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"Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax held on the 15th day of January, 1942.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that legislation be obtained to require that before any person or incorporated company can vote at a civic election, that such person or incorporated company must have been assessed either a real property tax, a business tax, a household tax or poll tax in addition to any other civic tax or rate for which such person or incorporated company may be liable, and that the City Solicitor prepare and submit such legislation to the next session of the Legislature.

After discussion on the subject, it was agreed by the mover and seconder to include in this motion that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report.

The motion was then passed.

A true extract,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK."

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be adopted. Motion put and passed, 6 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Kinley
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Lloyd
McDonald
O'Toole
Walker
Ahern

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Alderman Walker gives notice of reconsideration on this matter.

SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee re sewer assessments.

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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the

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attached letter from the Eastern Trust Co. in regard to the suspension of sewer charges in respect of sewers laid by the City in the years 1933 and 1934 was considered.

Legislation secured in 1937 provides for the extension of the payment of the sewer charges until May 1st, 1942, with the reservation that Council may by resolution at any time prior to the first day of May, 1942, extend the provisions of this section beyond the first day of May, 1942, for a period not exceeding five years.

Your committee now recommends that the provisions of Section 36, Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1937 be extended for a period of two years from May 1st, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Read legislation in this connection.

BE IT RESOLVED that under the authority of Subsection (4) of Section 36 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1937, the provisions of said section 36 be extended for a period of two years from the first day of May, A. D. 1942, and that no payments of the amounts charged against persons for sewer charges in respect of sewers laid by the City in the years 1933 and 1934, other than in respect of sewers laid in any street or highway, or any portions of such amounts, shall be made by such persons until the 1st day of May, A.D. 1944, and no interest upon such accounts shall accrue or be charged against such persons prior to the first day of May, A.D. 1944.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount due by the said persons shall be divided into ten equal instalments, the first of which shall be payable on the said first day of May, A. D. 1944, and one, together with the accrued interest, on each succeeding first day of May thereafter until the whole is paid.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded
by Alderman Lloyd that the legislation be approved.
Motion passed.

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HOUSING COMMISSION PROPERTIES

Alderman Lloyd stated that a delegation of persons who are living in properties of the Halifax Housing Commission are present at this meeting and wished to address Council.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the representative of this delegation be permitted to address Council for a period of five minutes. Motion passed.

Petty Officer Hall then came forward and addressed Council.

Petty Officer Hall stated that he was representing about 140 people, including naval men, R.C.M.P. and defence workers.

He said that the Housing Commission had engaged a real estate agent who had, in his mind, used very questionable methods.

The properties, he said, were being sold or viewed for sale and the tenants had been given first chance to buy but the prices were too high.

He said the tenants had not been given a chance to see if arrangements could be made to pay the prices.

Petty Officer Hall stated that if the people living in these houses were forced out they had no place to go as housing conditions were deplorable.

He said the delegation was asking that the sale of these houses be deferred and some representation made to Wartime Housing Ltd. by the City Council so that the houses now unoccupied would be made available to service men and others who could not obtain decent accommodation because of lack of houses and prohibitive prices.

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His Worship the Mayor requested the City Assessor, Chairman of the Housing Commission, to explain to Council the position of the Commission.

The Assessor told the Council that the present Commission was composed of the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, the Commissioner of Works, and the City Assessor. These officials were appointed in May 1940 following the Brittain report. The instructions of the Council were to liquidate the affairs of the Commission as soon as possible. With this in view the Commission, in 1940, had given to all real estate agents the list of the properties owned by the Commission with a view of selling them. Some progress was made as a result of this action. Present tenants were to be given first preference in buying.

In December 1941, the Commission advertised all properties in a general advertisement. There were practically no replies to the advertisement. Shortly afterwards Mr. J. G. DeWolf requested the Commission to fix prices on certain properties. The prices fixed were the assessments. Subsequently, Mr. DeWolf gave the Commission written offers for some of the properties which offers were accepted by the Commission. Notices to vacate were given to the tenants of properties which were sold.

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Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ahern that forthwith all proposed sales of Halifax Housing Commission properties be suspended until the Finance and Executive Committee has an opportunity to report back to Council on what action it wishes to take and furthermore that the Finance and Executive Committee be instructed to see to what extent it can avoid the possibility of occupants leaving these premises. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Coffin that a resolution be forwarded from this Council to the Wartime Housing Limited and the Minister of Munitions and Supply requesting that the houses of Wartime Housing Limited in this City now vacant be made available to men of the services. Motion passed.

