

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5.00 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
September 23rd, 1937.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider report of special committee re public utility rate application of Nova Scotia Light & Power Co. Ltd.

Read report of the Special Committee which was appointed to consider application of N. S. Light & Power Co. Ltd. for change in electric rates.

September 21st, 1937.

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

At a meeting of your committee held this day, it was unanimously resolved to report to the City Council that:

1. In the unanimous opinion of your committee the City should apply to the Public Utilities Board for a re-valuation of the assets of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited prior to the hearing of the application respecting rates.

2. That in order to ensure the most efficient presentation of the said application, the City should engage the services of a competent consulting engineer to assist in preparing the argument in support of the application.

3. That the Council should approve of an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 to pay the fees and expenses of such engineer.

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4. That for the said purpose, Gordon Kribs of the City of Toronto, a consulting engineer be engaged.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Alderman Stech stated that since the meeting of the special committee he had given this matter further consideration and had come to the conclusion that the subject should be gone into thoroughly in order to determine whether it would be advisable to ask for a re-valuation of the assets of the N. S. Light & Power Co. Ltd. Past experiences, he said, in dealing with public utility matters had been expensive to the City and he would suggest that the City be very cautious in dealing with this.

5.10 o'clock,

Alderman Keshen arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Alderman O'Toole informed Council that in 1930 or 1931, investigation into utility matters cost the City approximately \$7,000.00 and nothing had been derived.

Alderman Smeltzer stated that he was against spending a large sum of money to engage outside experts. In 1922, he said, a sum of \$66,000.00 was spent in this respect and nothing was gained.

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Alderman Gough concurred in the remarks of the previous speakers and wished to be recorded as against bringing in outside help. In 1932, he said, it cost the City \$7,000.00 to engage experts. He stated that a re-valuation of the entire system took place in 1921, and the work was done by Jackson & Morland at a cost of \$66,000.00.

Alderman Stech suggested that the City ask for a reduction in rates on the present valuation.

Alderman McDonald stated that in his opinion this Council should go on record as saying the 8% earning of the company is too large.

The Mayor informed Alderman McDonald that this was provided by the Public Utility Act.

The City Solicitor informed Council that the rates we pay for electricity depend directly on the value of the assets of the company that are used and useful in the production of the commodity for sale. In other words, he said, it operates on the rate base. He stated that in 1921 a valuation was started and the report of the valuers was approved. The rate base, he said, was struck at about \$2,000,000.00.

For the information of Council, the Solicitor stated he had secured information dealing with the position of the company from 1921 to 1936. In that period, he stated, the operating expenses have shown a steady increase. These operating expenses, he explained, are taken off from gross earnings before the 8% comes into

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operation, which means that the company, before making 8%, get their operating expenses, taxes and depreciation. He said that in 1931 the operating expenses start at \$527,000.00 and in 1936 increase to \$608,000.00.

Solicitor

Moved in amendment by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that City Council resolve that a complaint be lodged with the Board that the electric rates proposed by the N. S. Light & Power Company Limited are excessive, unreasonable and unfair, and that a further reduction be requested. Amendment put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Batson
Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
MacKay
McDonald
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker
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AGAINST IT

Alderman Keshen

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Motion not put.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the City Solicitor be empowered to engage expert Nova Scotia assistance at a sum not to exceed \$500.00.

The Mayor suggested that the mover and seconder withdraw this motion and permit the Solicitor to report on what he required.

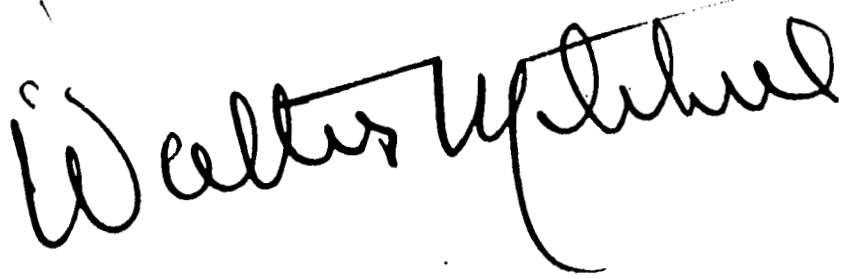
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The mover and seconder, having consented, the motion was withdrawn.

5.55 P.M.,

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

Meeting adjourned.



Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.



W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 14th, 1937.
A G E N D A

Minutes.

1. Notice of reconsideration by Alderman Curran re purchase of hose, Fire Department.
2. Resolution re accounts.
3. Report Finance Committee re appointment of Junior Clerk, City Collector's Department.
4. " " re appointment of Sub-Collector, City Collector's Department.
5. " " re appointment of Junior Clerk, City Assessor's Department.
6. " " re grant to Childrens Aid Society.
7. " " re bonding, Sergeant Aitken.
8. Report Laws and Privileges Comm. re amendment to Sec.589 of the City Charter. (Curfew law.)
9. Report Firewards Comm. re V.G.Hospital account for treatment to Capt. Brooks.
10. Report Police Comm. re tenders for uniform trousers.
11. Report Charities Comm. re employment of a dietician, City Home.
12. Report City Health Board re tender for floor and wall tiling, T. B. Hospital.
13. Report Gardens Comm. re tenders for stokers.
14. Minority report City Prison Comm. re purchase of horse.
15. Report City Prison Comm. re salary, extra guard.
16. Letter His Worship the Mayor re November Council meeting.
17. Report City Solicitor re application, N.S. Light & Power Co. Ltd. approval of rate schedule.
18. " " re release to Canada Accident & Fire Insurance Co.
19. Letter City Clerk re appointment to School Board and Exhibition Commission.
20. Questions by Aldermen.
21. Report Direct Relief Comm. re borrowing for direct relief and administration.
22. " " re household training classes.
23. Report Comm. on Works re release to the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. Ltd. covering damage to hydrant.
24. Report Comm. on Works and City Engineer re concrete sidewalk construction.
25. " " City Engineer re sewer and water extension.
26. " " " re Bloomingdale Terr. ducts in street for wires to house no. 26.
27. " " " re final certificate McDonald Construction Co.
28. " " " re street lighting.
29. " " " tenders for water pipe.
30. Street lighting contract.
31. Letter, R.H. McKay re approval of government to Direct Relief Agreement.
32. Letter, Clerk of the Executive Council re approval of extension of liens.
33. " " " re approval of Ordinances repealing Ordinances #13 and #14.
34. " " " re approval of Ordinance #13
35. Report Charities Comm. covering Supt's report re inmates, City Home
36. Report City Auditor re tax collections for September, 1937.
37. " " re departmental appropriations and expenditures.

