

CITY COUNCIL MEETING,  
THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 16th, 1939.

A G E N D A

- Minutes.
1. Notice of reconsideration by Alderman Kinley re new school.
  2. " " " Walker re salary, Asst. Supt. & Secretary, City Home.
  3. " " " Donovan re remuneration of chaplains, City Home.
  4. Notice of motion by Alderman Gough re dismissal of officials, etc. by a majority vote of Council.
  5. " " " Curran re superannuation of officials, etc. over 65 years of age.
  6. " " " MacKay to rescind resolution re Treasury Department, etc.
  7. Letter City Solicitor submitting legislation re Brittain report.
  8. Resolution re accounts.
  9. Finance Committee re superannuation of Aaron Stevens.
  10. " " " City's bankers charging matured bonds to City's account.
  11. " " " Treasurer signing interest charges on registered debentures.
  12. " " " committee to present claims to Federal Govt.
  13. " " " appointment of Clerk, Assessors Department.
  14. " " " salary, Stipendiary Magistrate.
  15. " " " refund, superannuation contributions, late William Knapman.
  16. " " " borrowing, superannuation fund.
  17. " " " superannuation of four firemen - minority report.
  18. Report Laws and Privileges Comm. re amendment to Ordinance #3.
  19. " " " " " " #28.
  20. " " " " application for auctioneer's license.
  21. " " " " Section 117 of the Motor Vehicle Act.
  22. " " " " fence viewer.
  23. Report Direct Relief Committee re additional grant.
  24. Report Library Committee re tenders for binding magazines.
  25. Report Firewards Committee re fire insurance rates.
  26. " " " " gasoline tax.
  27. " " " " permit to store building supplies, Birmingham Street.

Deferred business

28. Report Charities Committee re milk contract, City Home.
29. Notice of motion by Alderman Lloyd re sale of City property.
30. Questions by Aldermen.
31. Letter, Provincial Exhibition Comm. re sinking fund charges.
32. Resolution, City Council of Sydney re value of property, Public Utilities.
33. Report Comm. on Works re Civic Improvement League - Waverley Road.
34. Report Comm. on Works and City Engineer re overhanging signs.
35. " " " " shops in residential district.
36. " " " " hall in residential district.
37. " " " " Morris St. widening.
38. " " " " Connaught Ave. extension.
39. " " " " shelter, corner of Cogswell & Gottingen Sts.
40. " " " " sewer and water extensions.
41. " " " " appointment of Asst. Clerk of Works.
42. Report Charities Comm. re Supt's report covering inmates, City Home.
43. Report City Auditor re tax collections for the month of Jan., 1939.
44. " " " " departmental appropriations and expenditures.
45. Report Tax Property Sale Committee.

EVENING SESSION

8.00 o'clock,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
February 16th, 1939.

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, Breen, Donovan, Kinley, Curran, Sullivan, Freda, Adams, Lloyd, Keshen, O'Toole, Power, Curtis, Gough, Walker and Daw.

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

The following named papers were submitted:-

MINUTES

Alderman Curran stated that on page 495 of the minutes after the 5th line thereof, the following motion was omitted -

"Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the estimate be passed as amended. Motion passed unanimously".

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Walker that this motion be inserted in the minutes. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Walker that the minutes as now amended be approved. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION BY ALDERMAN KINLEY  
RE NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Donovan that this matter be now reconsidered. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Breen  
Batson  
MacKay  
Donovan  
Kinley  
Curran  
Sullivan  
Freda  
Lloyd  
Keshen  
O'Toole  
Power  
Gough,  
Walker  
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams  
Curtis  
Daw

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A vote was then taken on the following amendment, which was before Council at its last meeting.

"Moved in amendment by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that legislation be sought to enable the City to hold a plebiscite on the question as to whether a new high school should be built in Halifax at a cost not to exceed \$400,000.00".

The result of the vote was as

follows:-

FOR THE PLEBISCITE

Aldermen Adams  
Breen  
Curtis  
Daw  
Power

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson  
Curran  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gough  
Keshen  
Kinley  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
O'Toole  
Sullivan  
Walker  
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Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Keshen that this Council, disagrees with the School Board that \$400,000.00 is necessary for the erection of a high school and would respectfully suggest to the School Board that

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it go into the question of erecting a high school at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.00 plus such funds as the Trustees of the Wright Trust may allow for the inclusion in that building of an auditorium.

Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for the same and 14 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Sullivan  
Lloyd  
Walker

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen  
Batson  
MacKay  
Donovan  
Kinley  
Curran  
Freda  
Adams  
Keshen  
O'Toole  
Power  
Curtis  
Gough  
Daw

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The report of the Finance Committee was then read as follows:-

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 2nd, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, consideration was given to a request of the Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners as per letter attached.

Your committee recommends that the Council approve of the request of the Board of School Commissioners in the terms of the following resolution:-

WHEREAS the City Council has been advised of the intention of the Board of School Commissioners to apply to the Governor in Council for an order directing the City to issue its debentures or stock in an amount not exceeding Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) for the erection of a high school building;

AND WHEREAS at the hearing of such application before the Governor in Council this Council is entitled to be heard;



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BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approve of the preparation of plans in connection with the above proposal of the Board of School Commissioners and that the Secretary of the Board be advised to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

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

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
Curran  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gough  
Keshen  
Kinley  
MacKay

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams  
Breen  
Curtis  
Daw  
Lloyd  
O'Toole  
Power  
Sullivan  
Walker

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Aldermen Kinley stated that at the next meeting of Council he would ask that Council vote on reconsidering the matter of a new high school.

The Mayor said that he would have this item placed on the agenda of the next special meeting, but that same could only be considered on a two-thirds vote of Council.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION BY ALDERMAN WALKER  
RE SALARY, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY,  
CITY HOME.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Daw that this matter be reconsidered.

