

AFTERNOON SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING.

5.00 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
October 21st, 1937.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider:-

1. Street Lighting Contract,
2. Application, Canadian Legion for permission to hold "Poppy Day" on Saturday, November 6th, 1937.

STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer as follows:-

October 20th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:p

A report made by the City Electrician and myself dated September 13th, 1937, together with a proposed contract with the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited was submitted to the Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 16th of September and was ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information. Copies of the report were furnished to each Alderman and when the report of the Committee was read at the Council meeting it was decided to defer consideration of the matter.

At a meeting of the Council held on the 14th instant the matter of the contract was discussed and referred to a special committee for consideration, the thought apparently being that the City Solicitor should give his opinion.

October 21st, 1937.

The Solicitor reported under date of October 13th, suggesting a few minor alterations in the wording of the contract. This opinion was discussed in the Mayor's Office on the same date by the Mayor, Solicitor and Engineer, and the contract as now submitted embodies the decision arrived at, at this meeting.

The question was asked in the Council as to whether the present application by the City for a reduction in lighting costs would have any bearing on the contract. It was pointed out that under the contract, the Company charges the City for current for street lighting, the same rate as it pays the Power Commission for hydro power secured from the St. Margaret Bay plant, which is at cost.

I have nothing further to add to the recommendation contained in the report of September 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

October 21st, 1937.

The City Council.

Attached hereto is a further report of the City Engineer re the street lighting contract, together with a copy of the draft contract as finally amended and approved by the City Solicitor, which was considered by the Committee on Works on the 21st instant and on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan recommended to Council for approval, the term of the said contract to be decided by Council.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

5.06 P.M.,

Alderman Keshon arrives and takes his seat in Council.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Power that the consideration of this matter be deferred for one week and in the meantime a copy of the contract be furnished to each Alderman.

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Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for
the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Burgess
Curran
Gough
Kishon
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Adams
Donovan
Froda
MacKay
Stoch

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POPPY DAY

Read letter from J. Stuart Roy, Acting
Secretary, Halifax Poppy Committee as follows:-

October 16th, 1937.

His Worship,
Mayor W. Mitchell,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

My Dear Mr. Mayor:-

The Canadian Legion is now actively
engaged in the construction of plans for their
annual Poppy Day campaign. The joint committee has
held its first meeting and I have been instructed
to write you requesting that the necessary authority
be given us again to sell poppies.

Our policy has always been to
hold the same on the Saturday immediately preceding
Remembrance Day, as you are no doubt aware, therefore
our Poppy Day for this year will be Saturday,
November 6th, 1937.

It would be greatly appreciated
if you would place this request before the Laws
and Privileges Committee at the earliest opportunity
so that we may proceed with our plans.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very truly,

J. Stuart Roy,
Acting Secretary,
Halifax Poppy Committee.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer,

seconded by Alderman Power that permission be granted

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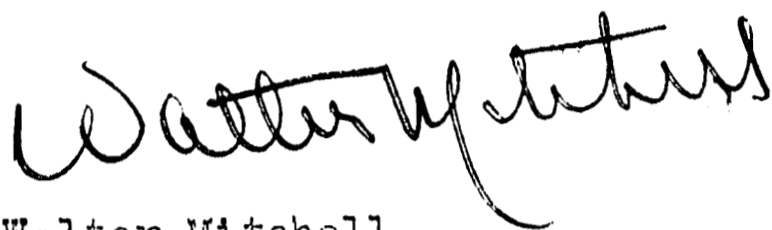
to the Halifax Poppy Committee to hold Poppy Day on
Saturday, November 6th, 1937. Motion passed.

5.30 P.M.,

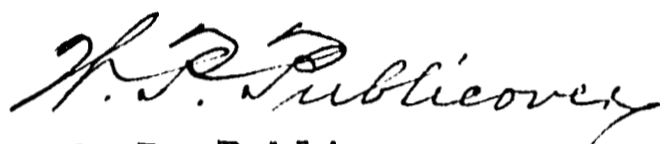
Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Donoyan that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.



W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

A D J O U R N E D M E E T I N G

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
October 28th, 1937.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen MacKay, Stech, Burgess, Curran, Sullivan, Freda, Adams, Keshen, O'Toole, Power, Curtis, Gough, Walker and Smeltzer.

Council met pursuant to adjournment to consider Street Lighting Contract.

STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

October 21st, 1937,

The City Council.

Attached hereto is a further report of the City Engineer re the street lighting contract, together with a copy of the draft contract as finally amended and approved by the City Solicitor, which was considered by the Committee on Works on the 21st instant and on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan recommended to Council for approval, the term of the said contract to be decided by Council.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

PROPOSED NEW STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT

1937

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this day of A.D. 1937, by and between the City of Halifax a body corporate and politic, hereinafter called the "City", of the One Part,

-and-

NOVA SCOTIA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED, a body corporated, incorporated under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia, hereinafter called "The Company" of the Other Part.

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October 28th, 1937.

WITNESSETH -

1. That the Company in consideration of the promises and agreements of the City hereinafter contained and the payments to be made by the City under the terms hereof covenants and agrees with the City that it shall and will for the period of years from and after the first day of November 1937, furnish (in the manner described) maintain and operate, and the City, in consideration thereof and during the period aforesaid agrees to take, receive and pay for not less than the number of incandescent lamps in their present location of the respective sizes as shown on page two of this agreement, together with such additional lamps as may be installed and electric current to operate the same, in accordance with the provisions thereof.

2. The City undertakes the following obligations:-

- (a) It will furnish and install series transformers, original lamp installations and all lighting units carrying the wires for such units to a point at or near the location of the street lighting circuits on the Company's cross arms with enough wire for connection to such circuits.
- (b) If it requires any of the wiring to be underground it will furnish and install the same, connecting the same to the individual lighting units bringing the feeding leads to a point ~~at~~ or near the street lighting circuits on the Company's cross arms where a suitable transformer or safety coil shall be installed in order to reduce the voltage on the underground system.
- (c) If any glass ware such as globes or reflectors prove defective or is broken, it will replace the same, the reinstallation of the same to be done by the Company.
- (d) It will pay to the Company in addition to the amount hereinafter provided for the operation and maintenance of the lights the cost to the Company of all electric current used in the operation of the street lighting system, payments to be made monthly as hereinafter provided.
- (e) It will care for all replacements of equipment furnished by it.
- (f) It will pay to the Company monthly, the cost of incandescent lamps used in replacing street lighting lamps as hereinafter provided.