EVENING SESSION

8.05 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
October 14th, 1937.

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

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, the chair was taken by Deputy Mayor Wm. J. O'Toole.

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

Before starting the regular business, the Deputy Mayor requested the City Clerk to read Section 16 of Ordinance No. 2 regarding length of speeches in Council.

The City Clerk then read the Section as follows:-

"No member shall speak longer than ten minutes at one time or more than twice on any motion, and once on any amendment thereto, and any member speaking after an amendment has been moved shall be deemed to be speaking to the amendment".

The following named papers were then submitted.

MINUTES

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

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NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION BY ALDERMAN CURRAN
RE PURCHASE OF HOSE.

Alderman Curran withdraws notice of reconsideration.

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Committee on Finance amounting to \$6,184.42; Committee on Charities amounting to \$9,672.00; Gardens Committee amounting to \$1,697.45, Fleming Park amounting to \$318.54; City Prison Committee amounting to \$2,202.44; Point Pleasant Park Committee amounting to \$1,192.05; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$14,775.00 chargeable to Fire Department and \$4,373.65 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$15,894.53; City Health Board amounting to \$5,523.64; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$790.08; Police Committee amounting to \$10,153.00 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR CLERK - COLLECTOR'S DEPT.

*Finance
Collector*
Read report of the Finance Committee re the appointment of Ralph Stoddard to the position of Junior Clerk in the City Collector's Department.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Collector recommending that Mr. Ralph Stoddard who has been employed temporarily as Junior Clerk in his office be now appointed permanently, was considered.

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Your committee recommends that Mr. Ralph Stoddard be appointed to the position of Junior Clerk in the City Collector's Office at a minimum salary of \$720.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

The Deputy Mayor declared Mr. Ralph Stoddard duly appointed to the position of Junior Clerk in the City Collector's Department.

APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COLLECTOR - COLLECTOR'S DEPT.

*Treasurer
Collector*

Read report of the Finance Committee re the appointment of L. P. Duggan to the position of Sub-Collector in the City Collector's Dept.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Collector recommending that Mr. L. P. Duggan who has been employed temporarily as Sub-Collector in his department be now appointed permanently, was considered.

Your committee recommends that Mr. L. P. Duggan be appointed to the position of Sub-Collector in the City Collector's Department at a minimum salary of \$1,200.00 per year, less 5% salary reduction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

The Deputy Mayor declared Mr. L. P. Duggan duly appointed to the position of Sub-Collector in the City Collector's Department.

October 14th, 1937.

Treasurer
Assessor

APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR CLERK.- ASSESSOR'S DEPT.

Read report of the Finance Committee
re the appointment of Densley Wickwire to the
position of Junior Clerk in the City Assessor's
Department.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee
held this day, the attached letter from the City
Assessor recommending that Mr. Densley Wickwire
who has been employed temporarily as Junior Clerk
in his office be now appointed permanently, was
considered.

Your committee recommends that Mr.
Densley Wickwire be appointed to the position of
Junior Clerk in the City Assessor's Office at a
minimum salary of \$720.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stoch,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

The Deputy Mayor declared Mr.
Densley Wickwire duly appointed to the position of
Junior Clerk in the City Assessor's Department.

Auditor
Treasurer

GRANT - CHILDRENS AID SOCIETY

Read report of the Finance Committee
re grant to the Childrens Aid Society.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee
held this day, the attached correspondence in
connection with a grant to the Childrens Aid
Society was considered.

October 14th, 1937.

Your committee recommends that the sum of \$500.00 be paid to the Childrens Aid Society in accordance with legislation obtained at the last session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

BONDING - POLICE SERGEANT AITKEN

Read report of the Finance

Committee re bonding, Sergeant Charles Aitken.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached extract from the minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 16th day of September, 1937 regarding the bonding of Sergeant Aitken was considered.

Your committee recommends that Sergt. Aitken be not bonded and that all fines, etc. be paid direct to the Clerk of the Courts.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

AMENDMENT TO SEC. 589 OF THE CITY CHARTER
"ORDINANCES".

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re amendment to Section 589 of the City Charter respecting Ordinances.

October 14th, 1937.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the matter of effecting a curfew law was considered.

Before an ordinance of this kind can be enacted it will be necessary to obtain legislation amending Section 589 of the City Charter as follows:-

"Section 589 of the Charter is amended by adding thereto the following clause:

(j) The regulation or prevention of the walking or being on any street of the City after 9.30 o'clock at night of persons under 14 years of age".

Your committee recommends that the amendment to Section 589 of the City Charter as set out above be approved.

Alderman Gough dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lloyd,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Alderman Gough and Freda wished to be recorded as being opposed to any curfew law being put into effect in this City.

The Deputy Mayor called upon Alderman Gough to assume the Mayor's chair while he addressed Council.

The Deputy Mayor stated that while he had no objection to the curfew law, yet he felt that this was a matter for the Police Department to enforce the laws now in effect regarding begging, etc. on the streets.

The Deputy Mayor then assumed the Chair.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Stech that this matter be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee for further consideration and the drafting of an Ordinance in order that Council may know what the committee wishes to enact. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Batson
Burgess
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
Lloyd
McDonald
Stech
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Curran
Curtis
Gough
MacKay
Power
Smeltzer
Sullyan

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Motion not put.

V.G.HOSPITAL ACCOUNT - CAPTAIN BROOKS,
FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read report of the Committee on Firewards re account of the Victoria General Hospital for treatment to Captain Brooks.

Fire Department,
Halifax, N. S.
October 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Firewards held this day, the attached account from the Victoria General Hospital for the sum of Twenty Dollars covering treatment to Captain Brooks of the Fire Department who was injured in an accident while on duty was considered.

Your committee recommends that this account be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

John Walker,
CHAIRMAN.

October 14th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Chief of Police TENDERS FOR UNIFORM TROUSERS - POLICE DEPT.

Read report of the Police Committee re tender for uniform trousers.

October 8th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and City Council.

At a meeting of the Police Committee held this date, the tender of the Bloomfield Men's Wear for Police winter trousers was accepted, as follows, and is forwarded for your approval:-

65 prs. Blue Trousers @ \$6.40	\$416.00
2 prs. Grey Breecchos . 6.40	12.80
Total	<u>\$428.80</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Carter,
Police Committee.

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

EMPLOYMENT OF DIETICIAN - CITY HOME

Read report of the Charities Committee re employment of a dietician at the City Home.

October 7th, 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 Adams, Keshen, and Batson,

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The following resolution was recommended to Council.