Motion put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 12 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
Sullivan  
Curtis  
Walker  
Daw

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen  
MacKay  
Donovan  
Kinley  
Curran  
Freda  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Keshen  
O'Toole  
Power  
Gough  
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NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION BY ALDERMAN DONOVAN RE  
REMUNERATION OF CHAPLAINS, CITY HOME.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by  
Alderman Batson that the matter be reconsidered.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and  
7 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
Breen  
Donovan  
Keshen  
Kinley  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
O'Toole  
Power  
Sullivan  
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams  
Curran  
Curtis  
Daw  
Freda  
Gough  
Walker

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Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by  
Alderman Donovan that the remuneration to the  
chaplains be set as follows:-

Church of England	\$300.00
Roman Catholic	300.00
Evangelic	300.00
Presbyterian	100.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman  
Curran, seconded by Alderman Kinley that the sum of  
\$100.00 be granted to the Ministers of all other  
denominations. Amendment put and lost, 3 voting for  
the same and 14 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Kinley  
Curran  
Gough

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen  
Batson  
MacKay  
Donovan  
Sullivan  
Freda  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Keshen  
O'Toole  
Power  
Curtis  
Walker  
Daw  
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The motion was then put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
Breen  
Donovan  
Keshen  
Kinley  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
Power  
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Adams  
Curran  
Curtis  
Daw  
Freda  
Gough  
O'Toole  
Walker

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*Solicitor* NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN GOUGH RE DISMISSAL OF OFFICIALS, ETC. BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF COUNCIL.

The following notice of motion was

read:-

~~Take Notice~~ Notice that at the next regular meeting of this Council I will move the following resolution:-

RESOLVED that legislation be obtained at the next session of the legislature to amend the law in order to provide that all officials appointed under Section 119 (1) of City Charter by the City Council be subject to dismissal by a majority vote of the entire Council.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by

Alderman Daw that the notice of motion be approved.

Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and

7 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Breen  
Batson  
Kinley  
Curran  
Freda  
Lloyd  
Curtis  
Gough  
Walker  
Daw

-10-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Donovan  
MacKay  
Sullivan  
Adams  
Keshen  
D'Toole  
Power

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NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMEN CURRAN RE  
SUPERANNUATION OF OFFICIALS, ETC. OVER  
65 YEARS OF AGE.

*Finance  
Comm.*

The following notice of motion was

read:-

Resolved that legislation be sought at the next session of the legislature to amend the City Charter to read as follows:-

(1) Every officer or employee of the City who shall have reached the age of 65 years or over on April 30th, may be retired by the Council at the final regular meeting of the Council following the said 30th day of April, 1940.

(2) Every officer or employee of the City who shall have reached the age of 65 years or over in any civic year, may be retired by the Council on April 30th, of such civic year; provided however, that nothing in the foregoing shall apply to anyone who has reached the age of 65 years within two months prior to April 30th of any civic year.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Batson that the notice of motion be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report to the next regular meeting of Council. Amendment put and passed.

Motion not put.

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NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN MACKAY TO RESCIND  
RESOLUTION RE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, ETC.

Read notice of motion as follows:--

TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the City Council to be held on the 16th day of February, 1939, I will move that the amendment passed at the regular meeting of the City Council held on January 12th, 1939, in the following words:

"That immediate action be given to these recommendations in the report covering

- (a) Remodeling City Hall.
- (b) Setting up immediately a Treasury Dept., under a Comptroller of Finance as outlined in the report, with the necessary changes and purchases of equipment as laid down for the proper functioning of this new department.

- (c) Immediate employment of a thoroughly qualified expert or experts to review the valuation, assessments, and work with the committee now studying the taxation methods, with a view to the implementation of the general ideas advanced by the Breen-Kinley submission to this special committee.

- (d) Yearly audit.

- (e) And that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary amendments to the City Charter covering each and every one of the above immediate objectives for presentation to the legislature for approval".

be rescinded.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Batson that the notice of motion be adopted. Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:--

FOR THE MOTION  
 Aldermen Adams  
 Batson  
 Curtis  
 Donovan  
 Freda  
 Lloyd  
 MacKay  
 O'Toole  
 Power,  
 Sullivan

AGAINST IT  
 Aldermen Breen  
 Curran  
 Donovan  
 Gough  
 Keshen  
 Kinley  
 Walker



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Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that a committee consisting of eight Aldermen be appointed by His Worship the Mayor, which committee shall forthwith study and consider the Brittain report with a view to its early implementation.

As soon as this committee shall have formulated a general plan of procedure, said general plan shall be submitted to a committee of the whole Council in order that every Alderman may have an opportunity to discuss the plan and suggest amendments or changes thereto before its formal presentation to Council.

And be it further resolved that this general plan covering the implementation of the Brittain report be submitted to Council at a special meeting to be called for this purpose at as early a date as possible.

Motion put and passed, 11 voting

for the same and 6 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
MacKay  
Donovan  
Sullivan  
Freda  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Keshen  
O'Toole  
Power,  
Curtis

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen  
Kinley  
Curran  
Gough  
Walker  
Daw

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Alderman Gough gives notice of reconsideration.

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LEGISLATION RE BRITTAIN REPORT

A letter from the City Solicitor submitting legislation in connection with the Brittain report was referred to the Special Committee dealing with the Brittain report.

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 \$8,903.48; Committee on Charities amounting to \$9,876.28; Gardens Committee amounting to \$520.07, Fleming Park amounting to \$100.00; Point Pleasant Park Committee amounting to \$1,373.28; City Prison Committee amounting to \$1,725.87; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,547.92 chargeable to Fire Department and \$686.62 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$10,860.73; City Health Board amounting to \$6,857.22; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$474.69; Library Committee amounting to \$435.55; Police Committee amounting to \$10,221.90 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

SUPERANNUATION - AARON STEVENS

Read report of the Finance Committee, letter of the City Treasurer and also joint report of the Engineer and Auditor re superannuation of Aaron Stevens, carpenter at the City Field.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached joint report of the City Auditor and City Engineer in connection with the superannuation of Aaron Stevens, former carpenter in the Works Department, was considered.

*Treasurer  
Auditor  
Engineer*

February 16th, 1939.

