

February 15th, 1940.

Solicitor
TAXATION OF HOSTELS

Read report of the Finance Committee re
taxation of hostels.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 14th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the representatives of the Y.M.C.A. were heard in connection with the matter of taxes which must be assessed under law on all hostels or recreation centres now being operated by the Y.M.C.A. and other organizations.

Your committee, after examining both sides of the question, are of the opinion that the principle of exacting taxes from such organizations is sound, but in recognition of the special work in which they are engaged and their difficulty in the collection of an adequate budget, that the City should add to the amount already voted, and for which legislation is to be sought, such an amount as will enable the said organizations to pay any taxes directly levied on the property of those operating the hostels or recreation centres or directly levied on these organizations in respect to their activities in properties leased for the purpose. The amount so required should exclude the value of the highway tax which, if imposed, must be paid by the various organizations owning the real estate assessed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed. Alderman Curran against.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by
Alderman Donovan that -

BE IT RESOLVED that at the next session of the Legislature, legislation be submitted on behalf of the City to enable the City in any year to make annual grants to the Y.M.C.A., the Salvation Army, St. Mark's Church, The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, The Knights of Columbus, and The North End Services Canteen, the amount of such grants to be the amounts with interest

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thereon which the said organizations have been respectively taxed in respect to the ownership or occupation of real property in the City of Halifax used for the purposes of providing sleeping and recreational accommodation for members of His Majesty's Forces,

Motion passed.

Alderman Curran against.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR SCHOOLS

Read report of the Finance Committee and resolution re fire extinguishers for schools.

Committee Room, City Hall,
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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the Board of School Commissioners requesting a sum for the purchase of fire extinguishers for the City Schools was considered.

Your committee submits herewith the attached resolution for Council's approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

WHEREAS the City requires money to meet an application of the Board of School Commissioners for funds to provide fire extinguishers in the various schools;

AND WHEREAS no amount is available in the current estimates for such purpose;

AND WHEREAS the application is for the sum of \$1,000.00 and there are funds amounting to \$400.00 in the estimates already approved for the year 1940-41;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City borrow from any bank or fund available under the foregoing authority the sum of \$1,000.00 and assess the same against the estimates of 1941-42 in an amount of \$600.00; the balance being recoverable from the estimates of the School Board for next year.

*School Board
Treasurer*

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Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacKay that the report and resolution be adopted. Motion put and passed unanimously; the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

Aldermen Batson
Breen
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
Lloyd
W.A. MacDonald
J.F. McDonald
MacKay
O'Toole
Sullivan

TAX CERTIFICATES

*Salicitor
Auditor*
Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Auditor re tax certificates.

Committee Room, City Hall,
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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 recommending that legislative authority be obtained to permit the City to receive money from persons who will in the ordinary course be indebted to the City in the ensuing civic year. The money thus received to be acknowledged on a form to be known as a tax certificate which would be signed by the Treasurer.

Your committee approves of the suggestion of the City Auditor and recommends that legislation be secured accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

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The Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

It is recommended that legislative authority be obtained to permit the City to receive

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money from persons who will in the ordinary course be indebted to the City in the ensuing civic year. The money thus received would be acknowledged on a form to be known as a Tax Certificate, which would be signed by the Treasurer.

In order to carry out the plan a general authority should be sought to allow the City to decide:

- (a) the denominations of the certificates;
- (b) the rate of discount at which they may be bought, in accordance with their respective terms, which should not exceed a period of eight months;
- (c) whether they will be negotiable or non-negotiable;
- and
- (d) the right of the City to issue or withdraw the certificates from sale at any time.

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 City Auditor be approved. Motion passed.

SINKING FUND CHARGES, N. S. PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION COMMISSION.

E. & L. Loydly
Read report of the Finance Committee and letter of the City Auditor re sinking fund charges, Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 14th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached report of the City Auditor regarding an application from the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission asking that the City and Province would directly assume equal proportions of sinking fund charges, the maturing principal of serial debentures and the annual interest on all debentures was considered.

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Your committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Auditor that the application be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

February 7th, 1940.

Chairman of the Finance Committee,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

On March 15th, 1939, I was requested by your committee to report on an application which had been received from the Provincial Exhibition Commission by the City Council. The application was that the City and Province would directly assume equal proportions of sinking fund charges, the maturing principal of serial debentures, and the annual interest on all debentures.

The effect of this arrangement would be to eliminate from the Exhibition statement an amount of some \$17,000.00 annually required for this service. This amount would be in addition to the interest and sinking fund on the re-establishment grant of \$417,500.00. The latter would approximate \$26,000.00 annually.

At the time this application was made I verbally reported to the committee that the effect of granting the application and providing the Commission with still more funds might be to weaken the control maintained by the Commission over its affairs, rather than strengthen it. It is obvious that if the Commission were assured that the amount of interest and sinking fund would not enter into the annual figures that the same care would not have to be exercised over the final results. Had the arrangement in question been in effect for the period ending last October, the City and Province in addition to sharing the annual cost of the re-establishment grant worth \$26,000.00 and the burden of the loan service now carried by the Commission of \$17,000.00, would be required to share in the net deficit, which was \$39,000.00.

There are two main reasons, therefore, why in my opinion the application should not be granted:

1. That the effect is to lessen the control ordinarily exercised by the Commission with their budget restricted, and that there is no guarantee that the Commission is able to keep within limits of any deficit.

