

EVENING SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING.

8.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
January 26th, 1937.

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, Sullivan, Freda, McCarthy, Hendry, Keshen, O'Toole, Curtis, Power, Gough, Smeltzer and Walker.

The meeting was called specially to consider the passing of a resolution pursuant to Section 156 (c) and (d) of the City Charter, requesting the Judge of the County Court for District Number One to investigate all matters relating to the sale of a certain parcel of land owned by the City of Halifax and known as the Hendry estate in the north-west section of the City of Halifax alleged to have been made by the Tax Property Sales Committee to one, Walter J. O'Connell.

Alderman Gates introduced the following resolution and stated that his reason for submitting same was that he felt the general public should be acquainted with all the facts surrounding the transaction re the sale of the Hendry property.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council do request and does hereby request the Judge of the County Court for District Number One to investigate all matters, directly or indirectly relating to a proposed sale of City property contemplated by a resolution passed by the Tax Property Sales Committee at its meeting on August 18th last, which resolution is as follows,-

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A tender from Walter J. O'Connell, offering \$1500.00 for the Hendry property, west side of Windsor Street was placed before the committee.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by City Collector that the tender of Mr. O'Connell be accepted, subject to the following provisions:-

"Before the purchaser sells any portion of the property or erects any structure thereon, a plan of the proposed sub-division of the whole property drawn on a scale of 30 feet to the inch, and showing the contour of the ground, shall be submitted to the City Engineer for approval.

Connaught Avenue shall be laid out 120 feet wide and Oxford Street 60 feet wide through the property in a location to be approved by the Engineer.

That portion of the property lying between the west line of Windsor Street and a line drawn parallel to the west line of Oxford Street and distant 100 feet westwardly therefrom, shall be subject to all the conditions and requirements of a residential district as contained in Section 815 of the City Charter. The provisions of Section 815 of the City Charter shall also apply to the lots abutting on each side of Connaught Avenue.

Building lines shall be established on both sides of Connaught Avenue distant 30 feet from the line of the Street, and on both sides of all other streets 10 feet from the lines,

with a view to ascertaining,-

- (1) If any official, or if the mayor or any member of the City Council was, directly or indirectly interested in the purchase of the aforesaid property and if so, whom, and in what manner and to what extent?
- (2) If any member of the City Council or any City official failed to discharge his duty as such member or such official on the passing of the said resolution or at any time thereafter; and if so, whom and what respect?
- (3) Any other matter concerning the conduct of any official or of the mayor or any member of the City Council, directly or indirectly, in relation to the said proposed sale, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing to ascertain,-

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(a) What steps, if any, were taken by the members of the Tax Property Sales Committee who voted in favour of the aforesaid resolution, prior to the passing of the aforesaid resolution to ascertain the value of the said land at that time?

(b) To otherwise safeguard the interests of the City with relation to the proposed sale of the said land?

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the resolution as submitted be adopted.

Alderman Gough stated that he felt the City's interests were protected in this case. From personal knowledge regarding the actions of the Tax Property Sales Committee, he wished to say that all the members are exonerated from any blame.

He then referred to other properties disposed of at tax sales. He mentioned the Highland Park area which was assessed at \$46,690.00 and taken over by the City for \$6,522.02 taxes; the Acadian Recorder Building assessed at \$17,500.00, sold for \$6,000.00; Queen Hotel assessed for \$86,000.00, sold for \$17,000.00.

Alderman Walker spoke and suggested that the mover and seconder incorporate in the resolution that the actions of all the members of the committee at that time and their departments, namely: the City Collector, his department; the City Assessor, his department; the City Engineer, his department, be investigated.

Alderman Walker wished to move an amendment to this effect, but it was ruled out of order.

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Alderman Freda asked if some member of the Tax Property Sales Committee would explain the whole matter for the Council's information.

With the consent of the Council, Alderman Gough then explained that the policy always has been that as long as the City's tax interests were protected the properties might be sold. He stated the property had been advertised for sale sometime ago, that the taxes against it were \$1,272.00, and at the time of the sale the City Collector did not receive a bid, and therefore, acquired the property for the City. Alderman Gough further said that later the Tax Property Sales Committee had received an offer of \$1,500.00 for the property and decided to dispose of it for that figure.

Alderman Curtis said that he had resided on the Hendry property for six summers and he know its contours. He felt the assessment was out of all proportion to the value of the property.

Alderman Smeltzer stated that he felt an investigation should be held in order to clear up the whole matter.

Alderman McCarthy, speaking to the resolution, stated that he was in favor of an investigation before an unprejudiced judicial body so that all innocent persons might be exonerated.

Alderman Hendry stated that he agreed with Alderman McCarthy that an investigation should be held as it seemed to be demanded by the Public.

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Alderman O'Toole stated that he was voting against the resolution as he felt that nothing could be gained at this time by holding an investigation.

The resolution was then put and lost, 10 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows: (a two-thirds vote of Council being Necessary).

FOR THE RESOLUTION

Aldermen Curran  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gates  
Hendry  
Keshen  
McCarthy  
Smeltzer  
Stech  
Sullivan  
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess  
Curtis  
Gough  
O'Toole  
Power  
Walker

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9.00 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

  
E. J. Cragg,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

  
W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

AFTERNOON SESSION

5.10 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
January 27th, 1937.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Gates, Stech, Donovan, Curran, Sullivan, Freda, McCarthy, McDonald, Keshen, Curtis, Gough, Smeltzer 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 21st, 1937.

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 1937-38, 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 an objection to an item which the Finance Committee recommends be endorsed by the Council and its adoption will enable the Council to record its objection should the recommendation of the committee be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by  
Alderman Donovan that the report as submitted by  
the Finance Committee be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "B"  
SCHOOL ESTIMATES, 1937-38.