BE IT RESOLVED that a dietician be employed at the City Home for a period of one month at a salary of \$100.00;

AND WHEREAS no money has been appropriated to pay the said salary;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the sum required to pay the salary of the person holding the said office, namely \$100.00 be borrowed under the authority of Section 332A of the City Charter from any bank or fund available and repaid thereto with interest from the civic estimates for the civic year 1938-39.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Curran that the \$100.00 proposed to be borrowed to pay for the employment of a dietician be used to purchase utensils.

The City Solicitor ruled this amendment out of order.

The motion was then put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Burgess
Donovan
Gough
Keshon
MacKay
Smeltzer

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson
Curran
Curtis
Freda
Lloyd
McDonald
Power
Stech
Sullivan
Walker

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TENDERS FOR EQUIPMENT - CITY HOME

.Read report of the Charities Committee
re tenders for equipment at the City Home.

October 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

The Charities Committee met this day
to consider tenders received.

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

Tenders were received for the
following items, namely:

Installation of a concrete floor in store room
Purchase of a meat chopper
Purchase of a warming cabinet
" " new cooking range
" " towels
" " kitchen equipment (and utensils)

Upon motion it was decided to
recommend to the City Council that the following
tenders, totalling \$1324.05 be accepted.

Installation of Concrete floor in store room,	
	Bianco Bros. \$437.00
Meat Chopper	Hobart Mfg. Co. 285.00
Warming cabinet	Purdy Bros. 200.00
Cooking range	Hillis & Sons 214.34
Towels	J & M Murphy Ltd. 94.00
Kitchen equipment and utensils	T. Eaton & Co. Ltd. 93.71
	<u>\$1,324.05</u>

And it was further recommended that
the sum required to pay the same, namely \$1,324.05
be borrowed under the authority of Section 332A.
of the City Charter from any bank or fund
available and repaid thereto with interest from
the civic estimates for the civic year 1938-39.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded
by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted.
Motion put and passed unanimously; the following
members of Council voting therefor:-

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Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshon
Lloyd
MacKay
McDonald
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker

Health Board
TENDER FOR FLOOR AND WALL TILING - T.B.HOSPITAL

Read report of the City Health

Board re tender for floor and wall tiling for the
Tuberculosis Hospital.

October 13th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on the 12th day of October, 1937, tenders received in response to public notice, were opened from the Maritime Tile Company, for supplying and installing complete, floor and wall tile in four utility rooms at the Tuberculosis Hospital, in accordance with specifications, for the sum of \$700.00.

The Board recommends that the tender of the Maritime Tile Company, of Halifax, be accepted chargeable against the special appropriation of \$3000. provided by legislation for improvements at the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by
Alderman Freda that the report be adopted. Motion
passed.

October 14th, 1937.

TENDERS FOR STOKERS - PUBLIC GARDENS

Read report of the Committee on
Gardens, Parks and Commons re tenders for stokers,
Public Gardens.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Gardens, Parks
and Commons Committee held this day, tenders for
supplying and installing stokers in the greenhouse
at the Public Gardens were considered as follows:-

R. E. Archibald			
1 No. 30			
1 No. 60	Total		\$790.00

Coal-O-Matic Co.			
1 No. 75			
1 No. 60	Total		905.00

Your committee recommends that the
tender of R. E. Archibald for supplying and
installing one no. 30 and one no. 60 black diamond
stokers at a total cost of \$790.00 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McDonald,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman McDonald,
seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be
adopted.

Alderman McDonald informed Council
that since this matter had been considered by the
Gardens Committee, he had received additional
information on the subject, and he would suggest
that same be referred back to the Gardens Committee
in order that this committee could again deal with
this question.

*Supp. Hall
Gardens Com.*

October 14th, 1937.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Gough that this matter be referred back to the Gardens Committee with authority to call for new tenders. Amendment put and passed.

Motion not put.

MINORITY REPORT OF PRISON COMMITTEE RE PURCHASE
OF HORSE

Read minority report of Prison Committee submitted by Alderman Smeltzer re purchase of horse at the Prison.

City Prison,
Halifax, N. S.
October 5th, 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 three tenders for the purchase of a horse.

There were present at the meeting Alderman Sullivan, Batson, Lloyd, Smeltzer and the Chairman; of whom Aldermen Sullivan, Batson and Lloyd were of the opinion that it was not necessary to purchase a horse at present, and moved a resolution to the effect that a horse be hired for the fall ploughing period. The motion having passed, Alderman Smeltzer requested that a minority report be forwarded to Council asking that a horse be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Smeltzer,
Alderman and Member of the
City Prison Committee.

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

After discussion on this item, the City Solicitor ruled that the minority report was out of order.

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Council
Alderman Smeltzer gives notice of motion that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he will move that a horse be purchased for use at the City Prison, at a sum not exceeding \$250.00.

SALARY - EXTRA GUARD AT THE CITY PRISON

Read report of the City Prison Committee submitting resolution re salary of extra guard at the Prison.

City Prison,
Halifax, N. S.
October 5th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Prison Committee held this day, it was decided to apply to the City Council for funds sufficient to pay the salary of the extra guard for a period of two months.

The amount required for this purpose is \$181.32, and a resolution to cover this amount is submitted hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Burgess,
CHAIRMAN.

WHEREAS the City requires money for the purpose of meeting the cost of paying the salary of the extra temporary guard at the City Prison for a period of two months, and no funds have been provided in the Estimates for the aforesaid purpose;

AND WHEREAS Section 332A. of the City Charter as enacted in Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1932 authorizes the City to borrow for such purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED that an amount not exceeding \$181.32 be borrowed from any bank or fund available under the provisions of the said enactment. The money so borrowed, with interest thereon, shall be included in the Estimates for the civic year 1938-39.

October 14th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report and resolution be adopted. Motion put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Curran
Donovan
Keshen
Lloyd
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Froda
Gough
MacKay
McDonald
Power
Smeltzer
Stech

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APPLICATION, N.S. LIGHT & POWER CO. LTD. FOR
APPROVAL OF NEW RATES SCHEDULE, HALIFAX
ELECTRIC AREA

Read report of the City Solicitor re application, N. S. Light & Power Co. for approval new rates schedule, Halifax Electric Area.

October 9th, 1937.

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

Re: Application, N.S. Light & Power Co.
for approval New Rates Schedule,
Halifax Electric Area.