SUPERANNUATION - CONSTABLE HARRY LAWLOR

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee re superannuation of Constable Harry Lawlor of the Police Department.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Safety Committee recommending that Constable Harry Lawlor of the Police Department be superannuated as of March 1st, 1942, at an annual allowance of \$1,142.84 was considered.

This recommendation is concurred in by the Finance and Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

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

Motion passed.

APPROPRIATION FOR EPIDEMIC DISEASES

Read report of the Finance and Executive
Committee re appropriation for epidemic diseases.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date, the
attached report from the Public Health and Welfare
Committee recommending that a further grant of
\$15,000.00 be appropriated under the provisions of
Section 879 of the City Charter to take care of
epidemic diseases was considered and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Coffin
Hosterman
Kinley
Lloyd
McDonald
Mackay
O'Toole
Steeh

SALARY - DOMESTIC HELP

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re salary, domestic help at
hospitals.

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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee advising that difficulty is being experienced in obtaining satisfactory domestic help at the Infectious and Tuberculosis Hospitals due to the low rate of pay and recommending that an increase of \$5.00 per month be granted to all members of the domestic staffs at both hospitals, effective from January 1st, 1942, was considered and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS TO BE WRITTEN OFF - CITY HOME

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee and letter of the Superintendent of Public Charities re accounts to be written off.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending that certain accounts owing to the City Home be written off as they are considered uncollectable was considered.

Your committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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The Chairman and Members
Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Dear Sirs:-

Our books are carrying a few accounts which, in my opinion, are of no value and I would accordingly request that they be written off.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Eastern Trust Co. (Ellen Thomas)	City Home	\$23.25	Funds expired
2. B.W. Sawyer	N.S. Hospital	710.99	1936

In addition to the above we have an account against the Board of Health for \$348.83 for care of Infectious disease cases cared for in our institution 1940-41.

I would recommend this account be written off due to the fact that we are well within our appropriation for 1941-42 and same will assist the finances of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Yours respectfully,

A. E. Ettinger,
SUPERINTENDENT.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report and letter be adopted. Motion passed.

VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee and Personnel Committee re Victory Loan Campaign.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Personnel Committee regarding the Victory Loan was considered and recommended for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Feb. 10th, 1942.

W. E. Donovan, Esq.,
Mayor and Chairman of the
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:- Re: Victory Loan

The Personnel Committee has been requested to assist the main committee in charge of this loan by organizing the effort among the employees of the City. There are certain instructions set out in the publication issued by the Government which call for a mass meeting of the employees to be held during business hours for the purpose of receiving information about the necessity for the loan. In order that this can be done this committee recommends that the City Council authorize you to close the civic offices and request the employees of the City to gather at such time and place as may be determined for the purpose of hearing a speaker on this subject.

It is hoped that as many members of the Council as possible will attend.

It has been arranged that this meeting be held in the Grand Parade near the War Memorial on Monday, February 16th, at 4 P.M., and that loud speakers will be installed for the purpose of this occasion.

This committee hereby requests you to submit this matter to the Council in order to secure the authority therefor.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
Chairman, Committee on Personnel.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the reports be adopted.
Motion passed.

SALARIES - CERTAIN CIVIC EMPLOYEES

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee and report of the Personnel Committee re salaries.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Personnel Committee regarding salaries of certain civic employees was considered.

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Your committee makes the following recommendations:-

1. That the salary of the assistant entry clerk in the Water Department be not increased for the present civic year.
2. That the report of the Personnel Committee regarding the salary of the assistant Superintendent at the Public Gardens be adopted.
3. That the report of the Personnel Committee regarding the salary of the assistant treasurer be adopted.
4. That the matron of the City Prison be paid a cost of living bonus at the rate of \$6.00 per month.
5. That the report of the Personnel Committee regarding the bailiff of the City Court be adopted.
6. That the report of the Personnel Committee regarding Miss Olive Curran be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

The Council Chamber,
February 6th, 1942.

W. E. Donovan, Esq.,
Mayor and Chairman of the Finance
and Executive Committee,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Personnel held this day the following matters were considered.

1. Report of Commissioner of Works re salary of Assistant Entry Clerk, on which a report from this Committee was requested at the last meeting of the Council. The Commissioner of Works recommended that an increase of \$60.00 be given to this official effective May 1st, 1941, and a further increase of \$60.00 during the civic year 1942-43.

