

CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY,
MARCH 11th, 1937.
A G E N D A

Minutes.

1. Notice of motion by Alderman Walker re Independent Efficiency Commission.
2. Notice of motion by Alderman Curtis re City employees in receipt of pensions from former employment.
3. Resolution re accounts.
4. Report Finance Committee re petition, Halifax Civic League.
5. " " re message from Mayor.
6. " " re Stoneman legislation.
7. " " re superannuation, Governor Geo. Grant.
8. " " re superannuation, Mrs. Martha M. Grant.
9. Report Laws and Privileges Committee re appointment of coal weighers.
10. " " re appointment of Legislative Committee.
11. " " re costs, McDonald versus City of Halifax.
12. Report Firewards Committee re legislation to pay medical and hospital expenses to firemen.
13. Report City Prison Committee re appointment of Governor, City Prison.
14. " " re appointment of Matron, City Prison.
15. " " re appointment of Deputy Governor, City Prison.
16. Report Gardens Committee re tender for trees.
17. " " re Lynch's shows.
18. Arrangements for coronation.
19. Daylight saving time.
20. Questions by Aldermen.
21. Report Committee on Works re release to United British Insurance Company Limited.
22. Report Comm. on Works and City Engineer re grading and acceptance, of portion of Deacon St.
23. " " re Preston St. widening.
24. " " re Blink Bonnie Terrace, water extension.
25. " " re Young Street, sewer extension.
26. " " re street paving.
27. Letter City Assessor re assessment for year 1937-38.
28. Letter Clerk of the Executive Council re approval of amendments to Ordinance #3.
29. Report Charities Committee covering Superintendent's report re inmates in the City Home.
30. Report City Auditor re tax collections for the month of February 1937.
31. " " re departmental appropriations and expenditure
32. Letter, City Solicitor re satisfaction pieces.

EVENING SESSION

8.00 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
March 11th, 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 Gatos, Mitchell, Stech, Donovan, Burgess, Curran, Sullivan, Freda, McCarthy, Hendry, McDonald, Keshen, Curtis, Power, Gough, Smeltzer and Walker.

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 meetings of February 11th, February 25th and March 2nd be approved.

Alderman Curran stated that at the special meeting of Council held on February 25th, he objected to an item in the Police estimates on page 424 of the minutes, namely \$200.00 for stop signs. This, he said, was not recorded in the minutes, and he would now ask that reference be made of his objection to the item.

With reference to the regular monthly meeting of February 11th, 1937, the Mayor stated that in the last paragraph on page 390, in the second line thereof, the words "stating that it had been" should be inserted immediately after the word "petition".

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Keshon, seconded by Alderman Gough that the minutes be amended as suggested by Alderman Curran and His Worship the Mayor. Amendment passed.

Motion not put.

There being no further objections to the minutes of February 11th, February 25th and March 2nd, His Worship the Mayor declared them approved.

*Finances Com
Ald. Stack*

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN WALKER RE
INDEPENDENT EFFICIENCY COMMISSION.

Read notice of motion by Alderman Walker re Independent Efficiency Commission.

"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".

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the notice of motion as submitted be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Curran that the notice of motion be referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration and report. Amendment passed.

Motion not put.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN CURTIS RE CIVIC
EMPLOYEES IN RECEIPT OF PENSIONS FROM FORMER
EMPLOYMENT.

Council

Alderman Curtis asked to have this matter deferred for the present, to which Council agreed.

March 11th, 1937.

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 \$16,861.94; Committee on Charities amounting to \$8,066.76; Gardens Committee amounting to \$611.67, Fleming Park amounting to \$108.32; Library Committee amounting to \$410.86; City Prison Committee amounting to \$1,804.80; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,857.08 chargeable to Fire Department and \$509.47 chargeable to Fire Alarm Committee on Works amounting to \$9,554.21; City Health Board amounting to \$5,951.38; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$401.25; Police Committee amounting to \$10,039.34 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.

PETITION - HALIFAX CIVIC LEAGUE

Read report of the Finance Committee re resolution and petition of the Halifax Civic League.

Halifax, N. S.
March 5th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

The Finance Committee at a meeting held this day, had for consideration resolution and petition of the Halifax Civic League which was referred to it by the Halifax City Council at a meeting held on February 11th, 1937.

The following resolution was moved by Alderman McCarthy and seconded by Alderman Mitchell.

"RESOLVED that the Committee on Finance heartily approves of the efforts of the Halifax Civic League to create greater interest on the part of taxpayers in the forthcoming civic elections and we trust these efforts will be continued with good results. As regards the suggestion of the Halifax Civic League re a commission of three members to make recommendations to the Halifax City Council re proper form of civic government for the City of Halifax, we feel that this question is properly a matter for the consideration of the taxpayers as a whole, under the following divisions:-

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1. As to whether any change in the form of civic government is advisable.
2. As to whether an expense of thousands of dollars for the report of a commission on this subject is desirable.

We would therefore recommend to the Halifax City Council that a plebiscite be taken on this question at the forthcoming civic elections and that legislation be sought to enable the City to take such a plebiscite and to carry out the taxpayers wishes should they decide in favor of a commission survey and to borrow a sum not exceeding \$10,000.00 for this purpose".

The resolution was put and resulted as follows:-

For the adoption of the resolution

Aldermen McCarthy, Mitchell, Donovan.

Against the adoption of the resolution

Aldermen Curtis, Gough, Stech.

There being no majority in favor of the resolution, it was declared lost and this report is forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report of the Finance Committee be received and discussed by the Council. Motion passed.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Mitchell.

BE IT RESOLVED that legislation be sought forthwith to enable the City to hold a plebiscite upon the following question, at the time of the forthcoming civic elections:

1. As to whether a commission of three members should be appointed by the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, at a cost to the City not to exceed \$10,000.00, to investigate the question as to whether any change in the present form and administration of the Government of the City of Halifax is desirable, and to make such recommendations as the commission shall determine.

March 11th, 1937.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation be also obtained to enable the City to borrow a sum not exceeding \$10,000.00 to pay the expenses of such commission, if appointed, the said sum to be repaid in such manner as the Council shall determine.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislation provide that upon being requested by the City Council, the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia shall proceed to appoint such commission.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only persons qualified to vote at such civic election shall vote at such plebiscite.

The resolution was put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE RESOLUTION

Aldermen Curran
Donovan
Gates
Hendry
Keshon
McCarthy
McDonald
Mitchell
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Freda
Gough
Power

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Alderman Power protested against the proposed expenditure of \$10,000.00 in connection with the appointment of a commission to investigate into the administration and form of government in the City of Halifax.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

Read report of the Finance Committee re message from the Mayor in connection with a survey or examination of the civic administration.

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 5th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, consideration was given to the attached extract from minutes of a meeting of the Halifax City Council regarding message from the Mayor.

March 11th, 1937.

Your committee recommends that the matter be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

STONEMAN LEGISLATION

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Solicitor re Stoneman legislation.

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 5th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this date, the attached letter from the City Solicitor regarding the Stoneman legislation was considered.

Your committee is forwarding same to City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N. S.
March 5th, 1937.

