

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 16, 1944.

A G E N D A

Prayer.

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" " Lease City Market for Boxing etc.  
" " Race Track for Horses North Common.  
" " Tenders Fixtures Agricola St. Lighting.  
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Report Committee on Works re Taxation McInnes Property Oxford St.  
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Approval of Ordinance # 39.  
Report Chief Accountant re Tax Collections for Month of October.  
Report Chief Accountant re Appropriations.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
November 16, 1944,  
8.10 P. M.

A meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Reardon, Breen, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Walker, Burgess and Ahern.

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

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

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of the various committees was submitted:

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee

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amounting to \$14,277.93; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,587.33 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$17,019.15 chargeable to Fire Department and \$18,019.98 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$19,540.25 chargeable to Health Department; \$10,887.98 chargeable to City Home and \$3,113.49 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$46,632.95; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$615.01 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the resolution as submitted be approved.  
Motion passed.

TAG DAY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 10/44.

To 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, an application from the Halifax Minor Hockey Association requesting permission to hold a Tag Day was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the application be approved and permission granted the Halifax Minor Hockey Association to hold a Tag Day on Saturday, December 2, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the resolution as submitted be approved.

Motion passed.

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DECEMBER PAY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows;

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To 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, a letter from the Commissioner of Finance regarding the custom of paying the full salary for the month of December to civic employees who desire it, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the same procedure as followed in previous years be continued this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ALDERMAN DOYLE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a letter from Alderman T. F. Doyle, requesting special leave of absence for a period of three months due to illness, under the provisions of Section 89 of the City Charter was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

HALIFAX COMMUNITY FUND

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a letter from the Campaign Chairman of the Halifax Community Fund expressing appreciation to the City Council for consideration of its application for a grant to the fund, was read.

Your Committee is forwarding same to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

October 17/44.

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

Dear Sir:-

We are delighted to hear that the City Council has again decided to contribute \$2000. to the Halifax Community Fund. This is most gratifying, and on behalf of the Fund we would ask you to pass on to the City Council our sincere thanks for their continued interest, which is going to help so admirably to keep up the important work our agencies are doing.

We also greatly appreciate the very fine work you have done for us in connection with organizing and arranging the Campaign at City Hall.

Gratefully yours,

Robert C. Gibson,  
Campaign Chairman.

FILED

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NATIONAL WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following letter was submitted:

36 Blowers Street,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
November 15, 1944.

Mayor J. E. Lloyd,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mayor Lloyd:

At the conclusion of the Seventh Victory Loan Campaign we wish to send you our very best thanks for the part you played in making it the success it was.

We appreciate the generous financial assistance the City granted us which helped materially to enable us to execute the display at City Hall. This exhibit proved to be a most effective medium for focusing public attention on the campaign.

We would like to feel that we may count on a continuation of the City's co-operation, if and when another loan comes along.

With renewed thanks and kindest regards.

Cordially,

T. F. Courtney,  
Chairman, Public Relations  
Section, Halifax Unit,  
National War Finance  
Committee.....

FILED

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that permission be granted to speak on the matter of the 7th Victory Loan Display in the Grand Parade. Motion passed.

Alderman Burgess speaking in regard to the display in the Grand Parade during the Victory Loan Campaign stated that he was under the impression that some of the lumber and other material would be given back to the City. He said that it could be used for making rinks this winter and asked if he could have any information regarding this.

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The City Clerk was requested to write to Mr. T. J. Courtney regarding same.

LIQUOR STORES

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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 Chief Commissioner of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission regarding the request of the City Council respecting liquor stores was read and ordered forwarded to City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

November 3rd, 1944.

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

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 30th in reference to the matter of liquor stores being kept open in the evenings, and also that certain stores be confined to civilian use only.

We are at all times glad to receive suggestions and assure you if we think them in the best interest of the public they will be given every consideration.

Yours truly,

A. S. Mahon,  
Chief Commissioner.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had received a letter from the Chief Commissioner along the same lines.

FILED.



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ACCOUNTS T. B. HOSPITAL

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee  
as follows:

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To 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 considera-  
tion a report from the Public Health and Welfare Com-  
mittee recommending the payment of the following  
accounts, -

Wrought Iron Range Co. of Canada Ltd. -  
\$1,392.00 for Kitchen Equipment for the  
proposed extension to the Tuberculosis  
Hospital.

C. A. Fowler & Co. - \$6,911.88 for plans  
etc., for the proposed extension to the  
Tuberculosis Hospital.

Your Committee recommends that the  
accounts be approved for payment and the funds re-  
quired for same borrowed under the authority of Schedule  
"A" of Section 59 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman  
Coffin that the report be approved. Motion passed  
unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at  
this meeting were in their seats and voted.

ACCOUNT WATER SURVEY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee  
as follows:

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To 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, a report from the

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Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts from the Engineering Service Co., for services in connection with the water survey as follows, was considered:

Account dated September 30/44.....\$2,601.93  
Account dated October 31/44..... 2,278.89

Your Committee recommends that the accounts be approved for payment subject to copies of the reports submitted by the Engineering Service Co., to the Board of Public Utilities being furnished to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the report be approved.

Alderman Burgess stated that he understood that if the Public Utilities Board orders the City to do the work they are forced to do same.

The City Solicitor stated that in this instance it was ordered on the basis that the City was not rendering safe and adequate services. The City has made no protest but is following the matter as it proceeds.

Alderman Burgess asked who suggested that the water supply was not sufficient to which the City Solicitor replied that it was the Board of Public Utilities who thought we were not giving the type of service required in their opinion. They have come to that conclusion and have made the order accordingly.

The Aldermen asked if there was a stop somewhere to which the City Solicitor replied that if the City feels that the amounts are too much we can appear before the Board and have the matter discussed with them and if the Board is satisfied, then the matter would be finalized.

Motion passed.

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His Worship the Mayor asked permission of the Council to introduce Item #38 on the agenda at this time to which Council agreed.

LETTER HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR RE:  
HALIFAX PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION..

The following letter was submitted and read:

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TO THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Dear Aldermen: Re: Halifax Public Utilities Commission

At a meeting of the above named commission on November 14, it was agreed that a general conference of the members of the Commission and the City Council should be held for the purpose of providing general information to the aldermen regarding the undertaking of the commission as well as the conditions which existed prior to its creation.

In accordance with the aforementioned decision, I am convening a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council on Tuesday, November 21, at 8:00 p.m. and solicit the attendance of all members of the Council, on this extremely important phase of civic business.

Mr. Doane, the manager for the Commission as well as Mr. Kaye, of the Engineering Service Co. will both be present, and make general statements concerning the Water Utility, following which the Aldermen will be provided with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the undertaking of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

J. E. LLOYD,  
M A Y O R.

Alderman Ahern asked His Worship the Mayor if it were possible to have all the minutes of the Commission meetings supplied to all the Aldermen to which His Worship the Mayor replied that he would have the Clerk bring that matter to the meeting on Tuesday, November 21st, 1944.

The calling of this meeting was agreed to by the Council.

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ACCOUNT CATERPILLAR TRACTOR

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee  
as follows:

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To 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, a report from the Committee on Works recommending for payment an account of Wm. Stairs Son and Morrow Limited, amounting to \$9,370.00 for a caterpillar tractor, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment and funds required for same borrowed under the authority of Chapter 51, Schedule B of the Acts of 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

Alderman Burgess asked the Commissioner of Works if he had ever considered putting guards on the wheels of the caterpillar so as to save the streets from being torn up. He said they would cost very little.

Mr. MacKinnon stated that he could order them and the matter will be brought to the attention of the Committee on Works at its next meeting.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously, the Alderman listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

PURCHASE OF LAND WATERSHED

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee  
as follows;

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To 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 Commissioner of Works recommending the purchase of a property 50 x 200 on Prospect Road from Mr. Ernest A. J. McInnis for the sum of \$400.00 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$110.00 be paid Mr. McInnis for this lot of land, and the sum of \$290.00 be paid Mr. McInnis for the removal of the building which is presently located on the said land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman,  
Finance & Executive  
Committee,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Re: McInnis Property - Prospect  
Road, Long Lake Watershed -

I have arrived at an agreement between the City and Ernest A. J. McInnis, who owns a lot 50 x 200, on the western side of Prospect Road. The purchase price agreed upon is Four Hundred Dollars, (\$400.00).

At present there is a small bungalow on the land, which Mr. McInnis proposes to remove should the City acquire the property.

It is therefore recommended that the City purchase this land from Mr. McInnis for FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS ( \$400.00 ), with the understanding that he is to remove the building from this site.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved.

Motion passed.

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TAXES SERVICE HOSTELS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a letter from the Commissioner of Finance submitting a memorandum of taxes assessed for the civic period ending December 31/44, against service hostels, etc., was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the taxes, less the Highway Tax of \$166.40, be written off under authority of Chapter 56, Section 52, subsections 1 and 3 of the Acts of 1941 and Chapter 51, section 6 of the Acts of 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

LIST OF SERVICE HOSTELS, etc.

