

August 12th, 1937.

BORROWING - CITY HOME

*Auditor*  
Read report of the Finance Committee  
and resolution re borrowing, City Home.

Halifax, N. S.  
August 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance  
Committee held this day, the matter of borrowing a  
sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars for  
the purpose of eradicating vermin from the City  
Home was considered.

Your committee is submitting the  
attached resolution for Council's approval.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,  
CHAIRMAN.

WHEREAS funds are required to  
eradicate vermin from the City Home and no  
appropriation has been provided for the purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED that a sum not  
exceeding Five Hundred Dollars be provided for the  
purpose aforesaid, such sum to be borrowed from  
any bank or fund available under the authority of  
Section 332A. of the City Charter and repaid  
with interest, from the estimates of the ensuing  
year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that  
any contract exceeding the sum of \$200.00 under  
which any portion of the appropriation provided  
by this resolution is to be expended be submitted  
to the council for approval.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded  
by Alderman Donovan that the report and resolution  
be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman  
Keshen, seconded by Alderman Power that the amount  
to be borrowed be increased to \$5,000.00 in place  
of \$500.00.

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After a short discussion, Alderman Keshen stated that with the consent of Alderman Power, the seconder, he would withdraw his amendment, to which Alderman Power agreed.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously. The following voting therefor:-

Aldermen Adams  
Batson  
Burgess  
Curran  
Curtis  
Donovan  
Freda  
Keshen  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
McDonald  
Power  
Smoltzer  
Stech  
Sullivan  
Walker  
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Read report of the Charities Committee re de-insecting the City Home.

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

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

The Charities Committee met this day and beg to submit the following report.

Members Present:- The Chairman,  
Aldermen Smoltzer, Keshen, Batson and Curran.

Read letter from the Sanitary Supplies and Exterminators Limited submitting a price of \$480.00 to de-insect the City Home for a period of one year from date of contract, payable as follows: \$275.00 on completion of first clean up and \$17.00 per month thereafter for twelve months. If at the end of twelve months the Charities Committee wish to continue the service the price to remain at \$17.00 per month.

It was decided to accept the above offer of \$275.00 for the first clean up and to agree to pay for the monthly service thereafter at the rate of \$17.00 per month for eight months, ending April 30th, 1938, making in all a total expenditure of \$411.00.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the report of the Charities Committee be adopted and the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary agreement so that the work can be proceeded with immediately.  
Motion passed.

HOUSEHOLD TRAINING CLASSES

*Relief  
Fund  
Committee*  
Alderman Batson informed Council that a delegation from the Womens Local Advisory Committee of Halifax was present and wished to address Council.

There being no objections, Mrs. Ferguson spoke on behalf of the Womens Local Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Ferguson stated that it was the object of the Women's Advisory Committee to establish a training centre in which girls now unemployed could be trained for household work and thus make ready for permanent employment.

The Federal and Provincial Governments are prepared, she said, to share towards the financial cost of this training.

Mrs. Ferguson appealed to the City Council to assist in this undertaking and tabled a memorandum, a copy of which was supplied to each Alderman.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Batson that this matter be referred to the Direct Relief Committee for consideration and report to the Finance Committee, who, in turn, are to report to the City Council. Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Alderman Batson asked if it would be in order to consider the report of the City Home submitted by the Chairman of the Charities Committee to the Mayor; copies of which had been submitted to the Aldermen.

The Acting Mayor replied that he did not feel disposed to introduce this in the absence of the Mayor.

Alderman Keshen stated that he would like Council to again deal with the matter of the Tourist Bureau Grant.

The Acting Mayor informed him that this matter could be considered by resolution of Council, provided the resolution passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the rules of Order of Council be suspended and the matter of a grant to the Halifax Tourist Bureau considered at this meeting.

The City Solicitor ruled that under Section 56 of Ordinance #2 the whole Council must be present in order for the motion to pass unanimously.

Alderman Donovan suggested that perhaps Council could adjourn to meet again next week, when this matter could be considered, to which Council agreed and the motion was not put.

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Alderman Walker, at this time, moved that ~~his~~ letter to the Chairman of the Finance Committee be now read and discussed.

The Acting Mayor informed Alderman Walker that this matter had already been referred to the Finance Committee, and would be dealt with by that body.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of Works*  
Alderman Smeltzer referred to the condition of Cogswell Street sidewalk, and suggested that the Committee on Works consider this without delay.

Alderman Power asked if Council would consider an application from the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church for permission to hold a tag day.

The Acting Mayor stated that the application would be considered by the Laws and Privileges Committee.

OXFORD STREET SIDEWALK

*City Eng  
Clerk of Works*  
Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Oxford Street sidewalk.

August 5th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from owners of property on the east side of Oxford Street between Seaforth and Summit Street asking for the construction of a concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk between North and Summit Street on the east side of Oxford Street, that the petition is signed by the owners of four of the five properties in the block between Seaforth and Summit Street.

