

CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 13th, 1938.
A G E N D A

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21. " " re tax collections for the month of December, 1937.

EVENING SESSION

8.05 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
January 13th, 1938.

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

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

The following named papers were submitted:-

MINUTES

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

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN SMELTZER RE APPOINTMENTS TO POLICE FORCE AND FIRE DEPT.

Read notice of motion by Alderman Smeltzer re appointments to the Police Force and Fire Department.

"Take Notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council I will move the following motion:

Resolved that at the next session of the Legislature legislation be obtained to provide that appointments to the Police Force and the Fire Department will be made by the City Council in the same manner that annual appointments are now made, instead of appointments thereto being made by the Committee on Police and the Committee on Firewards and Fire Escapes as at present."

January 13th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Gough that the notice of motion as submitted be approved. Motion put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
Gough
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
Lloyd
MacKay
McDonald
Sullivan

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NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN STECH - REDUCING
NUMBER OF ALDERMEN IN COUNCIL.

Council

Due to the absence of Alderman Stech, it was moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of the City Council. 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 \$5,545.39; Committee on Charities amounting to \$10,929.45; Gardens Committee amounting to \$1,069.58, Fleming Park amounting to \$108.32; City Prison Committee amounting to \$2,055.93; Library Committee amounting to \$372.82; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,078.98 chargeable to Fire Department and \$529.57 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$10,512.34; City Health Board amounting to \$6,129.49; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$472.89; Police Committee amounting to \$10,648.04 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

January 13th, 1938.

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

ACCOUNT - DEPUTY STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE

Read report of the Finance Committee re account of the Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 10th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the attached account from the Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate, J. L. McKinnon, for the sum of \$200.00 covering services rendered during the Stipendiary Magistrate's absence in the civic year 1936-37 was considered.

Your committee recommends that the account be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

Alderman Curran wishing to be recorded against.

REPAIRS TO WALL - 94 CORNWALLIS STREET

Read report of the Finance Committee re repairs to wall, 94 Cornwallis Street.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 10th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the attached correspondence submitted to this committee by the Committee on Works regarding construction of a wooden wall on the western line of #94 Cornwallis Street was considered.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

January 13th, 1938.

Your committee recommends that a sum not exceeding \$300.00, required to do this work, be taken from the appropriation of the Committee on Works for the current year. Alderman Donovan dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

JOINT EXPENDITURES - CITY AND COUNTY

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of His Worship the Mayor re joint expenditures, City and County.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 10th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from His Worship the Mayor regarding joint expenditures, City and County, was considered.

Your committee recommends that the letter of His Worship the Mayor be approved and a committee of Council be appointed to investigate this matter and report back to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Office of the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.
January 8th, 1938.

Chairman and Members,
Finance Committee,
CITY HALL,
Halifax, N. S.

Re: Joint Expenditures, City and County.

For the past number of years, the City of Halifax has been paying the proportion of 422/520ths of the joint expenditures.

*ad. Stech
Finance Com.*

January 13th, 1938.

This fraction, I find, was arrived at by an agreement by the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax and was authorized by Chapter 75, Acts of 1914, Section 32 and was for a period extending for five years from date - namely September 25th, 1913.

On consulting the minutes of the City Council for the civic year 1913-14, I find this agreement was passed and the following clause appears therein:

"And it is also agreed by and between the parties hereto that this agreement shall stand and remain in full force and effect for the period of five years from the date hereof; after which the said respective municipalities shall have the right to have their liabilities readjusted both as regards the County's valuation and the items therein contained as objects of joint account".

It seems to me that with the large developments in the County, together with equally large developments on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour, that the City of Halifax in paying the above proportion, is probably paying more than its share, and I would suggest that you recommend to Council, in your wisdom, that a committee be appointed to go into this matter and seek a readjustment of the proportion which the City of Halifax has to pay.

Yours very truly,

Walter Mitchell,
M A Y O R.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of His Worship the Mayor be approved.

His Worship the Mayor called upon the Deputy Mayor to assume the Chair while he addressed Council from the floor of the Chamber.

The Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair.

January 13th, 1938.

The Mayor stated that on looking into the question of joint expenditures, it was found that an agreement was entered into on September 23rd, 1913 between the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax for a period of five years, subject to re-adjustment. Since this agreement was entered into, he said, the assessment had greatly increased in the County.

The Mayor referred to the Imperial Oil Plant at Imperoyal, developments across the Arm and other points in the County, and stated that in his opinion a committee of Council should be appointed to investigate the matter with a view to seeking a re-adjustment of the proportion which the City of Halifax has to pay.

The Mayor then assumed the Chair.

Motion put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Keshen that His Worship the Mayor be asked to appoint the required committee. Motion passed.

The Mayor stated that ~~he~~ would appoint the Finance Committee as the committee to deal with this matter, to which Council agreed.

BRUNSWICK STREET FIRE STATION

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

Chief Churchill

January 13th, 1938.

Halifax, N. S.
January 11th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day an extract from minutes of meeting of City Council, held on December 16th, regarding new fire station was read;

Your committee recommends that the City of Halifax at the next session of the Legislature secure legislation to enable the City to borrow the sum of \$25,000.00 to supplement the sum of \$53,000.00 authorized to be borrowed by Section 60 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1934, the said sum of \$25,000.00 when borrowed to be used for the purposes set out in Section 60. (The above resolution is required to be passed by a two-thirds vote).

And that the erection of a new fire station on the Brunswick Street site be proceeded with in accordance with the plans now prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

John Walker,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman O'Toole that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman McDonald that this matter be referred back to the Firewards Committee for a further report and also a written report from the Chief of the Fire Department; said reports to be presented at the next regular meeting of the City Council. Amendment put and passed, 15 voting

for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
Lloyd
MacKay
McDonald
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer
Sullivan
Walker

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran
Gough

January 13th, 1938.