		Total Tax	Highway Tax		Year
Young Men's Christian Ass'n	10101	\$2,325.50	\$64.60	\$2,261.00	1944.
"	10101-1	567.00		567.00	"
Norwegian Seamen's House	11165-1	94.50		94.50	"
Salvation Army	20012-1	185.50		185.50	"
Army, Navy, Airforce Club					"
Service Women	20014-4	21.00		21.00	"
R. C. Episcopal Corp.					"
c/o St. Mary's Glebe	20080	316.80	8.80	308.00	"
Knights of Columbus Hut					"
Barrington Street	20080-1	77.00		77.00	"
N. S. Trust Company					"
34 Bishop Street	20214	266.40	7.40	259.00	"
Netherlands Seamen's Home	20214-1	64.75		64.75	"
N. S. Trust Company					"
103 Dresden Row	20506	439.20	12.20	427.00	"
Belgium Seamen's Residence	20506-1	106.75		106.75	"
Can. Legion War Services Inc.					"
65 Hollis Street	20809	493.20	13.70	479.50	"
Can. Legion War Services					"
-65 Hollis Street	20809-1	105.00		105.00	"
Ajax Hospitality Club	21523-2	63.00		63.00	"
Anzac Club	30090-4	50.75		50.75	"
Piercy Investors Limited	D6,383				"
c/o Knights of Columbus	60376	864.00	24.00	840.00	"
Knights of Columbus	D6,383-1				"
	60376	210.00		210.00	"
North End Services Canteen					"
Association Barrington St.	60451	1,285.20	35.70	1,249.50	"

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Association Barrington Street	60451-1	301.00	301.00	"
Gabriel Bonneau	11290	252.00	252.00	"
Maison "Surcouf"	11290-1	61.25	61.25	"
Women's Voluntary Service	30517-2	63.00	63.00	"

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\$8,212.90 \$166.40 \$8,046.50

Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved.

Motion passed.

SEVENTH VICTORY LOAN

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a letter from the Commissioner of Finance recommending that the City Treasurer be authorized to purchase and hold for delivery to employees of the City, bonds of the 7th Victory Loan to an amount not exceeding \$40,000.00, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

DIETITIAN

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending that the salary schedule be amended to include the classification of dietitian at a salary of \$80.00 per month, plus living out allowance, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

EXCHANGE OF LAND - CITY AND H. M. THE KING

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:-

November 10/44.

To 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, a report from the Committee on Works submitting a draft agreement in duplicate, between the City and His Majesty the King, respecting an exchange of land between the City and His Majesty. The land being conveyed by the City is the remaining portion of land owned by the City on Camp Mill.

Your Committee recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

November 7/44.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

I attach hereto draft agreement between the City and His Majesty the King relative to the



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exchange of land between the City and His Majesty. The land being conveyed by the City is the remaining portion of land owned by the City lying southwardly of a line 125 feet southwardly of and parallel to the projection eastwardly of the southern line of Shirley Street.

The agreement provides a minimum value for the land which the City is conveying, namely \$35,000.00, but the agreement contemplates that within two years or such other period as may be agreed upon His Majesty will convey to the City other lands in the City owned by him and acceptable to the City in exchange for the lands now conveyed on Camp Hill.

In view of the great amount of exempt property in this City an agreement of this kind will tend to prevent an increase in the land acquired and held by the Crown in the right of the Dominion of Canada. It must be borne in mind also that the sale of land by the City to an exempted owner is of no benefit to the City, in spite of the fact that a reasonable price is paid by such purchaser.

I am very pleased to be able to report that these negotiations have come to the conclusion which I hoped they would at the beginning and if the policy of trying to narrow down exempted property in the City is carried on, the City will receive the benefit therefrom in future years, which, together with any sums realizeable by the City in taxes from owners now claiming exemption, should assist the City greatly in financing the services which it is obliged to render.

I would recommend that your Committee consider this agreement and recommend it to the Council for execution on behalf of the City by the Mayor and Clerk. I would also suggest that it go to the City Council by way of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed.

#### SALE OF LAND

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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 a tender from Theodore K. Burton, offering to pay the sum of \$300.00 for Lot #21, N/S London Street, 32 x 100.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

November 10/44.

To 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, a tender from Mr. Parker T. Hickey, offering on behalf of a client to pay the sum of \$250.00 for lot #15 located on the E/S Arm-dale Road, at the corner of Churchill Drive, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved subject to the name of the client being disclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

November 13/44.

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

Dear Sir:

Recently I tendered a bid on a lot of a City owned property and it has now come to my attention, that your committee is desirous of knowing the name of the client for whom I acted. I might say that his name is Charles Rayborg, that he is a married man with a family, residing in the City of Halifax and that it is his intention if he should acquire the property, to build a residence thereon for himself and family. The property will then bring in a considerable more each year in taxes to the City.

Yours very truly,  
Parker T. Hickey.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved and the property sold to Mr. Charles Rayborg. Motion passed.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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 a tender from Mr. J. C. Garland, offering to pay the sum of \$425.00 for a lot of land 50.4 x 103 on the N/S of Almon St., was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

W. A. GATES PROPERTY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:-

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Council held on the above date, the matter of the sale of a lot of land on the West Side of Victoria Road to Mr. W. A. Gates, was considered.

The City Council at a meeting held on May 11/44 approved of a report of the Finance and Executive Committee recommending the sale of a lot of land 30 x 70 on the west side of Victoria Road to Mr. W. A. Gates but when the land was being surveyed for the purpose of preparing a description it was discovered that the above measurements were incorrect, and that the lot actually measures 26' x 90'6".

Your Committee recommends that the whole area be sold to Mr. Gates for the amount of his original tender viz., \$200.00 subject to the approval of the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS POLL TAX OFFICER

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:-

November 10/44.

To 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, reports from the Poll Tax Officer covering poll tax collections for civic quarter year and half year ending October 31/44, were considered.

Your Committee recommends that the reports be embodied in the Council minutes and filed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

City Collector's Office  
City Hall,  
November 4<sup>th</sup>., 1944...

The Chairman and Members,  
of Finance Committee,  
City of Halifax.

Dear Sirs:-

I beg to report on Poll Tax Collections for Civic Quarter year and Half Year ending Oct. 31st 1944, as per statement attached. The yearly amount of Collections of the Current Poll Taxes and Arrears for the past ten years have been as follows:

1934-35	\$24,643.25
1935-36	24,542.00
1936-37	24,994.17
1937-38	26,355.70
1938-39	26,968.73
1939-40	29,515.72
1940-41	31,926.86
1941-42	37,622.48
1942-43	46,209.48
1943-44	53,946.43

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With the exception of 1943-44 the amount of the Estimates have been exceeded, to date some \$80,000.00 in excess of estimates has been collected.

The full amount of the estimates for 1943-44 namely, \$75,000.00 will not in my estimation ever be collected. I attach copy of letter from Commissioner of Finance regarding this.

Collections of both Current Taxes and Arrears at present are particularly good and I have every expectation that the present month will show another very substantial increase. And that in due course the Estimates for 1944 namely \$65,000.00, will be collected and exceeded.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. GASS,  
POLL TAX OFFICER.....

City of Halifax

City Hall

November 4th, 1944.

Poll Tax Collections for Civic Quarter year, ending Oct. 31, 1944.

	CURRENT	ARREARS	TOTAL
	\$8,724.15	\$4,532.27	\$13,256.42
	1943	1944	
Aug.	3,309.92	3,623.19	
Sept.	3,144.31	3,648.72	
Oct.	<u>3,542.27</u>	<u>5,984.51</u>	
	9,996.50	13,256.42	
		Increase -	\$ 3,259.92

Collected by Street Collectors.

Mr. Yates	\$ 422.00	
Mr. Priest	596.00	
Mr. Frewley	443.00	
Mr. McDonald	192.00	
Mr. Rising	158.00	
Mr. Duggan	206.00	
Mr. Wallace	195.00	
Mr. Durrant	1,480.00	
Mr. Barrett	1,619.00	
Mr. Foley	<u>818.00</u>	6,129.00

Paid at Office..... 7,127.42      \$ 13,256.42

Collections for first 6 months of Civic year 1944, -

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Current	Arrears	Total
\$17,950.10	11,007.97	28,958.07

Increase over corresponding period  
of Civic Year 1943 6,040.48

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman  
Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee  
as follows:

November 10/44.

To 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, a letter from the  
Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of School Commissioners  
regarding a resolution of the Board passed at a meeting  
held on October 5/44, respecting Daylight Saving, was  
considered.

Your Committee is forwarding same to  
Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf that the letter be filed.  
There was no seconder to this motion.

Alderman Ahern stated that he was interested in  
this matter because of children who must go to school  
in the darkness and that he would like to see the City  
revert to Standard Time from December 1st to March 31st.  
He didn't think we would get much help from the Federal  
Government in this respect.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it would not be  
advisable to have the City and County on different  
times.

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There being no motion on this matter, no action was taken.

COLLINS FIELD

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a letter from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of School Commissioners regarding the purchase of the property known as Collins Field and requesting that the City Council have a report of the Finance and Executive Committee under date of May 11/44, amended by deleting the words, "as a replacement of the Morris Street and Tower Road Schools" at the end of paragraph two of said report was considered.

Your Committee is forwarding same to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Batson stated that he didn't think there was anything wrong with the previous report and when the City bought that property Alderman Hosterman had suggested that we make sure that there is a site on the property for a school in the future. At that time there was a lot of discussion that the Council would like to see a lot of new residences on that property. We should make sure that we have a place for the child population to go to. Tower Road will be a site for another school in the future. It will not last many more years. I think we should leave the resolution as it is.

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Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the words as a replacement of the Morris Street and Tower Road Schools be deleted from the report of the Finance and Executive Committee under date of May 11, 1944. Motion passed.

CLAIM J. M. J. O'FLAHERTY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

November 10/44.

To 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 City Solicitor reported that action has been taken against the City in the Exchequer Court on behalf of His Majesty the King to recover the sum of \$576.00 arising out of an accident sustained by Private J. M. J. O'Flaherty.

Your Committee recommends that the City Solicitor be instructed to defend the action.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LORD NELSON HOTEL ASSESSMENT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

November 16, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Re: Lord Nelson Hotel Co. Ltd. Assessment  
- 1945 -

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held this date a report of the City Assessor, to which was attached a letter from C. B. Smith, K. C. in respect to the above was considered.