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At present there are sidewalks on Summit, Seaforth and North Streets. The construction of the sidewalk asked for would link up these three streets. The estimated cost of the work is \$1050.00 of which the City's share would be about \$500.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 5th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for the construction of a concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk on the east side of Oxford Street, between North and Summit Streets was considered. On motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Donovan the report recommending that the work be ordered to be done was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

INGLIS STREET SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works re Inglis Street sidewalk.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan, the committee recommended to Council the construction of an extension to the concrete sidewalk on the north side of Inglis Street from Bland Street to Victoria Road, to meet the curb, in accordance with the verbal recommendation of the City Engineer.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*City Eng.  
Clerk of Works*

August 12th, 1937.

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

GRANVILLE STREET SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on  
Works re Granville Street sidewalk.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on  
Works this date, on motion of Alderman Donovan and  
Alderman Freda, the committee recommended to  
Council the renewal of that portion of the concrete  
sidewalk on the west side of Granville Street  
from the Eaton building south as far as necessary  
in accordance with the verbal recommendation of the  
City Engineer.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

ALMON STREET - CONCRETE SIDEWALK

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

August 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from  
owners of property on Almon Street between Dublin  
and Oxford Street for the construction of concrete  
sidewalks, curbs, gutters, etc. on both sides of  
the street, that the petition is signed by the  
owners of about 52% on the north side and 41% on  
the south side. The length of walk required is  
about 610 feet in each side.

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The estimated cost of the sidewalk on the north side is \$1700., of which the City's share would be about one-half and on the south side about the same or a total of \$3400. for both sides, of which the City's share would be \$1700.

It is recommended that when the street is graded and accepted that the sidewalks, curbs, gutters and sodding be laid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from owners of property on Almon Street, between Dublin and Oxford Streets, for the construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, etc., on both sides of the street was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

NEWTON AVENUE - SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Newton Avenue sidewalk.

August 4th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On the 15th of July a report was made on a petition for a sidewalk on the west side of Newton Avenue for sidewalks, curbs and gutters, etc., it was then recommended that further signatures be obtained before recommending the work. A further petition has been presented, signed by the owners of seventeen properties, the original petition was represented by only six. The original petition was for the work to be done on the west side, but now the petition contains signatures of the owners of four properties on the east side.

*City Eng.  
Clerk of Works*



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The estimated cost of the sidewalk on the north side is \$1700., of which the City's share would be about one-half and on the south side about the same or a total of \$3400. for both sides, of which the City's share would be \$1700.

It is recommended that when the street is graded and accepted that the sidewalks, curbs, gutters and sodding be laid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from owners of property on Almon Street, between Dublin and Oxford Streets, for the construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, etc., on both sides of the street was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

NEWTON AVENUE - SIDEWALK

*City Eng. Clerk of Works*  
Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Newton Avenue sidewalk.

August 4th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On the 15th of July a report was made on a petition for a sidewalk on the west side of Newton Avenue for sidewalks, curbs and gutters, etc., it was then recommended that further signatures be obtained before recommending the work. A further petition has been presented, signed by the owners of seventeen properties, the original petition was represented by only six. The original petition was for the work to be done on the west side, but now the petition contains signatures of the owners of four properties on the east side.

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The percentage of the property owned by the signatories on the west side is nearly 66% of the frontage between Quinpool Road and Fourth Street. On the east side it represents 42% of the property between Quinpool Road and Second Street.

The estimated cost of the work on the west side of the street from Quinpool Road to Fourth Street is \$2900.00, of which the City's share would be about \$1600.00. The estimated cost of the work on the east side between Quinpool Road and Second Street is \$1500.00 of which the City's share would be \$800.00 and the cost of the east side from Quinpool Road to Fourth Street would be about \$3000.00 of which the City's share would be \$1650.00.

At present there is not the same necessity for sidewalks between Fourth Street and Chebucto Road as there is between Quinpool Road and Fourth Street, and if the work were done in this latter section, it would provide the necessary convenience for the present. This street has developed very quickly with a good type of house and the construction of the sidewalks, curbs and gutters would add to the value and convenience of the owners.

I would like to see both sides from Quinpool Road to Fourth Street, but as there is still a large amount of vacant property on the east side north of Second Street, it is recommended that concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks and sodding be ordered from Quinpool Road to Fourth Street on the west side of Newton Avenue and from Quinpool Road to Second Street on the east side.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 5th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for the construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, etc., on Newton Avenue was considered.

On motion of Alderman Stech and Aldermen Donovan the report recommending that concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks and sodding be ordered from Quinpool Road to Fourth Street on the west side of Newton Avenue and from Quinpool Road to Second Street on the east side of Newton Avenue, was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

August 12th, 1937.

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

GRAFTON STREET SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on  
Works and City Engineer re Grafton Street sidewalk.

July 27th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At the request of Alderman  
Donovan, I would like to submit a report on the  
estimated cost of a sidewalk on the east side of  
Grafton Street between Sackville and Prince Streets.