Your committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Auditor and City Engineer, i.e., that Mr. Stevens be superannuated in the regular way and his case further considered when a final decision is received from the Workmens Compensation Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

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February 16th, 1939.

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

Your Worship and Aldermen:-

Mr. Stevens is over 70 years of age and has been contributing to the Officials Superannuation Fund since August 1916, or for twenty-two years and six months.

Under Section 146 of the City Charter, he is entitled to an annual allowance of (\$758.16) Seven Hundred and Fifty-eight Dollars and Sixteen cents, being twenty-two and six 12/50 of \$1,684.80, his average salary for the past 3 years.

City Engineer Johnston's letter states that Mr. Stevens has been in the civic employ for thirty-two years, and recommends full superannuation. If that is granted, Mr. Stevens would be entitled under Section 147 of the City Charter an annual allowance of \$1,010.88 from March 1st, being 30/50 of \$1,684.80 average wages for the past three years.

Yours very truly,

George J. Allen,  
CITY TREASURER.

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February 15th, 1939.

Chairman,  
Committee on Finance,  
City Hall,  
CITY.

Sir:-

In the matter of superannuation of Aaron Stevens the Finance Committee directed the City Auditor and City Engineer to interview the authorities of the Workmens Compensation Board with a view to having the case of this man re-opened and further considered by the Board.

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Due to various causes we have been unable to hold a meeting with the Board to see whether they would vary the decision previously given by it.

The question of superannuation should be finalized and it is recommended that pending the final decision of the Compensation Board as to whether it will make any further allowance on account of Mr. Stevens' disability, the Council superannuate him in the regular way. Should the Board's decision be unfavorable, then, if the City Council so decides, legislation can be applied to ratify any further grant which the Council may allow.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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

*Auditor* CITY'S BANKERS CHARGING MATURED BONDS TO CITY'S ACCOUNT

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Auditor re City's bankers charging matured bonds to the City's account.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Auditor regarding the ratification of the City's bankers' action in charging bonds of maturing issues to the City's account was considered.

Your committee recommends that the letter of the City Auditor be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

February 16th, 1939.

Jan. 31st, 1939.

Chairman,  
Finance Committee,  
CITY HALL.

Dear Sir:-

The City's bankers have asked me to obtain formal ratification of their action in charging on our instructions, bonds of maturing issues.

In recent years the City has had several of its issues mature and all of these have been satisfactorily handled by the bank directly debiting the City's account.

The ratification is purely formal and is required to satisfy the omission dealt with in this letter.

Yours truly,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the Auditor be approved.  
Motion passed.

TREASURER SIGNING INTEREST CHEQUES

*Auditor*

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Auditor re Treasurer signing Interest cheques.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

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 Auditor regarding the matter of the Treasurer alone signing all interest cheques for interest on registered debentures of the funded debt was considered.

Your committee recommends that the letter of the City Auditor be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.



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The Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

The City's bankers have referred to me the matter of the Treasurer alone signing all interest cheques for interest on registered debentures of the funded debt.

I informed the bank that this had always been the custom and authority for it is found in sub-section 3 of section 280 of the Charter.

I forward this communication to you as a matter of form in order that I may receive authority to write the bank and inform them of the validity of the arrangement we have heretofore carried on.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the Auditor be approved.  
Motion passed.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIEU OF REVENUE.

Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Auditor re Federal Government contributions in lieu of revenue.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

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

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Auditor regarding the subject of Federal Government contributions in lieu of revenue was considered.

Your committee recommends that a committee of three be appointed to present the City's claims to authorities of the Federal Government at Ottawa.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

February 16th, 1939,

Feb. 15th, 1939.

The Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

Sometime ago the subject of Federal government contributions in lieu of revenue was discussed between yourself and the writer.

In view of the importance of the question to Halifax and the thought we expressed that unless the effort was continued free of long intervals in which nothing would be done, ultimate success would be the more difficult.

I suggest the present time might be opportune to renew the City's efforts in this direction.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report of the Finance Committee and letter of the Auditor be approved. Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams  
Batson  
Curran  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gough  
Keshen  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
O'Toole  
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis  
Daw  
Power  
Walker

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Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that an amount not exceeding \$500.00 be borrowed under the provisions of Section 332A. of the City Charter for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the Committee appointed to present the City's claims at Ottawa. Motion put and lost, 10 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
MacKay  
Donovan  
Curran  
Sullivan  
Freda  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Keshon  
Gough  
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen  
Kinley  
O'Toole  
Power  
Curtis  
Walker  
Daw

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A two-thirds vote of Council being required.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Donovan that item #41 "Appointment of Assistant Clerk of Works" be now considered. Motion put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams  
Batson  
Breen  
Curran  
Curtis  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gough  
Keshon  
Kinley  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
O'Toole  
Power  
Sullivan  
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Donovan  
Walker

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APPOINTMENT - ASST. CLERK OF WORKS

Read report of the Committee on Works re appointment of Asst. Clerk of Works.

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The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 14th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer, recommending that the vacancy

*Treasurer  
Auditor  
Engineer*

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in the position of Assistant Clerk of Works be filled by the promotion of Mr. J. B. Sabean, was on motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Donovan approved and recommended to Council for adoption; Alderman Walker dissenting.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Freda, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted and Mr. J. B. Sabean appointed to the position of Asst. Clerk of Works.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Power that Mr. William Phillips be appointed to the position of Asst. Clerk of Works. Amendment put and lost, 6 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Batson  
Kinley  
Power  
Curtis  
Walker  
Daw

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen  
Donovan  
Curran  
Sullivan  
Freda  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Keshen  
O'Toole  
Gough

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

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams  
Batson  
Breen  
Curran  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gough  
Keshen  
Kinley  
Lloyd  
O'Toole  
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis  
Daw  
Power  
Walker

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The Mayor then declared Mr. J. B. Sabean duly appointed to the position of Asst. Clerk of Works.