Motion not put.

*Chief Churchill
Treasurer*

SALARY - CAPTAIN MCGILLIVARY

Read report of the Firewards

Committee re salary of Captain McGillivary.

January 11th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, an extract from minutes of a meeting of City Council held on December 16th regarding revision in Captain's salary was read.

Your committee recommends that Captain McGillivary's salary be increased at the rate of \$60.00 per annum from November 17th and that the minimum rate of Captains, hereafter, be set at \$1,660.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Walker,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report be adopted. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curran
Donovan
Frede
Keshen
Lloyd
MacKay
O'Toole
Smeltzer
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis
Gough
McDonald
Power
Walker

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DIRECT RELIEF BORROWING

Read letter from the Secretary of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee submitting resolution re direct relief borrowing.

January 13th, 1938.

Halifax, N. S.

January 11th, 1938.

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

Attached hereto are copies of resolution passed at the meeting of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee on January 10th, 1938, 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 February 1938 to the 30th day of April, 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Vaughan.

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 February, 1938, and the thirtieth day of April, 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 (\$4,300.) for the purpose of defraying the cost of administration of direct relief for the period from February 1st, 1938 to April 30th, 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.

January 13th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Curran that the resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously, the following voting therefor:-

- Aldermen Adams
- Batson
- Burgess
- Curran
- Curtis
- Donovan
- Freda
- Gough
- Keshen
- Lloyd
- MacKay
- McDonald
- O'Toole
- Power
- Smoltzer
- Sulliyen
- Walker

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(3) Direct Relief Com.

DIRECT RELIEF

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Power that the City Solicitor be authorized to draft a resolution notifying both the Federal and Provincial Governments that on and after April 30th, 1938, the City of Halifax will cease to contribute towards any further direct relief, under authority of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932 and amendments thereto, and that a committee be appointed to interview the Governments. Motion put and passed, 16 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

AGAINST IT

- Aldermen Adams
- Batson
- Burgess
- Curtis
- Donovan
- Freda
- Gough
- Keshen
- Lloyd
- MacKay
- McDonald
- O'Toole
- Power
- Smoltzer
- Sullivan
- Walker

Alderman Curran

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January 13th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the Halifax Direct Relief Committee be the committee to interview the Governments in this connection. Motion passed.

ASSESSMENT - N. S. PUBLIC COLD STORAGE CO.

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor re assessment against Nova Scotia Public Cold Storage Co.

January 4th, 1938.

Members of the City Council.

Re: Assessment against Nova Scotia
Public Cold Storage Company.

When my predecessor reported on his term of office at the last regular meeting of Council for the civic year 1936-37, he said in part -

"When I came into office, I found an amount of \$17,800. assessed against the Nova Scotia Public Cold Storage Company. This Company's operation had been taken over by the Government of Canada in November of the previous year. This was carried as an asset by the City but was uncollectable. I again journeyed to Ottawa and presented the City's case.

The responsible Minister, seeing the justice of our case, agreed as an act of grace to meet us, and included in his estimate between nine and ten thousand dollars for that purpose. Money which the City never would have received unless I had gone after it".

Some little time ago I was advised that this amount, as mentioned by the Ex Mayor, had not been paid and I took the matter up with the Minister of Transport, who was the gentleman referred to by Ex Mayor Cragg. He replied as follows:-

"December 11th, 1937.

"Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have your letter of December 1st, with reference to discussions with your predecessor concerning payment to the City with respect to taxes assessed against the N. S. Public Cold Storage Terminals Ltd.

January 13th, 1938.

As a result of the representations made by Mayor Cragg, consideration was given to the claim put forward by the City, as I indicated would be done. It was found, however, on the advice of the legal officers of the Crown, that we were without authority to make such a disbursement.

You will realize that the claim made by the City was for taxes for the period May 1st, 1934 to May 1st, 1935, that the property was actually transferred by Bill of Sale dated December 29th, 1933, and that the Nova Scotia Public Cold Storage Terminals, Limited, had paid taxes for the year ending May 1st, 1934. Under these circumstances, we were advised as indicated above, which will explain why no further action has been taken in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) C. D. Howe.

His Worship Mayor Mitchell,
Halifax, N. S. "

On receiving this reply, I got in touch with Ex-Mayor Cragg who informed me that he understood from Mr. Hendry of the National Harbours Board that the amount was included in their estimates, and I then got in touch with Mr. Hendry, who wrote me the following letters:

"National Harbours Board,
Halifax, N. S.

December 21st, 1937.

Walter Mitchell, Esq.,
Mayor, City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

After you telephoned me on Friday, I placed before the Board the question of the 1934-1935 Business Tax assessed against the Nova Scotia Public Cold Storage Terminals Ltd.

I was informed that you had taken this matter up direct with the Minister of Transport, Hon. C. D. Howe, and it is quite possible that you have received a reply from him by this time.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) R. W. Hendry,
PORT MANAGER."

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January 13th, 1938.

"National Harbours Board,
Halifax, N. S.

December 27th, 1937.

Walter Mitchell, Esq.,
Mayor, City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have your letter of the 23rd instant in reference to the 1934-35 Business Tax assessed against the Nova Scotia Public Cold Storage Terminals Ltd.

The only discussions that I had with Ex-Mayor Cragg were regarding his correspondence and interview with the Minister.

I am instructed to advise you that the Board has no authority to make this disbursement.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) R. W. Hendry,
PORT MANAGER.

From this correspondence, it would appear that the City is not likely to receive this money. However, I expect to be in Ottawa in March when I will again take the matter up direct with the Minister and am hoping to get some relief. It would seem to me that this matter should be brought to the attention of Council as I am sure that many of its members are under the impression that the City had received this money.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,
M A Y O R.

FILED

SUPERANNUATION - SAMUEL E. BROWN, GENERAL ASSISTANT AT CITY HOME.