About 35 feet of this sidewalk is  
already constructed, from Sackville Street north.  
The estimated cost of a sidewalk for the rest of  
the block is \$750.00, of which the City's share  
would be about one half.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on  
Works July 29th, 1937, the attached report of the  
City Engineer on the question of the construction  
of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Grafton  
Street, between Sackville and Prince Streets was  
considered. On motion of Alderman Freda and  
Alderman Donovan, the committee recommended to  
Council that a concrete sidewalk be constructed on  
the east side of Grafton Street, from Prince Street  
to the sidewalk already constructed north of  
Sackville Street.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

*City Eng.  
Clock of Works*

August 12th, 1937.

OWEN STREET SIDEWALK

Read report of the Committee on Works  
and City Engineer re Owen Street sidewalk,

July 27th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition for the construction of concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk and sodding on the north side of Owen Street between Young Avenue and Tower Road, that it is signed by eleven of the thirteen owners whose houses front on this street. The signatories represent about 60% of the total frontage.

The estimated cost of the work is \$3,000., of which the City's share would be about one-half.

This street is bounded on the south by Railway property and is entirely built up on the north side. It is recommended that the work be ordered to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on July 29th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition for the construction of a concrete curb, gutter and sodding on the north side of Owen Street, between Young Avenue and Tower Road was considered. On motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, the report recommending that the work be ordered to be done was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

*City Eng.  
Clerk of Works*

August 12th, 1937.

YOUNG STREET - CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK

*City Eng.  
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Young Street, curb, gutter and sidewalk.

July 28th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The Committee on Works, at their last meeting, asked for a report of curb, gutter and sidewalk on the south side of Young Street, or in the alternative, for curb and gutter and ash sidewalk.

The estimated cost of concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk and sodding on the south side of Young Street is \$3000.00, of which the City's share would be one-half. The estimated cost of curb, gutter and driveways only, is \$1200.00, of which the City's share would be one-half. The cost of similar work on the north side would be the same as on the south side.

An improvement would undoubtedly be effected by the construction of the work, but in this case I hesitate to recommend it in the absence of any petition, although I am of the opinion that if the work is ordered it should be on both sides.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on July 29th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer on the question of the construction of concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Young Street was considered.

On motion of Alderman Walker, and Alderman Freda, the committee recommended to Council that concrete curbs and gutters be constructed on both sides of Young Street, from Gottingen Street to Devonshire Avenue.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

August 12th, 1937.

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

WATER SUPPLY OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

*City Eng.  
Clock of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re water supply outside City limits.

August 3rd, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application from Mr. Thos. E. Merson for permission to make a connection to the City watermain outside the City limits, that this property is on the Pipe Line Road, so called, in rear of property on the St. Margaret Bay Road, owned by the Umlah Estate.

There are a large number of houses in this vicinity which have been supplied with water from the City main and conditions are similar in respect to this applicant as to the other houses.

Until a change of policy with regard to these supplies is made, there can be little objection in complying with the request of the applicant on the usual terms of a special agreement in such cases, among other conditions in the agreement is one, that it may be cancelled at any time by the City on its giving notice.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 5th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application from Mr. Thomas E. Merson for permission to make a connection to the City water main outside the City limits was considered. On motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Stech the report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

August 12th, 1937.

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

Motion passed.

STONEMAN PROPERTY, QUINPOOL ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works re Stoneman property, Quinpool Road.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this date, tenders for the purchase and removal of the building on the west side of Quinpool Road, known as the Independent Boat Club, requested by the Committee on August 5/37, were submitted as follows:-

North End Wrecking Yard (per Herbert B. Brino)	\$50.00
J. Gray	100.00
B. O. Johnson	150.00

On motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Walker, the tender of Mr. B. O. Johnson to pay \$150.00 for the building was recommended to Council for acceptance, with the provision that the building be removed in accordance with the specification. Reports of the City Engineer dated July 29th and August 4th, 1937, in reference to the above property, are attached hereto.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATE - COSGROVE BROS.

Read report of the Committee on Works re final payment to Cosgrove Bros. on their contract.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works August 12th, 1937, the attached certificate of the City Engineer recommending payment to

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Cosgtove Bros., of the sum of One Hundred and Seventy-six dollars (\$176.00) being the balance in full on their contract for painting the band stand, summer house and fence around the Public Gardens was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

NORWOOD SUBDIVISION - APPROVAL OF PLAN

*City Eng. 8/12/37*  
Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Norwood Subdivision, approval of plan.

August 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith completed plan of the Norwood Realty Limited for the Norwood Sub-division.

On May 13th, the City Council approved of the proposed sub-division provided the owners agreed that Norwood Street would be extended westerly to meet the new street on the plan and also provided a fifteen foot building line were extended on the new street.

The plan submitted shows Norwood Street extended from its present western boundary to the Woodlawn Terrace and shows twenty foot building lines on the streets in the property.

