIDEWALK

Road report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Clifton Street, concrete sidewalk.

*City Eng. Works
Clerk of Works*

September 17th, 1936.

Sept. 8th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from property owners on the east side of Clifton Street between Cunard Street and Charles Street asking that a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter be laid on the east side of the street, that it is signed by the owners of nearly 50% of the property.

A sidewalk has recently been completed on the west side of the street and if the one petitioned for, together with curb and gutter were laid, it would give the street a completed appearance, as well as improving the drainage conditions on it, which owing to the flatness of the grade are at present in an unsatisfactory condition. The street is well built up and the construction of the sidewalk will be in the nature of a public improvement.

The estimated cost of the work is \$2300.00. The City's share is estimated at \$1150.00.

The length of the walk is about 800 feet.

It is recommended that the work be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works September 9th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for a concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter on the east side of Clifton Street was on motion of Alderman O'Toole and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

PRINCE AND WATER STREETS - CONCRETE SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer, re Prince and Water Streets, concrete sidewalk.

*City Eng.
Work of Works*

September 17th, 1936.

Sept. 16th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have a request from the Resident Architect for the new Federal Building for concrete sidewalks on Prince Street from Bedford Row to Water Street and on Water Street from Prince Street to the north end of their property,

The present sidewalk on Prince Street is an old brick one. The estimated cost of a new concrete walk is \$220.00.

On Water Street there is an earth sidewalk and the estimated cost of the concrete sidewalk is \$284.00.

It is recommended that these walks be built, provided the Government will undertake to pay one-half of their cost.

On Bedford Row the sidewalk has been partially destroyed by the operations in connection with the construction of the new building and the sidewalk will have to be renewed at the cost of the Government.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works September 16th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to sidewalks at the new Federal Building, was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

NEWTON AVENUE - SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION

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

*City Engineer
Chairman of Works*

September 17th, 1936.

August 25th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application for sewer and water extension on Newton Avenue, that the application is for the extension of this service between Third and Fourth Streets. At present it extends from Quinpool Road to Third Street.

The estimated length of sewer would be 260 feet. The estimated cost \$1500.00. The estimated sewer assessment \$1000.00. The estimated cost of the water extension is \$750.00 and the estimated assessment \$400.00.

It is recommended that this extension be made when two houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 26th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application for sewer and water extension on Newton Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets, was on motion of Alderman Gates and Alderman Freda, approved and 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.

C.N.R. CLAIM FOR DAMAGES - FLOODING TRACKS,
BAYERS ROAD.

Read report of the Committee on Works submitting resolution re C. N. R. Claim for damages, flooding tracks Bayers Road.

*City Eng
Clerk of Works*

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 26th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer re Canadian National Railways, claim for damages was considered and the attached resolution recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

WHEREAS the City of Halifax under the authority of its Charter has raised the level of a portion of Bayers Road in the said City of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS it is alleged on behalf of The Canadian National Railways that the act of the City in so raising the level of the said road caused certain damage to the said Canadian National Railways, due to the fact that the City failed to provide a sufficiently large culvert under the said road to permit the adequate flow of surface water to the further side of the said road;

AND WHEREAS the City and the Canadian National Railways have each shared in the cost of enlarging the said culvert to a size sufficient for the purposes intended;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian National Railways has requested the City of Halifax to share in the damages alleged by the said Railways to have been caused to it by the said act of the City, which the City is willing to do, without admitting any legal liability therefor, and without prejudice to any of its legal rights;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED and it is recommended that the City pay to the Canadian National Railways the sum of Seventy-six Dollars and Seventy-two cents, being one-half of the amount of the damages allegedly incurred by the Canadian National Railways, due to the raising of the level of Bayers Road, as hereinbefore set forth, the said payment to be made not as an admission of liability, but as the settlement of a doubtful and disputed claim, and without prejudice to any of the legal rights of the City in respect thereto.

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

September 17th, 1936.

DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION - LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY.

*Dart Ferry Com.
City Assessor
City Eng.
Clerk of Works
City Solicitor*

Read report of the Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Dartmouth Ferry Commission,
lease of city property.

August 31st, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Attached hereto is a copy of letter received from the Secretary of the Dartmouth Ferry Commission, which contains the agreement of the Commission to the following conditions regarding the renewal of the lease of the City property on George Street:-

1. The renewal to cover a period of 15 years from the expiry of the present lease, December 21st, 1937, at a yearly rental of \$1.00.

2. During the term of the lease the Commission's property in the City to be assessed at a fixed assessment of \$40,000.00 for ordinary or real estate assessment and \$20,000.00 for business tax, or a total assessment of \$60,000.00 upon which assessment the Commission shall pay the City taxes as fixed from year to year. In addition, the Commission shall pay "highway" tax at the rate fixed by the Province from time to time upon the \$40,000.00 assessment.