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(g) It agrees that paragraphs a, b, c, d, e, and f, above shall each and all be applicable to all further extensions of the street lighting service in the City during the existence of this contract.

3. The Company undertakes the following obligations:-

(1) It will operate and maintain in manner hereinafter provided, the following lighting units, installed by the City at the prices indicated.

<u>No. of Units</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Annual price per unit</u>	<u>Price</u>
58	60 rated c.p. inc. lamps	\$6.76	\$392.08
11	100 " " "	7.80	85.80
1185	250 " " "	12.20	14,457.00
311	400 " " "	16.10	5,007.10
85	500 " " "	21.25	1,806.25
94	1000 " " "	32.29	3,035.26
0	1500 " " "	45.29	"
28	500 Watt	31.20	873.60
			<u>25,657.09</u>

(2) If the City requires a greater number of lamps of any of the above sizes, the charge for operation and maintenance shall be adjusted in accordance with the foregoing scale.

(3) Street lights shall be lighted from dusk to daylight.

(4) It will serve additional incandescent lamps of the above type if during the continuance of this agreement the City shall desire the installation of additional units. It will serve such new lights at the price per lamp as shown herein providing the extension to serve such lamps does not involve the setting of over two poles and the necessary wiring per lamp or if poles are not required does not involve the stringing of over 2200 feet of single wire per lamp. In the event that the extension is in excess of this the excess cost will be paid by the City to the Company.

(5) It will connect at its own expense all lamp leads and underground leads to its street lighting series system after the same have been extended by the City on the poles to a point at or near the Company's street lighting wires.

(6) It will furnish as long as the City requires them, up to 28-500 watt street lighting fixtures now installed and in operation on Spring Garden Road, with the understanding that if a change in location is desired such change shall be made at the expense of the City. Replacement charges on these lamps will be borne by the Company.

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(7) When the Company has once made connection to any light the City shall have the right to change the location at its own expense to other points on the street lighting circuits. The Company will make the connection to its street lighting circuits as provided hereinbefore.

(8) The poles owned by the Company on which lamps are placed will be distinctly numbered by the Company in the manner now employed and said numbers will be repainted when necessary to preserve legibility. The Company will endeavour to secure permission from other companies to number their poles in a similar manner when lights are placed on them.

(9) The Company will make all lamp renewals as required by the City Engineer, or an official of the City, acting on his behalf. Lamps broken, destroyed, or burned out, shall be replaced as well as all lamps having burned for a period of over 4000 hours and ordered to be renewed by an official of the City. The Company shall charge the City monthly for the cost of all lamps replaced at cost to the Company. In determining cost under this clause, the invoice cost of the lamps shall be used plus transportation charges and all delivery charges to the Company's storeroom, plus two per cent for handling expense.

(10) After the system is added to as herein provided the amount allowed for renewals and adjustments of renewals as herein set forth shall be increased in proportion to the new units added.

(11) It will furnish to the City each month particulars of all lamp renewals.

(12) Only standard types of street lighting lamps will be used. All street lighting circuits and equipment shall conform to Standard Engineering practice to the approval of the City Engineer.

(13) It will agree to replace any lamp becoming seriously inefficient as a lighting unit from being burned or blackened within 24 hours after its condition has been reported by the City.

(14) The Company agrees to maintain its street lighting equipment in good condition at all times and to use its best efforts to the end that each and every street lamp shall burn regularly and constantly. To accomplish this end the Company agrees to co-operate to the fullest extent with the City in replacing or repairing any lamp which is inefficient or out of order and so reported by a City official.

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(15) The Company shall forfeit and pay to the City the sum of five cents per hour for each and every lamp reported out by the City but the time shall not commence to run, nor the penalty begin to accrue till the night following the recording of such outage at the City Hall by a City Official. The City's record of outages shall be open to inspection by representatives of the Company. No penalty shall be enforced where lights are out on account of strikes, lightning, sleet storms, tempests, Acts of God or the King's enemies or similar matters beyond the Company's control but under such conditions service will be resumed as promptly as reasonably possible.

(16) It will agree to operate and maintain in good operating condition all poles lines, cross arms, fixtures, lamp standards, underground system, substation equipment, etc. including necessary painting but excluding replacement of any equipment furnished by the City excepting lamps. This clause does not apply to glass ware renewals or electric current which have been specifically covered hereinbefore.

(17) The street lighting distribution circuits of the Company shall be maintained in good operating condition at all times in accordance with standard engineering practice.

(18) The equipment and units owned and installed by the City for street lighting shall be maintained by the Company in good condition as regards painting, repairs, etc. Lamps and globes will be thoroughly cleaned three times in the period April to November with other cleanings when the same are clearly necessary. Records pertaining to such cleaning will be kept by the Company open to the inspection of the City Engineer or an official of his department on his behalf.

(19) The Company will renew or repair at its own expense any part of the street lighting units or equipment furnished by the City if the renewal or repair is made necessary by neglect or carelessness on the part of the Company or its employees. The necessity for such renewal or repair work shall be determined by the City Engineer and the work performed in a manner satisfactory to him.

(20) The Company will repair any damage caused to street lighting equipment owned by the City if the same becomes damaged by coming in contact with circuits carrying current detrimental to such equipment providing such circuits come under the control of the Company. The necessity of the repair of such damage shall be determined by the City Engineer and the work performed in a manner satisfactory to him.

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(21) It will supply and deliver as hereinafter set forth all the electrical energy and power necessary for the street lighting system together with sufficient current for additions to said system as hereinafter set forth.

(22) The electrical power and energy shall be delivered to the lamp terminal of all the lamps used for street lighting purposes. The energy so delivered shall be of the proper voltage and amperage to light the units in an efficient manner and will be maintained as a constant value of approximately 7.5 amperes on all main series circuits, or at such amperes within the range of the street lighting equipment as may be ordered by the City Engineer.

(23) It will furnish said electrical energy and power for street lighting purposes from the electrical development at St. Margaret Bay when such energy is available in accordance with the terms of the Company's contract with the Nova Scotia Power Commission.

(24) In case the City desires a steam standby to the St. Margaret's Bay hydro plant the Company will furnish the same upon due notification by the City subject to its ability to do so and to the requirements of other users. Service from such steam standby will be furnished at cost, such cost to be determined if necessary by the Nova Scotia Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

(25) The Company shall not be liable for failure to supply current, or for any interrupted service caused by reason of strikes, lightning, sleet storms or tempests, acts of God or the King's enemies, or by accidents to plant, machinery, poles, wires, lamps or fixtures of any nature which are beyond the Company's control, but nothing in this clause shall relieve the Company of the responsibility of using due diligence in restoring the service.