It is recommended that the plan submitted being Plan No. 8414 be approved by the Committee and recommended to Council for its approval also that the names of the streets namely Woodlawn Terrace and Parkwood Terrace shown on the plan be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on a completed plan of the Norwood Realty Co. Ltd., for the Norwood Subdivision was considered.



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On motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Freda, the said report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

ALMON STREET GRADING

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Almon Street grading.

August 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from property owners on Almon Street between Dublin and Oxford Street for the grading and taking over of the street by the City, that the petition is signed by the assessed owners of about 47% of the frontage.

The estimated cost of grading is \$480.00 or at a rate of approximately 40 cents a foot.

It is recommended that the street be graded and when graded accepted as a City street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from property owners on Almon Street, between Dublin and Oxford Street, for the grading taking over of the street by the City was considered. On motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Donovan, the report recommending that the street be graded and when graded, accepted as a city street, was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*City Eng.  
Stech of Works*

August 12th, 1937.

On motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Freda, the said report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

ALMON STREET GRADING

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Almon Street grading.

August 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from property owners on Almon Street between Dublin and Oxford Street for the grading and taking over of the street by the City, that the petition is signed by the assessed owners of about 47% of the frontage.

The estimated cost of grading is \$480.00 or at a rate of approximately 40 cents a foot.

It is recommended that the street be graded and when graded accepted as a City street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from property owners on Almon Street, between Dublin and Oxford Street, for the grading taking over of the street by the City was considered. On motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Donovan, the report recommending that the street be graded and when graded, accepted as a city street, was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

*City Eng.  
Work of Works*

August 12th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the reports be adopted.  
Motion passed.

ALMON STREET OILING

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Almon Street oiling.

August 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have a petition from property owners on Almon Street between Dublin and Oxford Street for grading, concrete sidewalks, etc. and oiling.

I am reporting recommending the grading and acceptance of the street and the construction of sidewalks. It is recommended that when this work is done that this street be oiled.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from property owners on Almon Street, between Dublin and Oxford Streets for street oiling, was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

BRUSSELS STREET OILING

Read report of the Committee on Works re Brussels Street oiling.

*City Eng.  
Clerk of Works*

*City Eng.  
Clerk of Works*

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this date, on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan, the committee recommended to Council that Brussels Street be oiled, in accordance with the verbal recommendation of the City Engineer.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

TUPPER GROVE WATER EXTENSION

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

August 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have a petition from Mr. John M. Hill for the extension of the water pipe on Tupper Grove to supply his residence being erected.

The length of the extension that should be made is 48 feet. The estimated cost is \$245.00, estimated rates \$96.00.

It is recommended that the extension be ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

August 12th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on a petition from Mr. John M. Hill for the extension of the water pipe on Tupper Grove was considered. On motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Donovan, the report recommending that the extension be ordered, was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

August 12th, 1937.

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

Motion passed.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

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

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1937.

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

TAX COLLECTIONS, JULY, 1937.

Assessors Taxes

Civic Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances June	New accounts and adjustments	July Collections	Outstanding Balances July.
1933-34	\$53,002.08	\$62,653.67		\$7,889.12	\$54,764.55
1934-35	58,398.76	177,700.03		9,710.98	167,989.05
1935-36	53,312.66	273,592.71		10,204.95	263,387.76
1936-37	57,456.39	471,596.94		25,526.65	446,070.29
		985,543.35		53,331.70	932,211.65

Current Taxes

1937-38	55,201.44	1,003,855.40		37,040.64	966,814.76
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Water Dept.  
Taxes, etc.

	151,459.80		71,473.25	79,986.55
	<u>2,140,858.55</u>		<u>161,845.59</u>	<u>1,979,012.96</u>

Poll Taxes 1932-33	\$9.32	\$41.00	Cr.	\$31.68
Poll Taxes 1933-34	2,205.46	43.00		2,162.46
Poll Taxes 1934-35	3,235.07	88.50		3,146.57
Poll Taxes 1935-36	3,836.88	169.50		3,667.38
Poll Taxes 1936-37	7,945.58	771.50		7,174.08
Poll Taxes 1937-38	22,206.50	1,662.50		20,544.00

Additional Collections

For years 1908-9 to 1924-25		\$93.51		\$22.94
Corresponding period last year				
For years 1925-26 to 1932-33		1,046.05		4,733.56
Corresponding period last year				

Collections per above statement		161,845.59		
Corresponding period last year				161,934.60
		<u>162,984.15</u>		<u>166,691.10</u>

Collections of Poll Taxes

From 1st, 1937 to July 31st, 1937		8,106.08		
Corresponding period last year				7,245.92

FILED

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

August 12th, 1937.

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

• Read report of the Charities  
Committee for the month of July, 1937, showing the  
number of inmates in the City Home to be 455.