Finance Comm.
Read report of the Charities Committee re superannuation of Samuel E. Brown, General Assistant at the City Home.

Halifax, N. S.
January 10th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

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

January 13th, 1938.

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

It is recommended that Samuel E.
Brown, General Assistant at City Home be superannuated
as from the first day of January, 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Keshon,
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF H. N. M. STANBURY TO THE
ASSESSMENT APPEAL COURT.

Read letter from the Chief Justice
of Nova Scotia re appointment of H. N. M. Stanbury
to the Assessment Appeal Board.

Halifax, N. S.
December 31st, 1937.

His Worship,
The Mayor and City Council.

Sirs:-

In accordance with the provisions of
the City Charter, I hereby appoint Mr. Harvey
Norman Mackenzie Stanbury, of 7 Rosebank Avenue,
Halifax, to fill the vacancy on the Assessment
Appeal Board caused by the lamented death of the
late Mr. W. H. Studd.

Yours truly,

Joseph Chisholm,
Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

FILED

Direct Relief Com. LETTER, RED CROSS SOCIETY RE DISTRIBUTION BUREAU

Read letter from the Canadian

Red Cross Society as follows:-

January 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

We wish to advise that the Red
Cross propose closing their Distribution Bureau on
January 31st, as all monies in our possession for
this purpose will have been spent unless we have
satisfactory assurance before that date of a
further amount from the City.

January 13th, 1938.

We will be very pleased to give you a report at any time as to the work done, and costs.

Yours very truly,

Wm. McT. Orr,
President.

Referred to the Relief Committee.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 589 OF THE CITY CHARTER

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

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 15th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the City Council held on October 14th, 1937, consideration was given to a report of the Laws and Privileges Committee recommending that Section 589 of the City Charter regarding Ordinances be amended 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".

This report was referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee for the purpose of drafting an ordinance so as to inform the Council the nature of the ordinance which is likely to be enacted under this legislation.

This committee considered the matter at a meeting held on the above date and recommends that legislation as previously submitted be approved, and attaches hereto a copy of the proposed draft ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lloyd,
CHAIRMAN.

January 13th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be adopted. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curran
Donovan
Koshen
Lloyd
MacKay
McDonald
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis
Freda
Gough
Power
Smeltzer

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QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

Alderman Smeltzer stated that he had received complaints from certain taxpayers regarding their assessments for the civic year 1938-39. Complaints, he said, were to the effect that the assessments were considerably higher than last year.

Alderman Smeltzer said that he felt the Assessor should not increase the assessment without first informing the property owner.

The City Solicitor, at this time, stated that if a property owner has not received an assessment notice he has the right to appeal within fourteen days after learning of the assessment, and the case will then be dealt with by the Assessment Appeal Court.

The Mayor suggested that Alderman Smeltzer appear at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

January 13th, 1938.

Alderman Walker asked the following questions:-

"What were the necessary requirements in order to vote in the civic elections for the years 1935-36 and 1936-37.

In a case when a property is assessed to an estate is it permissible under the Assessment Act, for the Assessor to proportion the occupation tax with the beneficiaries who are living in said property."

assessor

Aldorman Smeltzer asked under what authority applicants for appointments to the Police Force are required to furnish tenth grade certificates, and requested an answer from the City Solicitor before the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Solicitor

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Finance Com

ROWELL COMMISSION

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor re Rowell Commission.

*Mayor
Solicitor
auditor*

January 13th, 1938.

Members of the City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Aldermen:-

The Royal Commission on Dominion Provincial Relations, under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Newton W. Rowell, Chief Justice of Ontario, are scheduled to hold their sittings in Halifax on the 3rd of February.

I consider it advisable that the City submit a Brief to this Commission, outlining certain matters in which the City desires relief. In view of the importance of this matter and of the lack of time available to discuss the same prior to the meetings of the Commission, I have requested the City Solicitor and the City Auditor to prepare this Brief.

January 13th, 1938.

After considerable discussion it is suggested that the Brief deal with the matter of the exemption from taxation of Crown Property - both administrative, business, military and naval - remuneration for services rendered, payment by the Crown of betterment or local improvements charges, submission by the Crown to Municipal By-Laws and building restrictions, exemption of municipalities from business, sales tax and stamp tax on cheques and for the assumption by the Federal Government of the expenses of direct relief.

It was at first thought that the City would be permitted to submit its Brief direct to the Commission, but the Commission has ruled that such brief must be submitted on behalf of the City by the Province.

It is, therefore, necessary that this matter be dealt with immediately and if it is the desire of the Council that such a Brief be presented, to signify its approval thereof and of the matters proposed to be dealt with therein.

Yours very truly,

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the City present a Brief as suggested and that the Mayor, City Solicitor and City Auditor be requested to appear before the commission in the interests of the City of Halifax.

The Mayor stated that the Brief would have to be presented through the Province, and the Commission would question the City representatives.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

Alderman Walker submitted the following notice of motion.

"That I will, at next regular meeting of Council, move a motion for His Worship the Mayor to form a committee for the revision of salaries and other economics".

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RESOLUTION, UNITED MINE WORKERS OF STELLARTON

Road resolution from the United
Mine Workers of Stellarton as follows:-

Stellarton, N. S.
December 22nd, 1937.

Mayor, City of Halifax,
And City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:-

The coal mines of Nova Scotia are only working part time, and the employeecs are forced to work for very low wages in order that we might sell our coal in our own province of Nova Scotia and other provinces of Canada.