I wish to submit the following report on the above matter for the information of Council. The above hearing was held on September 24th, at which time I appeared and requested that the matter be adjourned to enable the City to prepare and submit a case to the Board. At this time I stated to the Board that the City Council had instructed me by resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on September 23rd, to lodge a complaint that the electric rates proposed by the N. S. Light & Power Co., Ltd., are excessive, unreasonable and unfair, and that a further reduction be requested. I intimated to the Board that this was to be the attitude of the City. I was informed by the Board on this occasion that the Board would not consider such a complaint at this hearing, but that it would restrict itself solely to either the approval or disapproval of the rate schedule proposed by the company, and that if the City felt that such proposed rates were unjust and unreasonable, that the City had the right under the Public Utilities Act to lodge a complaint in respect of the same after they came into effect.

October 14th, 1937.

My request for an adjournment was granted and the hearing was adjourned to October 6th at 10 o'clock in the morning.

In the meantime with the assistance of the City Auditor and Mr. Sherman and Mr. Anderson, of his staff, I endeavoured to secure facts which would justify the Board in ordering a further investigation into the rates charged by the Company, if, as and when the proposed rate schedule became effective.

At the first hearing in September 24th, it was suggested by Mr. Stewart, Counsel for the Company, that the Board approve of the proposed rates and order the same to become effective as of November 1st, reserving the right of the City to object to these rates before a certain date, such date being the 21st of October. I strenuously opposed this suggestion for the reason that under the present conditions it was not considered possible by me to have a proper case ready to submit. Major Roper, acting as chairman of the Board, asked Mr. Stewart at this time whether he desires these rates to be interim rates under the meaning of the Public Utilities Act, and Mr. Stewart stated that he was not making an application to that effect. The matter came on for hearing on October 6th, at which time evidence was taken and I cross-examined the witnesses produced by the Company. Since the previous hearing on September 24th, when it was pointed out by me that the proposed rates submitted at that time operated as an increase for certain consumers, a new schedule of rates was submitted, and it was stated that this new schedule would not cause any increases whatever, but would result in certain of the smaller domestic consumers not receiving any decrease. Consumers of this class are few in number and they are not prejudiced at least by an increase if this new schedule is put into effect.

For the information of Council the following will be the estimated amount of savings which will be received by the consumers in Halifax as a result of the original schedule proposed;

Domestic Consumers	\$41,000.00
Commercial "	<u>16,500.00</u>
A total of	\$57,500.00

To this amount should be added the additional saving as a result of the amendments made to the original schedule since the first hearing, of \$3500.00, making a total saving to the consumers of \$61,000.00. This, of course, applies to the Halifax electric area.

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As has been already pointed out to you, the earnings of the Halifax Electric Division in the year 1936 exceeded the 8% return allowed by the Public Utility Act by the sum of \$108,078.67. Had the proposed schedule been in effect during the year 1936 and the same quantity of current been consumed, these over-earnings would have been reduced by some \$61,000.00. The result would be that the Company would still have shown over earnings during this year of some \$47,078.67.

It was argued by me that this present reduction should be such as would exhaust the entire \$108,078.67, in view of the fact that the Board of Public Utilities have ruled that the Company is not entitled to earn more than 8% on its rate base in each of the three utilities operated by it. Some evidence was given by the Manager of the Company that although it was shown in the Company's reports that the over earnings of the Halifax Division amounted to \$108,078.67, this was not the true amount of over earnings in this area, but that such actual over earnings would be a considerably less sum. This point was not definitely proven by the Company, and it was argued by me that the Company should not challenge its own reports and the amount therein should be taken as being correct.

However, the Board having intimated that it would not order a lower rate on the present hearing, the effect of calling this to the Board's attention was merely to acquaint them with the fact of the over earnings so that the Board would be in a position if it saw fit to order of its own motion an investigation into the rates of the Company if, as and when the new schedule comes into effect.

The hearing occupied the morning and afternoon of October 6th, at which time evidence was given by the officers of the Company, who, as I have said, were cross-examined by me to the best of my ability. The taking of evidence was resumed for a short period on Thursday after which time both Mr. Stewart and myself summed up the result of our arguments. On behalf of the Company it was argued that the department ruling as fixed by the Board, providing that each utility is to be regarded as a separate department, is not legally correct under the provisions of the Public Utilities Act, and that a case should be stated by the Public Utilities Board to the courts to enable the matter to be determined beyond any doubt. It is quite likely that the Company will formally request the Board to state such a case, but this will require a separate application. This seemed to be the result of the argument on behalf of the Company, but it was also stated that the proposed rate schedule was fair and reasonable and the reduction was the most that could be granted by the Company.

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On behalf of the City it was urged that even if the proposed schedule were put into effect, that from the various points made on behalf of the City that the Board should of its own motion without delay investigate these rates if, as and when they become effective. The hearing was adjourned until Thursday, October 14th at 10 o'clock.

I wish to acknowledge my sincere appreciation for the co-operation given to me by Mr. Butler, and his assistants, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Anderson. While not familiar with Public Utilities work as such, they were able by intensive study of the returns and books of the Company to formulate a number of conclusions which will be of considerable use in the event of the Board conducting an investigation. They were hampered by the short time at their disposal and had it not been for their active and interested co-operation the submissions on behalf of the City would have been much less effective.

A further report will be submitted to the Council after the hearing on the morning of October 14th.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

The City Solicitor informed Council that at five o'clock of this date, he had received the decision of the Public Utility Board in this matter and now wished to submit same to Council.

NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT.

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION OF NOVA SCOTIA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED FOR AN ORDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES.

This is a proceeding launched by the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited for a reduction in its rates, tolls and charges for electric energy furnished to domestic and commercial lighting customers in the "Halifax Electric Area" and came on for hearing at Halifax, N. S. on September 24th, 1937, and, at the request of the City of Halifax, was adjourned to October 6th and after the hearing on October 7th was further adjourned by the Board until today.

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The required public notice in accordance with the order of the Board was duly given.

Messrs. J. McG. Stewart, K.C. and C. B. Smith, K.C. appeared on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Carl P. Bothune, City Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the City of Halifax. Mr. F. F. Mathers, K.C. was present as Counsel for the Board.

At the commencement of the hearing on October 6th, Mr. Stewart asked leave to make certain amendments to the schedule attached to the petition, was granted. Mr. Stewart also stated that the proposed rates should be interim rates until the City was ready to proceed with the hearing, without restriction as to time. A considerable volume of evidence was given by Mr. J. B. Mayes, Manager of the petitioner. His explanation of the proposed rates is to be found at page 7 of the evidence and is as follows:-

"A. The calculated decrease in revenue to domestic customers from the first petition as filed, was \$41,000. and from the revision that we have now just made in exhibit S/1 an additional \$3500., making a total of \$44,500.

"Q. And in the commercial?

"A. In the commercial lighting rate the reduction is based on a complete study of all commercial lighting customers made in 1933 to arrive at a percentage reduction, which percentage reduction applied to the gross revenue from commercial lighting customers in 1936, which would show a saving of \$16,500. a year.