*Treasurer  
Assessor*

February 16th, 1939.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK - ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending the appointment of Mr. John Thompson to the position of Clerk, Assessor's Department.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

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

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the City Assessor recommending that Mr. John Thompson, who was appointed Clerk on probation for a period of three months from October 15th last in the Assessor's Department, be now appointed permanently.

Your committee recommends that Mr. Thompson be appointed to the position of Clerk in the Assessor's Department at an annual salary of \$780.00 with an annual automatic increase of \$60.00 until the maximum salary of \$1,200.00 is reached.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

The Mayor then declared Mr. John Thompson duly appointed to the position of Clerk in the City Assessor's Department.

SALARY - STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE

Read report of the Finance Committee submitting legislation re salary, Stipendiary Magistrate.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, a report from the Laws and Privileges Committee in connection with the salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate was considered.



February 16th, 1939.

Your committee recommends that legislation be sought to increase the salary of the present Stipendiary Magistrate during his tenure in office by the sum of \$500.00 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

BE IT RESOLVED that at the next session of the Legislature the City Solicitor be instructed to submit legislation amending Sub-section 5 of Section 158 of the City Charter by increasing the amount of the salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate set out therein from \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00, a year.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Gough that the report and legislation as submitted be adopted.

Alderman Daw stated that the salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate, plus fees of office amounted to considerably over \$4,500.00.

The motion was put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 13 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Breen  
Kinley

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson  
Mackay  
Donovan  
Curran  
Sullivan  
Freda  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Keshen  
Power  
Curtis  
Gough  
Daw

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SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS, LATE WM. KNAPMAN

*Treasurer*

Read report of the Finance Committee re superannuation contributions, late Wm. Knapman.

February 16th, 1939.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Treasurer regarding the superannuation contributions of the late William Knapman of the Fire Department was considered.

Your committee recommends that the Trustees of the Superannuation Fund be authorized to pay the sum of \$1,292.14 to Mrs. Rose Knapman, widow of the late William Knapman, under the provisions of Section 870 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

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

BORROWING FOR SUPERANNUATION FUND

Read report of the Finance Committee  
and resolution re borrowing for Superannuation Fund.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Treasurer submitting a resolution providing for the borrowing of the sum of \$500.00 in connection with the Officials Superannuation Fund was considered.

Your committee recommends that the resolution as prepared by the City Treasurer be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,  
CHAIRMAN.

*Treasurer  
Auditor*

February 16th, 1939.

WHEREAS the City requires money for the purpose of meeting the obligations of the City in respect of Superannuation allowances for balance of civic year 1938-39.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an amount of (\$500.00) Five Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the aforesaid purpose, pursuant to the provisions of Section 332A. of the City Charter, and that the said sum be borrowed from any bank or fund available and repaid when placed in the estimates for the civic year 1939-40.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report of the Finance Committee and resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously. The following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

Aldermen Adams  
Batson  
Broen  
Curran  
Curtis  
Daw  
Donovan  
Freda  
Keshen  
Kinley  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
Sullivan  
Walker

*Council*

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE RE SUPERANNUATION  
OF FIREMEN - MINORITY REPORT.

Read minority report of the Finance Committee re superannuation of firemen.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 15th, 1939.

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

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day, at which the following members were present:- Alderman Donovan, Chairman; Aldermen Curtis, Adams and Gough.

February 16th, 1939.

A report from the Firewards Committee recommending that four employees of the Fire Department, viz: Deputy Chief William Howley, Capt. John Brooks, Hoseman Allen Druhan and Hoseman Thomas Powell be superannuated was considered. The majority of the committee present resolved not to recommend to Council the superannuation of the said employees.

Alderman Gough, being the only member present supporting the recommendation of the Firewards Committee, requested that a minority report be forwarded to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
SECRETARY.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the firemen be not now superannuated.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Curran that the matter of the retirement on superannuation of these firemen be deferred for six months. Amendment passed.

Motion not put.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #3 RELATING TO STREETS

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to Streets.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 13th, 1939.

HismWorship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, a letter from the City Solicitor regarding an amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to Streets which was read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council was considered.

February 16th, 1939.

The City Solicitor recommended that the amendment referred to above be not passed a second time and your committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MacKay,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Kinley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

*Laws and  
Privileges Comm.*

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #28 RELATING TO THE  
WEIGHING OF COAL AND COKE.

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting an amendment to Ordinance #28 relating to the Weighing of Coal and Coke.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Solicitor suggesting an amendment to Ordinance #28 relating to the weighing of coal and coke was considered.

Your committee recommends that the amendment as prepared by the City Solicitor be now read and passed a first time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MacKay,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Kinley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read amendment to Ordinance #28 as follows:-



February 16th, 1939.

Ordinance #28 respecting the Weighing of Coal and Coke is amended by inserting therein immediately following Section 6 thereof the following section:-

6A. All coal or coke intended to be sold or sold by the bag or other similar container, shall be weighed by a licensed coal weigher who shall certify on each bag, or other such container, the weight of the coal in such bag and the kind of coal contained therein, and any person who shall sell or offer for sale any coal or coke in bags or other such container, without having upon such bag, or other such container such certificate of a licensed coal weigher, shall be guilty of an offence under this ordinance, and shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$40.00 and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty days.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Kinley that the amendment to Ordinance #28 as set out above be now read and passed a first time. Motion passed.

*Laws and Privileges Comm.*

APPLICATION FOR AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re application for auctioneer's license.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from Mr. Sam Mosher of 2 Uniacke Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, making application for a license to do business as an auctioneer was considered.

Your committee is referring same to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MacKay,  
CHAIRMAN.

February 16th, 1939.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this matter be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee. Motion passed.

*Minister of  
Highways  
Premier*

SECTION 117 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACT

Road report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting resolution re Section 117 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held on the above date, the attached resolution regarding Section 117 of the Motor Vehicle Act was considered.

Your committee recommends that the resolution as submitted herewith be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MacKay,  
CHAIRMAN.