AND WHEREAS,

The large importation of foreign coal coming into our province and other provinces of Canada has forced us as miners and residents of Nova Scotia to work for low wages and our mines to operate at only part time. And at the present time an investigation is being carried on in the City of Halifax, the capital of our province, to analyze a shipment of coal to find out what foreign country it has come from. We feel that such an investigation is ridiculous when our mines in Nova Scotia are standing idle. Foreign coal should never be allowed to enter this coal producing province of Nova Scotia. And if coal is to be burned in Nova Scotia it should be coal mined in Nova Scotia. And the City of Halifax should be one of the largest consumers of Nova Scotia coal as Halifax is a manufacturing City that ships a great amount of their wares into the mining districts of the Province. We believe it only fair that the City of Halifax should use Nova Scotia coal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That we the members of Local Union 4481 U.M.W. of A. and miners of Stellarton, Nova Scotia, ask you as Mayor of Halifax and your Council to do all in your power to stop the overflow of foreign coal into our coal producing province of Nova Scotia, and to influence the people of Halifax to buy coal mined in Nova Scotia.

(Sgd) John F. McGillivray,
President.

(Sgd) Edward F. McKay,
Secty. Local Union 4481
U.M.W. of A. Stellarton.

FILED

January 13th, 1938.

LETTER, CITY CLERK OF SYDNEY RE RESOLUTION
OF COUNCIL.

Read letter from the City Clerk of
Sydney as follows:-

December 17th, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council
held last evening the following resolution was
unanimously passed :-

"WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the
Council that large quantities of imported
coal is being used in the civic buildings
in Halifax.

AND WHEREAS the citizens of this City
purchase large quantities of merchandise
and carry on extensive business dealings
with other commercial concerns of Halifax.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council
respectively urge upon the authorities of
the City of Halifax, the desirability
of their making use of Nova Scotia mined
coke and coal in their civic buildings
and also use their influence to have such
coke and coal more generally used by
their citizens".

Yours truly,

James MacDonald,
CITY CLERK.

FILED

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - 282 QUINPOOL ROAD

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*
Read report of the Comm. on Works
and City Engineer, re shop in residential district,
282 Quinpool Road.

January 5th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on application of
W. P. Woodworth for permission to alter the
dwelling at No. 282 Quinpool Road, into a shop for
the sale of goods by retail, that advertisements
were inserted in the four daily papers notifying
the public that the application had been made and
also that any person having any objection to the

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permit being granted should file the same in writing with the Building Inspector on, or before the 3rd of January, 1938.

No objections have been received.

The attached sketch shows the user of the buildings on Quinpool Road between Oxford Street and Beech Street. It will be seen that on the south side north, all the buildings as far west from Oxford Street at No. 280 are used for commercial purposes and the addition of the shop at No. 282 will not destroy the amenity of the neighbourhood.

It is recommended that a permit converting the dwelling into a shop be granted, provided the plans are made satisfactory to the Building Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 13th, 1938.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works on the 6th instant, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application of W. P. Woodworth for permission to alter a dwelling at #282 Quinpool Road into a shop for the sale of goods by retail was on motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR LEAD PIPE

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

January 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Our stock of 3/4 inch lead pipe is exhausted and we should have about five tons.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

January 13th, 1938.

I asked for tenders from various firms with the following results:-

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Price per C.lbs.</u>	<u>Price per lb.</u>	<u>Date of Delivery</u>	<u>Terms</u>
F.S.Coombs & Co.	\$7.60	.076	Week to 10 days from date of order	Acceptance Jan.14/38.
Auston Bros.	7.68	.0768	Immediate from Montreal	
Jas.Simmonds Ltd.	7.71 $\frac{1}{2}$.077 $\frac{1}{2}$	January 31/38.	days.
Wm.Stairs Son & Morrow Ltd.	7.78	.0778		Net 30 s.tax included.
Crowell Bros.Ltd. Cranes Limited	7.90 8.54	.079 .0854	Promptly Immediate	2% cash Discount 15th month following date of Inv.
T.McAvity & Sons	10.30	.103	Montreal 2 to 3 days after receipt of order.	2%
Wm.Robertson & Sons	Did not quote.			

It is recommended that the tender of F. S. Coombs & Company, being the lowest, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 13th, 1938,

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on this date, the attached report of the City Engineer on tenders received for the purchase of $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead pipe was on motion of Alderman Freda 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.

INSURANCE RATES REDUCTION

Read report of the Comm.on Works, City Engineer and letter of the N.S.Board of Fire Underwriters re insurance rates reduction.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

January 13th, 1938.

City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N. S.
January 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am attaching copy of letter from the Acting Secretary of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, in which they state that the reduction promised in the Key Rate upon the construction of the new Fire Alarm Station will go into effect as from January 12th, 1938.

The said reduction is as set forth in a letter from the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters dated August 1st, 1933, as follows:-

- A - That fire alarm headquarters be removed to a detached fireproof building especially constructed and located so as to reduce as far as possible all liability of interruption of service; sand pails and chemical extinguishers to be provided in the operating and battery rooms, near the intersection of Bell Road and Summer Street or Quinpool Road and Robie Street are suggested as excellent locations.

NOTE: These reductions do not apply to sprinklered or fire resistive constructed risks or to dwellings and other so called three year risks.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 13th, 1938.

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 insurance rates - reduction, was submitted, and on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS,
Halifax, N. S.

January 12th, 1938.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,
City Engineer,
C I T Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your esteemed favor of the 4th instant was laid before our Rating Committee at its

January 13th, 1938.

meeting today and upon your definite assurance that not more than 100 lbs. of dynamite will be stored at any one time in the magazine, they have decided that the reduction in the Key Rate will go into effect as from today, January 13th, 1938.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Edwin K. MacKay,
ACTING SECRETARY.

FILED

ACCEPTANCE OF ARMVIEW AVENUE AND CONSTRUCTION
OF CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, ETC.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re acceptance of Armview Avenue and construction of concrete sidewalks, etc.