"Q. Can you give us what percentage these are from the existing?

"A. It was 11.9% in the first application for domestic, and has now been increased. It is approximately 13% for domestic service, and 5.4% for commercial lighting service.

"Q. What is the reason for this lesser reduction in the case of commercial?

"A. Reduction in unit costs for domestic service bring on larger and continuing increases in use, because a householder has a lot of gadgets to increase comfort in the home and use electricity, and you find the householders when the rates are low buy appliance after appliance, which is not the case in commercial because the ordinary shopkeeper will not leave his lights on at night when he is not doing business. The ratio in the unit rate for commercial and domestic service should be higher for the commercial service because of the less favourable load factor.

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"By Mr. Macnab:- Perhaps you might elaborate that
"a little bit.

"A. In a modern household you not only have a
"lighting load during what we call peak hours,
"from the time darkness falls until people go to
"bed, but you also have during the whole day use
"of electricity in various appliances, refrigerators,
"stoves, irons, toasters, etc. and you have during
"the entire day a better load factor, load factor
"being the ratio of the amount of electricity actually
"used to the amount that could be used had the
"maximum demand been used 24 hours a day every day
"in the month. On the contrary the commercial
"lighting customer, generally speaking, uses his
"lights only at what we call the peak hour period,
"namely from dusk until he closes his store, that
"is a very few hours a day, and not all the days
"of the month, so his load factor is low as
"compared with the domestic customer".

Mr. Hayes also made the following
statement as to how he arrives at the rate, at
page 87 of the evidence:-

"Q. Now, Mr. Hayes, yesterday we were talking about
"this rate schedule that you produced, and I would
"like to know exactly how you arrived at that
"rate schedule?

"A. The new rate schedule had to fulfill certain
"requirements, or certain desirable features.
"It should be more simple than the former one
"because it should be understandable by our
"customers, which the former was not. It should
"more nearly adjust the rates to the cost of giving
"service than the former schedule, which is the
"reason for the difference in the service charge
"for customers with a range and those without a
"range, and it should give a reduction to the
"customers. This is one of a number of types of
"rates that fulfill those conditions. I might say
"that the first rate is less discriminatory than
"the amendments that were put in, but the
"amendments were put in so that it would not
"increase any customers, and I don't know of any
"other form of rates that would better the
"conditions.

"Q. Did you use any rate base?

"A. There was no study made as to the rate base, or
"the return on the rate base. There was a study
"made of the effect of those rates to the revenue
"of the company.

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"Q. All you were interested in was that nobody was
"increased?

"A. We were trying to make the rates more reasonable
"to the customers in accordance to the cost of
"giving them service.

"Q. But I say there was no scientific method used?

"A. Oh yes.

"Q. What science was used in arriving at that rate?

"A. I don't know whether I would call it science.

"Q. First you had to determine that you were going
"to make a reduction in this rate?

"A. Yes.

"Q. Why?

"A. Because this company, largely through its
"electric activities elsewhere in the Province,
"is getting its share of the increased prosperity
"in Nova Scotia, and generally throughout the
"world, and that prosperity or improvement was
"divided up in this fashion: By increasing the
"dividends to the owners of the company to
"\$ 5.00 a share; increasing the wages to employees,
"and third, by this application to reduce costs
"to our customers. That kind of policy has
"been followed by the company for a long time back.

"Q. This is the first time a rate has ever been
"produced before this Board that was not made up
"on some sort of rate base for the electric
"department".

"A. I don't think so. In 1930 a voluntary reduction
"was made and approved by the Board, and I was
"here, and I don't think there was any rate base
"fixed at that time at all.

"Q. Perhaps it may be the duty of the Board to
"decide whether you should make this rate or not?

"A. Yes sir.

"Q. Do you consider that you have enough money to
"give this rate reduction to the people?

"A. I don't believe that our position (and we have
"a duty to operate all these three services in
"Halifax) would be strong if we maintain high
"electric rates.

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"Q. Did you consider that the last rates were high,
"the ones now in force?

"A. No sir.

"Q. And you are further reducing?

"A. Yes sir.

"Q. And as far as this matter is concerned it is
"done with no regard to the rate base of the
"electric department at all in the City of Halifax?

"A. That is right.

"Q. Or the annual return?

"A. That is correct.

"Q. Except as of course on the corporate body?

"A. That is correct, sir".

From an examination of the evidence submitted, the Board is unable to decide whether this is a proper rate or not. It will, therefore, be necessary for the Board to make further inquiries, which will be done by other proceedings. However, as Mr. Hayes' evidence is that the domestic and commercial electric consumers in the "Halifax Electric Area" will benefit materially under the proposed schedule, the Board has decided to grant interim approval of the proposed rates until the final approval or disapproval by it.

The presentation of this case has been peculiar and unique but the petitioner has made its position absolutely clear as to what it considers its regulation to be. Before this matter can be finally settled, the Board considers that it must have proper facts and figures as to the value of the electrical department of the petitioner, its operating costs and full figures regarding its rates. In the meantime, an order may be taken approving the interim rates as attached to the petition herein as amended, and regulations pertaining thereto, and the Board will make known in a subsequent order as to what course it proposes to take.

Dated at Halifax, N. S. this 14th
day of October, 1937.

(Sgd) John S. Roper
" Ira P. Macnab.

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*Solicitor
Auditor*

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Batson that the appreciation of this Council be tendered to the City Solicitor, City Auditor and associates at City Hall for the very able manner in which the case for the City in connection with the application of the N. S. Light & Power Co. Ltd. was conducted before the Public Utilities Board. Motion passed unanimously.

RELEASE TO CANADA ACCIDENT & FIRE ASSURANCE CO.

Read report of the City Solicitor.
re release to Canada Accident & Fire Insurance Co.

October 14th, 1937.

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

On February 7th, 1937, a motor vehicle owned by F. C. Manning & Co. Limited, broke one tree belonging to the City and damaged another. These trees were located on the boulevard at the intersection of Coburg Road and Robie Street.

The amount of damage committed was stated by the Superintendent of the Public Gardens to be \$22.00, and I am today in receipt of a cheque from the Canada Accident and Fire Assurance Company in this amount, in full settlement of all claims and demands whatsoever which the City may have against the said Company and F. C. Manning & Co. Limited, in respect of the said accident.

Attached to the cheque is a form of release, which must be executed by the City, and this letter is to request the Council to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute this release on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

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LETTER, CITY CLERK RE APPOINTMENT TO
SCHOOL BOARD AND EXHIBITION COMMISSION.