H. J. Stech, Esq.,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:- Re: Stoneman Legislation

I am today in receipt of a letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice, a copy of which is hereto attached, and in which the Minister of Justice has decided to recommend to His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council that this Statute passed at the last session of the Legislature be left to its operation.

March 11th, 1937.

This matter is submitted to you so that your committee can consider the matter and make a report thereon to the Council.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Gough that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Solicitor be filed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Curran that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a bill for presentation to the local legislature repealing Chapter 56 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia 1936 entitled "An Act respecting certain property of Frank J. Stoneman and Nellie M. Stoneman in the City of Halifax". Amendment put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gates
Gough
Keshen
McDonald
Mitchell
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Hendry
McCarthy

-2-

Motion not put.

March 11th, 1937.

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

*Treasurer
Mr. Grant*

Read report of the Finance Committee
and letter of the City Treasurer re superannuation
of Mr. George Grant, Governor of City Prison.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee
held this date, the attached letter from the City
Treasurer regarding superannuation of Mr. George
Grant, Governor of City Prison, was considered.

Your committee recommends that Mr.
George Grant be superannuated at an annual allowance
of \$1,320.00 under the provisions of Section 147
of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McCarthy,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

February 18th, 1937.

The Chairman, and
Members of Finance Committee.

Gentlemen:- Re: Superannuation of Mr. George
Grant, Governor of City Prison.

Treasurer

Mr. Grant entered service February 4th,
1894 and has been contributing to the Officials
Superannuation Fund since its inception May 1st, 1906.

Section 147 of the City Charter reads
as follows:

"Every official or employee who has
contributed to the fund for thirty years or more,
and who has reached the age of sixty years, shall
be entitled to retire from his employment and to
receive from the fund for the remainder of his life,
an annual allowance equal to thirty-fiftieths of
such average amount of his last three years salary".

Mr. Grant's average salary has been
\$2,200.00 and he is entitled to receive an annual
allowance from the fund of \$1,320.00.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Allen,
CITY TREASURER.

March 11th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Treasurer be adopted. Motion passed.

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

*Treasurer
Mrs. Grant*

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Treasurer re superannuation of Mrs. Martha M. Grant, Matron of City Prison.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this date, the attached letter from the City Treasurer regarding superannuation of Mrs. Martha M. Grant, Matron of the City Prison, was considered.

Your committee recommends that Mrs. Martha M. Grant be superannuated at an annual allowance of \$375.00 under the provisions of Section 146 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McCarthy,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

February 18th, 1937.

Chairman and Members
of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen:- Re: Superannuation, Mrs. Martha M. Grant, Matron, City Prison.

Mrs. Grant was appointed February 1912 and has contributed to the Officials Superannuation Fund for 25 years. Mrs. Grant's average salary for the past three years has been \$750.00 per year and under Section 146 of the City Charter would be entitled to receive from the fund an annual allowance of \$375.00, being twenty-five fiftieths of \$750.00.

March 11th, 1937.

Section 146 of the City Charter reads as follows:-

"Every official or employee who has contributed to the fund for ten years or more and who has reached the age of sixty years may be permitted by the Council to retire from his employment and to receive from the fund an annual allowance for the remainder of his life. Such allowance shall be determined by the average amount of his yearly salaries for the three years next preceding his retirement, and shall be equal to one fiftieth of such average amount for each year in which he has contributed provided that, in no case, shall the amount of such allowance exceed thirty-fiftieths of such average amount".

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Allen,
CITY TREASURER.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Treasurer be adopted. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHERS

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re appointment of Chester A. Champion and Andrew Mathews as coal weighers.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this date, applications for the appointment of Chester A. Champion and Andrew Mathews as coal weighers were considered.

Your committee recommends that Chester A. Champion and Andrew Mathews be sworn in as coal weighers for the remainder of the present civic year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

March 11th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Walker that Mr. Chester A. Champion be appointed as a coal weigher until the end of the present civic year. Amendment put and passed.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Walker that Mr. Andrew Mathews be appointed as a coal weigher until the end of the present civic year. Amendment put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Donovan
Freda
Gough
Hendry
Keshen
McCarthy
McDonald
Mitchell
Stech
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Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Gates
Smeltzer

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Alderman Power excused from voting.

The original motion not put.

APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee recommending that a special committee of Council be appointed to appear before the Private and Local Bills Committee of the Local Legislature.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this date, the City Solicitor stated that he felt a special committee of council should be appointed to appear before the Private and Local Bills Committee of the Local Legislature when the City legislation is being considered.

March 11th, 1937.

Your committee recommends that such a committee be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor then appointed the following members of Council to act on this committee.

Alderman Gates
" Donovan
" McCarthy
" McDonald
" Curtis
" Gough.

Council

COSTS - MCDONALD VERSUS CITY OF HALIFAX

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re costs, McDonald versus City of Halifax.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council:

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this date, the attached extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council regarding costs in the case of McDonald versus the City of Halifax was considered.

Your committee recommends that the law regarding costs be adhered to in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

March 11th, 1937.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Mr. McDonald be relieved of the costs in this case, excepting disbursements, and the necessary legislation secured to make this effective. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Burgess
Donovan
Gough
Hendry
Keshon
McCarthy
McDonald
Power
Smeltzer

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
Freda
Gates
Mitchell
Stech
Sullivan
Walker

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Motion put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
Freda
Gates
Mitchell
Stech
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Donovan
Gough
Hendry
Keshon
McCarthy
McDonald
Power
Smeltzer

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Alderman Stech gives notice of reconsideration.

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE PAYMENT OF MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS TO INJURED FIREMEN.

Fire Chief
Read report of the Firewards Committee re legislation to provide payment of medical and hospital accounts to injured firemen.

March 8th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the matter of the payment of hospital accounts of firemen injured on duty was discussed.

March 11th, 1937.

Your committee recommends that the following legislation be procured;

(1) In any case in which it shall appear to the Committee of Firewards and Fire Escapes that a member of the Fire Department has suffered any injury or other incapacity arising out of the execution of his duty, the committee may, after the receipt from the City Medical Officer of a report upon such injury or incapacity, recommend to the Council that the City shall pay to such member, or to his estate if such injury or incapacity should prove fatal, if such member has already paid the same, all or any portion of the amount of any indebtedness, not in any case to exceed \$200.00, incurred with any hospital by such member as a result of such injury or incapacity, or to the said hospital, if the same has not been so paid.

(2) Upon receipt of such recommendation from such committee, the Council may, if the same is approved, order that the whole or any portion of the amount of such indebtedness shall be paid by the City and any sums required therefor may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and with the interest thereon included in the estimates for the civic year next succeeding that in which such payment was made.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Gates,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Firewards Committee which includes the proposed legislation be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report of the Firewards Committee be referred to the Finance Committee. Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Curtis
Freda
Gough
Mitchell
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Walker

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Curran
Donovan
Gates
Hendry
Keshen
McCarthy
McDonald
Sullivan

March 11th, 1937.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Gates that the legislation be amended to omit the words "or other incapacity" wherever it appears in the legislation, and the words "Acting or" included after the word "City" in the 5th line thereof. Amendment put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Burgess
Curran
Donovan
Freda
Gates
Hondry
Keshen
McCarthy
McDonald
Sullivan
Walker
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis
Gough
Mitchell
Power
Smeltzer
Stech

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The original motion not put.