3. The City shall submit to legislation for approval of the lease at the 1937 session of the Legislature.

These terms are in accordance with the tentative agreement discussed with the Mayor of Dartmouth and are in line with the sentiments expressed by the Committee on Works. If approved a lease should be prepared by the City Solicitor and submitted to the City Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works September 9th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer re Dartmouth Ferry Commission lease of city property was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Gates, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

September 17th, 1936.

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

Alderman Walker, at this time, stated that at the last Council meeting he had asked the question why the City cars are not kept in the City garage at night, and had as yet received no reply.

The Mayor replied that an answer in writing would be given to Alderman Walker next week.

PURCHASE OF CAST IRON PIPE

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re purchase of cast iron pipe.

September 9th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

We require approximately 3000 feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe and 1000 feet of 10-inch. I have received quotations for this pipe as shown on the attached sheet.

The tender of the National Iron Corporation Limited -

3000 feet 6-inch pipe @ .69	\$2,070.00
1000 " 10-inch " 1.425	1,425.00
	<u>\$3,495.00</u>

The tender of T. McAvity & Son Ltd.

3000 feet 6-inch pipe @ .715	2,145.00
1000 " 10-inch " 1.35	1,350.00
	<u>\$3,495.00</u>

The tenders for the whole shipment are the same, that of the National Iron Corporation Limited is for immediate delivery, while the tender of T. McAvity & Son Ltd., is for delivery within five to six weeks. We require some of this pipe immediately.

It is recommended that the tender of the National Iron Corporation Limited be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works September 9th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer re cast iron water pipe was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

VACANCY - POLICE COMMITTEE

The Mayor informed Council that there is a vacancy on the Police Committee due to the resignation of Alderman McManus as a member of Council, and suggested that Alderman Hendry be appointed to the committee.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Stech that Alderman Hendry be appointed as a member to the Police Committee. Motion passed.

Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

His Worship the Mayor then declared Alderman Hendry appointed as a member of the Police Committee for the remainder of the present civic year.

BORROWING - TREE PRUNING

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

September 15th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

There has been an insistent demand, which is increasing, at this season of the year for pruning street trees.

Handwritten notes:
Auditor
City Solicitor
Eng of Works
Clerk of Works

September 17th, 1936.

The Charter provides that the Committee on Works shall have charge and care of the trees in the City and also that the Engineer may cut down, prune, trim or remove any trees on any street subject to the supervision and direction of the Superintendent of the Halifax Commons. No provision has been made for such work in the Works Department estimates.

In March 1934, the City Engineer reported to the Committee recommending that the sum of \$500.00 be borrowed under the provisions of Section 332A. of the City Charter, for the purpose of pruning and trimming trees on the street and that the question of revising and consolidating various enactments relating to trees on City streets, be taken up and whatever legislation necessary, be prepared. This was filed. In August of the same year, the Chairman of the Gardens Commission asked that the Works Department arrange, if possible, to pay the cost of pruning trees during that season. The Engineer stated that no provision had been made in the estimates of that year for such work and the Committee decided that it could not arrange for the cost of the work.

At a meeting of the City Council held on August 16th, 1934, a resolution submitted by the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons recommending the borrowing of the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of pruning trees, under the provisions of Section 332A. was passed and the amount was borrowed. I am instructed that there is a balance of \$60.00 left in this account, which will be insufficient for doing the work that should be done in connection with the pruning during this fall.

No money for tree pruning purposes has been estimated for in this year's estimates of the Works Department and we have no funds for paying for such work.

It is recommended that the borrowing be made under the provisions of Section 332A. for doing the necessary pruning.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works September 16th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer re Tree Pruning was approved and on motion of Alderman Keshen and Alderman Gates it was decided to recommend to Council that the sum of \$500.00 be borrowed under provisions of Section 332A of the City Charter for the purpose of pruning and trimming trees on city streets.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

September 17th, 1936.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Keshon that the reports be adopted subject to the opinion of the City Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

INSURANCE - WORKS DEPARTMENT CARS AND TRUCKS

*City Eng
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re insurance on Works Department cars and trucks.

September 15th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In response to advertisements for tenders for insurance on the Works Department motor cars and trucks, tenders were received as follows:-

F. W. Annand	\$394.00
Rainnie & Co.Ltd.	417.39
H. R. McCaughan	435.00
Richard Oland Agencies Ltd.	437.31
H. A. Williams	444.36
N. H. Sutcliffe	444.36
John Strachan & Co.Ltd.	452.70
W.R.MacInnes & Co.	631.30

The advertisement called for tenders to be received at 12 o'clock Noon Daylight Saving Time, on the 15th instant. The tender of Rainnie & Co. Ltd. was received at 12.15 on that date.

The specifications provided for -

- Public Liability \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 limits
- Property damage 1,000.00
- Fire and Transporation for the amount set out in the schedule.

The tender of F. W. Annand is the lowest and is recommended for acceptance.

The company is the Canada Accident and Fire Assurance Company.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works September 16th, 1936, the attached report of the City Engineer re insurance on Works Department motor cars and trucks was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Gates, approved and the tender of F. W. Annand (\$394.00) being the lowest, was recommended to Council for acceptance,

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY - PINE STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and letter of the City Solicitor re purchase of Mrs. Margaret Buckley property, Pine Street.