January 13th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On December 15th, 1937, I reported on a request from the owners of property abutting on Armview Avenue that the City accept this street, that the grading had not been altogether done in conformity to the plans, but that I understood a petition for concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters was being circulated for the construction of these works, and that if such works were undertaken, they would take care of the portions of the street which were not properly graded, also that it would be an uneconomic procedure to fill up places ungraded with material which would, within a month or so be excavated in the course of the construction of the sidewalks. It was also pointed out that the Charter provides that the Council may decide to accept a street and to grade the same, charging the owners with the cost of the grading. This cost, if the sidewalks are built, will be practically nothing.

It was suggested that the proper procedure would be for the owners of the properties to send in a petition for sidewalks immediately and if the Council approved of their construction, a further resolution regarding the acceptance of the streets could be passed.

A petition was received this morning with the signature of the owners of 79% of the frontage abutting on the south-west side of the street and 47% of those on the north-east side of the street.

January 13th, 1938.

The estimated cost of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, driveways and sodding on both sides of the street is \$7,800.00 of which the City's share would be about one-half.

A short piece of sidewalk should be laid on Quinpool Road to connect the present walk with that on Armview Avenue. The total cost of the sidewalk and sodding would be about \$200.00 of which the City's share would be one-half.

It is recommended that concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveways and sodding be laid on both sides of Armview Avenue when the street has been graded and that sidewalks and sodding be laid on the south side of Quinpool Road from the western end of the present sidewalk to the east sidewalk on Armview Avenue.

It is also recommended that the City grade the street at the expense of the property owners under the provisions of Section 559A. of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 13th, 1938.

The City Council.

The Committee on Works on this date, on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, recommended to the City Council in accordance with the attached report of the City Engineer that Armview Avenue be graded at the expense of the property owners and when graded, accepted by the City under the authority of Section 559A. of the City Charter; and that concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, driveways, and sodding be constructed on both sides of Armview Avenue and on the south side of Quinpool Road from Armview Avenue eastwardly.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1938.

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of December, 1937, showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 450.
FILED

January 13th, 1938.

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1937.

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

TAX COLLECTIONS, DECEMBER, 1937

Arrears Taxes

Civic Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances November	New accounts and adjustments	December Collections	Outstanding Balances December.
1933-34	\$59,696.63	\$48,800.05	+ \$6.15	\$1,313.23	\$47,492.97
1934-35	53,659.69	130,655.84	+ 6.56	15,952.83	114,709.57
1935-36	60,383.91	225,056.64	+ .50	10,591.18	214,465.96
1936-37	55,090.73	375,093.81	+ 3.50	23,203.86	351,893.45
		779,606.34	+ 16.71	51,061.10	728,561.95

Current Taxes

1937-38	59,213.61	701,999.50	+ 26.97	27,761.26	674,265.21
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Water Dept.
Rates, etc.

	35,130.55	+71,750.91	35,567.47	70,313.99
	<u>1,516,736.39</u>	<u>+71,794.59</u>	<u>115,389.83</u>	<u>1,473,141.14</u>

Poll Taxes 1933-34	1,929.86	+ 1.97	44.50	1,887.33
Poll Taxes 1934-35	2,844.21	+ .28	43.00	2,801.49
Poll Taxes 1935-36	3,078.71	- 3.38	98.00	2,977.33
Poll Taxes 1936-37	5,207.75	+ 23.24	324.00	4,906.99
Poll Taxes 1937-38	16,405.17	+ 70.35	1,240.00	15,235.52

Additional Collections

Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25			\$48.19	\$105.25
Corresponding period last year				
Tax years 1925-26 to 1932-33			1,343.03	1,407.18
Corresponding period last year				
Collections per above statement			115,389.83	
Corresponding period last year			<u>116,781.05</u>	<u>100,906.44</u>
				<u>102,418.87</u>

Collections of Poll Taxes

May 1st, 1937 to Dec. 31st, 1937			\$17,884.78	
Corresponding period last year				17,192.42

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

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DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

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

10.00 o'clock,

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

Meeting adjourned.

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W. P. Publicover
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CITY CLERK.

Walter Mitchell
Walter Mitchell
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N

5.00 o8Clock
Council Chamber,
City Hall
January 27th, 1938

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the School Board estimates.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

Read report of the Finance Committee submitting estimates of the School Board, together with resolution covering same.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 25th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council,

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, the Estimate of the Board of school Commissioners for the civic year 1938-39, as attached hereto, was considered.

Your committee having given consideration to all items of the Board, herewith submits a resolution, which is recommended to the Council for its adoption.

This resolution embodies an objection to an item which the Finance Committee recommends be endorsed by the Council and its adoption will enable the Council to record its objection should the recommendation of the Committee be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that pursuant to section 917 of the City Charter, the City Council at a meeting held January 27th 1938, concurs in and approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the estimate of the Board of School Commissioners for the Civic year 1938-39, as submitted to the City Council at this meeting, should be objected to and the City Council does hereby object to the said estimate.

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

Sub-division	Amount submitted	Amount objected to by City Council
Janitors	\$33,517.00	\$480.00

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

SCHEDULE "B"

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES.

	1938-39	Increase	Decrease	1937-38
Teachers	\$390,955.00	28,622.25		\$362,332.75
Technical Classes	4,000.00			4,000.00
Pool Supplies	6,300.00	800.00		5,500.00
Auxiliary Classes	900.00			900.00
Postal Inspection	2,400.00	105.00		2,295.00
Local Inspection	6,610.00	98.00		6,512.00
Janitors	33,517.00	2,259.47		31,257.53
Maintenance	29,822.25	187.85		29,634.40
Books	13,984.05			13,984.05
Insurance	3,300.00			3,300.00
Electric	25,000.00		\$1,000.00	26,000.00
Telephones, Light and	4,000.00			4,000.00
Repairs	6,700.00			6,700.00
General Expenses	1,300.00			1,300.00
Advertising & Printing	650.00			650.00
Interest on Debentures	2,430.00			2,430.00
Inspector	3,500.00	175.00		3,325.00
Secretary	2,500.00	125.00		2,375.00
stenographers	2,025.00	101.25		1,923.75
Messenger Service	480.00			480.00
Superintendent	2,800.00	140.00		2,660.00
Attendance Officer	1,462.50	40.00		1,422.50
Contingent	1,500.00	500.00		1,000.00
Office Expenses	400.00			400.00
Pension, Ex-Secretary	1,200.00			1,200.00
Repairs, Sidewalks etc	2,000.00			2,000.00
	<u>549,735.80</u>	<u>33,153.82</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>517,581.98</u>