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Your Committee recommends that the assessment of the Lord Nelson Hotel be fixed as follows for the year 1945:-

Real Estate - \$260,000; Business Assessment - \$130,000; less any amounts assessed for business purposes against any other occupants of the said premises. These assessments are to be at the business rate of taxation. In addition to the foregoing assessments the said Company shall pay the sum of \$2,400.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved.

Alderman Breen asked the Assessor if the original tax was a special to which the Assessor replied that the original assessment was \$260,000.00 until the legislation expired and the company paid on the full assessment. Two years ago the legislation provided that they would pay on an assessment of \$260,000.00 plus \$2,400.00 and they are asking for this rate now.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Batsan that this matter be referred to the Special Committee on Taxation and Assessment and be considered by them in time for a special meeting of the Council before November 30, 1944.

Alderman Reardon asked the Assessor what the Nova Scotian Hotel paid and was answered by the Assessor that they paid on an assessment of \$292,000.00. When the Lord Nelson Hotel agreed to pay the extra \$2,400.00 they also accepted the same proposition.

The motion was withdrawn with the permission of Council.

The amendment then became the motion and on being put was passed unanimously.

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HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

November 16/44.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members City Council.

Gentlemen:- RE: Halifax Relief Commission  
Assessment 1945

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held this date, a report of the City Assessor, to which were attached letters from W. E. Tibbs, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the blanket assessment on the properties of the Commission be fixed at \$500,000.00 for the year 1945 and of this amount \$495,000.00 be at the business rate of taxation and \$5,000.00 at the residential rate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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His Worship the Mayor and  
Members Finance & Executive Committee,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:-

Re Halifax Relief Commission Assessment

Acting on instructions as given at the last meeting of your Committee, the Commissioner of Finance and myself interviewed the Halifax Relief Commission on Monday, the 13th instant.

The Commission was of the opinion that the assessment for 1945 should remain the same as it was for 1944, namely a blanket assessment of \$500,000 on the Hydrostone area and \$30,000 on other properties outside.

I attach a letter which I received from Major Tibbs confirming the Commission's decision in the matter.

Yours very truly,

J. F. MCMANUS,  
CITY ASSESSOR.

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J. F. McManus, Esq.,  
City Assessor,  
City Hall,  
City.

Dear Mr. McManus:-

This will confirm the decision arrived at this morning at the meeting with yourself and Mr. N. L. Sherman to the effect that our Assessments should continue for the year 1945-46 on the same basis as for the year 1944-1945, that is to say that the Blanket Assessment of \$500,000. on the Commission's general properties would continue at this figure and that the additional properties assessed at \$30,000 should also be continued at that figure making a total assessment of \$530,000.00

We are enclosing detailed list of the Assessments for 1945-46.

Yours very truly,  
Halifax Relief Commission,

W. E. Tibbs,  
COMPTROLLER.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

#### PURCHASE OF HORSES MOUNTED UNIT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a report from the Safety Committee recommending that authority be sought to purchase two horses for the Mounted Unit when same are available, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

ALTERATIONS #6 FIRE STATION.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a report from the Committee on Works in connection with proposed alterations to #6 Fire Station and recommending for acceptance a tender of George E. Zinck to do the work for the sum of \$3,022.00, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and the funds required for this purpose provided in the following manner:

\$1,300 borrowed under the provisions of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943.

Application to be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for the borrowing of the remainder, namely - \$1,700.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS 'By Section 7A of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1939, The Municipal Affairs Act, as that Section is enacted by Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1944, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time time on the credit of the said City, such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of:

- (a) "Erecting, acquiring purchasing altering, adding to, improving, furnishing, or equipping buildings for public schools, fire department, police office, lockups, city hall, town hall, or other city or town purposes."

AND WHEREAS by said Section 7A of said The Municipal Affairs Act, as amended, it is enacted, among other things, in effect, that no money shall be so borrowed until such proposed borrowing has been approved

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by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS by said The Municipal Affairs Act, the said sum shall in the discretion of the City Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in instalments at different times and the sum required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to such an amount as such Council deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the City Council of the City of Halifax to borrow the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) for the purpose of:-

Completing alterations to number 6 Fire Station.

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) as hereinafter mentioned will be necessary to raise that sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow from any bank, fund, person or account available, such sums not exceeding One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars, (\$1,700.00) as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; the said sums to be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of the said The Municipal Affairs Act the said City do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the City the said sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars, (\$1,700.00)

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act, the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the said amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00)

THAT the issue of said debentures be postponed and that the said City do under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 318A of the Halifax City Charter of 1931 borrow from General Current Account a sum or sums of money not exceeding One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00)

THAT the said sum or sums be so borrowed for a period not exceeding six (6) months, with interest thereon to be paid at a rate not exceeding three and one half per cent and that the amount so borrowed together with the amount of any interest which may have accrued thereon be repaid the said General Current Account from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold.

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This is to certify that the resolution of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly passed at a duly called meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax duly held on the 16th day of November A. D., 1944.

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MAYOR

.....  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report/be approved. Motion passed unanimously the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

POLICE GARAGE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a report of the Committee on Works recommending the establishment of a temporary police garage at the City Market at a cost not to exceed \$800.00 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that funds required for same be borrowed under provisions of Section 332A of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS the City requires money for the purpose of providing quarters in the City Market Building for a Police Garage and no funds have been provided in the estimates for the aforesaid purpose;

AND WHEREAS section 332A of the City Charter as enacted in Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1932 authorizes the City to borrow for such a purpose;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that an amount not exceeding \$800.00 be borrowed from any bank or fund

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available under the provisions of the said enactment. The money so borrowed with interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for the civic year 1945.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report/<sup>and resolution</sup> be approved. Motion passed unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present, at this meeting, were in their seats and voted.

RETIRING ALLOWANCE JOHN DOWNIE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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To 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, a report from the Committee on Works recommending that Mr. John Downie who has been employed in the Works Department for the past fifty-four years, be retired due to ill health, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that Mr. John Downie be granted leave of absence with pay at the rate of \$60.00 per month and that legislation be sought at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to pay the said John Downie a monthly allowance of \$60.00 for the remainder of his life.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SEWER AND WATER ALBERT STREET

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report of the Committee on Works recommending the extension of sewer and water on Albert Street, was approved and recommended for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman and Members,  
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, on motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern, approved and recommended for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 7th, 1944, and entitled "Sewer and Water Extension - Albert Street, from Duffus Street to about 210 feet northwardly."

A decision to extend the water main would be subject to approval from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.  
Per:-T. J. Moore..

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SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION  
ALBERT STREET - FROM DUFFUS ST.  
TO ABOUT 210 FEET NORTHWARDLY.

His Worship the Mayor:-

Sir:-

Applications have been received from Mr. Thomas Andrews and Mr. Harold Noonan, asking that sewer and water extensions be made to serve their properties.

The estimated cost to extend the water-main, a length of 210 feet is about \$1125.00, and the estimated assessment \$300.00.

The estimated cost to extend the sewer for a distance of 220 feet is about \$2475.00 and the estimated assessment \$800.00.

These estimates are based on a comparison of tenders between R. S. Allen and the Standard Paving Maritime Ltd., and it is found that the tender of R. S. Allen is the lowest.



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I would therefore recommend that the sewer and water extension be made and that the work be awarded to R. S. Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

APPOINTMENT SOLICITOR HALIFAX PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:-

November 10/44.

To 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, a report from the Halifax Public Utilities Commission regarding the appointment of the City Solicitor as Solicitor for the Commission for a period of six months on a fee basis, the amount of such fees not to exceed for such period the sum of \$1,000.00 and that in addition to advising the Commission and performing any legal services required, he would also act as secretary for the Commission, was considered.

Your Committee is forwarding same to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the suggestion as contained in the report be approved.

Alderman Coffin stated that the Commission would have to pay more money out for such services if they engaged an outside Solicitor and they thought that since the City Solicitor was familiar with the work of the Commission, it would be better to appoint him as such.

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Alderman Burgess stated everything is true that Alderman Coffin has said and I don't want to be against the Solicitor taking the job but in view of the stand I took a short time ago when the Solicitor wanted to resign because he said he was overworked, I will have to vote against it.

Alderman Walker stated that he was of the same opinion as Alderman Burgess and wanted to know what was taken off his duties.

His Worship the Mayor replied that one thing was the matter of Aldermen going to him and asking him to do certain things that were not legal matters.

Alderman Walker wanted to know when this work was going to be done to which His Worship the Mayor replied "at the time most suitable in the interests of the City of Halifax."

The motion was then put and passed, seven voting for the same and two against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson  
Reardon  
Breen  
Coffin  
Adams  
DeWolf  
Ahern  
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AGAINST THE MOTION:

Alderman Walker  
Burgess

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SALARY MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, an extract from minutes of a meeting of City Council held on the 13th day of July, 1944, regarding the salary of Mayor and Deputy Mayor was considered.

Your Committee directed that the same be forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Reardon that the salary of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be set at the same rate for the next six months as it was during the past six months. Motion passed unanimously.

TENDERS FOR VEGETABLES

Read report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee as follows:

November 6/44.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, the following tenders for supplying 1500 bushels of Potatoes and 300 bushels of Turnips to the City Home, were considered.

Potatoes, Green Mountains or Irish Cobblers -

Canada Packers Ltd.	\$1.00 per bu.
B. A. Blakeney Ltd.	1.00 " "

Turnips -

Canada Packers Ltd.	.60 per bu.
B. A. Blakeney Ltd.	.50 " "

Your Committee recommends that 750 bushels of Irish Cobbler Potatoes be purchased from each of the above tenderers and that the tender of B. A. Blakene: Ltd., for Turnips at .50 per bushel be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR MEATS

Read report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee as follows:

November 6/44.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date, had for consideration a tender from J. A. Leaman and Co., Ltd., for supplying meats to civic institutions for periods of one, three, six or twelve months.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved for a period of one month.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

REPAIRS PUMPING ENGINE

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

November 2/44.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, a report from the Chief of the Fire Department in connection with repairs being made to the pumping engine by the LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Limited, was considered.