(26) The Company will sell hydro power secured from the St. Margaret's Bay plant at cost, said cost to include the transformers losses incurred before the point or points of metering or delivery of the street lighting current.

(27) The supply of electrical power for street lighting purposes will be metered at the point of supply for street lighting only. The said sources of supply to be disconnected on the primary side of the constant current transformers when not required for lighting, the streets or test purposes.

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(28) The Company shall furnish from time to time as required by the City, records of current regulations as indicated by a graphic instrument located in the Company's power house.

(29) The consumption of current for street lighting purposes shall be measured on a standard meter which can be checked each month by the City Engineer or an official of his department on his behalf. This meter is subject, also to the test of the Dominion Government official appointed for that purpose, whose test will settle any dispute as to accuracy.

(30) The Company will reduce the current supplied for street lighting during certain portions of any night or nights if so required by the City for economic or other reasons.

(31) The street lighting equipment owned by the Company shall be open for inspection by the City Engineer or an official of his department on his behalf, at any time that an inspection may be considered necessary by him.

(32) The Company shall furnish the City with two plans (scale 1-inch. 300-ft) showing each street lighting circuit and individual lamp locations plainly marked thereon. Prints for this purpose will be furnished by the City.

(33) The Company will bill the City each month 1/12 of the total annual cost, the amount paid for current to be tentative with adjustments once a year. All bills presented for payment on or before the third of the month shall be payable within thirty days and interest at six percent per annum shall be paid by the City on all overdue accounts. If bills are not presented on or before the third of the month the same shall not become due for sixty days.

4. Except as specifically provided herein all differences which may arise between the parties hereto shall be submitted to two arbitrators, one to be appointed by the City and the other by the Company, which arbitrators shall be at liberty to appoint an umpire, and all proceedings of such arbitrators shall be subject to the Arbitration Act.

5. AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the terms of this agreement are subject to the approval of the Nova Scotia Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed THESE PRESENTS the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and
Delivered in the
Presence of

October 28th, 1937.

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

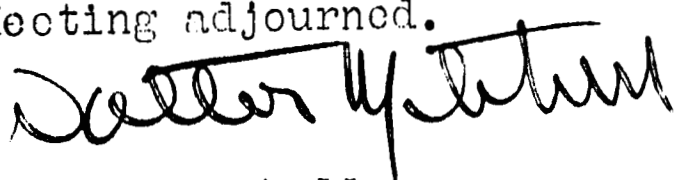
Moved in amendment by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Stech that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign and execute the contract on behalf of the City of Halifax for a period of ten years. Amendment put and passed, the following voting therefor:-


Aldermen Adams
Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Frede
Gough
Keshon
MacKay
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker

Motion not put.

5.10 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.

EVENING SESSION

8.00 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
November 11th, 1937.

A meeting of the City Council was called for the above named hour to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

A meeting was not held at this time as there were no members of the City Council present.



W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION

8.05 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
November 18th, 1937

A special 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, O'Toole, Power, Curtis, Gough, Walker and Smeltzer.

The meeting was called to consider the following items:-

Minutes.

1. Resolution re accounts.
2. Report Finance Committee re purchase of adding machine, City Assessor's Department.
3. " " re refund of superannuation contributions, late Capt. Lloy.
4. Report Gardens Committee re tenders for stokers.
5. Report Laws and Privileges Comm. re bonding of Desk Sergt. Police Dept.
6. " " re Ordinance #18.
7. Report Halifax Direct Relief Comm. re grant to Red Cross Scty.
8. " " " re Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge.
9. Report City Health Board re plumbing at T.B.Hosp.
10. Report Charities Committee re borrowing.
11. " " re tenders for vegetables.
12. Report Comm. on Works and City Engineer re cast iron pipe.
13. " " " re Oxford St. school hall.
14. " " " re Pryor St. water extension.
15. " " " re street lighting.
16. " " " re North St. encroachment.
17. Report of Special Comm. re change in civic government.
18. Letter, City Solicitor, release - Paul G. Webster.
19. " City Collector re sale of property by Tax Property Sales Comm.
20. " Deputy Minister of Labor re household training classes.
21. Report of Fire Marshall re Gottingen St. fire, October 22nd.

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22. Letter, Deputy Provincial Secretary re Ordinance #33.
23. Report Charities Comm. covering Supt's report re inmates in the City Home,
24. Report City Auditor re tax collections for the month of October, 1937.
25. " " re departmental appropriations and expenditures.

MINUTES

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

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Committee on Finance amounting to \$9,975.70; Committee on Charities amounting to \$10,796.47; Gardens Committee amounting to \$651.71, Fleming Park amounting to \$140.72; City Prison Committee amounting to \$1,714.08; Library Committee amounting to \$846.33; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,899.30 chargeable to Fire Department and \$630.90 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$14,515.11; City Health Board amounting to \$6,953.63; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$703.95; Police Committee amounting to \$10,190.66 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.

PURCHASE OF ADDING MACHINE - ASSESSOR'S DEPT.

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Assessor re purchase of adding machine.

*Auditor
Assessor*

November 18th, 1937.

Committee Room, City Hall,
November 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the City Assessor regarding purchase of an adding machine for his department was considered.

Your committee recommends that a Burroughs adding machine be purchased for the Assessor's Department at a net cost of \$242.10.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Chairman & Members
Finance Committee,
CITY HALL.

Re: Adding Machine

At the last meeting of your committee I was given permission to call for prices for an adding machine for this Department. Acting on said permission I wrote firms in the City who would be in a position to supply such machine and in reply received quotations from three firms.

After considering these tenders I would recommend the purchase of a Burroughs style 9 10 95, electrically operated. Ten column listing, addition and direct subtraction at the price of \$269.00 less 10% making a net price of \$242.10.

I feel that this machine would prove the most satisfactory for the office and it will last for a good number of years.

In connection with the funds with which to pay for this machine, I have discussed the same with the City Auditor and he advises me that there would be sufficient in the Printing and Stationery account to cover this matter.

Yours respectfully,

J. F. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR.

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

REFUND, SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS OF
LATE CAPT. LLOY.

*Treasurer
Auditor*
Read report of the Finance Committee re refund, superannuation contribution of late James L. Lloy of the Fire Department.