In view of the fact that the Council was not disposed to adopt the recommendation to this effect, made by this committee in its report of December 6th and contained in column 5 of the detailed report submitted therewith, applicable to all employees in a similar position to the Assistant Entry Clerk, this committee was not of the opinion that this recommendation should be applied to one official only. However, if Column 5 of the detailed report (as amended) is adopted by the Council this will result in the Assistant Entry

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Clerk (among others) receiving the increases in salary referred to above.

2. Report of Commissioner of Works re salary of Assistant Superintendent of the Public Gardens. The maximum salary of this official under the old scale was \$1600.00 and during the civic year 1940-41 the salary paid was \$1560.00. The new scale adopted by the Council fixed the maximum at \$1500.00. In view of the action of the Council in permitting the Superintendent of Public Charities and Welfare to continue on to the maximum under the old scale, your committee recommends that like treatment be accorded to the Assistant Superintendent of the Public Gardens and that, as recommended by the Commissioner of Works, he be permitted to receive during the present civic year the additional sum necessary to reach the former maximum salary for this position - namely \$40.00.

3. Report of Commissioner of Finance and Accounts re salary of Assistant Treasurer. This employee had not reached the maximum for this position under the old scale of \$2,500.00 and did not receive the automatic increase which could have been granted as of May 1st, 1941. Your committee recommends that the sum of \$100.00 be added to the salary of this official as and from May 1st, 1941, as submitted by the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts.

4. Report of Commissioner of Health re salary of Matron of the City Prison. It was pointed out by the Commissioner that no cost of living bonus had been paid to the Matron, apparently for the reason that she was sharing in the subsistence allowed to her husband. It was stated that the Matron is practically on duty for 24 hours a day and must secure and herself pay for relief if she desires to leave the institution. Moreover, it was pointed out that the work at this institution has increased greatly in recent years.

This committee recommends that if it is decided that under the circumstances in this case no cost of living bonus be allowed to the Matron, that the maximum salary for this position be increased from \$750.00 to \$850.00 per annum and the salary schedule amended accordingly.

5. Letter from Mr. L. C. Lynch, bailiff of the City Court.

Mr. Lynch pointed out that at present his remuneration is based entirely on fees and that they do not average as much as \$25.00 per week. In addition, in order to efficiently carry out his work, it is necessary to maintain an automobile and pay for the operation and upkeep of the same himself. This committee has enquired as

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to the manner in which the work is being carried out and find the same most efficient and satisfactory. Although the Bailiff performs services for other parties, the return is very little as the work for the City Court requires most of his time.

This committee therefore recommends that the Bailiff be paid a basic salary of \$500.00 per year and that he be permitted to receive the fees as at present. It is estimated that his gross salary would then amount to about \$1600.00 per year - the Bailiff to operate and maintain his automobile and use the same as at present. Your committee is influenced in making this recommendation because of the necessary expense incurred by the Bailiff in operating an automobile in his work and the increase in his efficiency therefrom.

6. Report of Commissioner of Finance and Accounts re classification of Miss Olive Curran. The Commissioner of Finance and Accounts reported that the work being performed at present and since May 1st, 1941, by Miss Curran was that of a Clerk Grade 11. At the time of the preparation of the classification of employees by the committee, the committee was not fully apprised of the type of work being performed by this official and from the information available and the then recommendation of the Commissioner Miss Curran was classified as a Grade 1 Clerk. In view of the written explanation by the Commissioner, which is attached hereto, the committee recommends that Miss Curran be classified as a Clerk Grade 11 as and from May 1st, 1941 and receive a salary therefor in the manner provided by the resolution of the Council for such cases.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Personnel.

W. P. Publicover,
SECRETARY.

Moved by Alderman Hoosterman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker that item no. 1 on the Finance and Executive Committee's report, namely salary of the Assistant Entry Clerk in the Water Department, be amended to read that this employee receive an automatic increase of \$60.00 as from May 1st, 1941. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen MacKay
Kinley
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
McDonald
O'Toole
Walker
Ahern

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Stech
Lloyd

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd,
seconded by Alderman Ahern that the remaining
items in the report of the Finance and Executive
Committee be approved. Amendment passed.

Motion not put.

PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re purchase of street sweeper.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date, the
attached report from the Works Committee
recommending the purchase of an "Elgin 20" Street
sweeper at a cost of \$9,702.00 from the Gillis Co.
Ltd. was considered.

Your committee concurs in this
recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded
by Alderman Lloyd that the report be adopted.
Motion put and passed, 10 voting for the same and 1
against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Coffin
Hoosterman
Kinley
Lloyd
McDonald
MacKay
O'Toole
Walker

AGAINST IT

Alderman Stech

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CHARGE AGAINST MAURICE TRUDEL FOR REPAIRS TO
HYDRANT

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re charge against Maurice Trudel
for repairs to hydrant.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date, the
attached report from the Committee on Works in
connection with a charge against Maurice Trudel
for repairs to a hydrant was considered.

Due to the fact that the City
Solicitor advises that the City has no claim for
damages, the Works Committee recommends that the
charge be cancelled and that any monies paid to the
City by Mr. Trudel in connection therewith be
refunded to him.

Your committee concurs in this
recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

EXPROPRIATION - PROPERTY, CONNAUGHT AVENUE

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re expropriation, property,
Connaught Avenue.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date, had for consideration the attached report from the Committee on Works in connection with expropriation proceedings, property of John Simon, Connaught Avenue, also letter from the City Solicitor, report of Judge Murray on his findings in this case and accounts totalling \$303.00 covering the Judge's and Court Reporter's fees.

Your committee recommends that the award be accepted and the accounts passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR LICENSE PLATES

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee re tenders for license plates.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date, had for consideration the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance submitting tenders for license plates for the civic year 1942-43 as follows:-

Halifax Rubber Stamp Co.	\$468.20
London Rubber Stamp Co.Ltd.	500.00

Your committee recommends that the tender of the Halifax Rubber Stamp Co., being the lower, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 12th, 1942.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re supplementary appropriations.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date, the
attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance
advising of the necessity for supplementary
appropriations of \$1,000.00 for the Police Department,
\$100.00 for the Library and \$1,000.00 for printing
and stationery was considered.

Your committee recommends that the
necessary legislation be secured.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

PURCHASE OF ADDRESSOGRAPH EQUIPMENT

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re purchase of addressograph
equipment.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date, the
attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance

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recommending the purchase of equipment necessary to prepare addressograph plates for the new system of mechanizing the accounts of the Water Department was considered.

The cost of this equipment is \$874.45 and your committee recommends that same be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Motion passed.

REQUEST FROM ALDERMAN KINLEY RE EXPENDITURES

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee submitting letter from the Commissioner of Finance as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance regarding a request made at the last regular meeting of the City Council by Alderman Kinley for information concerning certain expenditures was considered.

On motion it was directed that the letter be forwarded to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 10th, 1942.

Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee.

Dear Sir:-

At the January meeting of Council, I was asked to prepare certain information as per the attached extract.

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I regret to say that the pressure of work is such in the department that a statement of this kind can only be completed at such expense of time and money. To furnish the answers in the form requested would mean detailing by name, month and amount, every cost-of-living bonus paid to civic officials, employees, labourers and School Board employees; every increase granted under the recently approved scale; every expenditure arising out of the spread of epidemic diseases in the past year; all details of civilian defence expenditures and all items voted under Section 332A.

Part of my duties is as follows: Whenever requested so to do by the Finance and Executive Committee, furnish the Council and the Finance and Executive Committee with abstracts of any book, accounts or vouchers in his office, or any information in relation to anything pertaining to the Department of Finance and Accounts or to the revenue of the City, and shall at all times permit the Mayor, any member of the Council, or the head of any department of the City who is interested, to examine any books, papers or documents appertaining to the said department.

I suggest that important matters will have to be neglected in order to find time to prepare this statement. Perhaps the request could be modified and the information could be made available in a much shorter time or maybe an inspection of our books would satisfy the purposes of the inquiry.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler.

Alderman Kinley stated that he would like to know the amounts over expended for civic departments.

The Mayor said that this information will be forthcoming to Alderman Kinley.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN KINLEY RE SALARIES

Alderman Kinley gave notice of motion as follows:-

TAKE NOTICE that at the next regular meeting of the City Council I will move a resolution to the following effect:

That in view of the fact that Council has already dealt with some of the employees named in column five of the detailed report of the Personnel Committee regarding salaries that the Council grant to the other employees named in column five of the said report the increase in salaries as set out therein.