FILED

10.10 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by  
Alderman Donovan that this meeting do now adjourn  
to meet again Thursday, August 19th at 8 P.M. to  
consider the following items:

1. Reports in connection with City Home,
2. Minority report of Alderman Batson,
3. Grant, Halifax Tourist Bureau,
4. Report Laws and Privileges Comm. re tag days.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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P. A. Gough,  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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

*Walter H. Fisher*  
MAYOR

EVENING SESSION

ADJOURNED MEETING.

8.05 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
August 19th, 1937.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Batson, MacKay, Stech, Donovan, Burgess, Curran, Sullivan, Freda, Lloyd, McDonald, Power, Curtis, Gough, Walker and Smeltzer.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment to consider:-

1. Reports in connection with the City Home,
2. Minority report of Alderman Batson,
3. Grant, Halifax Tourist Bureau,
4. Report Laws and Privileges Committee re tag days.

The following named papers were then submitted:-

LETTER, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR SUBMITTING  
REPORT OF CHARITIES COMM. RE CITY HOME

Read letter from the Mayor submitting report of the Charities Committee re City Home.

Halifax, N. S.  
August 18th, 1937.

Members of the City Council.

Aldermen:-

Some weeks ago, certain members of the Charities Committee complained about conditions under which the City Home was being conducted, and as a result of these complaints, I requested the Charities Committee to investigate the matter and furnish me with a report of their investigation.

At the same time I requested the Chairman, of the City Health Board to make a thorough inspection of the City Home and furnish a report. Copies of these reports have been forwarded to members of the City Council for their consideration, under date of August 10th.



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The tenor of these reports show chiefly apparent inefficiency of the Superintendent and staff at the City Home. This there is no excuse for, however, and if the Superintendent and his staff cannot carry out their duties as laid down by Ordinance No. 9 it might be advisable to reorganize the staff at the City Home.

The recommendations of the Subcommittee appointed by the Charities Committee are, in my opinion, largely matters of internal organization and which they can attend to. Some of their recommendations, however, will entail additional expenditures, a portion of which would be capital. A number of them, owing to the mental condition of the inmates, I think would be extremely dangerous if implemented, and before they are finalized, they should be thoroughly investigated, for example - expenditures for metal tables, urinal chambers, etc. In my opinion, considering the mental state of a large proportion of the inmates, if any change is made in the Superintendency, the services of a medical man, a **graduate** psychiatrist, should be sought as the City Home, under present conditions, is more of a hospital than anything else.

Regarding the agreement with the County, it is my understanding that this agreement is for fifteen years from March, 1st, 1931, and can only be terminated by the destruction of the City Home by fire or other casualty, or condemnation by Provincial Statute. Rates can be revised at the expiry of each five year period, but any talk of expelling county inmates so that the City can have more space would appear futile.

The matters contained in these reports should be discussed calmly and personalities should not be indulged in during their discussion.

Yours very truly,

Walter Mitchell,  
M. A. Y. O. R.

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City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.  
August 10th, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:-

As requested by you some weeks ago, to investigate conditions and operations at the City Home and the conduct of the Superintendent, your committee met on several occasions, made a complete inspection of the Institution, then appointed a sub-committee to investigate and deal with the control of the Institution from every

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angle, they in turn reported to a full meeting of the Charities Committee held on Friday, August 9th, at which Mr. Buchanan, Superintendent, was summoned to be present and defend himself.

Alderman Batson was absent.

In order to give Alderman Batson an opportunity to be heard, we adjourned until Monday at 11.30 for the purpose of drafting our report.

We had a full meeting, as every member of the Charities Committee was present.

Attached you will find a copy of the Sub-committee's recommendations, which was submitted to the full Board on Monday the 9th instant. The first item dealt with was the question of improvements - sanitary, extra help, vermin control, etc., as laid down by the attached form.

It was moved by Alderman Keshon, seconded by Alderman Adams as follows:

RESOLVED that the agreement with the County regarding the care of their patients in the City Home be abrogated and the necessary one year's notice be given.

Also attached is copy of resolution passed unanimously by the Charities Committee recommending to Council that we be empowered to borrow an amount not exceeding \$5,000.00 to be used for the purposes as stipulated, the same being subject to tender and submission for approval by Council.

Your committee desires to make a finding as regards the services of Superintendent Buchanan.

It was moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Keshon that it is the opinion of your committee that Superintendent Buchanan has been very unsatisfactory in the discharge of his duties as laid down in the Ordinances respecting the City Home, Motion put and passed unanimously.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Keshon that for such failure Superintendent Buchanan should be severely reprimanded. Motion put and passed.

An amendment was moved by Alderman Batson that the Superintendent be asked to tender his resignation. There being no seconder to the amendment, the original motion was put and carried. Alderman Batson dissenting.,

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Also attached is copy of a report made by Dr. W. D. Forrest, Chairman of the City Health Board for your information.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,  
CHAIRMAN OF CHARITIES COMM.

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COPY OF SUB-COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Halifax, N. S.  
August 2nd, 1937.