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2. That the enlargement of the plant beyond the plans laid down at the time of the re-establishment of the Fair and the broadening of its off-season activities has been entirely the work of the Commission, for which they should be required to accept responsibility.

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 City Auditor be approved.
Motion passed.

City Health Board Treasurer

RELIEF FOR DR. SIENIEWICZ

Read report of the Finance Committee re relief for Dr. Sieniewicz.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 14th, 1940.

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 together with extract from the minutes of a meeting of the City Health Board held on the 12th day of December, 1939, which reads as follows was considered:-

#Read a letter from Dr. T. M. Sieniewicz, Medical Superintendent of the City Tuberculosis Hospital, asking for permission to employ the services of Dr. W.J.J. Dyer to assist him in his professional services at the Tuberculosis Hospital made necessary on account of his military duties. Dr. Sieniewicz stated that the services of Dr. Dyer would not involve any financial obligation on the part of the Board.

Moved by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Sullivan that the request of Dr. Sieniewicz be approved. Motion put and passed".

Your committee recommends that the action of the City Health Board be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

February 15th, 1940.

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

Motion passed.

Treasurer
SUPERANNUATION - JAMES SHANKS

Read report of the Finance Committee re
superannuation, James Shanks.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 14th, 1940.

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 superannuation of James Shanks,
former fireman, who is confined in the Nova Scotia
Hospital was considered.

In the past legislation was secured
annually to pay to the wife of Mr. Shanks the sum
of \$394.68 to which he was entitled under the
superannuation fund and in addition the sum of
\$100.00 a year for each of her two children, and also
pay the account of the Nova Scotia Hospital for
maintenance.

In view of the fact that a Doctor's
certificate indicates that Mr. Shanks' condition is
probably incurable, your committee recommends that
legislation be secured to make the allowance paid
continuous instead of annual and that the City be not
obligated to maintain the case in any particular
institution, and the allowance for the children to be
paid until they attain the age of sixteen years,
respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

CAR, SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY HOME

*Solicitor
Treasurer*
Read report of the Finance Committee
re car, Superintendent of City Home.

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Committee Room, City Hall,
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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held today, a report from a special committee of the Finance Committee was received dealing with a recommendation from the Charities Committee to seek legislation for the purpose of compensating the Superintendent of the City Home for damages to his automobile; such damage being received while the automobile was being used on City business.

Your committee has been advised that no liability rests with the City to pay for such damage and has also been made acquainted with the fact that although the question of fixing blame was difficult in the circumstances that the insurance company handling the insurance on the Superintendent's car made payment for damages to the other car for the reason that it appeared that the Superintendent's car was being operated on the wrong side of the road.

Your committee recommends that legislation be applied for to make an ex-gratia payment to the Superintendent amounting to \$150.00, and it is their belief that such a settlement is reasonable because (a) there is a substantial trade-in or salvage value to the wrecked car and (b) that the owner who may be said to have been carrying his own insurance should because of such circumstance be ready to assume the major part of the loss.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Donovan,
CHAIRMAN.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Breen
Batson
MacKay
Donovan
Curran
Sullivan
Lloyd
J.F. McDonald
Keshen
O'Toole
Curtis
W.A. MacDonald
Landry

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Freda
Walker

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TAX PROPERTY SALE

Read report of the Tax Property Sale
Committee as follows:-

February 13th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

The following extracts from the minutes
of a meeting of the Tax Property Sale Committee held
on Monday, February 12th, 1940, at twelve o'clock
noon, in the Council Chamber, are submitted to you
for approval.

"A tender from Butler Brothers offering
\$350.00 for Lot #5 Hunter Street, formerly
assessed to Est. Bridget Ead, was placed
before the committee.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by
Alderman Walker that the tender of Butler
Brothers be accepted. Passed.

An offer from W. D. Isnor to rent the Hart
property, Bayers Road, for pasture land at
\$15.00 for the season, was placed before the
Committee.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman
Walker that the lands be rented to Mr. Isnor
and the City Solicitor to make a lease with
provision to vacate on one month's notice.
Passed".

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Erosby,
CITY COLLECTOR,
ACTING SECRETARY, TAX PROPERTY SALE
COMMITTEE.

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

Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #13 RESPECTING THE
REGULATION OF VEHICLES TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS
FOR HIRE.

Read report of the Laws and Privileges
Committee submitting amendment to Ordinance #13.

February 15th, 1940.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 12th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this evening, the committee had before it the attached amendment to Ordinance No. 13 respecting the regulation of vehicles transporting passengers for hire.

Your committee approved of the amendment to Ordinance No. 13 and same is forwarded to the City Council for adoption, and to be sent to the Minister of Highways for his recommendation to the Governor-in-Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by
Alderman Sullivan that the report be approved.

Motion passed.

Read amendment to Ordinance #13.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council
of the City of Halifax:--

1. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 13 "Respecting the Regulation of Vehicles transporting Passengers for Hire" is amended by inserting therein between the words "Therefor" and "the" in the third line thereof the following words:--

"but no license shall be issued under this Ordinance in respect to any motor-drawn vehicle having a seating capacity for more than seven passengers".

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by
Alderman Sullivan that the amendment to Ordinance #13 as set out above be read, passed and forwarded to the Minister of Highways. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #13A. RESPECTING TAXIMETERS

Read report of the Laws and
Privileges Committee and amendment to Ordinance #13A.