WHEREAS the Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of Nova Scotia provides in Section 117 that it is an offence for a driver of a vehicle to park such vehicle otherwise than in compliance with the directions of a traffic control signal;

AND WHEREAS Section 217 provides a penalty for the violation of Section 117 of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$25.00;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of this Council the amount of the minimum penalty should be reduced;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council express its opinion that the minimum penalty provided for the violation of the parking laws of the Province of Nova Scotia, set out in the Motor Vehicle Act or made pursuant to the authority set out therein, be reduced from the sum of \$5.00 to the sum of \$2.00;

February 16th, 1939.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable the Minister of Highways be requested to consider the introduction of legislation at the next session of the Legislature to bring this change into effect;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable the Minister of Highways and to the Honorable the Premier of Nova Scotia.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report and resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

FENCE VIEWER

*Clerk of Works*  
Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting amendment to Section 956 of the City Charter.

Committee Room, City Hall,  
February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached amendment to Section #956 of the City Charter providing for the payment of a salary of \$50.00 per year to the person appointed to be a fence viewer was considered.

Your committee recommends that the amendment as submitted herewith be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MacKay,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Donovan that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

ADDITIONAL GRANT - DIRECT RELIEF

*Dept. of Labor*  
Read report of the Direct Relief Committee re additional grant.

February 16th, 1939.

"Minutes Special meeting Direct Relief Comm.  
Noon, February 9th, 1939.

Present: Alderman Gough (Chairman), Curran,  
Breen and Mrs. Sullivan.

This meeting was called to discuss result of interview with Mr. R. H. MacKay, Deputy Minister of Labor relative to proposed increase in relief order.

Chairman reported that Mr. MacKay gave the deputation to understand that his department was not inclined to permit issue of bread and milk tickets but was prepared to consider increase in amount of orders up to schedule authorized by Executive Council of Province of Nova Scotia dated January 5th, 1934 as follows:-

Family of one	-	per week	\$2.00
"	"	two	3.00
"	"	three	3.65
"	"	four	4.20
"	"	five	5.00
"	"	six	5.75
"	"	seven	6.45
"	"	eight	7.10
"	"	nine	7.70
"	"	ten	8.25
Over ten,	50¢	additional per week for each member up to a maximum of	9.00

This would have to be approved by City Council following recommendation of Relief Committee.

Various methods of assuring that milk would be given to children were discussed but it was eventually moved by Alderman Breen and seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the City Council be asked to vote the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) to supplement vote of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) for months of February, March and April, 1939, to provide for additional cost of relief consequent upon increasing schedule and that orders to be increased where need for milk exists at discretion of Administrator, such increases not to exceed amounts authorized by Executive Council of Province of Nova Scotia, January 5th, 1934. Carried

C. H. Vaughan,  
SECRETARY. "

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be adopted and the increase in the food scale granted on the same basis of contribution by the Provincial and Dominion Governments as all other disbursements made by virtue of the Direct Relief Committee. Motion put and passed unanimously. The following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

February 16th, 1939.

Aldermen Breen  
Batson  
Donovan  
Kinley  
Curran  
Sullivan  
Freda  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Keshen  
Curtis  
Gough  
Walker  
Daw

*Library*

TENDERS FOR BINDING MAGAZINES

Read report of the Library Committee  
re tenders for binding.

February 9th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Library  
Committee held this day, prices for binding  
approximately sixty volumes of magazines were quoted  
as follows:-

Matheson & Blakeney, half roan @ \$2.10 per volume  
full buckram 1.65 "  
Sales tax, 8% extra.

Phillips & Marshall, half roan \$2.20 per volume  
full buckram 1.70 "  
Sales tax included.

Your committee respectfully  
recommends that the tender of Phillips & Marshall,  
being the lower, be accepted.

Yours respectfully,

L. F. Barnaby,  
LIBRARIAN.

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATES

*Chief of Fire  
Dept.*

Read report of the Firewards  
Committee and letter of the City Electrician re  
fire insurance rates.

February 16th, 1939.

Feb. 10th, 1939.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the attached report from the City Electrician was considered.

Your committee recommends that the N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters be requested to make the reduction in the key rate as pointed out by the City Electrician.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,  
CHAIRMAN.

February 10th, 1939.

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Board of Firewards.

Dear Sirs:-

Certain recommendations made by the Fire Underwriters' Engineer in connection with improving the Fire Alarm Telegraph System in the City of Halifax, namely, recommendations b and c that a Fire Department Switchboard be installed at Fire Alarm Headquarters and a Department Operator on duty at all times, have been complied with and put into operation on January 16th, 1939.

I would recommend that this be reported to the City Council and that the N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters be requested to make the promised reduction in key rate of .04¢ on the risks involved.

Yours respectfully,

G. H. Durling,  
CITY ELECTRICIAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report and letter as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

GASOLINE TAX

Read report of the Firewards Committee  
re gasoline tax.

*Chief of  
Fire Dept.*



February 16th, 1939.

Feb. 1st, 1939.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held February 1st the payment of 10¢ per gallon tax on all gasoline purchased by the Fire Department was discussed.

Your committee recommends that the Government be petitioned to exempt the Fire Department from the payment of this tax.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded  
by Alderman Freda that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

*Council*

PERMIT TO ESTABLISH LUMBER YARD - BIRMINGHAM ST.

Read report of the Firewards  
Committee re permit to establish lumber yard,  
Birmingham Street.

February 15th, 1939.

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

Gentlemen:-

A special meeting of the Committee of Firewards was held this day, to consider application of Mr. John Rice to establish a building supplies and lumber yard in the rear of #74 and #76 Birmingham Street.

Your committee recommends that Mr. Rice's application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,  
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by  
Alderman Freda that the report be adopted. Motion  
put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 1 against  
it as follows:-

February 16th, 1939.

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson  
Breen  
Curran  
Curtis  
Donovan  
Freda  
Gough  
Keshon  
Kinley  
Lloyd  
MacKay  
Sulliyon  
Walker

AGAINST IT

Alderman Daw

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Alderman Donovan gives notice of reconsideration in order that the matter of insurance risks on adjoining properties may be looked into.