Estimated Revenue:

Grants	5,250.00		1,000.00	4,250.00
Interest	1,500.00		1,200.00	300.00
Grants	500.00	150.00		650.00
Cellaneous	600.00			600.00
	<u>7,850.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>5,800.00</u>
	\$541,885.80	33,303.82	3,200.00	511,781.98

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

5.05 P.M. Alderman MacKay arrives and takes his seat in council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the School Board

January 27th, 1938.

estimates be considered, item by item, amendment put and lost, 7 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
Gough
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Walker

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
MacKay
O'Toole
Sullivan

The original motion was then put and resulted in a tie vote as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Curran
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
MacKay
Stech
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson
Burgess
Curtis
Gough
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer
Walker

The Mayor then cast his vote in favor of the motion and declared it passed.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Walter Mitchell
Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W.P. Publicover

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 17th, 1938.

A G E N D A

- Minutes.
1. Notice of motion by Alderman Stech re number of Aldermen in Council.
 2. Resolution re accounts.
 3. Report Finance Committee re tenders for loan.
 4. " " " superannuation of William Coates.
 5. " " " " S. E. Brown.
 6. " " " " J. A. Shanks.
 7. Legislation.
 8. Report Cabs Committee re tenders for license plates, etc.
 9. Report Gardens Committee re tenders for trees.
 10. " " Lynch's shows.
 11. Report Firewards Committee re Brunswick Street fire station.
 12. " " purchase of overcoats.
 13. " " tenders for renewing roof tower, Morris Street, fire station.
 14. Report Special Committee re qualifications of voters.
 15. Letter His Worship the Mayor re brief, Rowell Commission.
 16. Letter City Clerk re resolution covering payment to the Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate.
 17. Questions by Aldermen.
 18. Resolution, Halifax Direct Relief Committee re laborers program of Public Works.
 19. Report " " " re grant to Red Cross Society.
 20. Report Comm. on Works re water bills reductions.
 21. Report Comm. on Works and City Engineer re street lighting.
 22. " " " re tea room, 160 Spring Garden Road.
 23. " " " re lease of property at Beech Hill to Halifax Gun Club.
 24. " " " re capital borrowings.
 25. " " " re short term borrowings.
 26. " " " re sale of land, Chestnut Street.
 27. Report Charities Committee covering Supt's report re inmates in the City Home.
 28. Report City Auditor re departmental appropriations and expenditures.
 29. " " re tax collections for the month of January, 1938.

EVENING SESSION

8.00 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
February 17th, 1938.

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

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

The following named papers were submitted:-

MINUTES

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

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN STECH - REDUCING NUMBER OF ALDERMEN IN COUNCIL.

Read notice of motion by Alderman Stech re the number of Aldermen in Council.

"BE IT RESOLVED that, at the next session of the Legislature, legislation be secured -

1. Reducing the number of aldermen in the City Council from 18 to 12.
2. Providing that one alderman be elected in each ward and six aldermen from the City at large.
3. Providing that each alderman when elected, shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.
4. Each alderman be paid a nominal salary for his services.

*Citizens
Research
Institute
of Canada*

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5. Providing the term of all members of the Council shall cease at the same time.

6. Providing that the terms of all aldermen now sitting or elected to office at any time prior to April 30th, 1939, shall determine on April 30th, 1939.

7. Providing that the election for aldermen to be held in April 1939 be held under the provisions of this new legislation."

Alderman Power arrives and takes his seat in Council.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Batson that the notice of motion as submitted be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the notice of motion be referred to the Citizens Research Institute of Canada when it makes its survey, provided that this will entail no extra cost. Amendment put and passed unanimously. The following voting therefor:-

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshen
MacKay
McDonald
Power
Smeltzer
Stech
Sulliyen
Walker
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Motion not put.

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted,

February 17th, 1938.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Committee on Finance amounting to \$6,348.91; Committee on Charities amounting to \$9,775.44; Gardens Committee amounting to \$579.02, Fleming Park amounting to \$108.32; City Prison Committee amounting to \$1,729.09; Library Committee amounting to \$695.83; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,319.47 chargeable to Fire Department and \$585.45 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$11,437.83; City Health Board amounting to \$5,007.75; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$497.98; Police Committee amounting to \$10,344.01 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.

TENDERS FOR LOAN - \$290,000.00

Read report of the Finance Committee re tenders for loan.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 15th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Pursuant to the call for tenders dated February 5th, 1938, for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % serial debentures dated January 2nd, 1938, for the principal sum of \$290,000.00, the Committee on Finance had for consideration tenders for the same from the following:-

McTaggart, Hannaford, Birks & Gordon Ltd. and Hanson Bros. Inc.	100.39
T.M. Bell & Co. Ltd., A.E. Ames & Co., and Bank of Montreal	100.03
Wood, Gundy & Co. Ltd., Eastern Securities Co. Ltd. and Royal Bank of Canada	99.58
The Dominion Securities Corporation Limited and Bank of Nova Scotia	98.75
Bell, Gouinlock & Co. Ltd. and Irving, Brennan & Co. Ltd.	98.616
R. A. Daly Co. Ltd. Fry & Co. Ltd. and W. C. Pitfield Co. Ltd.	98.61