*Laws &
Privileges Comm.*

February 15th, 1940.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 12th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this evening, the committee had before it the attached amendment to Ordinance No. 13A. respecting taximeters.

Your committee approved of the amendment to Ordinance No. 13A. and same is forwarded to the City Council for adoption, and to be sent to the Minister of Highways for his recommendation to the Governor-in-Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be approved.

Motion passed.

Read amendment to Ordinance #13A.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Halifax as follows:-

1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 13A. "Respecting Taximeters" is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:-
- "(2) The provisions of the preceding subsection shall not apply to any motor-drawn vehicle having a seating capacity for more than seven passengers".

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the amendment to Ordinance #13A. as set out above be read and passed a first time.
Motion passed.

ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE #16

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee as follows:-

*Laws and
Privileges Comm.*

February 15th, 1940.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 12th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges
Committee held this evening, the attached Ordinance
repealing Ordinance No. 16 was considered.

Your committee approved of the said
Ordinance and same is forwarded to the City Council
for first reading.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by
Alderman Sullivan that the report of the Laws and
Privileges Committee be approved. Motion passed.

Read Ordinance repealing Ordinance #16.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council
as follows:-

Ordinance No. 16 of the Ordinances of
the City of Halifax which was approved by the
Lieutenant Governor-in-Council on the thirtieth day
of April, A.D. 1934, is hereby repealed.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by
Alderman Sullivan that the Ordinance as set out above
be read and passed a first time. Motion passed.

DRAFT ORDINANCE #16 RESPECTING OMNIBUSES

*Minister
of Highways*
Read report of the Laws and Privileges
Committee submitting draft Ordinance No. 16
respecting Omnibuses.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 12th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges
Committee held this evening, the committee had before
it draft Ordinance No. 16 respecting Omnibuses.

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Your committee approves of the draft Ordinance and recommends that same be forwarded to the City Council for adoption and then forwarded to the Minister of Highways for his recommendation to the Governor-in-Council.

Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be approved. Motion passed. Alderman Walker against.

Read Ordinance No. 16.

Ordinance No. 16
Respecting Omnibuses.

Passed under the authority of Section 228 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Halifax, as follows:-

1. In this Ordinance the word "omnibus" shall mean a motor-drawn vehicle used for transporting for hire passengers and which has a seating capacity for more than seven passengers.

2. Subject to the provisions of the City Charter, the Motor Vehicle Act and this Ordinance, the control of persons owning or operating omnibuses shall be vested in the Committee on Cabs, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

3. No person shall in the City of Halifax with an omnibus transport for hire passengers without having first obtained a license therefor. The license may be in the form in the first schedule to this Ordinance or to the like effect. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall for each offence be liable to a penalty of not more than twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty days.

4. (a) Every application for a license to transport for hire with an omnibus passengers shall be made in writing to the Committee by the bona fide owner of the omnibus for which a license is desired. The applicant shall be recommended in writing by the Chief of Police and one ratepayer as a fit and proper person to be granted a license, and the Committee may refuse to grant a license to any applicant who in their judgment is not a fit and proper person to hold a license.

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(b) The owner of every omnibus who applies for a license under this ordinance shall with his application for a license deposit with the Clerk an insurance policy with a company licensed to do business in the City, covering the passengers conveyed in such omnibus against any accident which may happen to such passengers while being conveyed in such omnibus or while entering or leaving the same. Such policy shall have such limits as the committee may determine.

5. Every license issued under this Ordinance shall be dated as of the 1st day of May and shall expire on the 30th day of April next succeeding.

6. The fee payable for each licensed omnibus shall be Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

7. No license shall be granted in respect to any omnibus until the same has been inspected and approved by the Committee or by an official appointed by the Committee or some person on their behalf.

8. Every omnibus in respect of which a license hereunder has been granted shall at all times, when in use, be kept clean and in good order, and may be inspected at any time by the committee, or any person appointed by them and the committee may cancel or suspend the license in respect of any vehicle not kept clean and in good order.

9. No person other than the owner thereof shall drive any omnibus in respect of which a license hereunder has been granted unless such person is licensed as an omnibus driver. An omnibus driver's license may be issued by the Committee on payment of two dollars (\$2.00); but, no such license shall be issued to any person under twenty-one years of age, or to any person in the judgment of the committee not a fit and proper person to be such a driver.

10. Every owner of an omnibus in respect of which a license is required under this Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as a "licensed omnibus", who permits his vehicle to be driven by, or be placed upon a stand in charge of, an unlicensed person, shall for each offence be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance.

11. Every owner of a licensed omnibus who dismisses a licensed driver from his employment shall within twenty-four hours after such dismissal notify the City Clerk of the same. Failure by such owner to do so shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

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12. The committee shall assign a number to each licensed omnibus in respect of which a license is issued. Such number shall be placed on a plate of a size and design approved by the committee and such plate shall be placed in a conspicuous position on the inside of the omnibus. A register of such numbers with the names of the owner of such omnibus shall be kept by the Clerk and may be inspected by any person. Such number plates shall be supplied by the Clerk.