Chairman and Members,  
Charities Committee,  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

The following, your sub-committee met twice yesterday, noon time and night. Present Aldermen Keshen, Batson and Gough. After a lengthy discussion and exchange of views, the following suggestions regarding the condition of the City Home are submitted to you as a body for your consideration:-

1. Segregation, if possible, of all new patients admitted for one week, and M.D. examination.
2. All clothing to be removed, fumigated, or sterilized by dry steam.
3. Insulation of ward over boiler room.
4. Bedsteads to be kept enamel painted at all times.
5. Cells, locks, given attention to easy operation, and grills open, to floor.
6. Lavatory and baths scrubbed daily and kept limed and disinfected.
7. Towels clean - one per inmate per day. Bath towels provided for each person for bath.
8. Sputum cups, urinal chamber, at night per bed.
9. Slop pails with cover each ward to be emptied daily.
10. Metal tables with container for each bed.
11. Food tables scrubbed after each meal.
12. Attendants to be put in uniform, and with previous training if possible.
13. Mirrors sufficient to accommodate.
14. Female nurse in men's ward for dressing wounds.
15. New equipment in surgical ward.
16. Men's ward verandah partly glassed as smoking room in winter.

FOOD

1. Storeroom limed once monthly and concrete floor to be installed.
2. Kitchen and bakery. The cooks in same to be examined medically monthly, food inspected once daily in wards by Superintendent. He to make use of a dietitian at the T.B. or other civic institution with a view of a greater variety of food stuffs and improvement in diet.

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VERMIN CONTROL

To be under competent disinfectors and a steam sterilizer installed in basement to handle mattresses, linen, and other soiled material.

GENERAL

A thorough inspection of the Institution by the Superintendent and Matron and a written report shown in register.

FIRE DRILL

By the staff under supervision of the Fire Chief.

SIGNAL SYSTEM

For staff for emergency cases.

STAFF

Close co-operation between the Superintendent and staff.

RECEPTION ROOM

For use when possible.

Insane patients to be provided with an exercise yard to be screened off from the T. B. Hospital.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

To be given special consideration before being appointed with a view of obtaining only those with special training for mental cases.

MEDICAL INTERNE

To be under the supervision of the Acting Medical Health Officer.

INSPECTION

By the Health Board Officials twice monthly and an M.D. inspection and examination of the entire staff twice monthly.

Additional help to assist the fourteen women in scrubbing and keeping clean the Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldermen Keshen  
" Hatson  
" Gough.  
SUB-COMMITTEE.

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REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF CITY HEALTH BOARD

Halifax, N. S.  
July 26th, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:-

As requested by you in a letter

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dated July 17th, 1937, I visited the City Home on July 20th, in company with the Chairman and members of the Charities Committee, for the purpose of inspecting this institution and reporting to you as regards cleanliness both in wards, lavatories, etc.

On our tour of inspection we first visited the women's wards, I could see nothing in these wards that could ruffle the sensibilities of the most fastidious. Everything was clean and tidy. I spoke to a number of the patients who were personally known to me and who assured me that they were satisfied with the attention they were receiving. Alderman Batson, who I believe was instrumental in bring about this enquiry, admitted that he found no fault with these wards.

Our attention was next directed to the male wards and I am free to confess that the general neatness and tidiness that characterized the female wards was not so apparent in these.

This need surprise no one. It is a fact that is recognized by all who are familiar with institutions of this kind. Women are by nature far more attentive to the amenities of life than are their male kind. This was noticeable to a marked degree when female nurses were introduced into military hospitals, replacing as they did male attendants.

Male attendants, with little or no training, have charge of these patients in the City Home.

It will be generally admitted that tidiness is more easily preserved among women patients than among those of the opposite sex.

Now aside from this lack of tidiness, I saw no evidence of "filthy conditions and intolerable surroundings" - "poor old folk living in misery and dirt" - "filth and dirt everywhere" - "no pretence at cleanliness" - excerpts culled from the press in reference to this Institution.

Alderman Batson himself said that conditions were much better than when he was there a week before and Alderman Smeltzer said they were "a thousand times better". If soap and water could produce this transformation in such a brief period of time one is constrained to ask why the person responsible was not checked up and reprimanded if necessary and the relatives and friends of the patients in this home saved from having their feeling harrowed by all this unsavoury publicity.

The offices, chapel, kitchen, scullery and other parts inspected, showed little cause for criticism.

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Alderman Batson demonstrated to us the presence of bed bugs in mattresses in a number of the wards. This was no surprise to me. The building was erected in 1882. It is old and more or less antiquated. The floors in many of the wards are in poor condition. These parasites get into floors and live and multiply in cracks and crevices in walls, etc. I am heartily in accord with Alderman Batson that this nuisance should be immediately eradicated. I would strongly advise that arrangements be made with one of the firms that make a specialty of this kind of work to completely disinfect this building and then to service the institution in order to prevent a recurrence.