Committee Room, City Hall,
November 9th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Treasurer regarding superannuation contributions of the late Capt. James L. Lloy of the Fire Department was considered.

Your committee recommends that the sum of \$1,165.28, being the amount contributed to the superannuation fund by the late Capt. Lloy, be refunded to his widow, Mrs. Mona Lloy, as provided by Section 870 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

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,
November 12th, 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 the

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installation of one stoker and one blower in the greenhouses in the Public Gardens were considered.

Your committee recommends that the tender of R. E. Archibald for the installation of one stoker and one blower together with grates at a total cost of \$519.50, being the lowest, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McDonald,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

BONDING OF DESK SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re bonding of Desk Sergeant, Police Department.

Committee Room, City Hall,
November 12th, 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 matter of bonding the Desk Sergeant, in the Police Court was considered.

This subject was dealt with at a meeting of the City Council held on the 14th day of October 1937 when it adopted a report of the Finance Committee recommending that Sergeant Aitken be not bonded and that all fines, etc. be paid direct to the Clerk of the Courts.

This matter was again considered at a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 9th instant when the Chief of Police appeared before the committee and outlined the system of collecting fines, etc. in the Police Court which has been in effect for some years. After hearing the Chief of Police, the committee decided to recommend that the system as previously carried out be continued and that legislation be sought to enable the City to bond the Desk Sergeant, referring same to the Laws and Privileges Committee for its consideration and recommendation to Council.

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The Laws and Privileges Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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

ORDINANCE #18 RELATING TO PETTY TRADES

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re Ordinance #18 relating to Petty Trades.

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

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the committee had before it the attached copy of an Order-in-Council approving of Ordinance #18 relating to Petty Trades. This ordinance, as passed by the City Council, was approved by the Governor-in-Council after amending Sub-section 2 of Section 10 to read as follows:-

"Every pedlar so employed by such person or associated as a pedlar with such person in any scheme or system of selling or disposing of goods, wares or merchandise by means of pedlars shall obtain a license to act as such pedlar before commencing to do so. If such person by whom the pedlar is so employed or with whom the pedlar is so associated, has been assessed for and has paid taxes to the City of Halifax in respect of the year in which the application for such license is made to an amount not less than \$300.00, no fee shall be charged for such license, but, if such person by whom the pedlar is so employed or with whom he is so associated has not paid such taxes to the amount as aforesaid, the fee to be paid for such license shall be \$50.00".

Your committee recommends that the Ordinance as amended be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

November 18th, 1937.

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

Motion passed.

GRANT TO RED CROSS SOCIETY

Dep. Min. of Labor
Read report of the Halifax Direct
Relief Committee submitting resolution re grant to
the Red Cross Society.

November 3rd, 1937.

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

Attached hereto is a copy of a
resolution passed at the meeting of the Halifax
Direct Relief Committee November 1st, 1937,
requesting the approval of the City Council that
Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.) be granted
to the Red Cross Society for the purpose of
providing clothing and footwear for the needy and
unemployed, also Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.) to
defray the cost of administration of same.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MacDonald,
Acting Secretary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City
Council appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 to be used
for providing clothing and footwear for the needy
and unemployed, PROVIDED that a like contribution
of an equal amount be made by each of the
Governments, Provincial and Federal;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that
the City enter into an agreement satisfactory to
the City Solicitor with the Province of Nova
Scotia to enable the City to delegate the
administration and distribution of such relief to
the Red Cross Society, subject to the condition
that the persons receiving such relief shall first
be approved by the Administrator of Direct Relief
of the City of Halifax, and to enable the City to
appropriate for the purpose of defraying the
cost of administration and distribution a sum
not exceeding \$500.00.

Moved by Alderman Curtis, seconded
by Alderman Curran that the resolution as submitted
be adopted. Motion passed.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH
PROPOSED HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH BRIDGE

Read report of the Halifax Direct

Relief Committee as follows:-

November 12th, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:-

At the meeting of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee held on the 8th instant, the following resolution was passed:-

"Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, and seconded by Alderman Curran that this committee request City Council to appoint a committee to interview the Provincial and Federal Government authorities recommending definite steps be taken towards construction of Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge. Carried".

Would appreciate your bringing matter to attention of City Council.

Yours truly,

C. H. Vaughan,
SECRETARY.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Curran that a committee of this Council be appointed to meet in conjunction with similar committees from the councils of the Town of Dartmouth and County of Halifax to interview the Provincial and Federal Governments recommending that definite steps be taken towards the construction of a Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge. Motion put and passed unanimously, the following voting therefor:-

*Mayor
Ald. Smeltzer
Ald. Curran
Ald. Steek
Ald. Curran
Ald. Long*

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Aldermen Batson
Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Lloyd
MacKay
McDonald
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker
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His Worship the Mayor then named the following members of Council to comprise said committee:-

The Mayor
Aldermen Smeltzer
Curtis
Stech
Curran
Gough

The Council approved of the committee as nominated by His Worship the Mayor.

Health Board PLUMBING - TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Read report of the City Health Board re plumbing at the Tuberculosis Hospital.

November 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, November 9th, a report was read showing that considerable emergency work has arisen in connection with the plumbing at the Tuberculosis Hospital, requiring immediate action.

A survey made showed that several of the main hot and cold water supply pipes and branches leading to the fixtures in the various wards were badly corroded and subjected the Hospital to serious flood.

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The regular appropriation provided in the estimates to take care of replacements is insufficient and it is recommended that an additional amount of \$500.00 be provided to take care of the emergency work until next week.

Respectfully submitted,

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

After a discussion as to whether this should be referred to the Finance Committee, the report was ordered filed.

BORROWING - CITY HOME

Auditor
Read report of the Charities Committee re borrowing for equipment, etc. for the City Home.

Halifax, N. S.
November 8th, 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 Smeltzer, Batson, Curran and Adams.

Tenders for a New Copper Steam Jacket Kettle, Copper Covers and Fume Pipes from Burns and Kelleher Ltd., was opened and read as follows:-

Copper Steam Jacket Kettle	\$675.00
Copper Covers & Fume Pipes	275.00

Upon motion it was recommended to the City Council that the following articles, repairs, etc. totalling \$1187.31 be accepted.