13. (a) Every owner of a licensed omnibus in respect to which a license is issued shall affix to each of the license number plates on such omnibus, in such manner as not to obscure any lettering or numerals upon such license number plates, a plate bearing the number assigned to such omnibus, as provided in the preceding section, together with the word "omnibus" or a contraction thereof. Such plates shall be so placed on such vehicle as to be plainly visible both from the front and the rear and shall at all times be maintained by every such owner free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible. Such plates shall be supplied without charge by the Clerk to the licensed owner of such omnibus at the time of the granting of such license. If any such plate shall become lost or defaced, additional plates may be obtained from the Clerk upon proof being given satisfactory to the Clerk that such plates have in fact become lost or defaced; upon an application being made to the Clerk for any additional plates, as hereinbefore provided, the person so applying shall with the application pay the sum of One Dollar for each plate required.

(b) Every such owner who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section, wherein any duty is imposed upon such owner, shall for each offence be liable to a penalty of not less than ten dollars, nor more than twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period of not less than seven days nor more than twenty days; provided however, that it shall be a defence to a prosecution for a violation of this section in respect to the duty on such owner to affix such plates, if such owner has previously made an application to the Clerk for any additional plates to replace any plates which have become lost or defaced and which additional plates have not been delivered to such owner by the Clerk.

14. Every applicant for a driver's license or an omnibus owner's license, where such omnibus owner intends to operate such omnibus himself, shall with such application furnish a certificate of health, which shall be signed by a physician practising in the City of Halifax.

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15. The owner of a licensed omnibus, the driver or drivers of the same and any person appointed by the owner for that purpose, and no other persons, may solicit passengers for such omnibus.

16. The driver of a licensed omnibus shall not leave his omnibus while employed therewith or seeking employment therefor.

17. Every driver of a licensed omnibus shall, when employed therewith, be neatly and cleanly attired.

18. (a) No licensed omnibus shall be used for the conveyance of meats, milk, groceries, or any perishable goods or any articles which would constitute a violation of the health laws of the City.

(b) The license of every person who contravenes or fails to comply with this section shall be liable to cancellation on conviction and such person shall also be liable to a penalty of not less than ten dollars and not exceeding twenty-five dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period of not less than seven days and not exceeding twenty days.

19. The rates to be charged by the owner of any licensed omnibus for the hire of the same shall be such as may be agreed upon by such owner and the person or persons hiring the said omnibus.

20. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to apply to omnibuses used for transporting passengers in cases where an individual fare is charged to each individual passenger.

21. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance in respect to which no other penalty is provided shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars and not exceeding twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period of not less than five days and not exceeding twenty days; and in case of any such contravention or failure to comply by any holder of a license under this Ordinance or a licensed driver, the committee may punish such offence by cancellation or suspension of the license or by a fine not exceeding five dollars.

22. The foregoing regulations made under the authority of Section 228 of the Motor Vehicle Act shall be known as Ordinance Number 16.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form of License.

License is hereby granted to
to operate (or to drive) an omnibus to be used for
transporting for hire passengers in the City of
Halifax, until the 30th day of April, 19—.

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The number of such omnibus shall be-----
The licensee undertakes to comply with the laws
and ordinances of the City of Halifax.

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded
by Alderman Sullivan that the Ordinance as set out
above be read, passed and forwarded to the Minister
of Highways. Motion passed. Alderman Walker against.

Minister of Highways
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #14 RESPECTING THE
REGULATION OF VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTING
GOODS FOR HIRE.

Read report of the Laws and Privileges
Committee submitting amendment to Ordinance #14.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 12th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges
Committee held this evening, the committee had under
consideration the fixing of a schedule of rates for
motor drawn vehicles used for transporting goods
for hire, which had been referred to this committee
by the City Council.

Your committee recommends to Council
for adoption the attached amendment to Ordinance #14
which has been prepared by the City Solicitor.
This is a regulation made under the authority of the
Motor Vehicle Act and requires to be passed once by
the Council and forwarded to the Minister of Highways.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City
Council of the City of Halifax, under the authority
of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 228 of
the Motor Vehicle Act as follows:-

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1. Section 18 of Ordinance Number 14, respecting "The Regulation of Vehicles used for Transporting Goods for Hire", is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

18. The rates charged by any licensee for the hire of motor-drawn vehicles shall not be less than those set out in the schedule of rates hereinafter provided. The rates charged by any licensee for the hire of any vehicle other than a motor-drawn vehicle shall be such as may be agreed upon between such licensee and the person engaging him.

2. Said Ordinance Number 14 is further amended by adding thereto, immediately following the form of license set out at the end thereof, the following:-

Schedule of Rates for Motor-Drawn Vehicles

For the hire of a motor-drawn vehicle carrying weight plates issued by the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia not exceeding 6000 pounds, per hour \$1.25

For the hire of a motor-drawn vehicle carrying weight plates issued by the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia exceeding 6000 pounds and not exceeding 10,000 pounds, per hour 1.50

For the hire of a motor-drawn vehicle carrying weight plates issued by the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia exceeding 10,000 pounds and not exceeding 14,000 pounds, per hour 1.75

For the hire of a motor-drawn vehicle carrying weight plates issued by the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia exceeding 14,000 pounds, per hour such amount as may be arranged between the licensees and the person engaging the same, but not at a rate of less than \$2.00 per hour.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report be approved and the amendment to Ordinance #14 as set out above be read, passed and forwarded to the Minister of Highways. Motion put and passed, 15 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson
Breen
Curran
Curtis
Freda
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
W.A. MacDonald
J.F. McDonald
O'Toole
Sullivan
Walker
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Donovan
Lloyd
MacKay

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LICENSING SLOT MACHINES

Read report of the Laws and Privileges
Committee submitting legislation re licensing of
slot machines.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 12th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and
Privileges Committee held this evening, the committee
had before it draft legislation to provide a
license fee of \$50.00 on each automatic slot machine
in the City of Halifax.