Before considering items, 13, 14, 15 and 16 on the agenda dealing with appointments at the City Prison, a letter was read from Mr. A. H. Minshull as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.
March 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Prison Committee last week a delegation consisting of Revd. C. F. Curran, Dr. Prince, C. W. Clarke, A. B. Wiswell and myself appeared and made certain recommendations.

Subsequently the committee decided to consider these at their April meeting.

Now these same recommendations are not new - they have been considered by previous committees and approved of wholly or in part, but could not be put into effect because it would have meant the compulsory retirement of the Matron, Mrs. Grant and the Assistant Matron, Mrs. Grant Jr., and a radical change in the arrangement with Governor Grant. The recommendations as a consequence were held in abeyance.

March 11th, 1937.

However, at the present time Governor Grant's and Mrs. Grant's resignations have been accepted and an opportunity given your Honorable Body to investigate the proposals made and to accept or reject them as you see fit.

I would like to point out that if you accept the advice of your Prison Committee and make the appointments suggested you automatically renew the old-fashioned system now in vogue, and it will possibly be another twenty years before anything can be done.

It is with regret that I have to say that your present Chairman of the committee did not view with favor our appearing before his committee. He gave instructions that we need not be advised when and where the meeting was to be held.

It is therefore my personal feeling that the postponement of the considerations of the recommendations until April, is merely a subterfuge, because to discuss improvements that require two less of a staff and certain changes in the status of the Governor, would be useless if the appointments are ratified tonight.

In closing might I suggest the following:

- (1) Reference be made to the opinions of the present Governor, as shown in the minute book of the Prison Committee.
- (2) Views of the Judges of the Supreme and County Court.
- (3) Views of the Nova Scotia Prison and Jail Commission.

Yours respectfully,

A. H. Minshull.

APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR, CITY PRISON

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending that Mr. John W. Grant be appointed Governor at the City Prison.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the appointment of a Governor for the City Prison to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. George Grant was considered.

*John W. Grant
Treasurer
Auditor*

March 11th, 1937.

Your committee, having received an application from Mr. John W. Grant, recommends that he be promoted to the position of Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted and Mr. John W. Grant appointed to the position of Governor of the City Prison. Motion passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor declared Mr. John W. Grant duly appointed to the position of Governor of the City Prison for the City of Halifax.

APPOINTMENT OF MATRON, CITY PRISON

Read report of the City Prison Committee recommending that Mrs. Grace J. Grant be appointed Matron at the City Prison.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, the appointment of a Matron for the City Prison to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Martha M. Grant was considered.

Your committee, having received an application from Mrs. Grace J. Grant, recommends that she be appointed to the position of Matron.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted and Mrs. Grace J. Grant appointed to the position of Matron of the City Prison. Motion passed unanimously.

*Mrs. Grant
Treasurer
Auditor*

March 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor declares Mrs. Grace J. Grant duly appointed to the position of Matron of the City Prison for the City of Halifax.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR, CITY PRISON

Read report of the City Prison

Committee recommending that Mr. Walter H. Handsley be appointed Deputy Governor at the City Prison.

City Prison,
Halifax, N. S.
March 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 the following applications for the position of Deputy Governor:-

1. Harry F. Platt,
2. Walter H. Handsley,
3. Roy W. Crowell,
4. Archie J. Murphy.

Your committee recommends that Mr. Walter H. Handsley be promoted to the position of Deputy Governor for the City Prison.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be adopted and Mr. Walter H. Handsley appointed to the position of Deputy Governor ~~of~~ of the City Prison. Motion passed unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor declared Mr. Walter H. Handsley duly appointed to the position of Deputy Governor of the City Prison for the City of Halifax.

TENDER FOR TREES

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons re tender for supplying trees.

*Handsley
recommen
creditor*

Sup. Place

March 11th, 1937.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Gardens, Parks and Commons Committee held this day, a tender for supplying ornamental trees to the City was considered.

Your committee recommends that the tender of the Lakeside Nursery Farm, being the only one received, be accepted and that an order be placed for 241 trees costing \$299.90.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

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

LYNCH'S SHOWS

Read report of the Committee on Gardens, Parks and Commons re Lynch's shows.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Gardens, Parks and Commons Committee held this date, the attached letter from Mr. W. P. Lynch requesting permission to conduct Lynch's shows on the Commons for a period of twelve days between May 20th and June 10th next was considered.

Your committee recommends that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

March 11th, 1937.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORONATION

Read letter from the Halifax Board of Trade re arrangements for coronation.

March 10th, 1937.

Mayor E. J. Cragg,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Your Worship:-

The Coronation of the present King takes place on May 12th - just two months off, and at meeting of Council yesterday, it was suggested that Halifax as the first British City in Canada, should celebrate the event.

It was generally considered it was too early in the year for sports, but no doubt the Military and Navy will have some sort of a programme in which perhaps the citizens could join - in connection with the latter it was suggested that an impromptu procession might be arranged in the evening which would only entail the cost of two or three bands. Such processions have been held in the past in Halifax and elsewhere, and being unique have been quite a success.

It was further suggested if you approve that you call a meeting of those that you consider will be of assistance in framing some sort of a programme. Montreal and several Ontario cities have already moved in the matter, and probably it should be settled as soon as possible what Halifax will do.

Yours very truly,

E. A. Saunders,
SECRETARY.

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee to arrange details in connection with coronation celebrations. Motion passed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Read letter from the Halifax Board of Trade re Daylight Saving Time.

March 11th, 1937.

March 6th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

At the annual meeting of the Halifax Board of Trade, a resolution was unanimously passed favouring Daylight Saving for 1937 to be proclaimed on the same dates as the principal cities of Canada, and also the annual request of the railways - that is, from the first Sunday in May at midnight until the last Sunday in September at midnight. Already it has been announced by several of the cities of Ontario that these dates will be effective, and we would appreciate action in the matter being taken by your honourable body.

Yours very truly,

E. A. Saunders,
SECRETARY.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Donovan that Daylight Saving Time be observed in all civic departments from the first Sunday in May at midnight and continuing until the last Sunday in September at midnight. Motion passed.

RELEASE TO UNITED BRITISH INSURANCE CO. LTD.

Read report of the Committee on Works re release to the United British Insurance Co. Ltd.

March 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The United British Insurance Co. Ltd., having paid the City of Halifax charge of \$111.19 for repairs to water hydrant on February 9th and 10th, 1937, broken by the motor car of Mr. Lee Wyle, has requested that the City of Halifax execute the attached release to them.

The Committee on Works March 10th, 1937, recommended to Council that said release be granted.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

March 11th, 1937.

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

Motion passed.

SATISFACTION PIECES

City Solicitor
Read letter of the City Solicitor re
satisfaction pieces.

March 10th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:- Re: Satisfaction Pieces

During the past four years the City
has taken a number of judgments against taxpayers
in arrears. Some of these judgments have been paid
off and it is desirable to release the same.

The Rules of Court provide that
Satisfaction Pieces shall be signed by the plaintiff
or his personal representatives, or by a solicitor
specially authorized for that purpose.