I would also recommend that a disinfecting plant be built somewhere on the grounds in order that clothing and other belongings of patients entering this home be thoroughly fumigated before admission.

Hospitals, camps and institutions where inmates are continually coming and going are particularly prone to this annoyance and eternal vigilance is the only remedy.

Many of our shipping firms, hospitals, hotels and other buildings have arrangements with insecticide companies who undertake to clean and keep clean their premises. I am informed by Mr. Buchanan that on July 23rd there were 454 inmates in the Home. This is slightly less than the average. Of these 454, over 300 are classed as insane. It is to all intents and purposes an insane hospital. The majority of the remainder are aged and infirm. Many of these are childish.

I have no hesitation in saying that the space in this institution is over taxed. I am also convinced that the staff maintained for the care of such a large body of people is inadequate. I am informed with the exception of the kitchen and bake house the cleaning and scrubbing of this building is done by fourteen girls - most of whom are feeble minded.

I feel that this is asking too much of them. Outside assistance should be provided. Battleship linoleum covering the floors of the older part of the building would be a great improvement. Before this could be entertained complete disinfestation would have to be assured. Each patient should have his own towel. Paper towels may be considered in the lavatories.

Lavatory and bath room facilities are inadequate particularly when one considers the number of patients confined in these wards.

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Many more improvements could be suggested in this building which as I said before has been in constant use since 1882. These improvements will cost money and if the City is prepared to spend the money that would be required to bring this institution up to date it would be well to consider the advisability of replacing it with a modern building outside the City limits, if not, I would recommend that immediate steps be taken to remedy the conditions that I have drawn attention to in this report. In closing I would say that it is not fair to blame the Superintendent for this situation. He has a most difficult task to perform. The building is old and antiquated. It is overcrowded and understaffed and the type of people with whom he has to deal make it one of the most difficult of institutions to satisfactorily manage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) W. D. Dorrest,  
CHAIRMAN, CITY HEALTH BOARD.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Gough that the reports be tabled for discussion. Motion passed.

8.15 P.M.,

Alderman Keshon arrives and takes his seat in Council.

MINORITY REPORT - CHARITIES COMM. RE CITY HOME

Read minority report of the Charities Committee submitted by Alderman Batson.

August 12th, 1937.

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

Minority report - Charities Committee

Your Worship and Aldermen:-

At a meeting of the Charities Committee, held the 9th day of August, 1937, the following resolution was moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Keshon:

"Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Keshon that for such failure Superintendent Buchanan should be severely reprimanded. Motion put and passed".

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As I view the matter from the seriousness of the offence of the Superintendent of the City Home, I feel that this punishment is not sufficient, and I therefore moved an amendment that the Superintendent be asked for his resignation. As I was unable to get a seconder for this amendment, the same was not put and the motion reprimanding the Superintendent was carried, with myself alone voting against the same.

My reasons for favouring the resignation of the Superintendent are briefly stated as follows:

Gentlemen, I regret to disagree with my fellow members in one particular instance, that is in allowing the present Superintendent to return to his position, for the simple reason that after the elapse of 19 years he should be pretty near a specialist in this particular position. He has demonstrated quite fully that he is unequal to the task. For instance the Tuberculosis Hospital was removed from his charge on this account; and now the Charities Committee deem it advisable to ask the County of Halifax to take back its patients, to whom we are unable to give the necessary care. This to my mind is a sad commentary and now we are asked to allow him to have three months to get it back in shape. This is more than he, or any man, can do as it is a big task. Are we to cut our institution to fit the man or are we entitled to a man that will earn his money? \$2,800.00 with house, light, fuel and other considerations should be considered a fair salary for such a position.

E. Bert Batson,  
Alderman of the City of  
Halifax and Member of the  
Charities Committee.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be tabled for discussion. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Charities Committee and the minority report be referred back to the Charities Committee for full and thorough investigation to get expert opinion, and then to report back to City Council.



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Alderman Stech referred to the fact that there are over 300 insane inmates in the City Home and that expert opinion should be obtained regarding the handling of these patients before any changes are made.

Alderman Gough stated that the committee had the advice of such experts as Dr. W. D. Forrest, Chairman of the City Health Board; Dr. P. S. Campbell, Inspector of Penal Institutions; and Dr. W. Bruce Almon, Acting City Medical Officer.

Alderman Batson stated that in his opinion it was not necessary to engage experts to find unsanitary conditions, and he felt that the Superintendent, after 19 years experience, should be a specialist in this particular line. The committee, he said, after investigation decided to severely reprimand the Superintendent, but, he (Alderman Batson) felt that his resignation should be asked for.

Alderman Gough said that he had received no complains from the clergymen and social workers who visit the Home. In the minority report, he said, reference was made to the fact that the T. B. Hospital was transferred to the Health Board due to the inefficiency of Supt. Buchanan. This, Alderman Gough said, was not the case, as the minutes of the Health Board would show. He further said that to transfer over 300 insane patients to the N. S. Hospital at a cost of \$38.00 per patient per month would be too great a drain on the City of Halifax.