September 17th, 1936.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works July 15th, 1936, the attached letter from the City Solicitor re Pine Street property (Buckley) was considered.

The following resolution was approved by the Committee but it had not been forwarded to the City Council:-

WHEREAS by resolution of the City Council held December 14th, 1933, it was resolved to purchase from Mrs. Margaret Buckley a certain property on Pine Street in the City of Halifax at a price of \$300.00 together with any taxes which may be due upon the said property, which amounted to \$194.33;

AND WHEREAS since the date of the said agreement to purchase the said certain property additional taxes have been assessed against the said property;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in addition to the said sums of \$300.00 and \$194.33 (taxes) which the City agreed to pay for the said property, the City shall also pay the proportion of the taxes on the said property assessed in respect to the civic year 1936-37 from the date of the delivery of the deed to the 30th day of April 1937 and that Mrs. Buckley shall pay all other taxes assessed against the said property excepting the sums above mentioned.

*Mrs. Buckley
City Eng
Clerk of Works*

September 17th, 1936.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works September 16th, 1936, the Committee reaffirmed its approval of the above resolution and recommended it to Council for adoption with the provisions that the City's agreement to pay the proportion of the taxes on the said property assessed in respect to the civic year 1936-37 from the date of the delivery of the deed to the 30th day of April 1937 is on the condition that Mrs. Buckley shall deliver a satisfactory deed to the City of Halifax on or before October 31st, 1936.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N. S.
July 14th, 1936.

E. J. Cragg, Esq.,
Mayor and Chairman,
Committee on Works,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council held December 14th, 1933, it was decided to purchase from Mrs. Margaret Buckley, her property on Pine Street. The offer received was a price of \$300.00, together with any taxes due on the property. This offer was accepted by the Council, the amount of taxes due being ascertained to be \$194.33.

I proceeded to have the title to this property searched and upon receiving an abstract of the same, which was incomplete, spent a considerable amount of time endeavouring to clear up some of the defects in the title.

Subsequently, I myself, had to make a further search with the result that several of the defects were cleared up. One particular defect remained, namely that Mrs. Buckley had entered into an agreement not to dispose of this property among others, without the consent of J. Willoughby Anderson. Considerable time was then spent in endeavouring to obtain this consent and finally the same was obtained from an assignee of Anderson. I am of the opinion that such consent was essential to a good title and I feel that the consent which has been obtained is quite sufficient.

I can now report the registered title to be free and clear from encumbrances, excepting City taxes and a mortgage to The Eastern Trust Company, a release of which has been obtained.

September 17th, 1936.

During the period of the searching of the title to the property, several other years taxes have been assessed against the property, and since the agreement to purchase the property was as of December 14th, 1933, with taxes to that date, I feel that now some further resolution is necessary to pay the additional taxes since that date.

I would recommend that the attached resolution be passed and recommended to the Council.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Committee on Works and letter of the City Solicitor be adopted. Motion passed.

SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1936.

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of August, 1936 showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 465.
FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor re departmental appropriations and expenditures.
FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1936

Read report of the City Auditor covering tax collections for the month of August, 1936.

TAX COLLECTIONS, AUGUST, 1936

cars Taxes	ic Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances July	New accounts and adjustments	August Collections	Outstanding Balances August
	2-33	\$53,065.02*	\$50,898.99		\$1,614.25	\$49,284.74
	3-34	57,927.15*	138,790.58		10,120.34	128,670.24
	4-35	53,440.71	282,094.82		9,067.03	273,027.79
	5-36	57,340.00	476,312.71		17,749.21	458,563.50
			948,097.10		38,550.83	909,546.27

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Current Taxes
 1936-37 \$47,371.49 \$953,344.53 \$148,442.62 \$ 804,901.92

Water Dept.
 Rates, etc. 88,756.93 18,801.34 70,055.59
 1,990,198.56 205,694.79 1,784,503.77

Poll Taxes 1932-33 \$3,357.31 \$46.00 \$3,311.31
 Poll Taxes 1933-34 2,967.23 126.00 2,841.23
 Poll Taxes 1934-35 4,399.41 150.50 4,248.91
 Poll Taxes 1935-36 7,217.03 1,025.50 19,865.50

Additional Collections

Tax years 1928-9 to
 1924-25 \$138.81
 Corresponding period last year \$17.17
 Tax years 1925-26 to 1931-32 593.19
 Corresponding period last year 1,045.30

Collections per above statement 205,694.79
 Corresponding period last year 182,848.96
 Total 206,426.79 183,911.43

Collections of Poll Taxes

May 1st to Aug. 31st, 1936 \$9,161.17
 Corresponding period last year \$8,978.00

*Includes special tax payments and unexpended balances.
 Any excess in this account above the outstanding tax balance 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

9.40 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by
 Alderman Stech that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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E. J. Cross
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.


W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.