	<u>1937-38</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>1936-37</u>
Teachers	\$362,332.75	\$12,684.50		\$349,648.25
Technical Classes	4,000.00	500.00		3,500.00
School Supplies	5,500.00	500.00		5,000.00
Auxiliary Classes	900.00	300.00		600.00
Dental Inspection	2,295.00	105.00		2,190.00
Medical Inspection	6,512.00	298.00		6,214.00
Janitors	31,257.53	1,559.23		29,698.30
Maintenance	29,634.40	5,794.86		23,839.54
Rents	13,984.05			13,984.05
Insurance	3,300.00	200.00		3,100.00
Fuel	26,000.00			26,000.00
Telephono, Light and Power	4,000.00			4,000.00
Water	6,700.00			6,700.00
General Expenses	1,300.00			1,300.00
Advertising & Printing	650.00			650.00
Interest on Debentures	2,430.00			2,430.00
Supervisor	3,325.00	175.00		3,150.00
Secretary	2,375.00	125.00		2,250.00
Stenographers	1,923.75	101.25		1,822.50
Messenger Service	480.00	60.00		420.00
Superintendent	2,660.00	140.00		2,520.00
Attendance Officer	1,422.50	50.00		1,372.50
Contingent	1,000.00			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>517,581.98</u>	<u>22,592.85</u>		<u>494,989.14</u>
<u>Less Estimated Revenue:</u>				
Grants	4,250.00	1,700.00		5,950.00
Fees	300.00			300.00
Interest	650.00	650.00		1,300.00
Miscellaneous	600.00			600.00
	<u>5,800.00</u>	<u>2,350.00</u>		<u>8,150.00</u>
	<u>511,781.98</u>	<u>24,942.85</u>		<u>486,839.14</u>

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 917  
of the City Charter, the City Council at a  
meeting held January 27th, 1937, concurs in and  
approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee  
that the estimate of the Board of School  
Commissioners for the civic year 1937-38 as  
submitted to the City Council at this meeting should

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be objected to and the City Council does hereby object to the said estimate.

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

<u>SUB-DIVISION</u>	<u>AMOUNT SUBMITTED BY BOARD</u>	<u>AMOUNT OBJECTED TO BY CITY COUNCIL.</u>
Attendance Officer	\$1,486.84	\$ 64.34

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

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that this Council object to the School Board estimates in the sum of \$64.34 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 put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Curran  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gates  
Gough  
Keshen  
McCarthy  
McDonald  
Smeltzer  
Stech  
Sullivan  
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Curtis

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5.40 P.M.,

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

Meeting adjourned.

E. J. Cragg,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING,  
THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 11th, 1937.

A G E N D A

- Minutes.
1. Notice of reconsideration by Alderman Gough re appointment of
  - 1A. Accounts. Assistant City Assessor.
  2. Message from the Mayor.
  3. Delegation from Halifax Civic League.
  4. Report Finance Committee re poll tax collections.
  5. Amendment to Ordinance #3 - Snow removal area. Second reading.
  6. " " " re excavations. " "
  7. Report Laws and Privileges Committee re amendment to City Charter re tax liens.
  8. Report City Prison Committee re request from Dept. of National Health for an additional grant of land.
  9. Report Cabs Committee re tender for license plates, dog tags, etc.
  10. Report Police Committee re Inspector Costwell.
  11. " " " Sergt. Aitkens.
  12. " " " Sergt. Power.
  13. " " " Police Secretary Carter.
  14. Letter City Solicitor re notice of action, O'Connell versus City of Halifax.
  15. " " re McDonald versus City of Halifax.
  16. Letter Halifax Tourist and Convention Bureau expressing appreciation to the City Council.
  17. " " and Convention Bureau re financial statement.
  18. Questions by Aldermen.
  19. Deferred business -  
Letter City Solicitor re Harbor Championship fund.
  20. Report Firewards Committee re Brunswick Street fire station.
  21. Report Comm. on Works re Brunswick Street engine house rental.
  - ~~22. " " re Oxford Theatre canopy.~~
  23. Report Comm. on Works and City Engineer re purchase of lead pipe.
  24. " " " re Tupper Grove water extension.
  25. " " " re Skimmings Farm, sewer and water extensions.
  26. " " " re Jubilee Road, concrete sidewalk.
  27. Report Charities Committee covering Superintendent's report re inmates, City Home.
  28. Report City Auditor re tax collections for the month of January, 1937.
  29. " " re departmental appropriations and expenditures.

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8.05 o'clock,  
Council Chamber, . . .  
City Hall.  
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The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers were submitted:-

MINUTES

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

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION RE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CITY ASSESSOR.

Alderman Gough withdrew notice of reconsideration.

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM

With the consent of Council, His Worship the Mayor made certain objections to misleading articles appearing in a certain section of the press.

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"The time has arrived when certain plain statements must be made regarding a certain section of the press of this city.

For myself, I want to say that since taking the office which I now have the honor to hold, and am about to relinquish, I have never received the support of this section of the press, and have rarely been given credit for even ordinary intelligence. There has apparently been an effort to inflame the public mind and discredit the civic administration.

A newspaper has the right to express through its editorial columns such opinions as its management and editors wish to express - such opinions may be taken for what they are worth. After all, if one wanted advice on public health, bank management, coal mining, finance or public service, such advice would be sought from sources competent to give it, not from a newspaper staff. The same applies to your civic government.

When a newspaper prints in its news columns information which is utterly false and misleading, it has committed what I regard as the cardinal sin against newspaper ethics, commits a disservice to its readers and destroys confidence in its reliability.

I have been advised by my friends that it is a mistake for a man in public office to take issue with a newspaper as he will always come off second best. But, when false and misleading items of news are printed, someone must inform the public in so far as he may that such news is unreliable. So that no mistake may be made in what I say, I am writing this - and will hand copies to the press of Halifax.

As examples of the untrue, misleading and false information printed by this section of the press - I hold in my hand a copy of the Halifax Mail of February 9th, 1937. On the front page, fourth column, is a story of a man brought before the Relief Committee for examination, which reads as follows:-

(Here the Mayor read a story of a relief recipient being "cut off relief".)

This, to begin with was a breach of faith. I informed this newspaper that they would be welcome to sit in on Relief Committee meetings but that they must not publish anything that transpired, with reference to persons examined, as I did not propose to have such people embarrassed. The statement that this particular man was cut off and later his relief restored - is absolutely untrue and is published as a news item.

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On page 3, column 8, it is stated, "The draft lease was approved by the committee with a rider, a clause be inserted to make clear no back rent would be paid by the City". This is inaccurate. No such clause was ever even suggested.