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ALTERATIONS - CITY HALL

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re alterations to City Hall.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date, the
attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance
advising that a further amount of \$9,000.00 will be
necessary to complete the proposed alterations in
the City Hall was considered.

The Commissioner recommends that
\$5,000.00 of this money be provided under the
authority of Section 332A of the City Charter and
repaid over a three year period and the balance of
the sum required, namely \$4,000.00 charged to the
Water Department.

Your committee approves of this
recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Motion put and passed unanimously; the following
Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
Kinley
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
Lloyd
McDonald
O'Toole
Walker
Ahern

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by
Alderman Ahern that the matter of allotment of
office space be referred to the Committee on Works
for its consideration and approval. Motion passed.

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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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Executive Committee held on the above date, the
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advising that a further amount of \$9,000.00 will be
necessary to complete the proposed alterations in
the City Hall was considered.

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authority of Section 332A of the City Charter and
repaid over a three year period and the balance of
the sum required, namely \$4,000.00 charged to the
Water Department.

Your committee approves of this
recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Aldermen Stech
MacKay
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Walker
Ahern

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by
Alderman Ahern that the matter of allotment of
office space be referred to the Committee on Works
for its consideration and approval. Motion passed.

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APPROPRIATION - CIVIC DEFENCE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee re appropriation for civic defence.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance regarding the appropriation provided for civic defence was considered.

The Commissioner points out that it will be necessary to supplement the appropriation and your committee therefore recommends that legislation be secured to increase the appropriation by the sum of \$5,000.00 which may be used for salaries, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that no person receive more than \$2,000.00 per year for salary out of the appropriation allotted for civic defence.

The Mayor ruled this amendment out of order.

The motion was ~~then~~ put and passed, Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

AUDIT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee and letter of the Commissioner of Finance re audit.

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February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance submitting an account of \$2,046.37 from H. R. Doane & Co. and H. J. Egan & Co. for professional services rendered in connection with auditing the City's records was considered.

Your committee recommends that the account be passed for payment.

The Commissioner's letter contains certain recommendations regarding the accounting in the Water Department which are also approved by this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 10th, 1942.

Mayor W. E. Donovan,
Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose account for professional services to recent date from the City's auditors amounting to \$2,046.37.

The general details of the progress of their audit have been discussed with your committee and the decision has been reached that a recommendation be forwarded to Council to complete all important phases of the reorganization now proceeding in time for audit of the fiscal period which will end April 30th, 1942.

In May 1941 the Council decided to invite tenders for a balance sheet audit.

In June 1941 I wrote the committee at some length on the state of the reorganization and my report is to be found in the minutes of the Council for that month. Part of my report read as follows:-

"When the legislation dealing with the sweeping reorganization was drafted, it provided permissively for a 1940-41 audit and mandatorily for audits of ensuing years. This was done in order to provide a suitable opportunity for accomplishing several special undertakings, because it was known at that time that they could not be finalized in the first year, but should be completed before an audit, of the type required by the legislation, is undertaken".

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Subsequently the appointment of the auditors was made and their work commenced on October 1st last.

Your committee is now aware that the audit for the fiscal period ended April 30th, 1941, can only be pursued at a most substantial cost, because of the incomplete state of the special undertakings to which I have referred.

Recommendations already approved by your committee and which should now be forwarded to the Council for its approval, in order to advance the present reorganization sufficiently for audit for the fiscal period which will end April 30th, 1942, are as follows:-

1. All Water Department accounting, for which the Water Department and not the Finance and Accounting Department has been responsible up to now, should be transferred to the Finance and Accounting Department as of April 30th, 1942.
2. Immediate steps should be undertaken to establish a machine system for Water Department billing and accounting of their receivables and approval given for the overtime employment of a qualified staff for such purposes.
3. Agreement to purchase a public utility accounting machine, addressograph plates and other necessary supplies and equipment to be recommended from time to time.
4. Agreement to transfer to the Finance and Accounting Department, in due course, the duty of the collection effort in respect of hospitals and other accounts receivable of the City and to transfer all staff no longer needed in the department where formerly employed.
5. Authority for a series of conferences between the auditors and the Commissioner of Finance (the cost of which would form part of the audit fee) for the purpose of reviewing and improving the general system of accounting.