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Alderman Freda said he had visited the City Home on Sunday last and was not satisfied with conditions there.

Alderman Walker took exception to the quality of the food given to the inmates.

Alderman Smeltzer said the City Home purchases the best beef and creamery butter and it was not fair to criticize the food.

Alderman Lloyd stated that he would like all these accusations put in writing as he was not prepared to vote on the dismissal of the Superintendent until further information is given.

Alderman Keshon said that he did not think any reflection should be made on the Charities Committee as certain assertions made were not founded on facts.

The motion was then put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 11 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Donovan  
Keshon  
Lloyd  
Power  
Stech

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson  
Burgess  
Curran  
Curtis  
Freda  
Gough  
MacKay  
McDonald  
Smeltzer  
Sullivan  
Walker

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Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Freda that the City Clerk be requested to ask Superintendent Buchanan for his resignation forthwith. Motion put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
Curtis  
Freda  
MacKay  
Sullivan  
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess  
Curran  
Donovan  
Gough  
Keshon  
Lloyd  
McDonald  
Power  
Smeltzer  
Stech

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Alderman Walker, at this time, wished to introduce a resolution but was informed by the Mayor that this was out of order.

GRANT - HALIFAX TOURIST BUREAU

Moved by Alderman Keshon, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the following resolution be adopted:-

WHEREAS the City of Halifax may expend in any one civic year a sum not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars for the purpose of advertising the City of Halifax, but no provision has been made for the same.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Halifax under the authority of Section 332A of the City Charter do borrow the sum of \$3,000.00 and pay the same to the Halifax Tourist and Convention Bureau to be expended by it in advertising the City of Halifax and that such sum so borrowed be included in the estimates for the civic year 1938-1939.

Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
Burgess  
Curran  
Donovan  
Gough  
Keshon  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
McDonald  
Smeltzer  
Stech  
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis  
Freda  
Power  
Walker

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A two-thirds vote required.

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TAG DAY - CORNWALLIS ST. BAPTIST CHURCH

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re tag day, Cornwallis St. Baptist Church.

August 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from Rev. W. P. Oliver, Pastor of the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church requesting permission to hold a tag day on Saturday, August 21st, 1937, was considered.

Your committee recommends that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lloyd,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

The Mayor called upon Alderman Stech to assume the Chair while he addressed Council from the floor of the Chamber.

His Worship stated that if any Alderman had complaints to make against city officials there was a certain procedure laid down in the City Charter which should be followed. It was very unfair, he said, to make statements against officials which would be published in the press, as the officials were unable to defend themselves.

The Mayor then assumed the Chair.

DIRECT RELIEF AGREEMENT

Moved by Alderman Keshon, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this item be now considered. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
Burgess  
Curran  
Curtis  
Donovan  
Froda  
Gough  
Keshen  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
McDonald  
Smeltzer  
Sulliyen  
Walker  
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AGAINST IT

Alderman Stech

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Alderman Stech felt that this item could not be considered at this meeting, owing to the fact that one Alderman objected and he asked for a ruling on the matter.

The City Solicitor then ruled that as this was an adjourned meeting of the Council and the item in question was on the agenda and referred to the Relief Committee who, was reporting back to the same meeting, it was quite in order to consider same now.

Moved by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Curran that owing to adverse employment conditions now existing in the City, this Council would respectfully request that further financial assistance be extended the City by the Government. Motion put and passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN LLOYD

*Council*  
Alderman Lloyd submitted the following notice of motion re administration of City.

August 19th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

Since coming into office as an alderman of the City of Halifax, and prior to my election as such, I have been impressed by the lack of co-ordination of services between the various civic departments, and by the tremendous amount of detail which is imposed upon the aldermen functioning as members of the various committees.

It is my opinion that a large proportion of the detail work now conducted by committees, could be carried out just as effectively by permanent civic officials with a slight change in the present form of administration. I respectfully suggest that in order to lessen the burden of detail now imposed upon the aldermen, the City of Halifax should appoint a Deputy Mayor as a full-time salaried official to whom all the other civic employees will be responsible, and that it should be the duty of the Deputy Mayor to direct and control the administration of the City of Halifax under the guidance of the Council.

I also respectfully suggest that with the appointment of a full-time official such as I have outlined herein, the number of the elected representatives to council should be reduced to six (6) elected at large from the City without having regard for representation by wards, and still further that such elected representatives should be paid a nominal salary for their services.

Obviously, the suggestions that I have made require very serious consideration on the part of the Council. In order that action along the lines which I have suggested should be facilitated, a committee of not more than three (3) members of Council should be named to consider the proposals herein, and to report back to Council within a limited time the conclusions arrived at by their deliberations. It is my intention at the next meeting of Council to move that such a committee be appointed.

Yours respectfully,

J. E. Lloyd.

9.50 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by

Alderman Donovan that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.