On page 5 of the same issue is a letter signed by one Antonio Morrone. I will bet my life that this letter was never written by this man - signed maybe - but written by someone else - your guess is as good as mine. On page 8 of the same issue is an item stating the cost of rental relief for the week ending February 5th, according to a report tabled by the acting superintendent was \$7,617.00. This is utterly and absolutely false. No such amount was paid for rental relief and no such report was ever tabled. As for anonymous letter writers - those who are either afraid or ashamed to sign their own names - I have no words at my command to adequately describe them - nor for a newspaper that will disseminate false information - behind the screen of their unanimity. On page 8 of the issue of the Halifax Mail of February 8th, is a letter from "One of Many", stating that property owners in arrears for one year's taxes are automatically disfranchised. This is misleading and untrue - and the newspaper that published it has the means to find out its accuracy. Further down it credits me with the phrase - regarding a meeting I proposed holding - 'of all interested persons qualified to vote'. Such words were never used by me in this connection.

These are fair examples of the tactics of this paper. Is it fair to ask why? Is it possible that something is in the air and someone wants to get control here? Is someone interested in a project that is in the offing? It's happened before. The city is carrying on its back today projects fomented by a newspaper campaign. Is it possible that the mayor and City Council are not amenable to direction from a newspaper and they must be removed? Just what is the reason, for all this barrage of false information, innuendo and inference? I would like to know. If a newspaper thinks the better thinking people of this city relish the mire of public scandal, they are hugely mistaken. When a newspaper prostitutes its power to an unworthy end, it loses its right to claim public confidence - and besmirches the honorable record of a great institution.

I have served this city to the best of my ability. I am about to retire. I know of no single instance of an alderman or a mayor who was false to his trust. They have given their time and ability - whatever it may be - to the city, and at least should expect fair play from the press and the public.

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Is our peril from this source greater even than we think? You have read articles appearing in this paper recently. Is its object to destroy democratic government - beginning with the least of these?"

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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 \$6,251.91; Committee on Charities amounting to \$7,983.92; Gardens Committee amounting to \$586.82, Fleming Park amounting to \$108.32; Library Committee amounting to \$621.23; City Prison Committee amounting to \$2,055.91; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,875.66 chargeable to Fire Department and \$540.99 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$8,904.64; City Health Board amounting to \$5,224.07; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$403.95; Police Committee amounting to \$10,010.51 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor submitted and read the following letter.

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Members of City Council,  
Halifax, N. S.

At the last meeting of this Council, I gave notice that I would recommend to Council a complete and independent audit of the City's affairs for a period of years. At that time I did not believe that such an audit was necessary, and so expressed myself - but - to satisfy what was represented by certain newspapers as a public demand, I was prepared to recommend it. Since that time, my opinion has changed, and I am satisfied no such public demand exists. In the meantime, as has been my custom in the past, I consulted with whom I regard as outstanding taxpayers of the City of Halifax, namely - the Board of Trade - and met with the Council of that body. There were present on that occasion the following prominent citizens of Halifax.

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H. G. Connor,	Gen. Manager,	Maritime National Fish Co.
J. B. Mayes,	"	N.S. Light & Power Co. Ltd.
H. R. Silver,	"	Silver's Agencies Limited.
D. R. Turnbull,	Man. Director	Acadia Sugar Refining Co.
I. W. Cameron,	Agent	Dominion Coal Co. Ltd.
Jas. Garrow,	Manager	Bank of Montreal.
F. S. Smith		A.M. Smith & Co. Ltd.
C. D. Hoggood,		Acadia Stores Ltd.
J. C. MacKeen,	Manager	Royal Securities Co. Ltd.
A. H. Whitman,	President	Robin, Jones & Whitman Ltd.
C. J. Burchell,	K. C.	Burchell, Smith, Parker & Fogo.
A. B. Wiswell,	President	A.M. Bell & Co. Ltd.
C. H. Wright,	Gen. Manager	Can. General Electric Co.
R. J. MacAdam		Casino Theatre.
H. I. Mathers,		I. H. Mathers & Sons Ltd.
W. K. McKean,		Geo. McKean & Co. Ltd.
R. J. R. Nelson	Gen. Manager	Halifax Shipyards Ltd.
F. G. J. Comeau,		Retired,
Col. E. C. Phinney, K. C.		Dalcy, Phinney, Outhit & Clarke.
Geo. E. Hagen, M. L. A.		Hagen & Co. Halifax Ltd.

The general civic situation was discussed with particular regard to the idea of a commission to investigate civic affairs. This body agreed with me, unanimously, that such a commission was not necessary, but suggested that a survey, or examination of our administration and system might be desirable, and that qualified, competent persons were available for this purpose.

I got in touch with Dr. Horace L. Brittain, a recognized authority on municipal and civic affairs, Director of the Citizens' Research Institute at Toronto. Dr. Brittain advises me that he could undertake such a survey almost immediately, that it would take several months to complete, and the probable cost of a purely civic administration and form of government survey would be from thirty-six hundred to forty-five hundred dollars. He says it is impossible to give a firm figure without more detailed knowledge, as to scope and work involved. He is writing further.

I would like this Council to distinctly understand that the responsibility for the government of this City is, and has been, their's - and nobody else's - and that any decision they make should be based on their own opinion of what is for the comfort, mental and otherwise, and benefit of our taxpayers, and only in the interest of "peace, order and good government".

I am the elected head of the Corporation of the City of Halifax and I may say, that as such, I have not had a single, solitary person approach me and point out any improvement

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that could be made. The system is not perfect - no system is - adjustments may be possible. I am recommending to Council that the question of a survey be referred to the Committee on Finance for their study and consideration, and report to the Council at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Cragg,  
MAYOR.

Alderman McCarthy stated that the suggestion of the Mayor to bring an expert on municipal affairs to Halifax was well worthy of consideration, but at the same time Council should consider carefully whether this is necessary or not.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Freda that the letter of the Mayor be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report. Motion put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess  
Curtis  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gough  
Hendry  
McCarthy  
McDonald  
Mitchell  
Power  
Smeltzer  
Stech  
Sullivan  
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran  
Gates  
Keshen  
O'Toole  
Walker  
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DELEGATION - HALIFAX CIVIC LEAGUE

The Mayor stated that a delegation from the Halifax Civic League was present, and asked if it were the wish of Council that Mr. A. S. Pattillo, who represented this group, be heard.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that Mr. Pattillo be heard for a reasonable time. Motion passed.