It is important that I direct attention to the Legislation of 1940 which makes mandatory an audit for the year to end on April 30th, 1942. This requirement of law cannot of itself produce the auditors' certificate. Only the completion of the reorganization, the refinement of every part of the accounting system, together with the auditors' approval of our method of internal check, will permit of the issuance of the independent audit certificate without qualification. Hence the reason for immediate action on these recommendations.

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The initial audit is certain to cost more, and it should be recognized that it may cost substantially more - than ensuing audits, but the cost of the first audit will be much less than it otherwise will be if the recommendations I make herein are not immediately adopted. As I see the situation, the reorganization of the system does not permit of a gradual evolution, and there is, therefore, only one decision to make.

The legislation arising out of the Brittain Report is now a fact and the independent audit is a part of it. It would, I think, be neither economical nor expedient to delay or curtail the scope of the whole associated programme.

If the cost of the first audit develops to an amount much more than its estimated cost in subsequent years, the excess, after assessing the Water Department with its proper share, could be deferred.

My last observation is that the existing audit appropriation should from now on be associated with the general recommendations of this letter; that the Committee and the Council should record its willingness to augment the audit appropriation as and when the need arises; and that the auditors proceed with the auditing of any available records as soon as may be convenient, leading to the early completion of their audit programme after April 30th, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler.

Moved by Alderman MacKay, seconded by Alderman Stech that the report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted.

Alderman Boyd spoke on this subject and remarked that certain trial balances asked for by the Auditors had not been given to them and he had assumed they were not available.

Conferences, he said, were held and the installation of machines and the best method of reporting the matter to Council were discussed.

He said it was agreed to have the auditors submit their bill and the committee would make an explanation and obtain authority to proceed with Water Department changes.

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Alderman Lloyd stated that the Finance Committee had agreed to defer the audit and to immediately proceed with the necessary changes so that in April 1942 the audit could be completed.

Alderman MacKay remarked that the explanation the Finance Committee had received from the auditors was quite sufficient to justify payment of the bill.

The Commissioner of Finance stated that his report contained four recommendations as a result of the conference held with the auditors and these recommendations had been endorsed by them.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the auditors' bill be approved and that they be invited to meet with the Finance and Executive Committee for the purpose of definitely establishing future action to complete the mandatory audit for 1941-42 and the 1940-41 audit which had been commenced by them and for the purpose of obtaining a written report for presentation to Council in support of their bill and for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent the expenditures already made will avoid a repetition of work and expense to the City.

The amendment was put and passed unanimously; the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:-

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Coffin
Hosterman
Kinley
Lloyd
McDonald
MacKay
Stesh
Walker

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BOILER - QUINPCOL ROAD FIRE STATION

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee re account for boiler, Quinpool
Road fire station.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 6th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee
held on the above date, the attached account from
the Gurnery Foundry Co. Ltd. amounting to \$250.75
for a Trojan boiler furnished to the Quinpool Road
fire station on January 9th, 1942, was considered.

Your committee recommends that the
account be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Motion passed.

TAXI FARES

Read report of the Safety Committee
re taxi fares.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee
held on the above date, the attached report from
the Cabs Committee submitting correspondence and
petition from certain taxi owners in the City
regarding increase in taxi fares was considered.

The Cabs Committee recommends that
the taxi owners be permitted to present their case
before the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and this
recommendation is concurred in by the Safety
Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 12, 1942.

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

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

Read report of the Safety Committee
re amendment to Ordinance #13 as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11th, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee
held on the above date, the attached report from
the Cabs Committee submitting an amendment to
Ordinance #13 respecting the regulation of vehicles
transporting passengers for hire was considered.

Your committee recommends that the
amendment as submitted be read and passed and
forwarded to the Minister of Highways for
recommendation to the Governor in Council for
approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Read amendment to Ordinance #13
as follows:-

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

1. Ordinance No. 13, Respecting the Regulation
of Vehicles Transporting Passengers for Hire,
being regulations made by the City Council of
the City of Halifax under the authority of
Section 228 of The Motor Vehicle Act, is amended
by inserting therein between sections 12 and 13
thereof the following section:

12A. When any owner or driver of a vehicle
to whom a license has been issued under this
Ordinance, has been convicted of a Violation
of any of the provisions of The Criminal Code
of Canada, the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act,
The Motor Vehicle Act, or of this ordinance,
which violation, in the opinion of the Traffic
Authority for the City of Halifax, the
Committee on Safety or the Committee on Cabs,