Copper Steam Jacket Kettle, covers, etc.	\$950.00
New equipment for store room	128.60
Installation, meat chopper	30.84
Repairs to oven	77.87
	<u>\$1187.31</u>

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And it was further recommended that the sum required to pay the same, namely \$1187.31, 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 voting therefor:-

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

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TENDERS FOR VEGETABLES - CITY HOME

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

Halifax, N. S.
November 8th, 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 Smeltzer, Batson, Curran and Adams.

Tenders for potatoes and turnips were opened and read as follows:-

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J. R. PINEO:

Whites, Green Mountain @.53½¢ per bus.
Turnips @.37¢ "

NICKERSON & CREASE LTD:

Whites, Green Mountain @.49¢ "
Turnips @.40¢ "

FARQUHAR LTD:

Whites, Green Mountain @.46¢ "
Turnips @.36¢ "

The tender of Farquhar Limited for 1500 bushels of Whites, Green Mountain, @.46¢ per bushel and 200 bushels of Turnips @.36¢ per bushel, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Gough,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

CAST IRON PIPE

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

October 20th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At the last meeting of the committee a report was submitted covering tenders received for 8-inch cast iron water pipe required for the extension recently ordered on Windsor Street from West Young Street northwardly. There was an error in the comparison of tenders, the price quoted by T. McAvity & Sons, Limited, being taken as per ton instead of per hundred feet. The following is the correct tabulation of the tenders. Price Price Price

Firm	Shipment	Joints	Cast- ing	Length	per ton	per C.Ft.	per Ft.
T. McAvity & Sons	3-4 wks.	B & S.	Vert.	12'	\$70.50	-	\$1.67
"	"	T & B.	"	12'	72.50	-	1.72
"	"	B & S.	Cent.	16'	-	122.00	1.22
"	"	T & B.	"	16'	-	126.00	1.26
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow	Imm.	B & S.		12'	67.40	-	1.60
Crane's Limited	-	"		12'	-	174.30	1.743
Nat. Iron Corp. Ltd.	Imm.	"		16'	-	-	1.36

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

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The tender of T. McAvity & Sons is lower than that of the National Iron Corporation Limited, the latter can give immediate shipment and as there is some urgency in making the extension for which the pipe is required, it is recommended that this tender be accepted. This pipe is made in Toronto. The pipe proposed to be supplied by T. McAvity & Sons is made in England and while the tender states that shipment will be made in from three to four weeks, my experience with the last pipe ordered from them was that delivery was not received for eight weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

November 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works October 21st, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer in connection with the purchase of 8" Cast Iron Pipe from the National Iron Corporation Limited, was on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works* SCHOOL HALL IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - OXFORD STREET

Read report of the Comm, on Works and City Engineer re school hall in residential district, Oxford Street.

November 3rd, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application from the Architect of the Oxford United Church for a permit to make an addition to the present church on the east side of Oxford Street north of Quinpool Road, that the proposed structure will be one storey in height and will be practically the same height as the Church. The location is in the residential district.

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The Charter provides that a building may be erected or altered and used within the said District as a Church, School House, Public Hall or other simular public building, provided the plans and specifications shall be approved by the Inspector and permission obtained from the City Council after receipt by the Council of a report thereon from the Committee on Works.

The present building to which it is proposed to make the addition is situated immediately north of a filling station. I can see no objection to a permit being granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

November 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 4th instant, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application for a permit to make an addition to the Oxford United Church building on the east side of Oxford Street, north of Quinpool Road was on motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Donovan, approved.

The committee approves of the permit being granted.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

WATER EXTENSION - PRYOR STREET

Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer re water extension, Pryor Street.

November 4th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of owners of property on Pryor Street, near Norwood Street, for the extension of water, that the houses of the three applicants have been supplied with water through a private service pipe extending from Quinpool Road to Jubilee Road, crossing the railway cutting. This pipe extends through what is now known as the Norwood sub-division.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

November 18th, 1937.

During the course of construction of a house in this division, the service pipe was broken and the houses supplied from it were without water until repairs were made. The water pipe should be extended on Pryor Street and when this is done the houses taking water from the present line may get it from the extension.

Some time ago Mr. Piers who owns property between the present end of the sewer and water extension northwardly, asked to have the sewer extended to the north side of his property.

The length of sewer and water required is about 340 feet. The estimated cost of the sewer is \$2,040. and the estimated assessment \$1550.

The cost of the water extension if laid in the same trench as the sewer is \$770. and the estimated assessment \$620. If the water is extended without the sewer the estimated cost would be about \$1000. and the assessment the same as if made with the sewer.

The above estimates contemplate an extension to a point about ten feet north of Mr. Buckley's south line. Mr. Wood's house fronting on Norwood Street could be connected to the water pipe on Prince Arthur Street.

The extension should be made so that the houses now supplied from the old pipe may be connected to the new one, avoiding the danger of being cut off from any supply. This old pipe is in poor condition. When these extensions are made, it will leave three dead ends, one on Prince Arthur Street, one on Pryor Street and one on Armview Avenue, which will eventually have to be connected in order to improve the service.

In order to lessen the burden on the owners of property on the streets mentioned, this work of connecting the dead ends may be delayed for another year or so, although its immediate construction would comply with good practice.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

November 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 4th instant, the attached report of the City Engineer on applications for the extension of sewer and water systems on Pryor Street was considered and on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Freda, the committee recommended to Council that sewer and water extensions be made in accordance with the said report.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

November 18th, 1937.

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

STREET LIGHTING

Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer, also schedule of new lights proposed to be installed.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

November 10th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The following is a statement of the Street Lighting Account as of the first of November, 1937, and the estimated cost for the balance of the civic year based on the number of lamps at present in use.

Current Account

Credit by appropriation 1st May, 1937	\$48,500.00
Less expended May to Oct. 1937	29,949.40
Balance 1st November, 1937.	\$18,550.60

Expenditure from 1st Nov. 1937 to Apr. 30th, 1938 - Estimated

N.S. Light & Power Co. - Contract	\$12,828.55
Demand	4,346.04
Current	2,657.91
	<u>19,832.50</u>
Glassware and spare parts	480.00
Salaries and wages	489.46
Renewing brackets, etc.	2,000.00
Total estimated expenditure	<u>22,801.96</u>

Balance from rebate account 4,251.36

Rebate Account

Cash in hand November 1st, 1937	3,636.11
In current account from last year	307.85
Due from N.S.L. & Power Co. estimated	28,611.47
Total available	<u>32,555.43</u>
Required on 30th April, 1938 estimated	4,251.36
Balance 1st May 1938, estimated	<u>\$27,304.07</u>

There are several locations in which lights have been ordered and others in which lights should be installed due to building development on the streets mentioned. The attached schedule has been prepared showing where, in the opinion of the City Electrician and myself, lights should be added.