At a meeting of the City Council held in August last, a tender of this firm to effect certain repairs to the engine at an approximate cost of \$1,935.00 was approved. In the course of repairs, the Company discovered that certain assemblies were in very poor condition and advised that they be replaced.

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Your Committee recommends that the additional parts costing \$268.90 be installed while the engine is at the factory.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SALE OBSOLETE FIRE EQUIPMENT

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

November 2/44.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the Chief of the Fire Department reported that he had received an offer for an obsolete hose wagon and sleigh stored at the Morris Street and Quinpool Road Fire Stations respectively.

Your Committee recommends that these articles be disposed of by public auction at the Melvin S. Clarke Company auction rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PURCHASE OF TRANSMITTER

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

November 2/44.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, a report from the Chief of Police advising that the car transmitter damaged

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through collision was shipped to the factory of the Canadian Marconi Co., Ltd., in Montreal to ascertain whether or not same was repairable and he had received advice that it is impossible to repair the transmitter and that a new one will be required to replace it, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase a new transmitter and have same installed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNT REVOLVERS ETC.

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

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To 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 Thomas J. Egan for the sum of \$2,054.00 covering revolvers, brown belts and holsters supplied to the Police Department was approved and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved. Motion passed.

MACLEOD PROPERTY

Read report of a Committee of the Whole Council  
as follows:

October 23/44.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council held on the above date, the matter of acquiring

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the MacLeod Property on the Western Shore of the North West Arm, was considered.

His Worship the Mayor in a letter to the Members of the City Council under date of September 26/44, recommended that Mr. MacLeod be advised of the City's power to acquire land and the terms thereof, the provisions of the Town Planning Act and also that in our opinion the price asked viz., \$100,000.00, is too high, and that unless a price acceptable to the Council is offered at an early date, expropriation proceedings to acquire that portion of the land in question necessary for the preservation and development of the natural beauties of the North West Arm will be undertaken.

This recommendation is concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Reardon that the report be approved. Motion passed.

#### REQUEST NAVY LEAGUE

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this item be filed.

Alderman Walker asked why nothing was being done about this.

His Worship the Mayor replied that we are waiting for them before we do anything about it.

The City Solicitor stated that we are waiting to obtain further information from the Navy League.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Solicitor if it were in order to file this item to which he replied in the affirmative.

The motion was then put and passed.

#### DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this item be filed. Motion passed.

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MOTION ALDERMAN BATSON RE VOTING

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Reardon that this item be deferred for one month.  
Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this item be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report.

Alderman Walker stated that the rents are too high in these wartime housing units; \$40.00 a month. They should see if they can bring in something cheaper for the working man.

The motion was then put and passed.

LETTER HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR RE HALIFAX CIVIL EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES.....

The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor reads the following letter from the floor at 9.30 P. M.

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MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Aldermen:

There are two matters which require your attention at this time -- (a) The Halifax Citizen's Rehabilitation Committee, and (b) The "V" Day Preparations of the Halifax Civil Emergency Committee.

Both of the aforementioned committees have been giving careful consideration to the respective problems, and both will require funds for the purpose of carrying out their work.

It is my opinion that the City Council should appoint two Aldermen to each of the aforementioned committees so that the Council may be kept informed of the progress and undertakings of the said Committees.



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Inasmuch as we are not aware of the actual time on which our "V" Day preparations will be utilized and as the need for immediate action by the Citizen's Rehabilitation Committee is apparent, I recommend that you make the aforementioned appointments tonight.

I conferred today with Messrs. Bethune, Sherman and Bellew with respect to the provision of funds for the undertakings mentioned herein.

As a result of that conference, it is recommended to you for the purpose of financing the expenses of the Halifax Citizen's Rehabilitation Committee, and of the Halifax Civil Emergency Committee for "V" Day preparations, the Contingent account shall be made available on the basis that expenditures for the above purposes are of a kind to be legitimately and reasonably paid from funds of the City, and that such expenditures be regarded as the business of the City.

That in the event the aforementioned expenditures incurred before December 31 next exceed the appropriation provided in the estimates for the Contingent account, such appropriation shall be supplemented under the authority of sub-section (6) of section 31<sup>1/2</sup> of the City Charter. (Chap. 4., section 6, 1944).

That any expenditures incurred for the aforementioned purposes subsequent to January 1, and prior to the completion of the estimates for 1945 shall be deemed to be necessary expenditures, and shall be included in the appropriation for the Contingent account for 1945.

That in any event, the aforementioned expenditures subject to further action by the Council shall not exceed (a) \$5000 and (b) \$5000 for the requirements of the Halifax Citizen's Rehabilitation Committee.

Yours very truly,

J. E. LLOYD,  
M A Y O R...

His Worship the Mayor continued by stating that the Civil Emergency Committee is required to prepare for V Day when it occurs. It is in the nature of an emergency. There might be some destruction of property when that day occurs. I felt that we must have the authority to proceed.

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Alderman Coffin is on that Committee and I was going to suggest that he be appointed to the Executive Committee along with Alderman DeWolf for the purpose of representing the Council on this matter.

Then the Halifax Citizen's Rehabilitation Committee is another item. There is a great deal of work to prepare in this respect. Col. Mingo and the Committee have compiled a list of all men and women who enlisted in the services and we have secured some volunteer workers also. We will have to find out the status of the Merchant Seamen. Both of these items are extremely important and they must be proceeded with at once. Now is the time to do this and I so recommend them to you.

I wish to name to the Halifax Civilian Rehabilitation Committee, Aldermen Batson and Hosterman, as I feel that the Aldermen should know more about it. They might be called upon to visit a train or ship. The purpose of this is to provide an official from this Council whenever a train or ship arrives in Halifax to greet the lads when they return.

Alderman Walker asked if this fund could be used by the Aldermen for the purpose of sending telegrams to which His Worship the Mayor replied that the Red Cross and the Canadian Legion look after a lot of work required at the Pier.

I would like to see these lads supplied with two Halifax papers when they arrive. It provides us with an opportunity of seeing how these lads are treated when they arrive. Anything that happens in Halifax, whether we are responsible or not, the City gets the

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bad reputation. The money is really required for stationery and for some recognition for those who have returned to show appreciation for what they have done.

Alderman Batson stated that he saw why His Worship the Mayor wanted the Aldermen on this Committee and asked His Worship the Mayor what this money would be used for.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it may be used for the purpose of presenting colors to the P. L. F. Unit or we might be able to have a small luncheon for them. There is the matter of stationery and suitable arrangements have to be made if Haligonians returned at once should the war end. The alternative is to render assistance wherever possible to give the service man every benefit for reinstatement back to civil life.

9:40.--P. M., His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Alderman Walker contended that we should ask them what they want as they will have more ideas than we have. They will have a better idea of what they want when they get home.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Batson that the recommendations as contained in the letter of His Worship the Mayor be approved and also that he name two Aldermen to the Civil Emergency Committee and two Aldermen to the Halifax Citizen's Rehabilitation Committee. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor then named Aldermen Batson and Hosterman to the Halifax Citizen's Rehabilitation Committee and Aldermen Coffin and DeWolf to the Executive of the Halifax Civil Emergency Committee.

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QUESTIONS

Alderman Batson speaking in regard to the entrance of the City Hall at the Grand Parade stated that it was very dark and asked if something could not be done about the lights.

The matter was referred to Mr. Durling.

Alderman Walker asked if there was any money available to help the children who might want to play hockey.

Alderman Ahern in reply, stated that some time ago the Recreation Committee held a Tag Day and had raised around \$1,000.00. We bought \$350.00 worth of hockey equipment, donated \$25.00 to the Minor Hockey Association and the rest is in the bank. We still have a fund of \$2,400.00 for the school children. We have \$3,000.00 to be used for putting up rinks and Judge J. Elliott Hudson and I looked over about 20 places for rinks. We have 6 dozen hockey sticks and other equipment.

Alderman Walker stated that that is what he wanted to know.

His Worship the Mayor advised the Alderman to apply to the Chairman of the Committee.

Alderman DeWolf speaking in regard to the A. R. P. stated that in other cities the paid officials have been eliminated or reduced and asked for information regarding this.

9:45 p. m. -- The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council from the floor.

His Worship the Mayor read the following letter:

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### CIVILIAN DEFENCE

Some two months ago at the request of the Director who expressed a desire to be relieved of his duties as soon as practicable after the danger of an emergency was passed, the H.C.E.C. Executive reviewed the situation carefully and consulted military and Civil Defence Authorities. We were confirmed in our opinion that the danger of an emergency in Halifax has most definitely not passed. The situation of this port is in many respects unique because of its key position in the Allied War Effort. I cannot divulge full details. Suffice it to say that the Military are at great expense, maintaining their coastal and anti-aircraft defences at full efficiency and if the dangers for which they are so ceaselessly on guard should materialize, the Civil Defence organization, which is closely coordinated with the Armed Defences, would be very busy. These Civil Defence duties cannot be performed by the Military.

In addition, quite aside from enemy action, there is the ever present danger of an explosion. We have not forgotten 1917 and I do not need to remind you that supplies passing through this port now are very large, considerably greater than in 1917, and despite every care, accidents can happen. In fact, there have been several narrow escapes already during this war which may well occur at any time. This danger will probably not be over until war supplies cease to pass through this port.

We have been advised in confidence, of other hazards which I cannot refer to here. Your Executive decided at their meeting of September 14, that we cannot accept the responsibility of relaxing our defence arrangements and unanimously agreed that the Civil Defence Organization and the Office of Director of Civil Defence should be maintained. (Of course, some of our arrangements may change just as the form and extent of some of our dangers change. For example blackouts may be less important, lighting arrangements may be revised by the proper authorities, but these are but minor phases in our defence arrangements.)