The committee approved of the proposed
legislation and same is herewith forwarded to the
City Council for adoption.

The Chairman and Alderman, Walker
wishing to be recorded against.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

(1) The words "automatic machine" as used
in this section and in any ordinance made under the
authority of this section shall mean any pinboard
or other automatic or slot-machine (so called)
which is operated by the introduction of a coin or
coins, counter or counters or slug or slugs but the
word does not include automatic scales, telephone
apparatus, gas or electric meters (so called) nor
automatic gramophones, phonographs or pianos, nor
those things the use or keeping whereof is prohibited
by law for the reason that they constitute gambling
devices, or for any other reason.

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(2) No person shall in the City of Halifax operate or cause or permit to be operated any machine as hereinbefore defined, the operation of which is not prohibited by the laws of Canada or of this Province, unless a license has been obtained permitting such machine to be operated.

(3) The fee for the license for each automatic machine shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

(4) (a) The Council may, by ordinance, regulate such automatic machines and prescribe the conditions under which the same may be operated and upon which a license therefor may be issued, and may provide that such license shall permit the automatic machine in respect to which the license was issued to be operated only in such place as may be designated in such license.

(b) Such Ordinance may also provide for the suspension or cancellation of any such license and the penalty to be imposed upon any person for operating or causing or permitting to be operated any unlicensed automatic machine or for a violation of any of the provisions of such ordinance.

(5) The penalty which may be imposed for a violation of this section or of any provision of any ordinance made under the authority of this section shall not be less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period of not less than three months and not exceeding one year.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the report and legislation as submitted be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that this matter be referred back to the Laws and Privileges Committee and in the meantime a copy of the proposed legislation forwarded to each member of Council. Amendment put and lost, 5 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Donovan
JF. McDonald
O'Toole
W.A. MacDonald
Landry

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen
Batson
Kinley
Curran
Sullivan
Freda
Lloyd
Keshen
Curtis
Walker
-10-

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Batson that Mr. J. T. MacQuarrie be permitted to address Council for a period of two minutes. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson
Breen
Curran
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
Lloyd
O'Toole
Sullivan
Walker
-12-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curtis
W.A. MacDonald
J.F. MacDonald

-3-

Mr. MacQuarrie stated that he would like to see the proposed legislation changed so that a transfer of a license could be granted on each machine.

Mr. MacQuarrie suggested that instead of a fixed fee on each machine, the person distributing the machines pay a certain tax and that a nominal fee of \$5.00 to \$10.00 be then imposed on each machine in actual operation.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Breen
Batson
Curran
Sullivan
Freda
Lloyd
J.F. McDonald
Curtis
Landry
- 9 -

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Donovan
Kinley
Keshen
O'Toole
W.A. MacDonald
Walker

- 6 -

AUTOMATIC GRAMAPHONES

Laws and Privileges Com. H.
Read report of the Laws and Privileges
Committee submitting legislation re automatic
gramaphones.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by
Alderman Sullivan that the report and legislation as
submitted be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd,
seconded by Alderman Keshen that this matter be
referred back to the Laws and Privileges.
Amendment passed.

Motion not put.

APPLICATION, JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE

Read report of the Laws and Privileges
Committee re application from MacDonald, McInnes,
MacQuarrie & Pattillo on behalf of the Dominion
Metal Company Limited for permission to do business
as a Junk Dealer.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 12th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges
Committee held this evening, the attached letter

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from MacDonald, McInnes, MacQuarrie & Pattillo making application on behalf of the Dominion Metal Company Limited for permission to carry on business in the Healy Coal property, Kempt Road, City of Halifax as junk dealer was considered.

Your committee forwards said application to the City Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Curran that Mr. MacQuarrie be permitted to address Council. Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson
Breenn
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
Landry
Lloyd
W.A. MacDonald
J.F. McDonald
O'Toole
Sullivan
Walker
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AGAINST IT

Alderman Kinley
-1-

Mr. MacQuarrie stated that the company wishing to obtain the license was one of good standing and reliability.

Motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Breen
Kinley
Curran
Freda
Lloyd
Keshen
O'Toole
Curtis
W.A. MacDonald
Walker
Landry

-11-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson
Sullivan
J.F. McDonald

-3-

APPLICATION - CANADIAN GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee re application of the Canadian Girl Guides Association for permission to hold a Cookie Day.

Committee Room, City Hall,
February 15th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this evening, your committee had before it an application from the Canadian Girl Guides Association for permission to hold a Cookie Day on Saturday, April 20th, 1940.

Your committee recommends that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. Curran,
CHAIRMAN.

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

LETTER, CITY CLERK RE PLEBISCITE FOR BEER AND WINE

Read letter of the City Clerk re Plebiscite for beer and wine.

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February 15th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

On the 6th instant Messrs F. G. Craig and Richard A. Donahue representing a Citizens Committee presented me with a petition purporting to have been signed by between 7,000 and 8,000 citizens of the City of Halifax requesting that under the provisions of Sub-section 3 of Section 30 of the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act a vote be taken as to whether the citizens are in favor of or opposed to the sale of beer and wine by glass or open bottle within the said City of Halifax.