MILK CONTRACT - CITY HOME

Council agreed to defer this matter for the present.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN LLOYD RE SALE OF CITY PROPERTY.

It was agreed to defer this item.

*Council*

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN KINLEY RE APPOINTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE.

Alderman Kinley submitted the following notice of motion.

At the next meeting of Council I will move for the appointment of an Industrial Committee from the Council for the purposes of studying and approaching Industrial interests with the view to inviting new industries in the City.

LETTER, PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION RE SINKING FUND CHARGES.

*Finance Comm.*

Read letter from the Provincial Exhibition Commission re sinking fund charges.

February 16th, 1939.

Jan. 18th, 1939.

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

Dear Sir:-

The following resolution was passed at the annual meeting of the Provincial Exhibition Commission, held on January 11th and the writer has been instructed to forward copy to you, requesting that you bring the matter to the attention of the City Council when they next meet:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia and the City Council of the City of Halifax be requested to agree to the amendments to the Provincial Exhibition Act, being Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1923, whereby the said Province and City will jointly assume, in equal proportions the annual amount required to defray all Sinking Fund charges and the principal amount of maturing serial debentures not having any Sinking Fund, together with the interest on these borrowings, and in addition the payment in equal proportions of the amount of any deficit incurred by the said Exhibition Commission in exercising the powers given to it under the said statute.

Thanking you,

Yours very truly,

E. Frank Lordly,  
SECRETARY-MANAGER.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Curtis that this letter be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

*Finance Comm.*

RESOLUTION, CITY COUNCIL OF SYDNEY RE VALUE OF PROPERTY, PUBLIC UTILITIES

Read resolution from the City Council of Sydney as follows:-

City Clerk's Office,  
Sydney, N. S.,  
January 21st, 1939.

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

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council held last Thursday evening, the following resolution was unanimously passed.

February 16th, 1939.

"That in the opinion of this Council the amount of eight percent allowed to the Public Utility on the fair value of its property is too high under present conditions. Further, that the Government be asked to amend Chapter 128, Section 101, R.S.N.S. 1923, reducing the said percentage to an amount more reasonable and just under present conditions, not over six percent".

Would you please take this resolution before your Council and if endorsed by them please send a certified copy to the Premier, Honorable A.L. McDonald in Halifax.

Yours truly,

James McDonald,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Daw that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

WAVERLEY ROAD

*City Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works  
Mr. Hattie*

... Road report of the Comm. on Works submitting resolution re improvements to Waverley Road.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held January 24th, 1939, Mr. R. M. Hattie, President of the Civic Improvement League addressed the committee with reference to the attached letter concerning the League's movement for the preservation of the beauties of the road from Dartmouth to Waverley.

On motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, the attached resolution submitted to the committee by Mr. R. M. Hattie was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that the Halifax City Council approve the movement on foot having in view the preservation of the beauties of the road from Dartmouth to Waverley, which road is a delight to so many of our citizens, and express the hope that the present efforts to this end may have a successful issue.

February 16th, 1939.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Freda that the report and resolution be adopted. Motion passed.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works.*

ILLUMINATED SIGN - #12-14 GOTTINGEN STREET

Road report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re illuminated sign, #12-14 Gottingen Street.

February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the application of Mr. Clarence T. Johnson for permission to erect an illuminated sign projecting over the street in front of the premises Nos. 12-14 on the west side of Gottingen Street between Cogswell and Falkland Streets, that the proposed sign is 2'6" deep by five feet wide, projecting over the street approximately 6 feet.

This sign is an illuminated sign and it will be necessary for the Council to approve of the attached form of lease of encroachment before a permit can be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 14th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application of Mr. C. T. Johnson for permission to erect an overhanging sign projecting over the street in front of the premises #12-14 on the west side of Gottingen Street, between Cogswell and Falkland Streets was considered.

On motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Donovan the committee recommended to Council that the lease referred to in the said report be granted.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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



February 16th, 1939.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works.*

ILLUMINATED SIGN - 172 GRANVILLE STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re illuminated sign, 172 Granville Street.

February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith application from the Vassie-Brock Manchester of N. S. Limited for permission to erect an overhanging sign at the premises No. 172 on the west side of Granville Street between Duke and Buckingham Streets, that the proposed sign will be 3½ feet deep by 6 feet long, lit by reflected light.

If the committee decided to grant a permit it will be necessary to have the attached lease approved by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 14th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application from the Vassie-Brock Manchester of Nova Scotia Limited, for permission to erect an overhanging sign at the premises #172 Granville Street, between Duke and Buckingham Streets, was considered.

On motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, the committee recommended to Council that the lease referred to in the said report be granted.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

*City Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works.*

ILLUMINATED SIGN - 521 ROBIE STREET

Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer re illuminated sign, 521 Robie Street.



February 16th, 1939.

Jan. 23rd, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith application for overhanging sign at the premises #521 Robie St.

The sign is a circular sign about five feet in diameter and illuminated on each side by 100 Watt lamps with reflectors, with the words "Gutta Percha Tires" thereon.

If the committee decide to grant a permit, it will be necessary to have the attached lease of the encroachment approved by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held January 24th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application for an illuminated overhanging sign at the premises #521 Robie Street was read.

On motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Freda, the committee recommended to Council that the lease referred to in the said report be granted.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - 165 QUINPOOL RD.

Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer re shop in residential district, 165 Quinpool Road.

February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have an application from Mr. Earl Morash for permission to extend the front of his store at No. 165 Quinpool Road to the street line, a distance of approximately 4 feet.

February 16th, 1939.

This is in the residential district. The premises were used as a shop for the sale of goods by retail before the residential district act came in force, and under its provisions the premises can be used for purposes other than residential, only to the same extent as it was previous to the coming into force of the Act.

In order to make the extension applied for it will be necessary to obtain permission from the Council on a report from the Committee on Works.