*Finance Com.  
- Stech*

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In presenting the resolution from the Halifax Civic League, Mr. Pattillo stated that the League was formed by a number of young men in this community as the result of a feeling of discontent among the taxpayers regarding civic matters.

The following resolution was then read:-

BE IT RESOLVED that this organization pledges itself:-

- (1) To press for the appointment of an independent commission to inquire into both the administration and form of City Government of Halifax and other cities, for the purpose of ascertaining what faults, if any, exist in the present administration or form of Government of the City of Halifax, and recommending any changes necessary or desirable for the purpose of giving Halifax efficient administration and government;
- (2) To urge the present City Council to request the Provincial Government to pass legislation for the constitution of such a commission and the appointment of the members thereof by the Chambers Judge for the time being of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the resolution passed at a general meeting of The Halifax Civic League, held at the Y.M.C.A., Halifax, N. S. on Thursday the 4th day of February, A. D. 1937.

(Sgd) George E. Lavers,  
Secretary Pro. tem.

(Sgd) Arthur S. Pattillo,  
Acting Chairman.

*amended  
see page #464* Mr. Pattillo also submitted a *stating that it had been* petition, signed by 1500 taxpayers who requested that an independent commission be appointed to inquire into the administration and form of Government of Halifax and other cities.



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"We, the undersigned taxpayers of the City of Halifax, hereby petition the members of the City Council of the said City to request the Provincial Government to pass legislation for the constitution of an independent commission to inquire into both the administration and form of city government of Halifax and other cities, for the purpose of ascertaining what faults, if any, exist in the present administration or form of government of the City of Halifax and recommending any changes necessary or desirable for the purpose of giving Halifax efficient administration and government, such commission to be appointed by the Chambers Judge for the time being of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

Dated at Halifax, N. S. this 4th day of February A. D. 1937. "

We hereby certify that the foregoing petition is a true copy of the petition approved at a general meeting of The Halifax Civic League, held at the Y.M.C.A, Halifax, N. S. on Thursday, the 4th day of February, A. D. 1937.

(Sgd) George E. Lavers,  
Secty. pro. tem.

(Sgd) Arthur S. Pattillo,  
Acting Chairman.

Mr. Pattillo wished to stress the fact that the Halifax Civic League was not attacking any one member of Council, but was simply saying that there was a feeling of discontent among the taxpayers. It may be, Mr. Pattillo stated, that the City of Halifax has an excellent form of government or it may be that it needs to be radically changed. The Civic League, he said, would not say one way or the other.

His Worship the Mayor called upon the Deputy Mayor to assume the chair while he left the meeting for a short time.

The Mayor returned in a few moments with a letter from the Secretary of the Halifax Board of Trade which he asked the City Clerk to read.

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His Worship resumed the Mayor's  
chair and the City Clerk read the following letter.

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His Worship Mayor Cragg,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Your Worship:-

I have been requested to write you  
with reference to the conference you had with the  
Council of the Board of Trade on Tuesday last when  
the suggestion was made that an expert - preferably  
Dr. H. A. Brittain of Toronto should be asked to  
make a survey of affairs in the City Hall.

Among those present at the meeting  
were:-

H. G. Connor,	Gen. Manager.	Mar. National Fish Co.
J. B. Hayes,	"	N.S. Light & Power Co. Ltd.
H. R. Silver,		Silvers' Agencies Ltd.
D. R. Turnbull,	Man. Director	Acadia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd.
I. W. Cameron,	Agent	Dominion Coal Co. Ltd.
Jas. Garrow,	Manager	Bank of Montreal.
F. S. Smith,		A. M. Smith & Co. Ltd.
C. D. Hopgood,		Acadia Stores Ltd.
J. C. MacKeen,	Manager	Royal Securities Co. Ltd.
A. H. Whitman,	President	Robin, Jones & Whitman Ltd.
C. J. Burchell,	K.C.	Burchell, Smith, Parker & Fogo.
A. B. Wiswell,	President	A. M. Bell & Co. Ltd.
C. H. Wright,	Gen. Manager	Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd.
R. J. MacAdam,		Casino Theatre.
H. I. Mathers,		I. H. Mathers & Sons Ltd.
W. K. McKean,		Geo. McKean & Co. Ltd.
R. J. R. Nelson,	Gen. Manager	Hfx. Shipyards Ltd.
F. G. J. Comeau,		Retired.
Col. E. C. Phinney,	K.C.	Daley, Phinney, Outhit & Clarke.
Geo. E. Hagen,	M.L.A.	Hagen & Co. Halifax Limited.

Yours very truly,

E. A. Saunders,  
SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRADE.

February 11th, 1937.

In reply to questions from the Aldermen, Mr. Pattillo stated that the proposal of the League was that a commission of three be appointed, and he suggested that local men could be obtained. Mr. Pattillo mentioned the name of Prof. R. E. MacKay, who, is considered an expert on municipal affairs. The cost to the City, Mr. Pattillo said, would be in the vicinity of \$10,000.00.

Alderman Gough stated that Mr. Pattillo had referred to the petition coupons in the newspapers as being "unsolicited". A carrier boy, he said, from the Halifax Mail had approached him and said that carriers were offered a prize of 50 cents for the most names supplied.

Mr. Pattillo replied that the Halifax Civic League were not financing anything of this nature.

Alderman McCarthy asked if Mr. Pattillo could suggest anything that was wrong with the present form of government.

Mr. Pattillo answered that the Halifax Civic League was not suggesting that there was anything definitely wrong with the system at present in operation.

Alderman Hendry wished to go on record as saying that he did not believe that there was any graft going on at the present time in the civic administration of Halifax. He felt that the expenditure of \$10,000.00 as suggested by the Halifax Civic League was not warranted.

February 11th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Gates that the resolution and petition of the Halifax Civic League be referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration and report.

Mr. Philip Major then requested permission to speak, which was granted.

Mr. Major stated that it was said he was not a resident of the City of Halifax. Mr. Major wished to point out that while it is true he is not a resident of the City, he pays a business tax to the City and is entitled to vote.