The matter of holding a plebiscite in this connection has not been proceeded with due to the fact that no funds are available for this purpose.

An amendment to the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act was enacted in 1930 which reads as follows:-

"Any city, town or municipality is authorized and empowered to defray the expenses of taking a vote of the electors under the provisions of "The Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act", and to borrow by way of temporary loan from any chartered bank in Canada such sum or sums as the council deems sufficient to defray such expenses, until the taxes for the next succeeding year are collected".

I am therefore submitting the matter to you to be dealt with as you see fit.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Curran, seconded by Alderman Freda that this matter be now considered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Curran that the sum of \$5,000.00 be borrowed from any Chartered Bank to defray the cost of a plebiscite and that the same be repaid from the 1940-41 estimates.

February 15th, 1940.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Curtis that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Amendment put and passed, 13 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Batson
Breen
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Keshen
Kinley
Landry
W.A. MacDonald
J.F. McDonald
MacKay
O'Toole
Sullivan
-13-

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran
Walker

Alderman Lloyd excused from voting.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE - PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION
COMMISSION

Read certificate of the Auditors re

Provincial Exhibition Commission.

FILED

LETTER, HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR RE NOVA SCOTIA
PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

Read letter from His Worship the

Mayor as follows:-

February 14th, 1940.

Dear Aldermen:-

Attached herewith is Analysis of Revenue and Expenditure Statements of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition for the past seven years.

I personally feel that the Exhibition is of very doubtful value to the City of Halifax, and that, with War conditions at present existing, the amount which the taxpayers have to contribute annually to pay the annual charges and deficits, would be much better spent in fighting the War.

February 15th, 1940.

At various Exhibition Commission meetings the point of either postponing or abandoning the Exhibition has been brought up, but has not been considered feasible by the Committee.

At no time lately has Council instructed its members on the Commission as to whether it wishes the Exhibition to carry on or not, and I think they should decide this matter and definitely instruct them on what attitude to take, as a meeting of the Commission will be held in the near future.

The cost to the City this year is in the vicinity of \$28,000.00 to which must be added their proportion of the hidden charges shown on the bottom of the statement, amounting to roughly \$13,000. In other words, the taxpayers are contributing some 8 points in their tax rate to hold this Exhibition annually, and the Exhibition's main function is to operate only one week during the year.

Yours very truly,

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR.

Alderman MacKay submitted and read the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council express as its opinion that the holding of an annual Provincial Exhibition be discontinued for the duration of the present War and that the representatives of this Council who are members of the Exhibition Commission be requested to carry out the desires of this Council in this matter.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the resolution be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman W.A. MacDonald that this matter be referred to the Exhibition Commission. Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Donovan
Kinley
Curran
W.A. MacDonald
Walker
Landry

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Breen
Batson
MacKay
Sullivan
Freda
Lloyd
J.F. McDonald
Keshen
Curtis

February 15th, 1940.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Curtis
Freda
Keshen
Lloyd
MacKay
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson
Breen
Curran
Donovan
Kinley
Landry
W.A. MacDonald
J.F. McDonald
Walker

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City Health Board

APPOINTMENT OF NURSE - TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Read report of the City Health Board
re appointment of nurse, Tuberculosis Hospital.

February 14th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

At a meeting of the City Health
Board held on Tuesday, February 13th, applications
were considered for the appointment of a nurse
to the permanent staff at the Tuberculosis Hospital.

The Board recommends that Miss
Eleanor Douglas, R.N. be appointed to the vacancy.

A list of applications is herewith
attached.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Keshen,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

11 P.M.,

His Worship the Mayor called upon the
Deputy Mayor to assume the Chair while he left the
Council Chamber.

REMOVAL OF GARBAGE - TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Read report of the City Health Board
re removal of garbage, Tuberculosis Hospital.

City Health Board

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February 15th, 1940.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members City Council.

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, February 13th, a letter was read from Mr. A. W. Evans of Preston, requesting that he be relieved of his contract entered into with the City in November for the removal of garbage from the Tuberculosis Hospital, for a period of three years, at \$8.00 per month.

Mr. Evans stated in his letter that it was now impossible for him to find any use for the garbage due to the fact that his entire pen of hogs had been wiped out from an epidemic of hog cholera, imposing upon him a serious financial loss, and that he would be under quarantine by the Federal Department of Agriculture for at least six months and that it would be more than a year before he would be in a position to carry on.

The Board recommends that Mr. Evans be relieved of the contract from the first day of January, 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Keshen,
CHAIRMAN.

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

DRILL TOWER - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Committee on
Firewards re drill tower.

February 9th, 1940.

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

Your Worship and Aldermen:- Re: Supplementary
Appropriation for erection
of Drill Tower.

At a meeting of the Committee on Firewards held this day, your committee had before it tenders from several firms for the construction of a drill tower for the Fire Department at the West Street Fire Station.

*Finance
Comm.*

February 15th, 1940.

Your committee proposed to recommend that the tender of the Standard Construction Company of \$5366.00, being the lowest tender, be approved by Council.

It was, however, pointed out that the amount of this tender exceeded the amount for which the City had legislation to borrow for this purpose. The City's authority consists of an authority to borrow \$2000.00 granted by Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1931, and an additional sum of \$2200.00 granted by Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1932, making in all a total authorization of \$4200.00. Your committee recommends that legislation be sought to borrow for this purpose an additional sum not exceeding \$1200.00.