If the former procedure is adopted
every case in which a judgment for taxes is paid
off will come to the Council in order to authorize
the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Satisfaction
Piece.

I would recommend that in order to
facilitate these matters, that the City Council
specially authorize the City Solicitor to sign such
Satisfaction Pieces, upon his receiving from the
City Collector evidence satisfactory to him that
the judgment has been paid in full.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bothune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by
Alderman Mitchell that the letter of the City
Solicitor be approved, and he authorized to sign
satisfaction pieces on behalf of the City of Halifax.
Motion passed.

March 11th, 1937.

DEACON STREET - GRADING AND ACCEPTANCE

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Road report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re grading and acceptance of a portion of Deacon Street.

March 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from the owners of a portion of the property on Deacon Street asking that part of this street between Almon Street and the south line of Bluebell Lane be graded and accepted as a City street. The petitioners represent a large majority of the frontage.

Deacon Street is laid out from Almon Street south to within about 60 feet north of Summit Street, where the street forms a dead end, but is widened to a crescent shape in order to allow the roadway to make a circle to afford ingress and egress.

There are no buildings at present south of Bluebell Lane and the grading of this part of the street will necessitate a heavy fill.

The petition asks that for the present only the part of the street mentioned be graded and accepted, leaving the south part until houses are built. Under the peculiar conditions surrounding the location of the street, I think the whole of the street should be graded at the same time and that the work should not be done piece-meal.

Until some further building development takes place at the south end of the street, I think that the grading and acceptance of the street should remain in abeyance.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

March 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works March 10th, 1937, considered the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from the owners of a portion of the property on Deacon Street, asking that part of the street between Almon Street and the south line of Bluebell Lane, be graded and accepted as a city street.

March 11th, 1937.

On motion of Alderman Gough and Alderman Keshon, the committee recommended to Council that Deacon Street, between Almon Street and the south line of Bluebell Lane, be granted and accepted as a city street.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Gates that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

PRESTON STREET WIDENING

Read report of the Committee on Works re Preston Street widening.

March 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The City Council at a meeting on December 17th, 1936, approved the purchase from the West End Baptist Church of land required for sidewalk purposes on Preston Street, at a price of \$304.00 with the understanding that the church would pay the sidewalk assessment. Subsequently the church authorities requested that as the City had charged interest on the sidewalk assessment, interest at the same rate should be allowed on the purchase price of \$304.00 to date of payment by the City.

The Committee on Works March 10th, 1937, recommended to the City Council that said request be granted, the interest to be computed from the date when interest was charged on the sidewalk assessment.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

BLINK BONNIE TERRACE WATER EXTENSION

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Blink Bonnie Terrace, water extension.

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

March 11th, 1937.

March 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from property owners on Blink Bonnie Terrace for the extension of the water supply on this street, that it is signed by the owners of two properties, which adjoin Watermain Road.

The proposed extension will be from the 24-inch main on Watermain Road northwardly for a distance of about 120 feet. The size of the pipe will be 6-inches.

The estimated cost is \$700.00, which will probably be reduced to \$575.00 if the work is not done until the frost is out of the ground.

A sewer cannot be laid on this street until Watermain Road is extended to Quinn Street so that an outlet may be provided. It may be some time before this extension is made, in the meantime there is every prospect of a development in building on Blink Bonnie Terrace, which will necessitate the extension of the water supply.

It is recommended that the extension asked for be made.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

March 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works March 10th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from property owners on Blink Bonnie Terrace for the extension of the water supply on the street, was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Gates, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. M. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

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March 11th, 1937.

WEST YOUNG STREET - SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION

*City Engineer
Chief of Works*

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

March 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

With reference to previous reports re extension sewer and water on West Young Street, there are now eight houses built or under construction on this street, between Oxford Street and Connolly Road.

The estimated length of the sewer is about 690', the estimated cost \$4000.00 and the estimated sewer rates \$3000.00.

The water was extended from Oxford Street westwardly about 250'. To supply the most westwardly house in the block will require a further extension of approximately 400'. It is advisable that the water should be laid at the same time as the sewer. The estimated cost is \$1200, estimated assessment \$800.00.

It is recommended that the sewer and water be ordered extended.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

March 11th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works March 10th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer re West Young Street sewer and water extension, was on motion of Alderman Gates and Alderman Keshen, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

March 11th, 1937.

LETTER, CITY ASSESSOR'S RE ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR
1937-38.

Read letter from the City Assessor
submitting statement of the assessment for the year
1937-38.

Halifax, Nova Scotia,
March 10th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

Attached is a statement of the
assessment for the year 1937-1938.

The total assessment is \$59,297,080.00
an increase of \$1,033,325.00 over the year 1936-1937.

The tax rate for the coming year is
\$3.62 an increase of nine points over the previous
year. The rate is made up as follows:-

	County		.09	
	Schools		1.10	
City:	General	\$2.03		
	Direct			
	Relief	.10		
	Public			
	Health and			
	Charities	.30	2.43	\$3.62

Yours respectfully,

J. F. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR.

S T A T E M E N T

1937-1938.

WARD	REAL ESTATE	BUSINESS TAX	HOUSEHOLD TAX	TOTAL
1.	\$8,012,425.	\$394,250.	\$ 576,200.	\$8,982,875.
2.	12,886,400.	3,306,040.	727,375.	17,919,815.
3.	9,219,600.	2,162,055.	409,065.	11,790,720.
4.	5,500,400.	535,150.	437,325.	6,472,875.
5.	4,500,550.	485,940.	356,320.	5,342,810.
6.	7,470,950.	733,825.	583,210.	8,787,985.
	<u>48,590,325.</u>	<u>7,617,260.</u>	<u>3,089,495.</u>	<u>59,297,080.</u>

INCREASE \$1,033,325.

Estimate as passed by Council,
February 25th, 1937.

Less Company Taxes

Less Anticipated Special Taxes

Add for School Rebate

\$2,186,767.33
<u>39,525.00</u>
2,137,242.33
<u>2,600.00</u>
\$2,144,642.33
<u>1,900.00</u>
\$2,146,542.33

March 11th, 1937.

\$59,297,080. x 3.62 \$2,146,554.29
TAX RATE \$3.62 per Hundred.

County	.09
Schools	1.10
City:	
General	2.03
Direct Relief	.10
Public Health & Charities	.30
	<u>\$3.62</u>

FILED

LETTER, CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RE
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE #3.

Read letter from the Clerk of the
Executive Council re amendments to Ordinance #3.

Halifax, 5th March, 1937.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith copies of amendments
to Ordinance No. 3 of the City of Halifax duly
certified as having been approved by the Governor
in Council on the 4th instant.

Yours truly,

A. Evelyn Horne,
For
Clerk of the Executive Council.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S.

Amendment to Ordinance #3 relating
to Streets amending Section. 6 approved by Governor-
in-Council, March 4th, 1937.

Amendment to Ordinance #3 relating
to Streets dealing with Section in which snow is to
be removed approved by Governor-in-Council, March
4th, 1937.

SUPR'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME FOR
THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1937.

Read report of the Charities
Committee for the month of February, 1937, showing
the number of inmates, in the City Home to be 460.

FILED

March 11th, 1937.

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1937.

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

TAX COLLECTIONS, FEBRUARY, 1937.