Read letter of the City Clerk re
appointments to School Board and Exhibition Commission.

October 13th, 1937.

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

I wish to inform the Council that
it will be necessary to appoint two school
commissioners to fill the vacancies caused by the
expiration of the term of office of Mr. E. J. Cragg
and Alderman J. J. Power.

It will also be necessary to appoint
one exhibition commissioner to fill the vacancy
caused by the expiration of the term of office of
Alderman Donovan.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Donovan asked if it would
not be necessary to also appoint two members from
the City Council to fill the unexpired term of office
of Ex-Alderman W. A. Gates and Ex-Alderman J. W.
McCarthy on the School Board.

The City Solicitor, when called on,
replied that this was the case.

School Board Appointments

Alderman Stech nominated Alderman
Donovan as a member of the School Board for a
period of three years.

Alderman Walker nominated Alderman
Sullivan.

Alderman Smeltzer nominated Alderman
Power.

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Moved by Alderman Keshon, seconded by Alderman McDonald that nominations cease. Motion passed.

A ballot was then taken on the three names nominated, which resulted as follows:-

<u>FOR ALDERMAN DONOVAN</u>	<u>FOR ALD. SULLIVAN</u>	<u>FOR ALD. POWER</u>
Aldermen Adams	Aldermen Adams	Aldermen Burgess
Batson	Batson	Curtis
Burgess	Curran	Gough
Curran	Curtis	Keshon
Freda	Freda	Lloyd
Gough	Lloyd	McDonald
Keshon	Mackay	Smeltzer
Mackay	Stech	Walker
McDonald	Walker	
Smeltzer		
Stech		
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Aldermen Donovan and Sullivan, having a clear majority, were declared by His Worship the Deputy Mayor duly elected to the Board of School Commissioners for a period of three years ending October 31st, 1940.

Alderman McDonald then nominated Alderman Keshon as a member of the School Board to fill the unexpired term of Ex-Alderman W. A. Gates.

Alderman Adams nominated Mayor Mitchell.

Alderman Curran nominated Alderman Gough.

Alderman Batson nominated Alderman Walker.

Alderman Lloyd nominated Alderman Mackay.

Moved by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that nominations cease. Motion passed.

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A ballot was then taken on the five names nominated, which resulted as follows:-

<u>FOR ALDERMAN KESHEN:</u>	Aldermen Curran, Donovan, McDonald, Power, Smeltzer, Stech.	-6-
<u>FOR MAYOR MITCHELL:</u>	Alderman Adams	-1-
<u>FOR ALDERMAN GOUGH:</u>	Aldermen Burgess, Curran, Curtis, Donovan, Freda, Lloyd, McDonald, Power, Smeltzer, Sullivan.	-10-
<u>FOR ALDERMAN WALKER:</u>	Aldermen Batson, Curtis.	-2-
<u>FOR ALDERMAN MACKAY:</u>	Aldermen Adams, Batson, Burgess, Freda, Lloyd, Stech, Sullivan	-7-

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Alderman Gough be elected to the Board of School Commissioners for the unexpired term of office of Ex-Alderman Gates. Motion passed unanimously.

A second ballot was then taken on the names of Aldermen Keshen, Walker and MacKay, which resulted as follows:-

<u>FOR ALDERMAN KESHEN</u>	<u>FOR ALD. WALKER</u>	<u>FOR ALD. MACKAY</u>
Aldermen Curran		Aldermen Adams
Donovan		Batson
McDonald		Burgess
Power		Curtis
Smeltzer		Freda
		Gough
		Lloyd
		Stech
		Sullivan
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Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that Alderman MacKay be elected to the Board of School Commissioners for the unexpired term of office of Ex-Alderman McCarthy. Motion passed unanimously.

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Exhibition Commission Appointment

Alderman Smeltzer nominated Alderman Donovan as a member of the Exhibition Commission for a period of four years.

Alderman Walker nominated Alderman Sullivan to said office.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that nominations cease. Motion passed.

Alderman Sullivan wished to decline nomination, to which Council agreed.

The Deputy Mayor then declared Alderman Donovan duly elected to the Exhibition Commission for a period of four years, term expiring October 31st, 1941.

QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Alderman Lloyd suggested that the Chief of Police revamp and rearrange the parking area in the City, and open up some of the restricted areas.

10.50 P.M., The Deputy Mayor asked to be excused from the meeting.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the Deputy Mayor be excused and Alderman Gough assume the Mayor's chair. Motion passed.

The Deputy Mayor then retired and Alderman Gough assumed the Mayor's chair.

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Alderman Curran submitted the following notice of motion.

"At the next regular meeting of the Council, I will move that a committee be appointed to make a survey of the traffic situation, including stop signs and parking areas".

Moved by Alderman Power, seconded by Alderman Donovan that item #30 "Street Lighting Contract" be now considered. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Froda that the matter of the street lighting contract be referred to the Mayor, Solicitor, Engineer and Auditor to report to a special meeting of Council to be called by the Mayor. Motion passed.

BORROWING - DIRECT RELIEF

Auditor
Read letter from the Halifax Direct Relief Committee submitting resolution re borrowing for direct relief.

October 13th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto are copies of resolution passed at the meeting of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee on October 4th, 1937, requesting the approval of the City Council for an appropriation of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.) for the cost of Direct Relief and Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$4300.) for administration thereof, for three months from the 1st day of November, 1937, to the 31st day of January, 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Vaughan,
SECRETARY.

October 14th, 1937.

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 Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.) to be expended between the first day of November 1937 and the thirty-first day of January 1938, on the order of the Direct Relief Committee, for the purpose of giving Direct Relief and temporary shelter, as approved by Council from time to time, to bona fide residents of the City of Halifax or temporary direct relief to any other persons as the committee may deem advisable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City, under the authority of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, authorize an appropriation of not exceeding Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$4300.) for the purpose of defraying the cost of administration of Direct Relief for the period from November 1st, 1937 to January 31st, 1938.

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 Curtis, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the letter of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee together with the resolution be adopted. Motion passed.

HOUSEHOLD TRAINING CLASSES

Read letter from the Halifax Direct Relief Committee submitting resolution re borrowing for the purpose of establishing and maintaining household training classes for training unemployed girls in the City.

*Dep. Minister
5/1/38 about*

October 14th, 1937.

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

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto are copies of resolution passed at the meeting of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee on October 12th, 1937, requesting the approval of the City Council for an appropriation of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.) for the purpose of providing training in domestic work for unemployed girls in this City.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Vaughan,
SECRETARY.