Alderman Stech said he was very pleased at the formation of the Civic League and particularly at the declaration of the League that they would enter candidates in the forthcoming elections.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the delegation and assured them that City Hall and its departments would be open to them for any information they wished to look up.

Alderman Walker then submitted the following notice of motion.

"That an independent efficiency commission of three members be appointed to review all assessment and finances, both receipts and expenditures, and report to Council within six months or earlier with recommendations:-

"One to be appointed by the Chief Justice,  
" " Provincial  
" " Government  
" " City Council,

with power to engage necessary clerical assistance and members of the Commission to be remunerated and the total expenditure not to exceed Seventy-five hundred dollars".

*Council*

February 11th, 1937.

POLL TAX COLLECTIONS

Read report of the City Collector submitting poll tax collections for civic quarter year ending January 31st, 1937.

February 9th, 1937.

Chairman of the Finance Committee,  
City of Halifax,  
CITY HALL,

Dear Sir:-

I attach herewith, for your information, poll tax collection report for the quarter year ending January 31st, 1937.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,  
CITY COLLECTOR.

Poll Tax Collections for civic quarter year ending  
January 31st, 1937.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Arrears</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$3,814.50	\$1,777.50	\$5,592.00
	<u>1935-36</u>	<u>1936-37</u>	
November	\$2,037.50	\$2,107.25	
December	1,430.00	1,356.00	
January	1,868.00	2,128.75	
Total	<u>\$5,335.50</u>	<u>\$5,592.00</u>	

Increase \$256.50

Collected by Street Collectors

Mr. Yates	\$2,380.25
Mr. Shannon	1,530.25
Paid at Office	1,681.50
Total	<u>\$5,592.00</u>

FILED

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #3 RELATING TO "STREETS"

Read extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on January 14th, 1937, re amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" amending Section 42 of said Ordinance dealing with the area in which snow must be removed.

*Gov. in Council*

February 11th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" amending Sub-section 2 of Section #2 of said Ordinance which was given a first reading and passed a first time at a regular meeting of the City Council held on January 14th, 1937, be now accepted as read a second time. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" be now passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

*Governor Council*  
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #3 RELATING TO "STREETS"

Read extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on January 14th, 1937, re amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" amending Section 6 of said Ordinance dealing with excavations.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" amending Section 6 of said Ordinance which was read and passed a first time at a regular meeting of the City Council held on January 14th, 1937, be now accepted as read a second time. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" be now passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

February 11th, 1937.

AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER RE TAX LIENS

*Laws & Privileges*  
Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re amendment to Section 440 of the City Charter re tax liens.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
January 8th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

The attached letter from the City Solicitor submitting a proposed amendment to the City Charter was considered at a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held on the above date.

The amendment is as follows:-

"The Charter is amended by inserting therein, immediately following Section 440A. the following Section:

'440.B. In any case where the owner of any personal property leases the same to any person for business, residential or other purpose and such person is assessed in respect of any business, residential or other occupation in which the said personal property is used by such person, such personal property shall be deemed to be the property of such person and the lien of the City for such taxes shall apply to the same and it may be taken and sold under warrant for the amount of such taxes. Any balance at such sale, after payment of the said taxes and the expenses of advertising and selling shall be paid to such person or to such other person as proves to the satisfaction of the collector that he is entitled to the same'.

Your committee recommends that this amendment be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

February 11th, 1937.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Gates that the draft amendment be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee to consider the advisability of redrafting the amendment to make it applicable to business tax only. Amendment put and passed.

Motion not put.

*City Com. Clerk of Works*

REQUEST FROM DEPT. OF NATIONAL HEALTH FOR AN  
ADDITIONAL GRANT OF LAND.

Read report of the City Prison Committee re request from Department of National Health.

City Prison,  
Halifax, N. S.  
February 4th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the committee had before it a request from the Department of National Health for a grant by the City of Halifax of an additional strip of land 100 feet wide at the Trachoma Hospital lot and adjoining the south boundary of the land granted by the City Council on January 14th, 1937.

The committee recommends that the request be not granted, as the land asked for by the Department of National Health is required by the City Prison for farming purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report of the Prison Committee be approved. Motion passed.

RESIGNATION - MR. GEORGE GRANT, GOVERNOR OF  
CITY PRISON.

Read report of the City Prison Committee submitting resignation from Mr. George Grant, Governor of the City Prison.



February 11th, 1937.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the attached letter from George Grant, Governor of the City Prison, tendering his resignation to take effect on March 15th, 1937, was considered.

Your committee recommends that the resignation be accepted and Governor Grant placed on superannuation in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

Your committee also recommends that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Grant expressing appreciation for his long and faithful services to the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded  
by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

RESIGNATION - MRS. MARTHA M. GRANT, MATRON  
OF CITY PRISON.

Read report of the City Prison  
Committee submitting resignation from Mrs. Martha M.  
Grant, Matron of the City Prison.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the attached letter from Mrs. Martha M. Grant, Matron of the City Prison, tendering her resignation to take effect on March 15th, 1937, was considered.

Your committee recommends that the resignation be accepted and Mrs. Grant forwarded a letter of appreciation for her faithful services to the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,  
CHAIRMAN.

February 11th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded  
by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

*London Rubber Stamp  
Co. Ltd.*  
TENDER FOR DOG TAGS, LICENSE PLATES, ETC.

Read report of the Cabs Committee  
submitting a tender from the London Rubber Stamp  
Co. Ltd. for supplying dog tags, license plates, etc.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Cabs Committee  
held this date, a tender from the London Rubber  
Stamp Co. Ltd. for supplying dog tags, license  
plates, etc. to the City was considered. This was  
the only tender received in response to advertisements  
inserted in the local papers.

Your committee recommends that the  
tender as submitted amounting to \$401.05 be approved.

E. J. Cragg,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*Police Com.  
Chas. Costwell*  
PROMOTION - INSPECTOR CHARLES COSTWELL

Read report of the Police  
Committee re promotion of Inspector Costwell to the  
rank of Sergeant Inspector.