<u>Arrears Taxes</u>		Outstanding Balances January	New accounts and adjustments	February Collections	Outstanding Balances February.
Civic Year	Reserve				
1932-33	\$53,168.13*	\$46,425.40		\$189.77	\$46,235.63
1933-34	58,743.00*	82,393.38		4,372.60	78,020.78
1934-35	53,724.52*	225,796.91		9,348.90	216,448.01
1935-36	55,344.43.	357,475.89		21,620.27	335,855.62
		<u>712,091.58</u>		<u>35,531.54</u>	<u>676,560.04</u>
<u>Current Taxes</u>					
1936-37	55,474.07	638,835.94		31,650.30	607,185.64
<u>Water Dept.</u>					
Rates, etc.		55,560.08		8,101.30	47,458.78
		<u>1,406,487.60</u>		<u>75,283.13</u>	<u>1,331,204.46</u>
Poll Taxes 1932-33		\$147.75		\$24.50	\$123.25
Poll Taxes 1933-34		2,433.58		52.00	2,381.58
Poll Taxes 1934-35		3,631.82		121.25	3,510.57
Poll Taxes 1935-36		4,621.83		255.00	4,366.83
Poll Taxes 1936-37		<u>13,692.71</u>		<u>1,933.75</u>	<u>11,758.96</u>
<u>Additional Collections</u>					
Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25				\$17.65	.90
Corresponding period last year				449.43	
Tax years 1925-26 to 1931-32					427.84
Corresponding period last year				75,283.14	
Collections per above statement					<u>72,184.14</u>
Corresponding period last year				<u>75,750.22</u>	<u>72,612.88</u>
<u>Collections of Poll Taxes</u>					
May 1st, 1936 to Feb. 28th, 1937.				\$21,764.67	\$20,598.00.
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

March 11th, 1937.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Road report of the City Auditor

submitting departmental appropriations and expenditures.
FILED

11.15 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that this Council adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 16th at 5 P.M. to consider report Committee on Works re street paving legislation and report Committee on Finance re tenders for debentures. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

E. J. Grace,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

AFTERNOON SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING.

5.00 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
March 16th, 1937.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this day. There were present His Worship the Deputy Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Gates, Mitchell, Stech, Donogan, Curran, Freda, McDonald, Keshen, Curtis, Smeltzer and Walker.

The meeting was called specially to consider report Committee on Works re street paving legislation and report Finance Committee re acceptance of tenders for 5 and 10 year debentures,

STREET PAVING LEGISLATION

Read letters from the City Solicitor and Clerk of Works together with legislation in connection with street paving.

Halifax, N. S.
March 11th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

I attach hereto a draft of legislation respecting the recommendation of the Committee on Works, which provides new provisions respecting the paving of streets in the City. This legislation has been prepared at the request and in accordance with the wishes of the Committee on Works and should be considered along with item #26 on the agenda.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

March 11th, 1937.

The City Solicitor,
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

The Committee on Works, March 10th, 1937, recommended changes in the City Charter requirements regarding street paving along the lines

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of the attached draft. The Committee directed that the City Solicitor submit the required legislation to City Council with the request that it be included in this years legislation.

Yours truly,

T. J. Moore,
CLERK OF WORKS.

Section 560 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

560. (1) Upon presentation to the Committee on Works of a petition signed by the persons owning not less than one-half of the frontage of the real property fronting on any street, or portion of a street, praying that such street or portion may be paved, the Committee shall direct the Engineer to report thereon.

(2) In ascertaining the proportion of real property represented by the persons signing such petition the City shall be deemed to have signed such petition requesting that such paving be done, and the frontage of the real property owned by the City fronting upon such street or portion thereof shall be included with the frontage owned by the persons so signing such petition requesting the paving of such street.

(3) The Engineer shall report to the Committee:

- (a) The total length of street proposed to be paved.
- (b) The nature of the material most suitable in his judgment to be used for the paving.
- (c) The probable cost; and
- (d) whether in his opinion it is desirable to pave such street or portion, and any such other information or remarks as he deems proper.

(4) The Committee shall consider such report and send the same to the Council with such recommendation as it deems fit.

(5) The Council on consideration of such report and recommendation shall decide whether to pave such street or portion of a street or not, and the material to be used, and if it orders the same to be done, the work shall be performed by the Committee.

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(6) One-half of the cost of such pavement shall be borne by the owners of properties fronting on the street or portion of a street so paved, in proportion to the respective frontages of such properties, provided however, that the amount assessed against each such owner shall not exceed one dollar for each lineal foot of such property so fronting on such street or portion of a street.

(7) The remainder of such cost shall be paid by the City.

The Charter is amended by inserting therein immediately following Section 560 thereof the following:

560A. The Council may direct that any street or any portion of any street, may be paved, under the provisions of this Act, notwithstanding that no petition has been presented by the owners of properties fronting on such street or portion of a street, praying that such street or portion of a street be paved, and all the other provisions of this Act shall apply to any paving so done.

5.10 o'clock,

Alderman Burgess arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Gates that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion put and resulted in a tie vote, as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Curran
Donovan
Freda
Gates
Keshon
Smeltzer

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
McDonald
Mitchell
Stech
Walker

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The Deputy Mayor casts the deciding vote in favor of the motion and declares it passed.

TENDERS FOR DEBENTURES

Read report of the Committee on Finance

re tenders for debenture's.

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*reasurer
Dominion Securities
corporation Ltd*

March 16th, 1937.

Committee Room, City Hall,
March 16th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Pursuant to the call for tenders dated March 9th, 1937 for 3% short term loan (serial debentures) for the principal sum of \$24,406.88 and 3½% short term loan (serial debentures) for the principal sum of \$7,539.00 and 3½% serial debentures for the principal sum of \$125,000.00, the Committee on Finance had for consideration tenders for the same from the Dominion Securities Corporation Limited and Bank of Nova Scotia; and the Eastern Securities Company Limited, and Royal Bank of Canada, and Wood, Gundy Co. Ltd.

Your committee recommends that the tender of the Dominion Securities Corporation Limited and Bank of Nova Scotia, as follows, be accepted:-

"For Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred and Six Dollars and Eighty-eight cents (\$24,406.88) principal amount of debentures of the City of Halifax or such principal amount as will produce \$24,406.88 at the price hereby tendered, dated August 1, 1936, maturing in five equal annual payments, the first payment to be due August 1, 1937, and the final payment to be due August 1, 1941, and bearing interest at the rate of 3% per annum, we bid at the rate of 99.38% of principal amount plus accrued interest to date of payment for Halifax delivery and payment;

and

For Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-nine Dollars (\$7,539.00) principal amount of debentures of the City of Halifax or such principal amount as will produce \$7,539.00 at the price hereby tendered, dated August 1, 1936, maturing in ten equal annual payments, the first payment to be due August 1, 1937, and the final payment to be due August 1, 1946, and bearing interest at the rate of 3½% per annum, we bid at the rate of 97.48% of principal amount plus accrued interest to date of payment for Halifax delivery and payment".

As to the proposed loan of \$125,000.00, your committee recommends that action to borrow this sum be deferred.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by

Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

March 16th, 1937.