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It would seem to be good policy to use a portion of the saving made under the new contract in putting in this additional lighting. The estimated cost of installing 60 lights recommended, is \$1,800.00. The annual maintenance cost would be \$1,053.60. The cost for the five remaining months of the current year would be \$439.00.

If this recommendation is carried out, it would increase the amount to be taken from the Rebate Account from \$4,251.36 to \$6,490.36 reducing the estimated balance on May 1st, 1938 to \$26,065.07.

A further report will be submitted showing other proposed changes in the lighting system, but it is thought that if it is the intention to give a much needed improvement on streets where there are either no lights or where the lighting is insufficient, that it should be given immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

STREET LIGHTING

Schedule of new lights recommended in City
Engineer's report of November 10th, 1937.

All lights 250 c.p.

Already ordered by Council when funds were available:

	<u>Add</u>	<u>Install</u>
Wright Av c.	1	
Rosemead Ave.	1	
Connaught Ave.	2	
West St.	1	
Cambridge St.	2	
Geldert St.		1
Young St.	2	
Pine St.	5	
Owen St.	2	

Other lights required:

Armview Ave.		5
Tupper Grove		3
Newton Ave.	6	
Vienna St.		2
Dalhousie St.	2	
Ogilvie St.		2
Highland Ave.		3
Leeds St.		1
Robie St.	2	
Oxford St.	1	
Third St.		1
Fourth St.		1
Atlantic St.	1	
Fraser St.	1	

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	<u>Add</u>	<u>Install</u>
Pryor St.	1	
Gladstone St.	3	
London St.	1	
Russell St.	2	
Bayers Rd.	3	
Blink Bonnie Terr.		2
	<u>39</u>	<u>21</u> Total 60.

November 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on this date, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to street lighting was on motion of Alderman Stech and Alderman Donovan approved and ordered to be forwarded to City Council with the recommendation that the street lights on the schedule attached be installed immediately. The cost thereof will require only a portion of the saving to be effected under the new street lighting contract.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the reports and schedule be approved. Motion passed.

NORTH STREET ENCROACHMENT

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*
Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer re North Street encroachment.

November 4th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On June 17th I reported in connection with settling with Mrs. Cohn, owner of property on the north side of North Street at the north-west corner of Windsor Street for a strip of land about 8 feet wide, a copy of the report is attached. Since that time I have had various interviews with Mrs. Cohn and her last offer is that she will accept the sum of \$177.66, which is the assessed value of the strip of land, provided the City will pay her interest at 6% from the date of her purchase, namely Sept. 5th, 1930. This interest to date amounts to \$75.51.

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I am doubtful as to whether the City should pay this interest as the owner did not lose any privileges that she might have had when the property was purchased, on the other hand, if the matter went to arbitration the chances are that she would be allowed, a price above the assessed value that would probably amount to the interest.

This is the best settlement I can make. The minimum price originally asked was \$350.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

November 10th, 1937.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 4th instant, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to an offer by Mrs. Cohn to sell to the City of Halifax a strip of land about eight feet wide on the north side of North Street at the north-west corner of Windsor Street, was considered and on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Donovan, the offer of Mrs. Cohn to accept the sum of \$177.66 provided the City will pay her interest at six percent from the date of her purchase, September 5th, 1930, was approved and recommended to Council for acceptance.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE CIVIC
ADMINISTRATION

Read report of the Special Committee appointed to study change in the form of civic administration.

November 18th, 1937.

Members of the City Council.

The Committee appointed by you at the September meeting of Council to consider a resolution submitted by Alderman Lloyd, re change in form of civic administration, has conferred with Alderman Lloyd regarding his ideas, but regret to advise that the progress made is not sufficient to enable a report to be rendered at this time.

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They would ask that they be permitted to defer making this report until the December Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR.

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RELEASE - PAUL G. WEBSTER

Read report of the City Solicitor re release to Paul G. Webster upon payment of the sum of \$5.00 for damage caused to a tree on Robie Street.

November 15th, 1937.

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

Aldermen:-

On the 10th day of October 1937, damage was caused to a tree on Robie Street by Dr. Paul G. Webster of Kentville, N. S. to the extent of \$5.00.

I have taken this matter up with the Superintendent of Public Gardens, and he has advised me that this amount would cover the damage done. I am now in receipt of a release from the Insurance Company and would recommend that the City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute this release on behalf of the City, upon receipt of a cheque for \$5.00.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

SALE OF PROPERTY BY TAX PROPERTY SALES COMMITTEE

Collection
Read report of the City Collector re sale of property by Tax Property Sales Comm.

November 18th, 1937.

October 26th, 1937.

City Clerk,
City of Halifax,
CITY HALL.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Tax Property Sale Committee held on the 19th instant, the property 8 Charles Street, formerly assessed to Mrs. Annie Smith and bought in by the City on December 19th, 1933, was sold to Mr. John L. Ainsworth for \$100.00. Also lot on Lady Hammond Road, 30 x 100, bought in by the City on the 29th of June 1928, was sold to Mr. Peter Shortell for \$100.00. This lot was formerly assessed to the Estate Annie Fader.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,
CITY COLLECTOR.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Collector be approved. Motion passed.

HOUSEHOLD TRAINING CLASSES

Read letter from the Deputy Minister of Labor re household training classes.

October 21st, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of October 16th, with extracts from a meeting of the Halifax City Council held on the 14th instant, in connection with household training classes has been received, and the proposed training classes have been approved by this Department.

In the absence of a contract between the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax, which is being prepared, we are enclosing copy of an extract from the Dominion-Provincial Contract relative to a resolution mentioned in your communication.

You will note in this extract that provision is made for the operation of the project by a committee representative of welfare and other organizations in the City. It is the intention of this Department to suggest that administration of the project be in the hands of an Advisory

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Committee appointed by the Women's Council and/or other organizations of the kind representative of the City of Halifax, with three ex-officio members, one representing the City of Halifax, one representing the Province of Nova Scotia, and the other representing the Dominion of Canada, appointed by the respective parties.