The amount which we spend on Civil Defence, about two-thirds of which is refunded to the City, is a mere pittance whether compared to expenditures of the Armed Forces in preparing for similar dangers or with the loss of life and property which an alert Civil Defence organization would materially reduce.

Our administrative costs are very low as compared to other vital centres and I believe our organization compares favourably with those where the paid staff, doing the same work as ours, is much larger. At times we have considered increasing it, but have managed to get along without doing so.

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Possibly some people may think that the doing away with blackout practices has materially reduced the work of the Civil Defence office. This is not so. Blackouts were never more than a minor part of the duties of the Director and in fact were not even mentioned in the long list of responsibilities which he was asked to undertake. I haven't time to elaborate these. However, I will say that the Civil Defence Organization is a large one with thousands of members, well over a hundred separate groups and some thirty different branches. The supervision of these groups and their training and equipment and the coordination of the different branches is no small task, not to mention the many problems, large or small, which arise daily, the supervision of emergency supplies and equipment, the keeping of records of over 6000 personnel and the materials issued to them.

We have on our charge, supplies belonging to the Federal and the Provincial Civil Defence, the city and other bodies, running into many thousands of dollars, in fact, considerably in excess of \$100,000.00

The Actual outlay of funds of this Committee since its inception in September 12/41 to April 30/44, was approximately \$60,038.59, of which \$38,295.49 has been refunded from Federal and Provincial Funds leaving a net cost to April 30/44 of \$21,745.10 - approximately 1/3 of this net amount is represented by usable amounts.

The Civil Defence organization is no small one but it is run so economically that the cost to the city is very little. Your H.C.E.C. Executive met again yesterday, November 15, with a representative of Fortress Headquarters. We again reviewed the situation carefully and again are of the unanimous opinion that the danger of an emergency is by no means past, that we must continue our preparedness and that no change be made at present which might endanger the efficiency of our organization.

His Worship the Mayor stated that half of Mr. Crowell's salary is paid by Ottawa. He further stated that that is why he wanted members from Council to be appointed on this Committee to know what is going on.

9:50 P. M. -- His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Alderman DeWolf stated that he appreciated the report and made it known that there was nothing personal when he made the suggestion. I think the whole expense should be borne by the Dominion Government.

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Alderman Ahern stated that the other day an employee of the Works Department had died after 32 years of service and Mr. MacKinnon had told him that this party would not receive any pay after November 16. This man has a number of children and I would like this Council to make a grant to the family. He has certain monies coming to him after the estate is settled. I feel that in view of his condition he would have received some small pension from the City. We should carry this man on the pay roll for three months.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the next meeting of the Committee on Works can take this matter up for discussion.

Alderman Burgess asked if it had been the practice to carry the family for three months.

Alderman Walker asked what had happened in the case of "Landry" to which Mr. MacKinnon replied that he was kept on the payroll during sickness.

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

Alderman Walker requested His Worship the Mayor to name a Committee consisting of two Aldermen to deal with future cases.

Alderman Reardon stated that in matters of this nature they should be brought up to the Committee concerned.

Alderman Ahern stated that he did not receive any intimation of this case before the Council meeting tonight.

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Alderman Walker stated that Water Street was in very poor condition and should be paved from one end to the other as there is a very great amount of traffic on that street and asked why this was not done.

His Worship the Mayor replied that it/<sup>never</sup> was up to the Council for action.

Alderman Walker stated that he would bring it up at the next meeting of the Committee on Works.

LETTER TRADES & LABOR COUNCIL

His Worship the Mayor read the following letter:

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To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council,  
City Hall, HALIFAX, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

At the last regular meeting of the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council a communication was read from the Allied Civic Unions protesting against recent appointments to the newly formed Water Commission, and claiming absolute discrimination against present civic employees who are quite capable of filling any of the positions that this Commission have, or may have in the future.

Having in mind that the Mayor and the City Council of Halifax in their wisdom and judgment saw fit to recognize all civic bodies affiliated with recognized labor, we deplore the fact that any committee or commission subordinate to the City Council would try to break down the good will that exists between the City Fathers and recognized labor, and as representatives of thousands of tax payers of this City we strongly protest the action against those appointments, and demand that they be rescinded, and those at present employed by the City and members of those civic unions have at least the opportunity of applying for the position.

On behalf of the Council, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

James M. Cody,  
General Secretary.



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Alderman Burgess stated that he understood that it was going to be the practice that anyone in the employ of the City was going to have a chance for a job in the Water Commission.

His Worship the Mayor replied "if they were qualified". There were only two cases where it was not done. There was the case of the Meterman; the men were looked over and the Manager felt that it was necessary to obtain an outside person. The other matter was the man at Spruce Hill Lake. The Manager and myself met with the Union and discussed with them this whole question. There were two other employees concerned and they had not answered the add that was in the paper.

Alderman Burgess stated that if we can't find a man in the City's employ that is qualified then we would have to go outside.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that His Worship the Mayor be instructed to reply to this letter. Motion passed.

#### BORROWING RESOLUTION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

November 16, 1944.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date approved and recommended for adoption the attached resolution respecting the borrowing of the sum of \$250,000.00 for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending or improving the water system of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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WHEREAS by section 7A of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1939, The Municipal Affairs Act, as that Section is enacted by Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1944, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the said City, such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending, or improving the water works or water system for the City, and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor, or for maintaining such water works or water system;

AND WHEREAS by said Section 7A of said The Municipal Affairs Act, as amended, it is enacted, among other things, in effect, that no money shall be so borrowed until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS by said The Municipal Affairs Act the said sum shall in the discretion of the City Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in instalments at different times and the sum required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to such an amount as such Council deems necessary to raise such sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the City Council of the City of Halifax to borrow the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for the purpose of:

- (1) Providing an extension to the building for housing chlorinators at Chain Lake and the purchase and installation of two new chlorinators and the purchase and installation of three new flow meters at this point.
- (2) The acquisition of certain lands at the Dutch Village Road Pumping Station to enable the City to control the land surrounding this Station.
- (3) The enlargement of the building at the Dutch Village Road Station with the purchase and installation of additional pumps, meters, and other equipment for the improvement and control of the supply of water to the City mains.
- (4) The purchase and installation of pipe and fittings for the connection with the 24" and 27" mains necessary in connection with the above booster pump installation.

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) as hereinafter mentioned will be necessary to raise that sum;

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AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow from any bank, fund, person or account available, such sums not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; the said sums to be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of the said The Municipal Affairs Act the said City do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the City the said sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for the purpose aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act, the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the said amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$250,000.00)

THAT the issue of said debentures be postponed and that the said City do under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 318A of The Halifax City Charter of 1931 borrow from General Current Account a sum or sums of money not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00)

THAT the said sum or sums be so borrowed for a period not exceeding six months, with interest thereon to be paid at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per centum and that the amount so borrowed together with the amount of any interest which may have accrued thereon be repaid the said General Current Account from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold.

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This is to certify that the resolution of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly passed at a duly called meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax duly held on the 16th day of November, A.D., 1944.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report and resolution be approved.  
Motion passed unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

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AGREEMENT - SEWER MARLBOROUGH  
WOODS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee  
as follows:

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To 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 matter of an Agreement between the Canadian National Railways and the City of Halifax in connection with the sewer right-of-way under the C. N. R. tracks at Mile 0.26, Deep Water Yard, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the authority of the Mayor and Clerk in signing this Agreement be ratified and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

USE OF CITY LAND FOR RINK PURPOSES

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

November 16, 1944.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, on motion of Alderman Ahern seconded by Alderman DeWolf recommended that Council grant permission for the Recreation Committee to use for Rink purposes, subject to approval of the Commissioner of Works, any City owned land which is available and which may be used for Rink purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.  
Per: T. J. Moore.

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Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATE ENCLOSURE INCINERATOR

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

November 16, 1944,

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, on motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern, approved and recommended to Council for payment the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works dated October 23, 1944, in which he recommends payment to W. G. Foley of the sum of \$138.80, being the balance in full on his contract for erecting a tile wall enclosure at the City incinerator.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATE ROLLER SHED

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

November 16, 1944.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, on motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, approved and recommended to Council for payment the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works dated October 23, 1944, in which he recommends payment to W. G. Foley of the sum of \$500.40, being the balance in full on the contract for building a roller shed at the City Field.

Chargeable as follows:

City Property -----	\$ 304.00
Special Borrowing -----	196.00

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Per: T. J. Moore.

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Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present, at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

ACCOUNT OVER \$500.00

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, on motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, recommended to Council that the accounts referred to in the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated November 7, 1944, and entitled "Accounts over \$500.00," be paid.

The accounts listed in the said report are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
Per: T. J. Moore.

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His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

The following accounts over \$500.00 are hereby submitted for your approval and I would recommend that they be paid.

WATER CONSTRUCTION

The National Iron Corporation Ltd. - Pipe etc. \$2,510.48

STREETS

Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. - Supplying, Grading and Rolling Crushed Stone, First, Second, Third and Fourth Streets - \$ 862.33  
Supplying, spreading and rolling crushed stone on Vienna Street - 746.99  
Supplying material and grading First, Second, Third and Fourth Sts. - 1,877.78  
Supplying material and grading Vienna, Summit Streets - 904.63

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147 cu. yds. 3/8" Stone chips -

\$ 565.95

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed, unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at the meeting were in their seats and voted.

OVERHANGING SIGN 601 BARRINGTON STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

November 16, 1944.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated October 27, 1944, on an application from the Canadian Legion War Services to erect an illuminated sign at the premises of 601 Barrington Street.

On motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee recommended that the lease referred to in the said report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR TRUCK WATER DEPT.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, on motion of Alderman DeWolf

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seconded by Alderman Breen, approved and recommended to Council for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated November 6, 1944, and entitled, "Tenders for Truck - Water Department."