February 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

At a meeting of the Police Committee  
held this date, it was moved by Alderman McCarthy,  
and seconded by Alderman Hendry that Inspector of  
Licenses Chas. H. Costwell be promoted to the  
rank of Sergeant Inspector, with the same maximum  
salary as that of a Platoon Sergeant. The increase  
from his present salary to be given at the regular  
scale of \$60.00 per year. Such promotion to take  
effect May 1st, 1937.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. Carter,  
Secretary, Police Committee.

February 11th, 1937.

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

*Police Com  
Sergeant Aitken*

REPORT POLICE COMMITTEE RE SERGEANT AITKEN

Read report of the Police Committee  
re Sergeant Aitken.

February 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

At a meeting of the Police  
Committee, held this date, it was moved by Alderman  
Hendry, and seconded by Alderman McCarthy that  
Desk Sergeant Charles Aitken's rank be given the  
same maximum salary rating as the Platoon Sergeant's.  
The increase from his present salary to be given at  
the regular scale of \$60.00 per year. Motion carried.

This recommendation is made, in  
view of the fact that the rank and responsibility  
of a Platoon Sergeant is held by this officer,  
without equal salary, and forwarded to you for  
approval.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. Carter,  
Secretary, Police Committee.

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

REPORT POLICE COMMITTEE RE SERGEANT POWER

*Police Com  
Sergeant Power*

Read report of the Police Committee  
re Sergeant Power.

February 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

At a meeting of the Police  
Committee, held this date, it was moved by Alderman  
Hendry and seconded by Alderman McCarthy that  
Traffic Sergeant J. L. Power's rank be given the  
same maximum salary rating as the Platoon  
Sergeant's. The increase from his present salary  
to be given at the regular scale of \$60.00 per  
year.

February 11th, 1937.

This recommendation is made, in view of the fact that the rank and responsibility of a Platoon Sergeant is held by this officer, without equal salary, and forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. Carter,  
Secretary, Police Committee.

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

REPORT POLICE COMMITTEE RE POLICE SECRETARY CARTER

Read report of the Police  
Committee re Police Secretary Carter.

February 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and City Council.

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, it was moved by Alderman Hendry, and seconded by Alderman McCarthy that Police Secretary John B. Carter be given a special \$100.00 increase for proficiency, and in view of the fact that, having been given a promotion three years previously, is still being paid less than a full-rank constable.

Motion was carried and is recommended to you for approval.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. Carter,  
Secretary, Police Committee.

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

O'CONNELL VERSUS CITY OF HALIFAX

Read letter from the City  
Solicitor re O'Connell versus City of Halifax.

February 11th, 1937.

Office of City Solicitor,  
Halifax, N. S.  
February 8th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Re: Walter J. O'Connell vs. The City of  
Halifax.

This is to advise you formally that a Notice of Action has been served on the City as above stated, claiming damages for breach of contract in respect to the alleged sale of the Hendry property by the Tax Sale Committee.

I assume my course will be to enter an appearance on behalf of the City when the writ is served and defend the action.

I would also ask for instructions as to whether or not I should accept service of the writ.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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The following resolution was then moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Curtis.

"RESOLVED that this City Council recommend that it does not accept the opinion of the City Solicitor re O'Connell vs. The City of Halifax because it is very plain that the City has no defence to the action by reason of the City accepting the offer of O'Connell and that the matter be referred back to the property Tax Sales Committee with a recommendation that it accept O'Connell's offer and settle the proposed lawsuits which it is bound to lose."

Moved in amendment by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Gates that the City Solicitor be instructed to accept service of the writ and defend the action in the best interests of the City. Amendment put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

*Solicitor*

February 11th, 1937.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Burgess  
Curran  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gates  
Hendry  
Keshen  
McCarthy  
McDonald  
Mitchell  
Stech  
Sullivan  
Walker

-13-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis  
Gough  
Smeltzer

-3-

Alderman Power excused from voting.

The motion regarding the resolution  
not put.

MCDONALD VERSUS CITY OF HALIFAX

Read letter from the City

Solicitor re McDonald versus City of Halifax.

February 8th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Re: D. H. MacDonald vs. The City of Halifax

I wish to formally advise you that this action has been decided in favor of the City. I enclose a copy of the decision of Mr. Justice Ross in which he dismisses the plaintiff's action with costs.

Any doubts as to the right of Chairmen of Committees to have two votes are therefore settled as the basis of the decision is that the amendment to Ordinance #2 did not pass the Council in the manner laid down in the Charter.

I wish at this time to advise members of Council and particularly Chairmen of Committees, that when such Chairmen vote in Committee, they should cast their vote along with the other members voting as they are voting and not wait until both sides have voted and then cast a vote. The Chairman's vote is as a member of the committee, and not as Chairman.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

February 11th, 1937.

Alderman Power stated that he felt the City could very well forego its costs in this case.

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Gough that the matter of costs in this action be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for its consideration and report.  
Motion passed.

LETTER, HALIFAX TOURIST AND CONVENTION BUREAU  
RE APPRECIATION TO CITY COUNCIL.

Read letter from the Halifax Tourist and Convention Bureau re appreciation to City Council.

January 22nd, 1937.

The Mayor of the City of Halifax,  
and Members of the City Council,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

The following resolution was passed at the second annual meeting of the Halifax Tourist and Congention Bureau, held on Wednesday, January 20th, 1937:-

RESOLVED that the Halifax Tourist and Convention Bureau, in annual meeting assembled; express its deep-felt appreciation to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council of Halifax for the hearty co-operation and support given by them to the Bureau in its efforts to promote the Tourist Industry.

Yours very truly,

The Halifax Tourist & Convention Bureau.

T. H. Lane,  
SECRETARY.

*Council* FILED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HALIFAX TOURIST AND  
CONVENTION BUREAU.

Read letter from the Halifax Tourist and Convention Bureau together with financial statement for the year ending September 30th, 1936.

February 11th, 1937.

January 22nd, 1937.

Mr. W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Publicover:-

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the second annual financial report of the Halifax Tourist and Convention Bureau, covering the work of the Bureau for the year ending September 30th, 1936.

At our annual meeting held on Wednesday, January 20th, 1937, it was unanimously decided that, in view of the splendid support accorded the Halifax Tourist and Convention Bureau by the Halifax City Council, two of their members should be appointed by them to represent the City on our executive, of which the Mayor of Halifax is an ex officio member.