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Bartlett Cayley & Co.Ltd. J.L.Graham &
Co.Ltd., Harris Ramsay & Co.Ltd.,
Mathews & Co. and Midland Securities
Corporation Limited 97.00

Your committee recommends that
the tender of McTaggart, Hannaford, Birks & Gordon
Limited and Hanson Bros.Inc. at 100.39 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

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

The following resolution, in this
connection, was also submitted:-

WHEREAS on various occasions the
Committee appointed by the City of Halifax to
administer Direct Relief in the City of Halifax
has expended as its share, a sum in excess of
\$100,000.00, in the furnishing of Direct Relief in
the City of Halifax under the provisions of Chapter
7 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1932;

AND WHEREAS under the provisions
of Section 8 of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, the
City of Halifax desires to borrow an amount to pay
the said share of the City and desires to secure
the approval of the Governor-in-Council so to do;

AND WHEREAS the City has not
already borrowed the said sum or any part thereof
nor raised the same or any part thereof by way of
loan, nor included the same or any part thereof in
the estimates of the City;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the
Mayor and Council of the City of Halifax that the
City of Halifax do request the Governor-in-Council
to approve of the borrowing by the City of Halifax
of the sum of \$100,000.00 to be secured by the
serial debentures of the City of Halifax, bearing
a nominal rate of interest of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per centum,
redeemable as at the times and in the amounts
following:-

January 2nd, 1939	\$1,000.00
" 2nd, 1940	1,000.00
" 2nd, 1941	25,000.00
" 2nd, 1942	8,000.00
" 2nd, 1943	10,000.00
" 2nd, 1944	15,000.00
" 2nd, 1945	15,000.00
" 2nd, 1946	25,000.00
	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

February 17th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously; the following voting therefor:-

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Bungess
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshen
MacKay
McDonald
Power
Smoltzer
Stech
Sullivan
Walker
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SUPERANNUATION - WILLIAM COATES

Read report of the Finance Committee re the superannuation of William Coates of the Works Department.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 15th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the attached correspondence in connection with the superannuation of William Coates of the Works Department was considered.

Your committee recommends that Mr. William Coates be superannuated as from January 1st, 1938, at an annual allowance of \$571.94 under the provisions of Section 146 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.

February 17th, 1938.

SUPERANNUATION - SAMUEL E. BROWN

Read report of the Finance Committee
re the superannuation of Samuel E. Brown, General
Assistant at the City Home.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 15th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee
held on the above date, the attached correspondence
in connection with the superannuation of Samuel E.
Brown, General Assistant at the City Home, was
considered.

Your committee recommends that Mr.
Samuel E. Brown be superannuated as from January
1st, 1938, at an annual allowance of \$424.00 under
the provisions of Section 146 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.

SUPERANNUATION - JAMES ARTHUR SHANKS

Read report of the Finance Committee
re the superannuation of James Arthur Shanks of
the Fire Department.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 15th, 1938.

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 the superannuation of James
Arthur Shanks of the Fire Department was considered.

Your committee recommends that
James Arthur Shanks be superannuated as from

February 17th, 1938.

January 1st, 1938, at an annual allowance of \$394.68 under the provisions of Section 868 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.

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Burgess that consideration of the legislation be deferred until the Council meets specially to consider the Estimates. Motion passed.

OVERDRAFT OF CITY PRISON AND HEALTH BOARD

Read report of the Finance Committee re overdraft of City Prison and Health Board.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 15th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance held this day, reports were read from the City Auditor drawing attention to impending overdrafts in the appropriation for the Tuberculosis Hospital and of the City Prison amounting to \$4,500.00 and \$800.00 respectively.

The report of the Auditor covering both cases is attached hereto.

As the only solution to the hospital deficit is to seek legislation to permit an overdraft in it, this course is recommended.

A similar course is also recommended in the case of the Prison deficit unless it is found possible to meet the deficit from the excess revenue of the City Prison.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

February 17th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Gough that this matter be deferred with the rest of the legislation. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR LICENSE PLATES

Read report of the Cabs Committee re tenders for license plates.

Mayor's Office,
City Hall,
February 14th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Cabs Committee held this day, tenders for supplying dog tags, license plates, badges, etc. to the City for the civic year 1938-39 were received from the following:-

Halifax Rubber Stamp Co.	\$420.50
London Rubber Stamp Co.	431.75

The committee recommends that the tender of the Halifax Rubber Stamp Co., being the lowest, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR TREES

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

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 8th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Gardens, Parks and Commons Committee held on the above date, tenders for supplying trees to the City were considered.

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The tender of the Lakeside Nursery Farm of Amherst, Nova Scotia, being the lowest, your committee recommends that an order be placed with this firm for trees to the value of not more than \$250.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McDonald,
CHAIRMAN.

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

LYNCH'S SHOWS

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

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 2nd, 1938.

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

At a meeting of the Gardens, Parks and Commons Committee held on the above date, an application from Mr. W. P. Lynch requesting permission to use a portion of the Commons for an engagement of his show for a period of ten to twelve days, between May 20th and June 15th next, was considered.

Your committee recommends that the application be granted and permission given Mr. Lynch to conduct his show as requested, at the usual rental namely \$50.00 per day plus \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McDonald,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman McDonald, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted.
Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshen
MacKay
McDonald
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis
Power
Walker

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BRUNSWICK STREET FIRE STATION

Fire Chief

Read report of the Committee on Firewards and letter of the Chief of the Fire Department re the erection of a new fire station.

February 17th, 1938.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held February 11th, 1938, an extract of minutes of meeting of City Council held January 13th, 1938, was read regarding the erection of the new fire station.

Your committee re-affirms its previous reports on this matter and again recommends that the City of Halifax at the next session of the Legislature secure legislation to enable the City of Halifax to borrow the sum of \$25,000.00 to supplement the sum of \$53,000.00 authorized to be borrowed by Section 60 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1934, the said sum of \$25,000.00 when borrowed to be used for the purpose set out in Section 60.