Yours very truly,

E. B. Paul,
Deputy Minister of Labour.

The City Solicitor stated that, in looking over the draft agreement which he had received from the Deputy Minister of Labor, he noticed that one of the items was not consistent with the resolution of the City Council. The resolution of Council, he said, was to contribute a sum not exceeding \$500.00 or 20% of the total cost of the training classes not to exceed \$500.00.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax, when said agreement is approved by the City Solicitor in accordance with the resolution of the City Council as passed at a meeting held on October 14th, 1937. Motion passed.

The Mayor suggested that a member of the City Council be appointed to represent the City on the committee to administrate the project of household training.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Batson that Alderman Sullivan be the City's representative on the committee to administrate the project of household training. Motion passed unanimously.

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FIRE - GOTTINGEN STREET

Read letter from the Fire Marshal submitting report in connection with the fire on Gottingen Street, October 22nd.

November 5th, 1937.

The City Clerk,
City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Halifax City Fire Department

Sir:-

I have been directed to forward to you herewith, for consideration of His Worship and City Council, a copy of report made following investigation into the cause, origin and circumstances of a fire which destroyed property on the east side of Gottingen Street, Halifax, N. S. on the night of the 22nd October, 1937.

Attention is particularly directed to that part of the report dealing with the operation of and reported "undermanning" of fire department apparatus.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Rudland,
Fire Marshal .

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be embodied in the minutes. Motion passed.

NOVA SCOTIA FIRE MARSHALL DEPARTMENT

File No. 1,680-

REPORT- Frame and Brick Building, east side of Gottingen Street,
Halifax, N. S. Fire of October 22nd, 1937.

At about 7.00 P.M. Friday the 22nd day of October 1937, fire was discovered in this building. It resulted in practically the total destruction of the whole building except for the brick portion in rear which does not appear to have suffered severely. The fire also passed into the next building north occupied by Dominion Stores Ltd. and also less seriously damaged another building further to the north. There was slight damage to a building located across an alleyway and probably Insurance Companies will receive smoke and water claims from adjacent mercantile occupancies. The whole damage by this fire will probably exceed \$100,000. Adjustment is proceeding.

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The Fire Marshal has conducted a sworn inquiry and evidence has been given by officers and members of the City Fire Department and also by owners and employees located at the "Simon" Building.

In addition exhaustive examination of the ruins has continued since the fire was extinguished - eye witnesses being going to the scene and showing what they had witnessed from the discovery of the fire until it was not possible for anyone to remain within the building.

A rough sketch is attached to this report showing the general layout of separate basements occupied by "Jack's Limited" and the Metropolitan Stores Limited.

At the time of the fire the following appears to have been the situation within this building.

1. On South Side of the building "Jack's Limited" carried on a ladies and childrens wear business. Their store was well stocked with goods the value of which is believed to have been about \$12,000. They owed their creditors some \$3800. to \$4200. and bills receivable were about \$300. It was believed that they had \$2500. insurance on stock and \$500. on fixtures, but it appears at this date that this policy had not been renewed in May 1937.

Mrs. Simon was resting upon a lounge at the rear of the office during the afternoon. She was actually telephoning to a customer when the alarm was made. Mr. Simon was also in the office. A girl clerk was busy with a customer and another clerk was in a sewing room.

The basement entrance was on north side of office which was on east (rear) end of building. The basement was clean and tidy.

At about 7.00 p.m. one of the clerks noticed faint smoke in the Simon store and called out to Mr. Simon. Mr. Simon opened the cellar door and heavy smoke came through. He looked down into the cellar and through the heavy smoke saw the red glow of fire high up "near ceiling". The alarm was at once telephoned to West Street Fire Station.

At about the same time employees in the office of the Metropolitan Store which was located at North east corner saw smoke rising up the near south wall. The stock room manager ran down into the cellar and passed through from west to east along the aisle which is near their south wall and he says he saw no smoke or fire except thin smoke near ceiling. There was a girl working in the caddy room, which is an enclosed space in

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North east basement corner. It is not surprising that she saw or heard nothing until the stock room manager told her of the fire. This man says that he heard cracking noises coming from the other side of a wall in basement which faces east and separates the two basements. The inference to be drawn from this statement is that this man believes the fire was burning in Simon's basement. As a matter of fact there is no fire damage to the structure on either side of the division wall between the basements.

Firemen on arrival first tried to enter the Simon store and to enter with hose by way of basement steps at east end of the building but they withdrew from that direction and ran their first lines down the alley way at south side and entered through goods entrance - they saw Simon cellar full of smoke and fire reflecting up towards ceiling.

Deputy Fire Chief W. Howley at about 7.15 to 7.20 entered the Metropolitan Store basement and penetrated a short distance from east to west. On south side of that basement there was an enclosure - an old ice box of large dimensions, now used as a room for mixing doughnut ingredients. Between the west side of this box and the brick wall of furnace enclosure there was a space some 2 feet wide and some 12 feet deep, within this enclosure the Deputy Fire Chief saw a heavy fire burning. This is the only reliable evidence available concerning the location of the fire and the location is approximate to the location of the reflection of fire on the other side of the wall in the Simon cellar, and that reflection was showing high up towards the ceiling. Deputy Fire Chief Howley was the last man to be in either cellar as flames and smoke drove everyone to the outside of the building and the fire had to be fought from outside.

The division wall between the Simon basement and the Metropolitan basement is of masonry, but it was of little use as a fire stop because the floor joists ran at right angles and there was a considerable space at the top of the wall of wood and it was through this space that flame passed from one basement to the other.

It has been established that there was no fire in either furnace on the day of the fire. It appears that in the Simon basement there was no oil available for the furnace.

In the Metropolitan furnace there had been a fire on Thursday the 21st and so burned paper in the firebox must have been subsequent to that date.

Both furnaces, smoke pipes and chimneys are in good condition and it is quite clear that no fire started from the heating plants.

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No electrical troubles were evident in either store premises. All employees state that they did not smoke in the basements. Oily rags appear to have been properly disposed of and no one broke into the premises.

2. In the final examination of the ruins and at the exact location where Deputy Fire Chief Howley saw the fire burning and which is the space between the west wooden wall of the so called ice box and the east brick wall of the furnace room, there appears to have been a stock of crockery and glass ware packed in paper and excelsior on shelves on west wall of ice box, evidently to light this area and connected to the general lighting system was a three way plug or socket. This has been removed and examined by an expert who states that the current was on and that in the fitting he found evidence of "overloading" in that the fixture had been subjected to overloading for some time and that the overloading occurred before the fire.