5.40 P.M.,

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

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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P. A. Gough,
DEPUTY MAYOR.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY,
APRIL 15th, 1937.

Minutes.

1. Notice of reconsideration by Alderman Stech re costs - McDonald versus City of Halifax.
2. Notice of motion by Alderman Curtis re civic employees in receipt of pensions from former employment.
3. Resolution re accounts.
4. Report Finance Committee re overdraft, Teachers' Pension Fund.
5. " " re City's banking credits.
6. " " re resignation of Mr. Gilbert S. Hart, Court Reporter.
7. Report City Prison Committee re resignation of Mrs. Nellie Grant, Assistant Matron.
8. Direct relief borrowing.
9. Report City Solicitor re legislation.
10. Report of Mayor
11. Questions by Aldermen.
12. Report Comm.on Works re uncollectable accounts.
13. " " re tenders for construction of fire alarm building.
14. Report Comm.on Works and City Engineer re tenders for cast iron water pipe.
15. " " " re tenders for paving and repairs to pavement.
16. " " " re tenders for supplies (including concrete sidewalks).
17. " " " re oiling streets.
18. " " " re lease of land, Irving Oil Co.
19. " " " re lease of Airport - Halifax Aero Club.
20. " " " re sale of land, Connaught Avenue.
21. " " " re purchase of portion of property, Preston Street
22. " " " re street light - Atlantic Street.
23. " " " re grading and acceptance, McLean Street.
24. " " " re grading and acceptance, Waterloo Street.
25. " " " re water extension, Rockcliffe Street.
26. " " " re water extension, Miller Street.
27. " " " re concrete sidewalk, north side of Quinpool Rd.
28. " " " re concrete sidewalk, west side of Hunter Street.
29. " " " re concrete sidewalk, west side of Waterloo Street.
30. " " " re concrete sidewalk, south side of Fraser Street.
31. Letter, Mrs. Marjorie Williamson re acknowledgement of letter of condolence.
32. Report Charities Committee covering Supt's report re inmates in the City Home.
33. Report City Auditor re tax collections for March, 1937.
34. " " re departmental appropriations and expenditures.

EVENING SESSION

8.05 O'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
April 15th, 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, Mitchell, Donovan, Burgess, Curran, Sullivan, Freda, McCarthy, Hendry, McDonald, O'Toole, Curtis, Power, Gough, Smeltzer and Walker.

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 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION BY ALDERMAN STECH RE COSTS - MCDONALD VERSUS CITY OF HALIFAX.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the City Council reconsider its decision of March 11th, 1937, regarding costs in the action, McDonald versus City of Halifax.

Motion put and lost.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN CURTIS RE CIVIC EMPLOYEES IN RECEIPT OF PENSIONS FROM FORMER EMPLOYMENT.

Alderman Curtis asked to have this notice of motion withdrawn, to which Council agreed.

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted.

April 15th, 1937.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Committee on Finance amounting to \$3,914.05; Committee on Charities amounting to \$8,686.95; Gardens Committee amounting to \$591.99, Fleming Park amounting to \$108.32; Library Committee amounting to \$570.04; City Prison Committee amounting to \$2,023.75; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,764.53 chargeable to Fire Department and \$470.97 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$11,947.24; City Health Board amounting to \$6,312.68; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$474.30; Police Committee amounting to \$10,018.42 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

OVERDRAFT - TEACHERS' PENSION FUND

Read report of the Committee on Finance re overdraft, Teachers' Pension Fund.

Committee Room, City Hall,
April 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the City Auditor advised that the appropriation for paying teachers pensions would be over-drawn in the amount of \$4,718.00, after making payment applied for.

Your committee recommends that this payment be made and the overdraft authorized in accordance with the authority of the Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

April 15th, 1937.

CITY'S BANKING CREDITS

Read report of the Committee on
Finance re City's banking credits.

Committee Room, City Hall,
April 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the City Auditor requested that permission of the Council be sought to enlarge the City's banking credits to finance a 6% loan for \$309,000.00 due May 1st, 1937 and also \$50,000.00 to finance capital expenditures on account of the Water Department and \$80,000.00 to finance capital expenditures generally until such time as a public borrowing for these amounts could be arranged.

Your committee recommends that the City Treasurer be authorized to make such banking arrangements as herein set out.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

RESIGNATION - MR. GILBERT S. HART, COURT REPORTER.

Read report of the Committee on Finance submitting resignation of Mr. Gilbert S. Hart, Court Reporter.

Committee Room, City Hall,
April 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, a letter from Mr. Gilbert S. Hart, tendering his resignation as City Court Reporter, was received.

Your committee recommends that this resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

April 15th, 1937.

Halifax, N. S.
April 1st, 1937.

J. L. Barnhill, Esq., K.C.,
Stipendiary Magistrate,
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

I hereby tender my resignation as
reporter of the City Court, same to take effect on
the 15th day of April, 1937..

Yours respectfully,

Gilbert S. Hart.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded
by Alderman Gates that the resignation of Mr. Hart
be accepted. Motion passed.

Finance Court
Read letter from Mr. J. L. Barnhill,
Stipendiary Magistrate asking Council to confirm the
appointment of Mr. Harris L. McDonald as Court
Reporter of the Police and City Courts.

Halifax, N. S.
April 14th, 1937.

His Worship E. J. Cragg, Esq.,
Mayor of the City of Halifax,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise that I have appointed
Mr. Harris L. McDonald, of No. 120 Cunard Street,
City, as stenographer of the Police and City
Courts of the City of Halifax in place of Mr.
Gilbert S. Hart, who has resigned from said position.

I have tried out Mr. McDonald in
said position and found that he can take down in
shorthand and transcribe the evidence taken in
said Court satisfactorily.

His salary is to be One Hundred
Dollars (\$100.00) per month, beginning tomorrow,
April 15th, 1937.

Kindly have said appointment
ratified or made by the City Council.

Yours obediently,

J. L. Barnhill,
Stipendiary Magistrate in and
for the City of Halifax.

April 15th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the letter of the Stipendiary Magistrate be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

RESIGNATION / MRS. NELLIE GRANT, ASST. MATRON
AT THE CITY PRISON.

Read report of the City Prison Committee re resignation of Mrs. Nellie Grant, Assistant Matron at the City Prison.

City Prison,
Halifax, N. S.
April 8th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, a letter was received from Mrs. Nellie Grant tendering her resignation as Assistant Matron.

The committee accepted the resignation of Mrs. Nellie Grant, same to become effective April 30th, 1937.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,
CHAIRMAN.

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DIRECT RELIEF BORROWING

*Auditor
Treasurer*
Read letter from the Secretary of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee submitting resolution which was passed by the Halifax Direct Relief Committee and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

April 14th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto are copies of resolutions passed at a meeting of the Halifax

April 15th, 1937.

Direct Relief Committee on April 12th, 1937, requesting the approval of the City Council for an appropriation of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for the cost of Direct Relief and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for administration thereof, for three months from the 1st day of May 1937 to July 31st 1937.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Vaughan,
SECRETARY.