Your committee has been advised by the City Solicitor that the committee cannot enter into any contract or accept any tender until authority is received from the Legislature. Your committee, therefore, recommends that the City request the Standard Construction Company to hold their offer open for acceptance by the City until the necessary legislation has been obtained and a meeting of the Council called to consider this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Adams,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman J. F. McDonald that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman J.F. McDonald, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report. Amendment passed.

Motion not put.

11.05 P.M.,

His Worship the Mayor assumed
the Chair.

UNIFORM OVERCOATS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

February 15th, 1940.

Feb. 9th, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Fire-wards held this day, the attached tenders were considered for supplying cloth and making and trimming 16 uniform overcoats:

Clayton & Sons	\$21.75 plus 8% tax (\$23.49)
Tip Top Tailors	26.00
Gordon B. Isnor	26.85

Your committee recommends that the tender of Clayton & Sons at \$23.49 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Adams,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded
by Alderman J.F. McDonald that the report be adopted.
Motion passed.

ERECTION OF BARN AT POINT PLEASANT PARK

Finance
Read report of the Directors of Point Pleasant Park re erection of barn at Point Pleasant Park.

Mayor's Office,
City Hall,
February 5th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Directors of Point Pleasant Park held this day, the Directors had before it a report from the Assistant Building Inspector recommending that a new barn be erected at Point Pleasant Park as the present barn is not habitable.

The Directors approved of the recommendation of the Assistant Building Inspector and recommended that legislation be obtained to borrow a sum not exceeding \$1,000.00 for replacement of barn at Point Pleasant Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

February 15th, 1940.

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

Council NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN CURRAN RE AGE OF RETIREMENT FOR CIVIC EMPLOYEES.

Alderman Curran submitted and read the following notice of motion.

TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of the City Council I will move that the City Charter be amended so as to provide for the retiring of all civic officials and employees upon their reaching the age of sixty-five years.

REDUCTION IN WATER ACCOUNTS

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works* Read report of the Committee on Works re reduction in water accounts.

February 14th, 1940.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 6th, 1940, on motion of Alderman O'Toole, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, the following reductions in water accounts as recommended by the Special Committee on Water Bills, were approved and ordered forwarded to the City Council for adoption:-

- #132 Beech Street -
Account 40193 - Consumption for half year ending April 1939 amounting to 117,500 gallons to be reduced to 3,600 gallons.
- #134-42 Hollis St.-
Account 20870A - The consumption for the period October 1938 to April 1939 amounting to 390,400 gallons to be reduced to 203,300 gallons.
- #197-201 Market St.-
Account 30464 - The consumption for September 1939 amounting to 2,476,000 gallons to be reduced to 559,300 gallons.
- #32 West St. -
Account 51742 - The consumption for January and February 1939 totalling 98,800 gallons to be reduced to 49,350 gallons total.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

February 15th, 1940.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works*

RELEASES TO HALIFAX INSURANCE COMPANY

Read report of the Committee on Works
re releases to Halifax Insurance Company.

February 15th, 1940.

The City Council.

Attached hereto are cheques Nos.
25339, and 25340, payable to the City of Halifax by
the Halifax Insurance Company for \$7.75 and \$12.76
tendered by the Company in full payment of bills
rendered to them by the City of Halifax for damage by
fire at the City Incinerator on December 29th, 1939,
and at #65-67 Brunswick Street, on January 12th,
1940, respectively.

The Committee on Works recommend
that Council grant releases which endorsement of the
said cheques would constitute.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Motion passed.

*City Engineer
Clerk of
Works*

POINT PLEASANT PARK - WATER SUPPLY

Read report of the Committee on Works
and City Engineer re Point Pleasant Park, water
supply.

February 15th, 1940.

The City Council.

Attached hereto is a report of the
City Engineer dated February 1st, 1940, on an
application from Lieut. T. A. Somerville, R.C.E., on
behalf of the Department of National Defence for
permission to install a 4" galvanized water line
from the City main at the corner of Miller Street and
Tower Road to a new barracks building constructed at
the north side of Fort Ogilvie in Point Pleasant Park.

February 15th, 1940.

The said report of the City Engineer was approved by the Committee who recommended to the City Council that the attached agreement referred to in the said report be entered into.

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

February 1st, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application from Lieut. T. A. Somerville, R.C.E., on behalf of the Department of National Defence, for permission to install a 4-inch galvanized water line from the City main at the corner of Miller Street and Tower Road to new barracks building constructed at the north side of Fort Ogilvie in Point Pleasant Park.

The Department propose to lay a 4-inch galvanized iron pipe along the extension of Tower Road for a distance of about 1200 feet and thence turning eastwardly to the new buildings a further distance of about 1250 feet.

Owing to war conditions, which cannot be particularized here, a very large demand has been and is being made, on the water supply system, which combined with the extreme drought of last season, necessitates the conservation of our water supply as much as possible. For this reason any large extension such as is proposed should be made under a special agreement, reserving the right to the City to limit the supply while present conditions obtain.

If the Committee grant the right to make the required connection, it should be at the expense of the Department to make the connection. They already agree to make the proposed extension themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

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

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 789 OF THE CITY CHARTER

Read report of the Comm. on Works and City Engineer submitting proposed amendment to Section 789 of the City Charter.

City Engineer
Clark of Works
City Solicitor

February 15th, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Attached hereto is a report of the City Engineer concerning a proposed amendment to Section 789 of the City Charter dealing with elevators.