In the absence of any explanation whatever for this fire it is suggested this overloaded electrical installation at the point where a responsible officer of the Fire Department actually witnessed a heavy fire burning was the most probable cause of this disastrous fire. A close examination of this area does support the view that the fire started there. From about "waist high" fire appears to have ~~XXXX~~burned up the west wall of the wood "ice box" and into the space above same and to ceiling above.

The nature of the stock in the basement and the store above the large unbroken floor areas within the store and the relatively four grade construction of the building were the factors responsible for the rapid spread of this fire.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS -

1. The first alarm for this fire was a telephone message received at West Street Station at 7.05 PM.

<u>Response</u>	1 Pumping Engine	4 men
	<u>1 Ladder Truck</u>	<u>3 men</u>

2. This call was relayed by telephone to Quinpool Road Fire Station.

<u>Response</u>	<u>1 Pumping Engine</u>	<u>4 men</u>
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3. This call also relayed to Morris Street Station by telephone.

<u>Response</u>	1 Squad Car	5 men
	<u>1 Deputy Fire Chief & driver</u>	

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NOTE: Had the first alarm been from street box all the apparatus named above with the detailed personnel would have left their stations simultaneously. The fact that it was a telephone alarm made it necessary to use telephone relay thus consuming time.

4. 7.12 PM. 1st Box Alarm. Response 1 Fire Chief & Driver.
5. 7.20 PM. 2nd Box Alarm
 from Bedford Row Station " 1 Pumping Engine - 4 men.
 From Morris Street " 1 ladder truck - 3 men.
6. 7.26 PM. 3rd Box Alarm -
 From Bedford Row Station " 1 pumping engine - 4 men.
 From Morris St. Station " 1 pumping engine(x) 5 men.

(x) Normal detail for this pumping engine is 4 men.

For years past Fire Department Officers have stated that the City Fire Apparatus is undermanned and these statements have been repeatedly borne out when the Department is confronted with a big fire such as the one under review.

Among fires in Halifax that have also disclosed this condition are:-

Dec. 7th, 1935 - Belvedere Apartment Fire - Brunswick St.
 Dec. 29th, 1933 - Buckingham St. - Argyle - Barrington Block
 Mar. 22nd, 1932 - N.S. Technical College - Sp. Garden Rd.
 Jan. 30th, 1930 - Automobile Show Rooms, Garage, etc.
 Granville St.
 Mar. 5th, 1928 - Trinity Church, Cogswell, Brunswick St.
 Mar. 28th, 1928 - Hotel / Hollis St.

Fire Engineers after long research and extensive experience have determined that certain numbers of firemen are necessary to man various types of fire apparatus. These manning details are well known to Fire Department officers. They are as follows:-

Within or near any high value district

	<u>Least number of men on duty</u>	
	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>
Engine Company	6	8
Ladder Company	7	9
Hose Company	5	7
Water Power Company	1 or 2	1 or 2
<u>In other districts</u>		
Engine Company	4	6
Ladder Company	5	7
Hose Company	3	5

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It is thus clearly disclosed that the Halifax City Fire Department (judged by these standards) is considerably undermanned.

The results of undermannings are:-

1. Serious risks to human life
2. Grave danger of large fires getting beyond control.

because:-

3. Undermanned apparatus cannot be operated efficiently when it is short of the minimum manning detail.
4. Undermanning is a detriment to the proper training of Fire Department personnel.
5. Efficient inspection service department cannot be maintained.

Deficiencies in personnel are not manifest in dealing with the "small" fire, it is only disclosed when the Department is faced with the task of subduing a large fire.

J. A. Rudland,
Fire Marshal.

Halifax, N. S.
November 4th, 1937.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #33.

Read letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary re amendment to Ordinance #33.

Halifax, N. S.
7th October, 1937.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of ordinance amending Ordinance No. 33 respecting the canvassing for subscriptions and orders for newspapers, etc., in the City of Halifax, the same amended ordinance having passed the City Council on the 12th August and 16th September, 1937, and being in amendment to Ordinance No. 33, permitted to take effect under Section 940 (2) of the Halifax City Charter by the lapse of thirty days.

The said amended ordinance was received in the office of the Provincial Secretary on the 4th of October, 1937.

Yours very truly,

Arthur S. Barnstead,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

His Worship the Mayor,
City of Halifax.

FILED

November 18th, 1937.

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

Read report of the Charities

Committee for the month of October, 1937, showing
the number of inmates in the City Home to be 449.
FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1937.

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

TAX COLLECTIONS, OCTOBER, 1937.

<u>Arrears Taxes</u>		Outstanding Balances September	New accounts adjustments	October and Collections	Outstanding Balances October.
Civic Year	Reserve				
1933-34	\$59,677.03	\$ 50,049.38	+ \$123.20	\$ 565.90	\$49,606.68
1934-35	53,651.32	151,143.11	- 39.04	9,643.30	141,460.77
1935-36	60,330.56	242,993.58	+ 5.97	8,773.60	234,225.95
1936-37	54,705.66	406,821.43	- 449.05	16,129.25	390,243.13
		851,007.50	- 358.92	35,112.05	815,536.53
<u>Current Taxes</u>					
1937-38	57,199.84	751,433.43	+ 24.13	25,261.74	726,195.82
<u>Water Dept.</u>					
Rates, etc.		78,813.19	+1,817.55	9,259.14	71,371.60
		1,681,254.12	+1,482.76	69,632.93	1,613,103.95
Poll Taxes 1933-34	\$2,069.01		+ .90	74.50	1,995.41
Poll Taxes 1934-35	3,011.25		+ 2.65	87.00	2,926.90
Poll Taxes 1935-36	3,395.76		+ 6.72	188.50	3,213.98
Poll Taxes 1936-37	6,264.96		+ 13.54	562.95	5,715.55
Poll Taxes 1937-38	18,917.07		+ 14.74	1,090.25	17,841.56
<u>Additional Collections</u>					
Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25				\$212.71	
Corresponding period last year					\$100.59
Tax years 1925-26 to 1932-33				1,228.47	
Corresponding period last year					1,118.80
Collections per above statement				69,632.93	
Corresponding period last year					81,267.55
				<u>71,074.11</u>	<u>82,486.94</u>
<u>Collections of Poll Taxes</u>					
May 1st, 1937 to Oct. 30th, 1937				13,656.53	
Corresponding period last year					13,427.17

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

November 18th, 1937.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

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

9.05 o'clock,
Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by
Alderman Smeltzer that this meeting do now adjourn.
Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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Walter Mitchell
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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Publicover
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CITY CLERK.