I can see no objection to the permit being granted as the alteration will be in the nature of an improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 14th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application from Mr. Earl Morash for permission to extend the front of his store at #165 Quinpool Road to the street line, a distance of approximately four feet was considered.

On motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Donovan, the report was approved and the committee recommended to Council that a permit be granted.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - CHEBUCTO LANE

*City Engineer  
Clark  
Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re shop in residential district, Chebucto Lane.

January 23rd, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

An application was recently made by Mr. Stanley Moulton for permission to make some alteration to a building occupied by him as a shoe repairing shop on the west side of Chebucto Lane, between Allen and Lawrence Streets.

February 16th, 1939.

When the application was made it was found that the premises had been used as a shop for some years, the building having been previously used as a wagon shed. The proposed alteration consists in raising the building about three feet in order to obtain more head room within it and it is also proposed to connect with the sewer and water system on Allen Street.

I notified the applicant that as no permit had ever been granted for the use of the premises as a shop, I was unable to grant a permit for repairs and alterations until the necessary permit was obtained from the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 24th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application of Mr. Stanley Moulton for permission to make some alteration to a building occupied by him as a shoe repair shop on the west side of Chebucto Lane, between Allen and Lawrence Streets concerning which no permit had ever been granted for the use of the premises as a shop, was considered.

On motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Freda, the committee recommended to Council that the said permit be granted.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

HALL IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - 15 NORTH PARK ST.

*City Engineer  
Dept of  
Works*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re hall in residential district, 15 North Park Street.

February 8th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application from the Board of Trustees of the Full Gospel Church, Halifax, for permission to alter the premises

February 16th, 1939.

No. 15 North Park Street for use as a Mission Hall, that this property sets back from the street and has been used as a residence. It is proposed to alter the building to be used as a church hall with the idea of eventually erecting a new church building on the premises.

Under Section 815, Sub-section (6) of the City Charter, the Council has power to grant a permit for the proposed use of the premises after receipt by it of a report thereon from the Committee on Works.

I can see no objection to a permit being granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 8th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer on an application from the Board of Trustees of the Full Gospel Church, Halifax, for permission to alter the premises #15 North Park Street for use as a Mission Hall was considered.

On motion of Alderman Freda and Alderman Donovan the said report was approved and the committee recommended to Council that a permit be granted.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

MORRIS STREET WIDENING

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re Morris Street widening.

February 10th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. G. M. Scriven, owner of the property No. 313 Morris Street in which he offers to sell it to the City of Halifax for the sum of \$2,640.00, transfer to take place April 30th, 1939.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of Works.*

February 16th, 1939.

This property is assessed for \$2200.00. The price asked is equal to the assessed value plus 20%, which is the rate that has been paid for the properties required for the widening of Morris Street already acquired.

Mr. Scriven makes a proviso that the transfer shall take place on the 30th of April.

It is recommended that the offer be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 14th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer recommending the acceptance of the offer of Mr. G. M. Scriven, owner of the property #313 Morris Street to sell it to the City of Halifax for the sum of \$2,640.00, the transfer to take place April 30th, 1939, was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption, under the provisions of Section 624A. of the City Charter.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of Works*

CONNAUGHT AVENUE EXTENSION.

Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer re Connaught Avenue extension.

February 14th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The Estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Hines own a piece of property about 137 feet wide by 29 feet long adjoining the Halifax Ocean Terminals Railway to the eastward, being a portion of what was formerly known as "Winwick" property. The area is approximately 40,000 square feet.



February 16th, 1939.

When Connaught Avenue is opened this land, with the exception of a strip of about 17 feet wide, will be required for street purposes.

The City Assessor values the land at three cents a square foot or a total valuation of about \$1,200.00.

Mr. Hines, the Executor of the Estate, is anxious to settle it and offers to sell the property to the City for the sum of \$800.00. This price is very reasonable and it would seem to be in the interests of the City to acquire the property for the sum mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works February 14th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer on an offer from Mr. Hines, Executor of the Estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Hines, to sell to the City of Halifax a piece of property at Marlboro Woods for the sum of \$800.00 was considered.

On motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, the report was approved and the Committee recommended to Council that the property described therein be purchased.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

TRAM SHELTER, NORTH-EAST CORNER COGSWELL AND  
GOTTINGEN STREETS.

*City Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works.*

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re tram shelter, north-east corner Cogswell, and Gottingen Streets.



February 16th, 1939.

Jan. 30th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with the instructions of the Committee on Works, I wrote the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited, asking them to erect a shelter for the tramway patrons at the north-east corner of Gogswell and Gottingen Streets, and have received a reply in which the Company state that they did not see why the erection and maintenance of such a shelter should be the responsibility of the company.

I am attaching copies of the correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 8th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to the erection and maintenance of a proposed shelter for tramway patrons at the north-east corner of Cogswell Street and Gottingen Street was considered and ordered to be forwarded to Council for its information.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

FILED

*City Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works.*

MILLER STREET - SEWER EXTENSION

Read report of the Comm. on Works  
and City Engineer re Miller Street, sewer extension.

February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The City Council, at a meeting held on April 15th, 1937, approved of the extension of the water main on Miller Street from the present dead end near Young Avenue westwardly, to supply two houses when these were under construction.

No work has yet been done on the houses but I am informed that their construction will be started immediately, and the owners ask that sewerage facilities be provided as well as water.

February 16th, 1939.

To provide for the sewerage of the two houses at present proposed to be built would require an extension of about 570 feet through excavating principally rock. The estimated cost of the sewer would be about \$4,000. and the estimated assessment \$1,100.

It would seem advisable to construct the extension of the sewer and water at the same time, which would reduce the cost of the combined work and as the water has already been ordered to be extended, it is now recommended that the sewer and water be extended in the same trench when the two houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works hold on February 14th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer in reference to sewer and water extension on Miller Street, was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

SWAINE STREET - SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION

*City Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works.*

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

February 13th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition from Mr. George E. Zinck, for the extension of sewer and water on Swaine Street, that he has made application for the erection of a house at the south-east corner of Swaine and Summit Streets, and in his letter states that the owner of the lot on the north-east corner proposes to build immediately.