BE IT RESOLVED, that under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, and an agreement between the Province and the City of Halifax in respect to disbursement of Direct Relief, the City do borrow from any bank or fund available, the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) to be expended between the first day of May 1937 and the thirty-first day of July 1937, on the order of the Direct Relief Committee, for the purpose of giving Direct Relief and Temporary Shelter and approved by Council from time to time, to bona fide residents of the City of Halifax or Temporary Direct Relief to any other persons as the committee may deem advisable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City, under the authority of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, authorize an appropriation of not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of defraying the cost of administration of Direct Relief for the period from May 1st 1937 to July 31st, 1937.

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

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

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

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8.25 o'clock,
Alderman Stech arrives and takes his
seat in Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman
Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Curtis that the amount
to be borrowed for direct relief and temporary
shelter be \$75,000.00 in place of \$90,000.00.

8.30 P.M.,
Alderman Keshon arrives and takes his
seat in Council.

The amendment was put and lost, 6
voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
Gough
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer

-6-

AGAINST IT

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

-12-

Motion put and passed, 13 voting
for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess
Donovan
Freda
Gates
Hendry
Keshon
McCarthy
McDonald
Mitchell
O'Toole
Stech
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
Gough
Power
Smeltzer

-5-

-505-

April 15th, 1937.

REPORT, CITY SOLICITOR RE LEGISLATION

Read letter from the City Solicitor reporting on the legislation introduced into the Legislature by the City.

Halifax, N. S.
April 15th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

For the information of the members of the Council I submit herewith a report on the legislation introduced into the Legislature at the instance of the City. The bulk of this legislation is contained in Bill #29, which has now received its third reading from the House and awaits the assent of the Lieutenant Governor, which will probably be given within the next few days.

The following sections were deleted from the Bill by the Committee on Private and Local Bills:

Sections 18, 22 and 33, which provide for the certificate of the Auditor to the fact that the purchase money has been paid, which should be a condition precedent to the delivery of the deed.

Section 23 - This section dealt with the taxation of contractors who come into the City to do business and who are not assessed for Business Tax to a certain amount. This section nearly received the support of a majority of the Private and Local Bills Committee, being defeated by the casting vote of the Chairman.

Section 33 - This section was to confirm all tax deeds and tax sales made by the City, but it was not approved by the Committee, who stated that although in the past it has been customary to enact sections of this kind, it was felt that this practice should not be continued and the section was therefore deleted.

Section 37 - This section was provided to clear up the question of the qualification of the members of the School Board by changing the words "property qualification" to "assessment qualification". For some reason objections were made before the Committee which resulted in the Committee's striking out of the Section. In spite of the action of the Committee I still feel that the provisions of the amendment should be enacted, as otherwise they are absolutely meaningless in view of the fact that an alderman under the present clause is not required to have any property qualifications.

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Section 39 - This section dealt with the calling in and paying off of the permanent stock of the City issued in 1880. A considerable amount of discussion took place over this amendment and it was intimated that it might be advisable for this year to withdraw this amendment and reconsider the matter from the point of view of calling in the stock in such manner as to cause the present holders thereof to suffer as little loss as possible.

Section 44 - This section was amended by the Committee to provide that the tax assessed against the Lord Nelson Hotel for the year 1937-38 would be payable by the Hotel in six annual instalments, one each year on the 1st of August, and any instalment not paid on the due date should bear interest at 6%. The main point of this legislation is that although it was suggested that the five year exemption granted to the Lord Nelson Hotel should start on the 1st of May 1937 the final outcome results in the City receiving the full amount of the tax for the year 1937-38 and the exemption takes effect from the 1st of May 1938. In the meantime the payment of the 1937-38 tax is slightly deferred but the City continues to retain a lien for the same.

Another matter in connection with this Bill to which I wish to direct your attention is Section 42. At the meeting of the City Council at which this legislation was authorized, I received the definite impression that the Council had approved of securing this permissive authority and made a note to that effect. As the minutes could not be prepared in time so that they could be examined before the preparation of the legislation, this was included in the Bill. It develops that due to the wording of the minutes of the Council that apparently this legislation was not approved by the Council and as I feel bound by the minutes of the Council I am calling this to your attention. The matter was called to the attention of the Committee by a member of the Council, who made the statement that the Council instead of approving of this legislation had disapproved of the same. He is borne out by the minutes of the Council. However, my own recollection of the matter is clearly that the Council approved of this item in the manner that the legislation was drafted. The only question under discussion in the Council was the manner in which the money was to be obtained, the original legislation providing for repayment in three annual instalments and the Council in view of the small amount felt that the same could be paid in one year. The legislation in question gives the Council permissive authority to purchase a set of books for the office of the City Solicitor.

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Apart from these alterations the Bill was finally passed.

In respect of Bill #57, this Bill provided that the City hold a plebiscite on the question of the appointment of a Commission. The Bill was approved by the Committee as submitted, except that in Section 6 instead of providing that a majority of the votes cast on such plebiscite would result in the City commencing proceedings for the appointment of the Commission, it was provided that if a majority of the persons entitled to vote at the election voted in favour of the appointment of a Commission, the Council may proceed to appoint a Commission.

Bill to repeal the Stoneman Act. This bill after receiving its second reading with some difficulty was reported on adversely by the Private and Local Bills Committee. So far as can be seen at the present time there is nothing left for the City to do now but to proceed to arbitration in this matter.

A further bill was introduced in the House for the following reasons: The City of Halifax has recently issued a call for tenders for certain serial debentures such as the City has in the past issued. Its authority to issue these serial debentures has never been questioned until the solicitor for the present underwriters investigated the authority and stated that they have considerable doubt as to whether the City can issue serial debentures. In order to clear this matter up in so far as the present loan is concerned and to ensure that no objection will be able to be taken to the loans to be made in the near future, which will total something over \$400,000.00, it was felt that this doubt should be cleared up without delay. Accordingly after discussion with the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, I submitted the Bill to the Legislature, which to date has received its second reading.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

A letter was also read from the City Solicitor reporting on Bill #121.

Halifax, N. S.
April 15th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

Re: Bill #121

I wish to report on the above Bill, which was introduced at the present session of the Legislature, and which is with reference to

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the education of the deaf and dumb. It provided among other things for an increase in the annual payment to be made out of the Municipal School Fund, in respect of persons sent to this institution on the order of the Mayor of the City, from \$150.00 to \$200.00. This payment has in the past been made out of the Municipal School Fund which is a part of the joint expenditure of the City with the County, and the City pays four-fifths of this amount. The increase in the City's share at the present, resulting from this legislation, would be \$60.00 a year.

The effect is to bring the contributions paid in respect to deaf and dumb persons in line with the payments made in respect to the education of the blind. In order that the City would not be required to place in its estimates next year two annual payments, on instructions from the Finance Committee, I attended on the Committee at the House and suggested that the coming into effect of this Act be postponed until the next period for making estimates, and the Committee has provided that this Act will come into effect upon proclamation by the Governor-in-Council at a time to enable the City to include next year's payment in its estimates. As a result next year the City will only have to provide this increase in respect to next year only.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

His Worship the Mayor referred to Bill #128, which related to the issue and sale of debentures of the City of Halifax, and asked that Council confirm the action of the City Solicitor in introducing this bill to the Legislature.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Stech that the action of the City Solicitor regarding Bill #128 be confirmed.
Motion passed.

REPORT OF HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following report.