And as this station is urgently needed that the erection of same be proceeded with at once on the Brunswick Street site in accordance with plans now prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

John Walker,
CHAIRMAN.

February 17th, 1938.

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

In December 1933, some repairs were started at the Brunswick Street fire station

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and it was discovered after opening up the ceiling on the top floor that all the rafters, about thirty-two, on the north side of the building were rotted where they rested in the walls. Some temporary repairs were made to prevent a collapse of the roof.

At that time the Asst. Building Inspector, Alderman Getley, a member of the Firewards Committee and myself made a thorough inspection of the building and it was decided that the conditions were extremely dangerous. At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held December 12th, 1933, it was decided to remove the apparatus and men from this station.

I recommended at that time that a new 4 door station be built on the same site. By doing this the Bedford Row Station could be disposed of and the apparatus and men from the Bedford Row Station housed in the new station. This would mean a substantial saving financially.

The location of the Bedford Row Station today is a poor one, built on the street line and apart from not having proper accommodations for men and equipment, there is no possible way, due to the congestion of the station and the increased traffic in the district to train men, either in the station or on the street. The lay-out of the building is not suitable and apparatus has to detour through Prince and Hollis Streets going to fires south of the station.

There is no accommodations in this station for either Deputy Chief, one of whom is now at Morris Street station and the other at the West Street station entirely too far from the high valued district. It is also necessary to have men and apparatus respond from Morris Street and West Street stations on first alarms to the down town section, meaning greater wear and tear on the equipment. Apparatus is repaired on the main floor at a great inconvenience to the Department,

In my opinion there is no better site available than the one on which the old Brunswick Street station now stands, located within easy reach of the high valued district and having a clear get-away either north or south of the high level.

I would recommend that your Council take immediate action to have the erection of the new station proceeded with on the present site from plans and specifications already prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Churchill,
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT.

February 17th, 1938.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Keshen that the report of the Committee on Firewards be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Batson that Chief Churchill be permitted to address Council. Amendment put and passed, 8 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Donovan
Keshen
MacKay
McDonald
Stech
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Freda
Gough
Power
Smeltzer
Walker

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Chief Churchill then appeared before Council and answered the following questions:-

Alderman Batson. "Do you think the City Field is a good location for this central fire station?"

Answer. "I do not. Down town in the high valued district, we have a situation that does not exist in the suburbs of the City."

Alderman Batson. "Providing the road was clear from the City Field, in the summer could you make as good time from the City Field as you would from Brunswick Street?"

Answer. "There is a good deal of traffic going out Belle Road and traffic congestion there would be a great hindrance."

Alderman MacKay. "Do you consider that snow would be a menace?"

Answer. "There is congestion there, winter or summer. There is more possibility of getting into heavy snow THAN in the down town district."

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Alderman Keshen. "Do you think a fire station at the City Field could do away with the other fire stations?"

Answer. "I don't think so. I think you would have to give attention to the suburbs of the City".

Alderman MacKay. "After considering this matter, do you think the Brunswick Street location is the most desirable from all points of view?"

Answer. "I don't know of anything more desirable at the present time. We once thought of building a station at the head of St. Paul's hill. In that case you would have to buy that entire block. I don't think that would be worth considering today".

Alderman Donovan. "Wouldn't you be then running into heavy traffic on St. Paul's hill?"

Answer. "The traffic there would be greater than on Brunswick Street".

Alderman MacKay. "Other than the expense, do you think it would be advisable to establish a central fire station on Brunswick Street that would be just as satisfactory as a central fire station at the City Field. In other words, the men could be grouped there in practically the same way?"

Answer. "I think it would be much better than going to the City Field".

Alderman Walker. "Is there any hurry for this fire station?"

Answer. "We are very much congested now. We have very little room at Bedford Row and there is not sufficient sleeping quarters for the men".

Chief Churchill then retired.

The motion was put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

February 17th, 1938.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson
Donovan
Keshen
MacKay
McDonald
Stech

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams
Burgess
Curtis
Freda
Gough
Power
Smeltzer
Sullivan
Walker

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A two-thirds vote being required.

PURCHASE OF OVERCOATS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Committee on
Firewards re purchase of overcoats.

February 14th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee of
Firewards held this day, the following tenders were
considered for supplying 40 uniform overcoats;

T. M. Vaughan	\$20.50 each
Clayton & Sons	18.90

Your committee recommends that the
tender of Clayton & Sons, being the lowest, be
accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Walker,
CHAIRMAN,

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

Motion passed.

IMPROVEMENTS IN FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Read report of the Committee on
Firewards re improvements in Fire Alarm System.

February 11th, 1938.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of
Firewards held this day, the attached report from
the Chief of Fire Department and City Electrician
re improvements in the Fire Alarm System was
considered.

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Fire Chief

*Fire Chief
City Electrician*

February 17th, 1938.

Your committee recommends that legislation be sought at the next session of the Provincial Legislature authorizing the City of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding \$6,500.00, repayable in twenty years, and expend the same in purchasing and installing additional equipment for the Fire Alarm Telegraph System as follows:-

Charging panel
Powerless transmitter complete with cabinet
Transmitter switch panel
Batteries, 4 protection cabinets
4 Transmitter switches, 4 fire gongs
Fire alarm circuit (approximately 8 miles long) and such conduits, cables, wire and other fixtures as may be necessary for the same.

And Be It Further Resolved that such legislation also contain authority to the City to borrow from any bank or fund available such sums as may be required for the maintenance and operation of the same when installed, not exceeding \$1,500.00 and to include the same with interest thereon in the estimates for the civic year following that in which the same was borrowed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Walker,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Keshon that the report be adopted. Motion put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Keshon
MacKay
McDonald
Power
Smoltzer
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgess
Stech

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A two-thirds vote of Council being required.