We are awaiting the pleasure of the City Council in this matter.

Yours very truly,

The Halifax Tourist & Convention  
Bureau.

T. H. Lane,  
SECRETARY.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the  
year ending September 30th, 1936.

Receipts

Contributions	\$9,120.50	
Commissions	14.10	
	<u>          </u>	\$9,134.60

Disbursements

Publicity and Carnival Features, net

Venetian Night	\$996.46	
Deep Sea Fishing	237.66	
Maritime Swimming Championships	150.00	
I.O.D.E. Street Dance	30.55	
Pictou County Highlanders' Pipe Band	243.10	
"Bluenose" Cruises	82.80	
Children's Party at Playgrounds	40.00	
Band Concert expenses, P. Gardens	17.90	
Road Signs, etc.	145.50	
Cost of Booth at Pier	24.75	
International Radio Club - Taxi fares, etc.	37.50	
Booklets, maps and posters	2,178.08	
Newspaper advertising and circulars	985.25	
Miscellaneous expenses	162.11	
	<u>          </u>	\$5,331.66



February 11th, 1937.

Office Stationery and Supplies,	
Postage, Telephone and Telegraph	\$650.75
Rent, Light and City Taxes	1,068.05
Salaries - Management and Office	<u>1,144.20</u>
	\$2,863.00
	\$8,194.66
<u>Surplus for the Period</u>	939.94
Balance on hand, Sept. 30th, 1935.	\$756.21
<u>Less Additional Expenses</u>	
1935 Carnival, etc, net.	<u>441.20</u>
	<u>315.00</u>
<u>Balance on hand, Sept. 30th, 1936.</u>	
Royal Bank of Canada, Current acct.	\$1,232.94
Petty Cash at Bureau Office	<u>22.00</u>
	<u>\$1,254.94</u>

T. H. Lane,  
Secretary.

A. I. Lomas,  
President.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Halifax Tourist & Convention Bureau for the year ending September 30th, 1936; and report that in our opinion the above statement is correctly drawn up so as to exhibit the receipts and disbursements for the period mentioned. Contributions and other revenue have been checked and all disbursements are supported by vouchers initialled by the President. Cash and bank balances have been verified.

Crowell, Balcom & Co.

H. E. Crowell,  
Chartered Accountants.

Halifax, N. S.  
January 19th, 1937.

To be referred to the City Council  
for the civic year 1937-38.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN CURTIS RE CIVIC  
EMPLOYEES RECEIVING PENSIONS.

*Council*  
Alderman Curtis submitted the  
following notice of motion:-

"That after the 30th day of April next, all employees of the City of Halifax, who today in addition to being paid by the City for services rendered, and who now receive pensions from previous employment, will be required to resign".

February 11th, 1937.

HARBOR CHAMPIONSHIP FUND

City Sol.  
Read letter from the City Solicitor  
re Harbor Championship Fund.

January 13th, 1937.

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

Re: Harbor Championship Fund

In the year 1883 the City of Halifax accepted from the late Dr. Charles Cogswell, London, England, a certain sum of money to be held by trustees on trust to carry out the terms of the Declaration of Trust executed at that time. The trustees named in the Trust Deed are the Mayor, The Recorder and the Chairman of the Committee of Public Accounts.

The purpose of the trust was to provide a prize for the winner of the annual single sculler's race in the harbor of Halifax and to provide that the following awards should be given:

1st year winner	silver medal
2nd year winner	silver clasp to be attached to the medal.
3rd year winner	medal of native Nova Scotia gold.

In addition to these awards the winner was also entitled to receive the sum of \$40.00 in cash.

Owing to the fact that the regulations respecting rowing associations in this City prohibit the winners from receiving money, it is found that the provisions of the Declaration of Trust cannot be carried out in their entirety, and it is suggested by the committee appointed by the City Council to manage the race, that legislation be secured to enable the trustees to use the funds to purchase a prize or prizes to be given to the winner in lieu of cash. As the City is a party to the Declaration of Trust and the agreement embodied therein, the City should approve of the securing of this legislation before the same is submitted to the legislature.

This course, namely, of securing legislation, is the simplest and cheapest course to be taken, the other alternative being an application to the Court for leave to administer the fund in this way. It would require several applications and the court fees would amount to a considerable sum as compared to the amount of the fund.

February 11th, 1937.

I would therefore recommend that in order to enable the Declaration of Trust to be carried out substantially that the Council approve of the securing of this legislation to enable the Trustees of the fund to purchase prizes and award the same to the annual winner of the race in lieu of cash.

Yours very truly,

C. P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the letter of the Solicitor be approved. Motion passed.

Alderman Gough wishing to be recorded against.

BRUNSWICK STREET FIRE STATION

*Firewards Com.*  
Read report of the Committee on Firewards re Brunswick Street fire station.

February 8th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, a report from your Council on the sale of the Brunswick Street fire station and adjoining properties was considered.

Your committee reports that it has no desire to sell or dispose of this property and would recommend that the erection of the new fire station on this property be proceeded with at once.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. Gates,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report be referred to the Firewards Committee for redrafting. Amendment passed.

Motion not put.

Alderman Gates wishing to be recorded against.

February 11th, 1937.

BRUNSWICK STREET ENGINE HOUSE RENTAL

*City Eng  
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works re Brunswick Street engine house rental.

February 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works on motion of Alderman Keshen and Alderman Gough, recommends for acceptance the attached offer from the Auto Sales Co. per Mr. B. M. Blackadar, for a lease of the Brunswick Street Fire engine house, Alderman Gates voting against.

Mr. Blackadar consented to leasing the building in it's present condition and stated that no cars would be stored on the second floor.

E. J. Cragg,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

Alderman Gates wishing to be recorded against.

PURCHASE OF LEAD PIPE

*City Eng  
Clerk of Works*

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

February 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

We require some  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead pipe. I have asked for quotations from various dealers and have had replies as follows:-

Cranes Limited	\$10.80 per 100#	-	Net, 30 days
Austen Bros.	10.83	"	Net 30 days
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	10.85	"	-
Crowell Bros.	10.88 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Net 30 days
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow	10.94	"	Net 30 days
Wm. Robertson & Son	11.05	"	
T. McAvity & Sons Ltd.	13.10	"	
Standard Underground Cable Co.	Unable to quote.		