The list referred to in the said report showing the comparison of tenders received, is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
Per: T. J. Moore.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Tenders were invited for the purchase of a truck for the Water Department, essentially for the hauling of water pipe, which is made in lengths up to 16 feet. This no doubt required a truck with a very long wheel base.

The attached list shows a comparison of tenders. I have conferred with Mr. Doane, of the Halifax Public Utilities Commission and it is our combined recommendation that based on load, price and time of delivery, the FARGO MODEL FL-6S be purchased from Purdy Motors Limited, at a price of TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2400.00), F.O.B. Halifax.

This is the lowest price, based on total weight loaded, this Department having specified a truck to be not less than 16000 lbs.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved.

Alderman Burgess stated that he was informed that there was no truck over 16,000 lbs.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Commissioner of Works will refuse it if the specifications do not agree with the tender.

The motion was then put and passed.



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LIGHTING STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, on motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, approved and recommended to Council for adoption the attached report of Commissioner of Works dated November 7, 1944, in which he recommends the installation of Street Lighting on Charles Street Extension, west of Windsor Street, and also on Gorsebrook Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
Per: T. J. Moore.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

Applications have been received for street lighting on the Charles Street extension, west of Windsor Street, and also for a light on Gorsebrook Avenue.

I have submitted these to the City Electrician for estimates which are attached hereto.

I would recommend the installation of these lights.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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Mr. R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

As requested by you I have viewed the street lighting on Charles Street Ext. and would recommend that one 250 C.P. light be installed just west of Windsor.

Installation cost, approx. -	\$ 31.00
Maintenance for balance of civic year, approx. -	<u>3.33</u> \$ 34.33
Yearly maintenance -	\$ 20.00

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Yours truly,

G. H. Durling,  
City Electrician.

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Mr. R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works,  
Halifax,

Dear Sir:-

A request has been made by Aids. Adams and Breen to look into the matter of street lighting for Gorsebrook Street. I have gone over the ground from Tower Road to the first three houses and for any kind of lighting at all would recommend a minimum of two 250 C.P. street lights if the City decides to install lighting on this street.

Installation cost, approx. -	\$ 62.00
Maintenance for balance of civic year, approx. -	<u>6.66</u> \$ 68.66
Yearly maintenance -	\$ 40.00

Yours truly,

G. H. Durling,  
City Electrician.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

DEMOLITION BUILDINGS WATER AND CORNWALLIS STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, on motion of Alderman Walker seconded by Alderman DeWolf, approved and recommended to Council for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 7th, 1944, and entitled as above, and the Committee suggested the Commissioner of Works proceed in this case under the authority of Section 75<sup>4</sup> of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.  
Per: T. J. Moore.

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DEMOLITION OF #324 UPPER WATER ST.  
AND 2 - 4 CORNWALLIS STREET.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

A letter has been received this morning from Miss Margaret Buckley, stating that she was speaking for herself and her brother John, heirs of the Estate of Mrs. Margaret Buckley, and they did not wish to redeem the property proposed to be demolished, namely, 324 Upper Water Street and 2 - 4 Cornwallis Street.

These properties were acquired by the City at a Tax Sale in June 1944, and it was thought that before demolition began, a letter from the former owners should be received, as to what action they might wish to take.

In my opinion this building is becoming more dangerous and dilapidated and may become a fire hazard and endanger the surrounding property, which is used greatly for residential purposes.

Tenders were invited for the demolition and repairing the sides of the adjoining buildings. Only one tender was received, and I would recommend that the buildings be demolished and a contract to do this work be given to John Gray, the only tenderer, for Eighteen Hundred Dollars. (\$1800.00)

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

WATER SUPPLY 4 ROSEMEAD AVENUE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, considered the attached letter dated October 3rd 1944, from the Sanitary Engineer to the Commissioner of Works in which the Sanitary Engineer recommends that the City install a water service to the

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premises #4 Rosemead Avenue and charge the owner on a long time basis; also the attached letter addressed to the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Works under date of November 6th, 1944, in which the City Clerk advises that the Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the 6th instant approved of the suggestion contained in the said letter from the Sanitary Engineer.

On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee approved of the recommendation contained in the said letter from the Sanitary Engineer to the Commissioner of Works.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
Per: T. J. Moore.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved.

The City Solicitor stated the City has no authority to finance the extension of water to a building beyond the street line or to do any plumbing work inside the house and give credit therefor to the owner and quoted section 681 of the Charter. The motion was not put.

LEASE CITY MARKET FOR BOXING ETC.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, considered the attached letter dated October 25th 1944, addressed to The Board of Works, by Mr. J. Dan Pride, in which he asks if the City would consider leasing part of the City Market for the purpose of holding wrestling, boxing etc.

On motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern, the Committee requested the Commissioner of Works to communicate with Mr. Pride for the purpose of ascertaining the details of his proposal and submit the information to the City Council.

A report dated November 16th, 1944 from the Commissioner of Works concerning this matter is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Per: T. J. Moore.

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A letter was read from the Commissioner of Works advising that Mr. Pride wished to withdraw his application.

The matter was ordered filed.

RACE TRACK FOR HORSES COMMONS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 7th instant, considered the attached letter dated October 21st, 1944, from the Halifax Harness Horse Club, to Deputy Mayor J. E. Ahern, Chairman of the City Recreation Committee regarding the possibility of obtaining the North Common for the purpose of providing a race track there; with which was submitted the attached plan of the proposed race track; also the attached letter dated October 25, 1944 from the City Clerk to the Commissioner of Works advising that the Recreation Committee approved of the idea generally and recommended the matter to the Committee on Works for consideration as to the feasibility of providing the same.

On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Breen, the Committee on Works directed that the matter be referred to the City Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.  
Per: T. J. Moore.

Alderman Ahern stated that we discussed this and we felt the Commons should not be idle two thirds of the year and we might be able to get a race track for a short distance where they could hold a few races. It might encourage horse owners of which there are twenty-four. Every effort should be made by the City to establish a track. I find that we must do some business with the military authorities and I feel the Council should favor the idea generally. We are going to have that place graded without cost.

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His Worship the Mayor stated that he thought it was premature to come to any decision regarding the North Common. The Civic Planning Commission is meeting with the Safety Committee on Thursday night for a joint meeting and arrangements are being made to have a meeting with the Council in December and suggestions will be made at the time because they want the Council's view. The final report may take two or three months from there to finalize.

Alderman Burgess asked, "You mean the Commission will give us some ruling regarding the Commons?"

His Worship the Mayor replied that they will give us some idea of the future of what we will be faced with.

Alderman Adams asked if the Commissioner of Works or Chief of Police looked into this matter.

Alderman Burgess stated that the drivers have guaranteed the safety and also assured us that any damages to citizens will be looked after.

Alderman Batson stated that he understood it was the desire of the Riding Club to bank up the race track with earth and said he could see some danger there because there will be crowds watching them. I feel that this thing won't stop at winter racing.

Mr. Gordon Mitchell a representative of the Halifax Harness Horse Club was in the Council Chamber and after Council granted him permission to speak, he remarked as follows:

"I am Vice President of the Club. As you know in other Cities they race on the ice and they race on the

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main street which we are not asking for. We are just asking to have a track. We held thirteen ice meets on Governor's Lake last winter. There is no such thing as banking the track. The Club is taking out an insurance policy in case of accidents.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that (1) the Halifax Harness Horse Club be granted permission through the Recreation Committee to utilize space on the North Commons suitable for the purpose of horse racing (2) it be clearly understood that this permission be granted annually for only at such times as the Commons is free, and (3) it is only temporary for the winter months.

Alderman Walker wanted to know if there would be a special police there to which Mr. Mitchell replied the Club will pay for the services of special Police.

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

TENDERS FIXTURES AGRICOLA STREET LIGHTING.....

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

November 16/44.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on this date, on motion of Alderman DeWolf seconded by Alderman Ahern, approved and recommended to Council for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 13th, 1944, and entitled as above.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Per: T. J. Moore.

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His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

Tenders for twenty-five street lighting fixtures for improved lighting on Agricola Street from Cunard St. to West Young Street have been received as follows:-

Northern Electric Co.

25 fixtures @ \$39.81 f.o.b. Halifax, all taxes included.

Canadian General Electric Co.

25 fixtures @ \$39.81 f.o.b. Halifax, City Field, taxes - included.

Canadian Westinghouse Co.

25 fixtures @ \$39.81 f.o.b. Hamilton, all taxes included.

The quotation of the Canadian General Electric Co. and the Northern Electric Co., are both f.o.b. Halifax and are equal \$39.81 each. As the Canadian General Electric Co. supplied the fixtures for the last lighting which was on the Dutch Village Road, I would recommend that the Northern Electric Co. be given the contract for the fixtures for the Agricola Street lighting.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works...

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

SEWER EXTENSION LUNDY'S LANE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

November 16, 1944.

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

Gentlemen:-



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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on this date the attached report from the Committee on Works was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

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Chairman and Members  
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on this date, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 16th, 1944, and entitled as above.

On motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ahern, the Committee recommended that the sewer extension referred to in the said report be constructed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.  
Per: T. J. Moore.

November 16, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a petition received from owners of property on Lundy's Lane, requesting that the sewer be extended to serve their properties, which are west of Wellington Street.

The total length of the sewer including the angle at Wellington Street is approximately 295 feet. The estimated cost is \$3,500.00 and the estimated assessment \$740.00.

As stated in the petition, six families would be served by the extension of this sewer at present and other buildings that may be constructed in this area.

The layout of this sewer is in accordance with the general sewerage plan of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

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Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TAXATION MCINNES PROPERTY OXFORD ST.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:-

November 16, 1944.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on this date approved and recommended for adoption the attached report from the Committee on Works with reference to a request from Mrs. Eva McInnes for exemption from taxation on her property on Oxford Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK..