RESOLVED that the City, under the authorization of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, authorize an appropriation of a sum not exceeding \$2500.00 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining household training classes for training unemployed girls of the City in domestic work, this resolution being subject to the terms of an agreement to be entered into between the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax under which the proportion to be paid by the City shall be 20% of the amount expended, but not to exceed the sum of \$500.00, and the balance of 80% to be contributed by the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada in equal shares; the said agreement will also provide the manner in which the said classes will be supervised and directed and will be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Such money so borrowed as aforesaid 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 upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee later decides.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the letter of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee together with the resolution be adopted. Motion passed.

Alderman Smeltzer wishing to be recorded against.

October 14th, 1937.

RELEASE - LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND
GLOBE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

Read report of the Committee on Works
re release to Liverpool and London and Globe
Insurance Co.Ltd.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

The Liverpool and London and Globe
Insurance Company Limited, having offered to pay
the City of Halifax the sum of \$99.86, being
the full amount charged Mr. A. C. Wiswell for
repairs to water hydrant, provided the City of
Halifax executes the attached release, the
Committee on Works this date on motion of Alderman
Stech and Alderman McDonald recommends to Council
that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk
be authorized to execute the said release when
the said payment is received.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK - UPPER WATER STREET

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*
Read report of the Committee on
Works and City Engineer re sidewalk, Upper Water St.

October 4th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In front of this property is an old
brick sidewalk, which is the only piece of
sidewalk not of concrete in the vicinity, and
which is in a very uneven condition and should be
replaced.

The estimated cost to construct
this piece of walk is \$115.00, of which the City's
share would be about one-half.

It is recommended that this work
be ordered done this season.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. DeWolfe,
ASST. CITY ENGINEER.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 7th instant, the attached report of the Assistant City Engineer in reference to the sidewalk in the vicinity of #133 Upper Water Street was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman O'Toole, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION - LONDON STREET

*Engineer
Clerk's Works*
Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer re sewer and water extension, London Street.

October 4th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

A letter has been received from Mr. Leonard Collins, 20 London Street, asking for an extension of the sewer system from Dublin Street eastwardly to serve his house, which is the only one now in this section of the street.

It has not been the policy to make a sewer extension to serve only one house and it is recommended that the extension be ordered made, when a second house is under construction.

The length of extension would be about 160 feet. The estimated cost of construction is \$1000.00 with assessment of \$400.00.

If, and when, the sewer is extended the water system should be extended eastwardly, from Dublin Street, to the present dead end, approximately 90 feet. The estimated cost of this extension is \$290.00 with probable assessment of \$120.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. DeWolfe,
ASST. CITY ENGINEER.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 7th instant, the attached report of the Assistant City Engineer recommending extension of the sewer and water systems on London Street from Dublin Street eastwardly, when a second house is under construction, was on motion of Alderman O'Toole, and Alderman Walker, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded .

by Alderman Freda that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

*Engineer
Walter Mitchell*

WATER EXTENSION - BLINK BONNIE TERRACE

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

September 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Attached hereto is a letter from Mr. J. Scargill, asking for an extension of the water service on Blink Bonnie Terrace to a dwelling which he now has under construction on Blink Bonnie Terrace. A plan is also attached.

The main can be extended from either Flynn Street or the present end of the pipe north of Watermain Street. The length in either case would be the same, namely 300 feet.

The present short extension on this street is connected temporarily to the 24" watermain. By extending the existing main northwardly to the Scargill property it would serve two houses now under construction.

The length of the extension is about 300 feet. The estimated cost \$900.00, estimated assessment \$600.00.

It is recommended that the extension be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. DeWolfe,
ASST. CITY ENGINEER.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 7th instant, the attached report of the Assistant City Engineer recommending extension of the water system on Blink Bonnie Terrace was on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

#26 BLOOMINGDALE TERRACE - DUCTS IN STREETS

*Engineer
Works
Berkoy*
Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re #26 Bloomingdale Terrace, ducts in streets.

October 1st, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application from Mr. D. F. McIsaac for permission to lay ducts for electric and telegraph wires leading from a pole on the eastern side of Bloomingdale Terrace to his house No. 26.

I would recommend that permission be given the applicant to lay the ducts, he to sign an agreement relieving the City of any claims whatsoever in connection with them, and also that he will pay a yearly rental of \$5.00 for the permission.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. DeWolfe,
ASST. CITY ENGINEER.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

Attached hereto is a report of the Assistant City Engineer on an application from Mr. D. F. McIsaac, for permission to lay ducts for electric and telegraph wires leading from a pole on the eastern side of Bloomingdale Terrace to house No. 26.

October 14th, 1937.

Attached also is a letter from the City Solicitor requested by the Committee on Works in reference to the consideration to be charged for such permission.

The Committee on Works approve of a permit being granted and on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman McDonald, recommend to City Council that the consideration for underground ducts for wires to residences be fixed at the sum of \$1.00 per year, and that an agreement be entered into satisfactory to the City Solicitor,

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE - CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE ALARM BLDG.

*Engineer
Works*
Read report of the Committee on Works re payment to the McDonald Construction Co. Ltd. for the construction of a fire alarm bldg.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 7th instant, the attached certificate of the City Engineer recommending payment to the McDonald Construction Company Ltd. of the sum of \$2,781.20 for the construction of a fire alarm building on Summer Street, was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE - PAVING REPAIRS

*Engineer
Works*
Read report of the Comm. on Works re payment to the Standard Paving Maritimes Ltd. on their contract for paving repairs.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached certificate from the Assistant City Engineer recommending payment to the Standard Paving Maritimes Limited of the sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars and Thirty-nine cents (\$729.39) being the balance in full on their contract for paving repairs was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman McDonald, approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATE - STREET PAVING

*Examined
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works re payment to the Standard Paving Maritimes Limited on their contract for street paving.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached certificate of the Assistant City Engineer recommending payment to the Standard Paving Maritimes Limited of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Dollars and Ninety-nine cents (\$13,740.99) being the balance in full on their contract for street paving was on motion of Alderman McDonald and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

OWEN STREET - STREET LIGHTING

*Examined
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Owen Street, street lighting.

October 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a letter to the Committee on Works from Alderman Harold F. Curran, asking that additional lighting on Owen Street be provided.

There is no doubt that the present lighting system on this street is inadequate for its needs.

When the new lighting contract goes into effect, after November 1st, the cost of street lighting will be reduced and there will, likely, be funds to provide for additional lighting on this, and on other streets.

It is recommended that extra lighting be installed on this street when funds are available.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. DeWolfe,
ASST. CITY ENGINEER.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works this date, the attached report of the Assistant City Engineer recommending that extra lighting be installed on Owen Street when funds are available; was on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

TENDERS FOR WATER PIPE

*Engineering
City Works*
Road report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re tenders for water pipe.