February 11th, 1937.

The price of pipe is considerably more than the last time we purchased and the tendency apparently is for a further raise.

It is recommended that the order for the 10,000 pounds, for which quotations were asked, be given to Cranes Limited, they being the lowest tenderer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works February 10th, 1937, the City Engineer submitted the attached report re purchase of lead pipe.

On motion of Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Gates, it was decided to recommend to the City Council that 20,000 lbs. of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead pipe at \$10.80 per 100 lbs. net thirty days, be purchased from Crane Limited, theirs being the lowest tender.

E. J. Cragg,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

WATER EXTENSION - TUPPER GROVE

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re water extension, Tupper Grove.

February 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of Modern Homes Limited for the water extension on Tupper Grove, that it is stated that they are prepared to start two houses as soon as the water pipe is laid.

The sewer has been laid in this street by the owners of the property.

The length of the extension from Armview Avenue to a point about 150 feet west of Prince Arthur Street is 530 feet.

*City Eng.  
Clerk of Works*

February 11th, 1937.

The estimated cost is \$2100.00 and the estimated assessment \$920.00.

It is recommended that the extension be made when at least three houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works February 15th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer re Tupper Grove water extension, was on motion of Alderman Gough and Alderman Donovan, 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.

SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION - SKIMMINGS FARM

*City Eng.  
Clerk of Works*

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

February 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the applications of Butler Bros. and Modern Homes Limited for sewer extensions on Second, Third and Fourth Streets in the Skimmings Subdivision, that applications have been made by Butler Bros. for two houses on each of the streets 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Street and by Modern Homes Limited for two houses on Third Street.

A survey shows that in the case of Second and Third Streets sewers would have to drain westerly and could not drain into the existing sewer on Newton Avenue. In the case of Fourth Street a sewer could be built drained into the sewer on Newton Avenue.

February 11th, 1937.

When the Industrial School property is divided into lots it will be necessary for a street, in the approximate location of the present driveway to the school from Quinpool Road to be laid out with extensions of First to Fifth Street from the eastern boundary to this proposed new road. Until these streets are laid out and opened, sewers cannot be laid on the portions of these streets lying within the Skimmings Farm Division, with the exception of the above mentioned Fourth Street.

The estimated cost of water extensions from Newton Avenue westerly for about 300' on Second Street is \$1180. and the estimated assessment \$460.00.

On Third Street the estimated cost of water extension and the estimated assessment is the same.

On Fourth Street the estimated cost of sewer is \$1800, the estimated sewer assessment \$1150.00. This extension will be about 320' long. The estimated cost of water extension if laid when the sewer was being constructed would be \$980.00. The estimated assessment \$460.00. Estimated length of extension about 300 feet.

It is recommended that the sewer and water be laid on Fourth Street from Newton Avenue to the eastern boundary of the Industrial School property when at least two houses are under construction and that the water supply be extended on Third Street when the four houses for which applications have been made are under construction and that the water be also ordered to be extended on Second Street when at least two houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works February 10th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer re streets in Skimmings Farm - sewer and water extensions, was on motion of Alderman Gough and Alderman Gates, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

February 11th, 1937.

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

Motion passed.

CONCRETE SIDEWALK - JUBILEE ROAD

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

February 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the request of  
Alderman Curran for a concrete sidewalk on Jubilee  
Road between Robie Street and Summer Street, that  
at present there is a sidewalk on Summer and one on  
Robie Street but none in this block on Jubilee Road.

There is a considerable pedestrian  
traffic in this block and the construction of a  
concrete sidewalk would prove a great convenience to  
a large number of people living west of Robie Street  
who walk to town along this route. The curb and  
gutter has already been laid.

The estimated cost of the sidewalk is  
\$1600.00. It is recommended that the work be placed  
on the order paper to be done in its turn.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works  
February 10th, 1937, the attached report of the  
City Engineer re concrete sidewalk Jubilee Road,  
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.



February 11th, 1937.

SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME  
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1937.

Read report of the Charities Committee  
for the month of January, 1937, showing the number  
of inmates in the City Home to be 467.

FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1937.

Read report of the City Auditor  
covering tax collections for the month of January,  
1937.

Tax Collections, January, 1937.

Arrears Taxes

Civic Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances December	New accounts and adjustments	January Collections	Outstanding Balances January.
1932-33	\$53,137.12*	\$46,797.54		\$372.14	\$46,425.40
1933-34	58,733.60*	88,602.95		6,209.57	82,393.38
1934-35	53,706.24*	234,696.20		8,899.29	225,796.91
1935-36	55,245.48.	386,310.80		28,834.91	357,475.89
		<u>756,407.49</u>		<u>44,315.91</u>	<u>712,091.58</u>

Current Taxes

1936-37	55,120.22	670,446.30		31,610.36	638,835.94
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Water Dept:

Water rates, etc.		66,439.96		10,879.88	55,560.08
		<u>\$1,493,293.75</u>		<u>86,806.15</u>	<u>1,406,487.60</u>

Roll Taxes 1932-33	\$166.75		\$19.00	\$147.75
Roll Taxes 1933-34	2,487.58		54.00	2,433.58
Roll Taxes 1934-35	3,820.07		88.25	3,631.82
Roll Taxes 1935-36	4,909.33		287.50	4,621.83
Roll Taxes 1936-37	15,322.21		1,629.50	13,692.71

Additional Collections

Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25			\$31.72	\$ 226.64
Corresponding period last year			601.51	502.89
Tax years 1925-26 to 1931-32				
Corresponding period last year			86,806.15	91,003.90
Collections per above statement				
Corresponding period last year			<u>\$87,439.38</u>	<u>\$91,733.43</u>

Collections of Poll Taxes

May 1st, 1936 to Jan. 31st, 1937.			\$19,321.17	\$18,511.50
Corresponding period last year				

\* Includes special tax payments, and, unexpended  
balances. Any excess in this account 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

February 11th, 1937.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Read report of the City Auditor  
submitting departmental appropriations and  
expenditures.

FILED

11 P.M.,

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

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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*W. P. Publicover*

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CITY CLERK.

*E. J. Cragg*  
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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.