February 16th, 1939.

There are two methods of supplying these two houses:- One, to extend the sewer and water on Swaine Street to the south side of Summit Street and the other to run the sewer from Chebucto Road northwardly.

Eventually, when a sewer is built on Summit Street it will be necessary to build a sewer in this location.

The estimated cost of the sewer in either case will be the same, viz. \$2,300. The estimated assessment in the former case will be \$622.50 and in the latter case \$472.50.

The length of the sewer from Chebucto Road northwardly will be about 215 feet, a portion of which between Chebucto Road and Summit Street will be 30-inches in diameter and the remainder 15-inches.

The length of water pipe required to connect the present dead end to the main at Chebucto Road is about 270 feet and the estimated cost, using a 6-inch pipe \$1,080.00 and the estimated assessment \$280.00.

It is recommended that the sewer and water be extended when two houses are under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 14th, 1939, the attached report of the City Engineer recommending sewer and water extension on Swaine Street, was on motion of Alderman Walker and Alderman Freda, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded

by Alderman MacKay that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

BEECH STREET, GELDERT STREET AND CONNAUGHT  
AVENUE - SEWERS

*City Engineer  
Clerk of  
Works*

Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer re Beech Street, Geldert Street and Connaught Avenue, sewers.

February 16th, 1939.

Feb. 14th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The Canadian National Railways have agreed to give the City a right of way for sewer and water pipe on the extension of Geldert Street to Connaught Avenue and along Connaught Avenue to Waagwoltic Avenue to connect with the existing pipe. This will provide an outlet for sewers on Beech Street and Geldert Street now draining into cess-pools. Beech Street is practically all built up and there are several houses on Geldert Street.

The length of the sewer on Connaught Avenue is about 390 feet. The probable cost \$2900. and the estimated assessment \$800.

The length of the sewer on Geldert Street is about 440 feet. The probable cost \$2600. and the estimated assessment \$1450.

The length of the sewer on Beech Street is about 400 feet. The probable cost \$2500. and the estimated assessment \$1600. It is recommended that these sewers be laid to the main.

It may be some time before the water extension will be required and the extension of the water main can be delayed for the present. Its estimated cost on Connaught Avenue is \$1660. and the estimated assessment \$335.00. Estimated cost on Geldert Street \$600. and estimated assessment \$30.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,  
CITY ENGINEER.

February 15th, 1939.

The City Council.

The attached report of the City Engineer recommending sewer extensions on Beech Street, Geldert Street and Connaught Avenue, was considered by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on February 14th, 1939, and 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 Mackay that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

February 16th, 1939.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH  
BRITAIN REPORT.

His Worship the Mayor appointed the following members of Council to comprise the committee re Brittain report.

Aldermen Breen,  
MacKay,  
Donovan,  
Kinley,  
Adams,  
Lloyd,  
Curtis,  
Gough.

Council agreed to the appointments as made by the Mayor.

SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME FOR  
THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1939.

Read report of the Charities Comm. for the month of January, 1939, showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 477.

FILED

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1939

Read report of the City Auditor re tax collections for the month of January, 1939.

TAX COLLECTIONS, JANUARY, 1939.

Arrears Taxes

Civic Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances December	New accounts adjustments	January and Collections	Outstanding Balances January.
1934-35	\$35,933.92	\$42,649.12	\$3.38	\$239.53	\$42,412.96
1935-36	60,495.84	87,540.91	14.90	10,091.11	77,464.70
1936-37	54,651.17	203,982.82	16.04	10,705.32	193,293.54
1937-38	59,230.97	370,058.28	60.60	26,453.10	343,665.78
		704,231.12	94.92	47,489.06	656,836.98

Current Taxes

1938-39	53,444.45	664,555.74	2.50	26,773.79	637,784.45
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Water Dept.  
Rates, etc.

90,457.12	1,276.53	26,460.64	65,273.01
<u>1,459,243.98</u>	<u>1,373.95</u>	<u>100,723.49</u>	<u>1,359,894.44</u>



February 16th, 1939.

Poll Taxes 1933-34	\$835.90		\$44.00	\$ 791.90
Poll Taxes 1934-35	2,294.94		32.00	2,262.94
Poll Taxes 1935-36	2,067.42		31.50	2,035.92
Poll Taxes 1936-37	2,557.96		91.00	2,466.96
Poll Taxes 1937-38	4,138.76	\$2.00	270.00	3,870.76
Poll Taxes 1938-39	16,757.75		2,185.00	14,572.75

<u>Additional Collections</u>		<u>1938</u>	<u>1937</u>
Tax years 1908-9 to 1924-25		\$94.24	
Corresponding period last year			\$159.54
Tax years 1925-26 to 1933-34		772.56	
Corresponding period last year			1,612.26
Collections per above statement		100,723.49	
Corresponding period last year			90,026.24
		<u>101,590.29</u>	<u>91,798.04</u>
<u>Collections of Poll Taxes</u>			
May 1st, 1938 to January 31st, 1939		\$20,305.14	
Corresponding period last year			\$20,151.78

A. M. Butler,  
CITY AUDITOR.

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

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

FILED

TAX PROPERTY SALE

Read report of the Tax Property Sale

Committee as follows:-

February 16th, 1939.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Members of the City Council,  
City of Halifax,  
CITY HALL.

Gentlemen:-

I submit herewith an extract from  
the minutes of the Tax Property Sale Committee  
meeting held February 16th, 1939.

"A tender from Miss Annie Burns  
offering \$75.00 for Lot #18 South side Rector  
Street was placed before the committee.

Moved by Alderman Daw, seconded by  
Alderman Sullivan that the tender of Miss Burns be  
accepted. Passed."



February 16th, 1939.

I respectfully submit the above item for your approval.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,  
Secretary, Tax Property Sale  
Committee.

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

Motion passed.

11.30 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by  
Alderman Gough that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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Walter Mitchell,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

  
W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.