October 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

We require 3000 feet of 8-inch water pipe, Tenders were asked from the following firms:

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<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Joints</u>	<u>Casting</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>per ton</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>per ton</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>per</u> <u>ton</u>
National Iron Corp.	B & S.	--	16'	--	--	\$1.36
Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow Ltd.	"	--	12'	67.40	--	1.60
T. McAvity & Sons	B & S.	Vert.	12'	70.50	--	1.67
"	" & B.	"	12'	72.50	--	1.72
"	B & S.	Cont.	16'	122.00	--	2.90
"	T & B.	"	16'	126.00	--	2.99
Branes Ltd.	B & S.	--	12'	--	174.30	1.743

The above prices are all f.o.b.
Halifax including sales and other taxes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. Dowdalo,
Asst. City Engineer.

October 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on
Works this date, the attached report of the
Assistant City Engineer on tenders received for
cast iron water pipe was considered and on motion
of Alderman Freda and Alderman O'Toole, the
report recommending that the tender of the
National Iron Corporation Limited, being the
lowest be accepted, was approved and recommended
to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Freda, seconded,
by Alderman McDonald that the reports be adopted.
Motion passed.

LETTER, R. H. MACKAY RE APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT
TO DIRECT RELIEF AGREEMENT

Read letter from Mr. R. H. MacKay
re approval of Government to direct relief
agreement.

October 14th, 1937.

Halifax, N. S.
September 30th, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 21st and 28th instant together with completed Direct Relief Agreement between the City of Halifax and the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, effective as from the 1st day of April, 1937 to the 31st day of March, A. D.

You will note that the change made in Paragraph 4 has been approved of and initialed by the Deputy Minister of Labour, Mr. E.B. Paul.

Faithfully yours,

R. H. MacKay,
SUPERVISOR OF RELIEF.

FILED

LETTER, CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RE
APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF LIENS ON PERSONAL
AND REAL PROPERTY.

Read letter from the Clerk of the Executive Council re approval of extension of liens on personal and real property.

Halifax, 17th September, 1937.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith certified copies of Order in Council of today's date, dealing with the extension of liens on personal and real property in the City of Halifax.

Yours truly,

A. Evelyn Horne
for Clerk of the
Executive Council.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

CERTIFIED COPY OF ORDER IN COUNCIL.

The Governor in Council, at the request of the City of Halifax, and under the provisions of Section 33 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1937, is pleased to extend the lien on the personal property of any person assessed for a business tax or a household tax for the

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civic year 1936-37 beyond the 1st day of November A. D. 1937 until the 1st day of February, A. D. 1938.

The Governor in Council, at the request of the City of Halifax, and under the provisions of Section 33 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1937, is pleased to extend the lien of the City upon real property for rates and taxes assessed for the civic year 1934-35 beyond the 1st day of November, A. D. 1937, until the 1st day of February, A. D. 1938.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Order of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council made the 17th day of September, A. D. 1937.

(Sgd) Arthur S. Barnstead,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

FILED

LETTER, CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RE
APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES REPEALING ORDINANCES
#13 AND #14.

Read letter from the Clerk of the Executive Council re approval of Ordinances repealing Ordinances #13 and #14.

Halifax, 9th October, 1937.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith copies of Ordinances of the City of Halifax repealing Ordinances Nos. 13 and 14, duly certified as having been approved by the Governor in Council on the 7th instant.

Yours truly,

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

The City Clerk,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

FILED

LETTER, CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RE
APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #13.

Read letter from the Clerk of the Executive Council re approval of Ordinance #13.

October 14th, 1937.

Halifax, 28th Sept. 1937.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to advise you that the Governor in Council on the 24th instant approved of Ordinance No. 13 of the City of Halifax re regulation of vehicles transporting passengers for hire.

I am not able to let you have a certified copy of this Ordinance, as only one copy was submitted and that must be retained for our files.

Yours truly,

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

The City Clerk,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.
FILED

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

Read report of the Charities
Committee for the month of September, 1937, showing
the number of inmates in the City Home to be 452.
FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT. 1937.

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

TAX COLLECTIONS, SEPTEMBER, 1937.

Arrears Taxes

Civic Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances August	New accounts and adjustments	September Collections	Outstanding Balances September.
1933-34	\$58,788.06	\$52,685.68	+ \$128.50	\$2,764.80	\$50,049.38
1934-35	53,677.92	160,174.07	+ 214.15	9,245.11	151,143.11
1935-36	55,077.72	253,874.23	+ 80.67	10,961.32	242,993.58
1936-37	54,743.21	427,688.21	+ 2.00	20,868.78	406,821.43
		894,422.19	425.32	43,840.01	851,007.50

Current Taxes

1937-38 56,998.95 856,935.21 + 74.64 105,576.42 751,433.43

Water Dept.
Rates, etc.

86,357.62 7,544.43 78,813.19
1,837,715.02 499.96 156,960.86 1,681,254.12

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Poll Taxes 1933-34	\$2,096.11	+	.90	28.00	2,069.01
Poll Taxes 1934-35	3,084.00	+	2.25	75.00	3,011.25
Poll Taxes 1935-36	3,537.83	+	8.93	151.00	3,395.76
Poll Taxes 1936-37	6,736.60	+	23.86	495.50	6,264.96
Poll Taxes 1937-38	19,682.72	+	3.60	769.25	18,917.07

Additional Collections

Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25			421.32		
Corresponding period last year					38.87
Tax years 1925-26 to 1932-33			2,124.78		
Corresponding period last year					1,409.60
Collections per above statement			156,960.86		
Corresponding period last year					84,015.05
			<u>159,506.96</u>		<u>85,463.52</u>

Collections of Poll Taxes

May 1st, 1937 to Sept. 30th, 1937			11,549.58		
Corresponding period last year					10,990.67

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

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

RETIREMENT OF ALDERMAN LLOYD FROM
RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Relief Comm

Alderman Lloyd asked permission of
Council to retire from the Relief Committee and
exchange with Alderman Gough on the Library Comm.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded
by Alderman Koshen that the resignation of Alderman
Lloyd from the Relief Committee be accepted.
Motion put and passed.

Aldermen Batson and Walker wishing
to be recorded against.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by
Alderman Koshen that Alderman Gough be appointed to
the Relief Committee.

As Alderman Gough was Acting Chairman,
he called upon the City Solicitor to put this motion.

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Motion was then put by the City Solicitor and passed.

11.40 P.M.,

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

Meeting adjourned.

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P. A. Gough,
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Publicover

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CITY CLERK.

Walter J. ...
MAYOR.