April 15th, 1937.

Halifax, N. S.
April 15th, 1937.

To the Members of the City Council.

I think it is fitting at this time - the last regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax at which I will preside - that I review as briefly as I may, the activities of the Council during the last three years, with particular reference to those activities with which I was personally concerned.

When I first took over the office which I have had the honor to hold for three terms, I was faced with the very disagreeable duty of dealing with certain irregularities and defalcations, which brought to light the fact that changes were necessary in the manner in which the Office of the Clerk of the Court was conducted. Steps were taken to separate the Criminal from the Civil side. Officers were appointed to properly conduct the affairs of both sides and are now operating in a manner, I believe, satisfactory to all concerned. A stenographer was appointed for the City Court, facilitating the work of the Magistrate and providing a permanent verbatim report of court proceedings.

Radio equipment was installed in the Police Department, patrol cars purchased and put into operation, - thereby, The Chief of Police reports, - increasing the efficiency of the Department tremendously and permitting a much larger range of patrol, providing the public with a greater measure of protection than was ever possible before.

I found the City of Halifax and the then Harbour Commission in disagreement as to who was responsible for the condition of Miller Street - from Young Avenue to the water-front. As this street was used by a great number of our citizens, particularly in the summer time to gain access to Point Pleasant - and the shore at Greenbank - I felt that something should be done to iron out our difficulties. I approached the members of the Harbour Commission with this in view - and after some negotiations, they agreed to give the City a grant sufficient to hard-surface Miller Street from the Park Gates to the junction of the marginal road. This was done - Miller Street was hard surfaced without cost to our citizens - and afterwards, the marginal road was built and surfaced to join Miller Street, providing a complete circuit from the Park Gates through the Ocean Terminals - enjoyed now by many - and without cost to the City.

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The City acquired lands at Beechville on the water shed - clearing up a possible danger of years standing - removed the houses and barns therefrom - removing the probability of contamination through drainage to the City water supply.

Steps were taken to check the City Collector's rolls. This involved considerable labor and some expense, but the work was thoroughly done, and the City Collector's rolls are now in complete reconciliation with the Auditor's Control Account - a satisfaction, I am sure, to every taxpayer in Halifax.

It had been felt for some time that changes were desirable in the Office of the City Assessor. The then City Assessor brought several matters which, in his opinion, should be corrected, to my notice - he had served the City for twenty-five years - and his retirement made possible the appointment of a young man as his successor. The regrettable death of his assistant made further changes necessary - with the result that the ground work has been laid for the improvement and modernization of our Assessment Department. Definite results have already been shown, but the time has been too short for complete judgment.

Another notable improvement in the interest of Public Health was the transfer of the control of the Tuberculosis Hospital from the Charities Committee to the Board of Health.

When I took office, I found outstanding against the City a claim of the Workmen's Compensation Board amounting in the end to about \$5,500.00, including penalties - the City protesting the justice of the assessment, and the Board adamant in their decision to enforce it - but no attempt being made to meet on the matter. Both sides were right from their own viewpoint. I took this vexing question up personally with the Board and after some negotiations, succeeded in arranging a settlement for about half this amount.

At the foot of Inglis Street crossing under the railway tracks, the Halifax Harbour Commission constructed a pedestrian subway. The C.N.R. and the Harbours Board disclaimed liability for the lighting of this subway, which we considered necessary. This, the City undertook to do - and has been doing for the greater comfort and convenience of our citizens who must use this subway.

Large pavement programmes have not been undertaken - but notable improvement has been made to the City through the paving of Cogswell Street and Inglis Street - a need of years standing.

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Policies have also been adopted, which - if carried out - will insure a greater mileage of paved streets in Halifax at a greatly reduced cost to the taxpayer.

Arrangements have been made for the removal of the Fire Alarm Telegraph System from its dangerous present location in the City Hall - to a new fire-proof building at the City Field - correcting what has for years been considered a potential source of danger. This, I trust, will be confirmed by Council tonight, setting this question at rest for all time.

We have purchased and now have available - modern snow fighting equipment, capable of dealing with any snow condition which may occur. This, also, was a need of many years. Within the year we have modernized the ash and garbage collection service - disposing of the horse-drawn carts - and replacing them with modern heavy duty motor-trucks equipped with covers, stepping up the service and removing from our streets the old, objectionable, open slow moving vehicles.

Direct Relief has been the dark spot of our existence - and in this Department our most notable improvement has been made. When your Committee, under my chairmanship, took over the direction of this activity, we found it more or less chaotic - understaffed, with only two inspectors in the field, without adequate records - not sufficient information available to properly control the distribution of direct relief - and nearly eleven thousand persons receiving assistance. Within a year we had reduced the expenditure by nearly forty per cent - reorganized the staff - and had things fairly well under control. I am quoting, for your information, excerpts from a report made to me within the week by Mr. George H. Ferguson, Administrator:

"Direct Relief is operated by a staff composed of one Administrator, one Assistant Administrator and Secretary, nine clerks - one of whom is attached to the City Auditor's staff, and six investigators. We also have on our pay-roll the Halifax Welfare Bureau, who have a representative continuously checking cases. The total cost in salaries is \$343.50 per week. Of course we are handling a large business with a lot of detail.

The Provincial Government has a Relief Inspector for the City of Halifax who closely scrutinizes all relief matters in general at this office.

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The preparation of Government reports, compiling of data, etc., practically consumes the time of two men, but has brought about a better system with more satisfactory control. When I took charge of the Department in October last, these reports were practically three months in arrears. We are now up to date. The purchase of an adding machine has been of inestimable value in this regard.

The clerks, who were originally more or less free-lances, I have placed under the direct supervision of Mr. E. C. MacDonald, and the results have been eminently satisfactory. We issue weekly and monthly cost statements to your committee and the Department of Labor and you have noticed that these statements are now quite exhaustive.

A suggestion of yours, at the outset; that we issue only in the mornings, we have found quite practical. For some considerable time we have been issuing between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. In the afternoons our accounts are all checked and balanced, bring each day's balance up to date. This was never done heretofore.

Adequate provision was made for the handling of the rental relief plan. I note the number of evictions have not been reduced by its adoption. I also note, according to a summary given me by the Rental Officer, that not one of the eleven cases, for whom rent is going to be paid under the plan, have received rent assistance from us during the past 12 months. It is evident that the plan has not benefitted those whom it was intended to help. Inasmuch as the appropriation for this purpose expires April 30th, I recommend its discontinuance.

During the past month I have had more time to devote to the Investigators. A copy of a monthly letter, attached hereto, sent out to them in March will give you some idea as to the supervision they are receiving. Of course, they are constantly in touch with me for advice or opinions, and receive considerable oral and written instructions.

Referring to relief recipients, I would like to bring to your attention the fact that since March 1935 we have registered 5457 cases including single men. At present, we have 1631 active cases. So you see we have a considerable turnover. All people do not stay on relief continuously and all applicants do not get it.

During the past year we have been about holding our own. During 1935 we reduced the rolls very materially. It has been expressed that we have about reached the irreducible minimum. I believe this to be about correct, whilst conditions are as now, unless some definite ruling is made as to the extent to which one must be employable in order to qualify for Direct Relief.