On motion of Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee on Works recommended that legislation be sought in accordance with the said report.

Respectfully,

Walter Mitchell,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

January 31st, 1940.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to submit the attached amendment to Section 789 of the City Charter for approval of the Committee.

The main change from the present Section is that the inspection of the elevators which have been insured can be made by Inspectors of an Insurance Company versed in the inspection of elevators as well as by an elevator builder and also provided that a copy of the Certificate that the elevator is in proper condition shall be filed with the Inspector.

It is recommended that the suggested legislation be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

Proposed Amendment to City Charter

Section 789 to be amended by striking out Sub-Section 1, 2 and 3 of this section and substituting therefor the following:-

789 - Sub-section 1. No elevator shall be used in any building until after written permission of the Inspector.

2. No freight or passenger elevator shall be operated for more than six months after the date of the Inspectors permit unless a certificate signed by some elevator builder and-or inspector of an Insurance Company versed in the inspection of elevators stating that the elevator is safe and in good order

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has been furnished within six months and is posted in the car or at the entrance of the elevator on the main floor and a duplicate filed with the Inspector.

- 3. If any freight or passenger elevator is not constructed and furnished in compliance with this part of this Act or has become unsafe, the Inspector shall cause to be posted a conspicuous warning and prohibition at each entrance to such elevator. Thereafter until a new permit is given by the Inspector, no person shall operate such elevator or remove or deface such notice.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Walker that the reports be adopted and the amendment as submitted approved. Motion passed.

LETTER, NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART RE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Read letter from the Nova Scotia

College of Art as follows:-

January 29th, 1940.

The City Council,
City Hall,
Halifax.

Dear Sirs:-

The Board of the Nova Scotia College of Art having considered the request of the City Council that we surrender to them our rights to the property at the corner of Robie Street, and Bell Road, desire to express their pleasure that the School Board is ready to proceed with the erection of a New Academy, and therefore agree to give up their claim to this property.

At the same time the Directors of the College of Art are still looking forward to the erection of a building suitable for this important department of Education, and would fully expect the City Council to provide a suitable site when such is required.

Yours very truly,

A. B. Widwell, President.

Jane L. Bell, Hon. Secretary.

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City Solicitor

February 15th, 1940.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Donovan that in view of the letter from the Nova Scotia College of Art that the City approve of the site referred to therein as the location for the erection of a new High School and that immediate steps be taken to have the title to this site transferred to the City and that the City Solicitor be requested to take up this matter with the proper department of the Government of Canada and have the same finalized. Motion passed.

ORDER IN COUNCIL RE PLANS, ETC. - NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Read letter from the Clerk of the Executive Council as follows:-

Halifax, 9th February, 1940.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith certified copy of Order in Council made the 6th instant directing the City of Halifax to issue Debentures or Stock to raise the amount required to cover the cost of preparing plans and specifications for the New High School building.

Yours truly,

A. Evelyn Horne

For

Clerk of the Executive Council.

City Clerk,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.
FILED

SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1940.

Read report of the Charities Committee for the month of January, 1940, showing the number of inmates in the City Home to be 478.

FILED

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

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

FILED

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TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1940.

Read report of the City Auditor re
tax collections for the month of January, 1940.

TAX COLLECTIONS, JANUARY, 1940.

Years Taxes

Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances December	New Accounts and adjustments	January Collections	Outstanding Balances January
6-37	\$51,363.02	\$88,473.73	Dr. \$2.00	\$7,209.40	\$81,266.33
7-38	64,667.55	210,912.69	Cr. 1.00	11,461.05	199,450.64
8-39	42,936.39	364,510.47	Dr. 47.00	22,383.06	342,174.41
		663,896.89	Dr. 48.00	41,053.51	622,891.39

rent Taxes

9-40	38,808.74	646,392.60	Dr. .25	30,297.70	616,095.15
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ces, etc.

	71,269.11			23,036.28	48,232.83
	1,381,558.60	Dr. 48.25		94,387.49	1,287,219.36

Taxes

6-34	446.40			7.50	438.90
7-35	1,608.44			25.50	1,582.94
8-36	1,428.42			56.50	1,371.92
9-37	1,542.10			81.50	1,460.60
10-38	1,313.26	Dr. 2.00		97.50	1,217.76
11-39	3,872.12	Dr. 17.00		418.00	3,471.12
12-40	15,361.26			2,211.74	13,149.52

Additional Collections

years 1908-9 to 1924-25	1939-40	1938-39
corresponding period last year	79.11	94.24

years 1925-26 to 1935-36	1,778.48	
corresponding period last year		772.56

Collections per above statement	94,387.49	
corresponding period last year		100,723.49

Collections of Poll Taxes

1st, 1939 to January 31st, 1940	23,226.29	
corresponding period last year		20,305.14

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

11.20 P.M.,

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by

Alderman Landry that this meeting do now adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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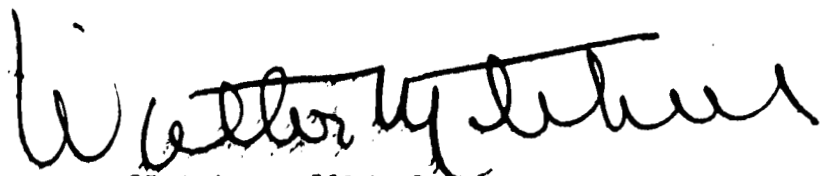
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