November 16, 1944.

Chairman and Members Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on this date, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 16th, 1944, and entitled as above, and on motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ahern, recommended that the request referred to in the said report be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.  
Clerk of Works...

November 16, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the attached letter from Mrs. Eva McInnes, for exemption from taxes on her property on Oxford Street, lying within the blue line, for the year 1945-1946.

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Exemption is requested on a portion of No. 18 on which the dwelling is erected and the vacant lot lying south of No. 18, which lies wholly within the blue line.

This request is in accordance with the Charter, Section 554, which reads as follows:

"Any vacant land lying within the boundary lines of any street, as laid down on the Official Plan which is:

- (a) injuriously affected by the location of the said boundary lines, and
- (b) from which no revenue is derived, and
- (c) is not used for any purpose,

May in any year be exempted from taxation by two thirds vote of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at the meeting were in their seats and voted.

LETTER CITY ASSESSOR RE  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION

November 6, 1944.

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

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report on my attendance at the Eleventh National Conference on Assessment Administration held at Des Moines, Iowa, October 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

The conference was attended by two hundred and forty-eight assessing officers of the United States and Canada.

The opening morning of the Conference was devoted to ordinary routine of all conventions, namely, the addresses of welcome, the president's report and appointment of Committees.

Three matters were discussed in the afternoon of the first day, namely: "Federal Land Bogey"

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"Post War Housing Problem;" and "An Appraisal of the Occupancy Tax."

The first topic dealt entirely with Federal owned property in the United States, while the third was a review of the English system of taxation on occupants only.

#### Post War Housing Problem

Wm. K. Divers, Local Administrator of the National Housing Agency for Iowa, read a paper prepared by John B. Blandford, Jr., Administrator of the National Housing Agency. Looking at the housing question of the future there must be "close and harmonious co-operation among all branches of government--local, state and federal, based on clear cut identification of respective responsibilities and on a common understanding of mutual objectives."

In post war housing consideration must be given to the following factors; Planning, zoning, construction, site location, and quality of living. People will choose cities in respect of living conditions and not in respect to position obtainable.

Mr. Blandford in his paper dealt with the present wartime overbuilding and its effect on the future.

The disposition of wartime housing is a matter to be dealt with by the Federal Government. There were 400,000 prefabricated dwellings erected at an average cost of \$2,800.00 on these properties "the administrator makes payments in lieu of taxes to the states and local communities in amounts which approximate the taxes that would be paid if the property were not tax exempt." All these temporary houses to be removed within two years after the war, except in cases where, after consultation with the local community it is felt there is further need for them.

It is estimated there are 7,000,000 substandard dwellings which must be replaced. 1,400,000 married men in the services, will require housing and hence it is estimated 400,000 houses a year will be required during the first post war decade.

Mr. Blandford's paper is very interesting and I have a copy in my office for those who are interested in reading it.

During the second day's proceedings the following topics were discussed; "Personal property assessments;" "Recent problems in utility assessments;" "Assessments of 'Orphan' Lots;" "Taxation of air Transportation;" "Far income values and Assessments."

These matters consisted almost entirely of discussions of personal property assessments.

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The most interesting and I would say, most instructive matter discussed in the entire Conference was: "To what extent should assessments be adjusted to current price levels?"

There was a panel discussion opening the matter followed by a general discussion from the floor. Incidents of great increase in sales prices, such as we have here, were cited. The general opinion of the discussion, however, was that Assessors should not be guided by present day sales but to get at the real value of the property. If this procedure was not followed it would tend to lead to uncertainty in the assessment rolls, which might have far-reaching consequences, such as an inflated assessment roll which would effect the sale of the municipalities' bonds.

Canadian Assessors, up until this year, were associate members, but by an amendment adopted by the Conference, they are now eligible for full membership, the annual fee for same being \$10.00 per annum.

I wish to thank Council for permitting me to attend the Conference and trust I have received some information which will be of benefit to the City.

Yours respectfully,

J. F. MCMANUS,  
CITY ASSESSOR.

FILED

APPROVAL ORDINANCE #39

Halifax, N. S.,  
November 13, 1944.

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

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that the Governor in Council on the 9th instant approved of Ordinance No. 39 of the City of Halifax, respecting the issuance of Tax Certificates by the City Collector and the fee to be paid for same, and I enclose herewith a copy of the Ordinance duly certified as having been approved on the date mentioned.

Yours truly,

Marjorie I. Mackey,  
For Clerk of  
Executive Council.

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TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1944.

Civic Year	Reserves	Outstanding Balance Sept. 30/44.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	October Collec- tions.	Outstanding Balances Oct. 31/44.
1942-43	\$70,477.15	\$ 91,085.98		\$ 5,478.36	\$ 85,607.62
1943-44	72,470.63	173,298.55	\$ 6.25	8,389.52	164,915.28
1944-45	28,894.94	505,765.30	310.16	62,879.11	443,196.35
Water Rates		89,048.86	22,235.37	15,371.96	155,912.27
		\$859,198.69	\$82,551.78	\$92,118.95	\$849,631.52

Poll Taxes

1934-35	82.34	59.50	22.84
1943-44	36,290.95	629.05	35,661.90
1944-45	50,879.10	4,481.20	46,397.90

Additional Collections

	1944-45	1943-44
Tax Arrears 1925-26 to 1941-42 Corresponding Period Last Year	\$4,925.58	\$ 7,993.73
Collections as per Statement above Corresponding Period Last Year	92,118.95	72,262.28
	\$97,044.53	\$80,256.01
Collection of Poll Tax May 1st, 1944 to October 31, 1944. Corresponding Period Last Year	\$29,628.17	\$22,817.80

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BELLEW,  
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

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REPORT ON APPROPRIATIONS

AS AT OCTOBER 31st, 1944.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The following is the state of Civic Appropriations as of the above date after deducting unpaid orders, also a comparative statement of estimated balances after deducting estimated expenditures as of the same date:

	AVAILABLE BALANCE	ESTIMATED BALANCE	UNDER EXPENDED	OVER EXPENDED
City Home Maintenance	\$ 26,880.61	\$ 29,078.60	\$ 1,756.53	\$ 2,197.99
City Home Salaries	23,479.01	21,722.48	178.92	
Flaming Park	1,928.92	1,750.00	1,044.43	
Public Gardens	9,044.43	8,000.00	2,750.83	
B. Hospital Maintenance	22,099.87	19,349.04	620.02	
B. Hospital Salaries	14,269.00	13,648.98	1,590.01	
D. Hospital Maintenance	13,320.01	11,730.00		533.84
D. Hospital Salaries	5,735.13	6,268.97		56.35
Public Health & Wel. Maint.	1,507.05	1,563.40		699.46
Public Health & Wel. Salaries	10,162.46	10,861.92		56.40
Police Department Maint.	9,011.61	9,068.01		
Police Department Salaries	110,423.96	99,031.98	11,391.98	
City Prison Maintenance	7,567.17	6,725.53	841.64	
City Prison Salaries	9,653.17	9,606.98	46.19	
Cooks Department	189,282.60	185,040.00	4,242.60	
Fire Dept. Maintenance	15,913.59	13,646.46	2,267.13	
Fire Dept. Salaries	119,526.91	119,280.00	246.91	
Fire Alarm Telegraph Maint.	1,232.59	1,462.58		229.99
Fire Alarm Salaries	4,830.80	4,060.13	770.67	
Printing & Stationery	5,393.39	5,500.00		106.61
Library Maintenance	1,228.74	1,200.00	28.74	
Library Salaries	1,958.05	1,908.00	50.05	
Co-operative Health Maint.	4,761.35	3,636.52	1,124.83	
Co-operative Health Salaries	29,705.70	26,082.30	3,623.40	
	\$638,916.12	\$610,221.88	\$32,574.88	\$3,880.64
		28,694.24		28,694.24
	\$638,916.12	\$638,916.12	\$32,574.88	\$32,574.88

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Bellew,  
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

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GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee  
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The Finance and Executive Committee at  
a meeting held on this date, considered the matter of  
the establishment of a grievance committee and it  
was decided to recommend to Council such a Committee  
be established as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Alderman Coffin read the legislation enacted at  
the 1944 session of the Legislature respecting this  
matter which states that the Council may be Ordinance  
provide for the establishment of a Committee upon  
which the Council and employees shall be represented.

It was then moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded  
by Alderman Ahern that the Finance and Executive Com-  
mittee consider this matter at its next meeting with  
representatives of the Unions. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. -

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W. P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

J. E. LLOYD,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

AFTERNOON SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

Halifax, N. S.,  
City Hall,  
Council Chamber,  
November 27, 1944,  
5:30 P. M.

A meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

At the above named hour, there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Walker, Burgess and Ahern.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following item:

ASSESSMENT LORD NELSON HOTEL

5:30 P. M. The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor reports verbally from the floor that the Special Committee on Assessments had just met and considered the matter of the assessment of the Lord Nelson Hotel Co., Ltd., for the year ending December 31/ 45, but due to the fact that the City Council convened immediately following the City Clerk did not have time to prepare a written report. He stated that "The Special Committee on Assessments recommends to the Council that the assessment of the Lord Nelson Hotel for the year ending December 31, 1945, -

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be fixed at the amount of \$538,000.00 and that the tax applicable thereon be the business tax rate for the year ending December 31, 1945 and that 50% of the assessment be the assessment for Business Tax purposes at the rate for the year ending December 31, 1945, less any business tax applicable to commercial occupants of the said hotel property."

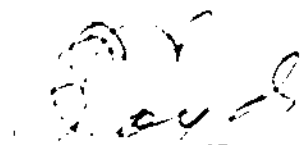
5:32 P. M. His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.


Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the recommendation of the Special Committee on Assessments be approved. Motion passed with Alderman DeWolf wishing to be recorded against.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. -

- 5:35 P. M.

  
J. E. LLOYD,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

  
W. P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 14, 1944

A G E N D A

- Prayer.  
Minutes.  
Accounts.
1. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Lease to Navy League of Canada.
  2. " " Account V. G. Hospital (Cst. Knox.)
  3. " " Account Fire Alarm Equipment.
  4. " " Account Legal Expenses C.N.R. Taxation.
  5. " " Account Operating Table.
  6. " " Sale of Land.
  7. " " Lot A. R. P.
  8. " " Purchase of Adding Machine.
  9. " " Closing Collector's Office January 2 & 3.
  10. " " Accounts Inactive Ledger.
  11. " " Ordinance Grievance Committee (1st Reading).
  12. " " Ordinance #23 Early Closing Shops -
  13. " " (1st Reading).
  14. " " Loading Facilities Water Front.
  15. " " Term "Eastern Canadian Port."
  16. " " National Housing Act.
  17. " " Sewer Assessments Oakland Road.
  18. " " Purchase Land Chain Lake.
  19. " " Purchase Land Leeds Street.
  20. " " Purchase Car Supt. of Streets.
  21. " " Purchase of Truck Body.
  22. " " Accounts Water Survey.
  23. " " Alterations City Field.
  24. " " Coal Inquiry.
  25. " " Halifax Public Utilities Commission.
  26. Report Safety Comm. re New Police Quarters.
  27. " " Fire Alarm Connection.
  28. " " Fire Pumpers.
  29. " " Account for Shirts.
  30. " " Expenses Deputy Chief of Police.
  31. Report Pub. Health & Welfare Comm. re Tenders for Butter & Eggs.
  32. " " Tenders for Meats.
  33. " " Account over \$200.00.
  34. " " Estate A. P. White.
  35. Deferred Item:  
Motion Alderman Batson re Voting.
  36. Questions.
  37. Report Committee on Works re Dept. Veterans Affairs Young Ave. Property.
  38. " " Sign St. David's Church.
  39. " " Sign Mitchell Fur. Co.
  40. " " Street Lights.
  41. " " Contracts for Trenching.
  42. " " Offer for Gasoline Roller.
  43. " " Accounts over \$500.00.
  44. " " Payment Tile Floor City Hall.
  45. " " Final Certificates (6).
  46. " " Proposed Grant Widow of Deceased Employee.
  47. " " Reduction in Water Accounts.
  48. Letter Alderman Hostrerman re Halifax Citizens Rehabilitation Committee.
  49. Letter Halifax North Civic Improvement Association re Appointment Board  
- of Directors N. S. L. & P. Co., Ltd.
  50. Letter Canadian Legion War Services Incorporated re Remission of Taxes.
  51. Report Chief Accountant re Tax Collections Month of November.
  52. Report Chief Accountant re Appropriations.
  53. Report Commissioner of Works re Water Service Irving Oil Co., Ltd.

## EVENING SESSION

Halifax, N. S.,  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
December 14, 1944,  
8:00 P. M.

A meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Reardon, Breen, Hosterman, Adams, DeWolf, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Ahern.

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

The following named papers were submitted.

### MINUTES

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

### ACCOUNTS

A resolution covering the accounts of the various Committees was submitted as follows:

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee amounting to \$11,917.81; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$615.43 chargeable to Fire Alarm;

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\$21,416.68 chargeable to Fire Department and \$11,439.97 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$14,705.40 chargeable to Health Department; \$8,780.31 chargeable to City Home and \$2,649.54 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$25,821.21; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$496.38 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

Moved by Aldermen Reardon, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

LEASE TO NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

December 8/44.

To 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 matter of the lease of property on Bell Road to the Crown on which it is proposed an auditorium and recreational building will be erected, same to be operated by the Navy League of Canada, was considered.

It was agreed to recommend to Council:

1. That the terms of lease as explained by the City Solicitor in a letter under date of August 8/44, to J. E. Ahern, Esq., Deputy Mayor, be approved.
2. That the plans and specifications for the proposed building be submitted to the Commissioner of Works for the purpose of ascertaining if same comply with the building regulations of the City of Halifax.

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3. That the management of the building after the cessation of hostilities with Germany, be under the joint control of the City and the Navy League of Canada, with each having equal representation on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Aldermen Hostermen that the report be approved.

Alderman Ahern stated that he would like to see this matter referred to the Recreation Committee as there seems to be some misunderstanding about the matter. Some say this is going to be a dance hall and some a recreation hall.

Council agreed to hear Mr. Major on this matter and he addressed the Council as follows: "This building is going to be used for dances, pictures and concerts on the main floor and in the basement there will be bowling alleys.

Alderman Walker contended that this building should be moved so as not to interfere with the Public Gardens. There are all kinds of halls in the City that are empty.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Alderman to name them.

Alderman Walker named the Forum, the Armouries and some others.

Alderman Burgess stated that they have the Forum now as a dance hall. If they put up this other building it will just about eliminate other people from running dance halls and it is not fair to them. This property will be tax free while the other people

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have to pay taxes for their halls.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this matter be referred to the Recreation Committee for further consideration and report.

Alderman Reardon stated that he didn't think this building had any similarity with other buildings in the City and that it was only for the duration of the war, it would not interfere with business men in the City because if it did, I would be against it. We should be able to make some final decision tonight.

Alderman Adams asked if there was a clause covering the period of years in the lease to which His Worship the Mayor replied the term was five years and renewal at the end of that period.

Alderman Adams stated that he was in favor of the building but not the site. He contended that it was too near the canteen and suggested that it be built at the Corner of North Park and Cogswell Streets which would be close to the tram cars.

Alderman DeWolf stated that if they don't get this site they are being offered another site by the Provincial Government and that we would not be losing anything.

Alderman Hosterman stated that he agreed with Alderman DeWolf on the matter. He said that we were not losing any valuable ground and that it was not interfering with the business men. There was in the minds of the Aldermen that the present clauses in the suggested lease did not afford the corporation enough protection. The main issue is that there



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should be joint representation between the City of Halifax and the Navy League of Canada.

Alderman Batson stated that he favoured it but he wanted it distinctly understood that there will be no connection with any other building there.

His Worship the Mayor asked Mr. Dunlop who was representing the Navy League when the lease expired would the City have the priority to buy the building before anyone else to which Mr. Dunlop replied in the affirmative.

The amendment was put and passed, six voting for the same and four against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Breen  
Adams  
Doyle  
Walker  
Burgess  
Ahern

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AGAINST IT:

Alderman Batson  
Reardon  
Hosterman  
DeWolf

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HALIFAX PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

December 13/44.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held this date, at which were present the members of the Halifax Public Utilities Commission, the matter of the transferring of the assets constituting the water system of the City to the Commission was under consideration.

After discussing the matter for some time the following resolution was unanimously approved:

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RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to the City Council:

1. That the City do transfer, deliver and convey unto the Halifax Public Utilities Commission as of December 31st, 1944, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar, the fixed assets constituting the Halifax Water System, including but not limiting the generality of the lands, including rights of way and easements, all buildings, pumps, chlorinating equipment, dams, mains, hydrants, meters, service pipes and all other equipment including tools, vehicles and machinery in use or available for use in connection with the said water system, on such December 31st, 1944, or which, having been ordered by the City for the purposes of the said water system and not having been delivered prior to such date then upon the delivery thereof.
2. That the assets in the Water Emergency Fund (so-called) be transferred and delivered to the Commission as of December 31st, 1944, provided however that should legislative authority be required to transfer and deliver such assets, that such legislation be secured authorizing such transfer and delivery as of December 31st, 1944.
3. That the City transfer to the Commission the current assets and liabilities constituting as at December 31st, 1944, the working capital of the said Halifax Water System.
4. That the City lease to the Commission that portion of the City Field which the Commissioner of Works and the Manager of the Commission agreed upon at a recent meeting of the Committee on Works for use by the Commission and for its purposes as of December 31st, 1944, at a nominal annual rental of One Dollar and for the term of one year from December 31st, 1944, provided however that upon an agreement being reached between the City and the Commission prior to December 31st, 1945 as to an adequate rental and the ultimate term of the said lease that such rental and term relate back to December 31st, 1944, and be effective as and from that date.
5. Due to the fact that the period included in the first billing for rates by the Commission will include the accrued revenue for the months of November and December, 1944, that an allocation of such revenue be made for such two months between the Commission and the City, and the proportion allocated to the City be placed to the credit of the assets of the water system as of December 31st, 1944.

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6. That prior to December 31st, 1945, the City and the Commission will agree upon the amount of such further sum, if any, as may be paid by the Commission to the City as additional compensation for the transfer by the City to the Commission of the assets above referred to and/or any other terms and conditions which may be required to be settled arising out of such transfer.

7. That any difference existing between the current assets and current liabilities of the Commission shall be considered when establishing the amount of any additional compensation to be paid by the Commission to the City as set out in the preceding paragraph.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved.

The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addressed the Council from the floor at 8:40 P. M.

His Worship the Mayor stated that there was a joint meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee and the Halifax Public Utilities Commission and Civic Officials. We approached the point where the full effectiveness of this Commission can be reached by letting them handle the matter. There are many factors which enter into the basis of the sale and that should be given very careful consideration after research.

(1) The first item is to transfer all the fixed assets of the Water Department to the Commission.

(2) The second item is the transfer of the Water Emergency Fund set up many years ago which is part of the Water System and amounts to around \$24,000.

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(3) The third item is the Accounts Receivable and Cash on hand and they assume the liabilities of the Water System.

(4) The fourth item is the building they will require at the City Field. Mr. MacKinnon and Mr. Doane have agreed as to what portion shall be given to the Commission and on the suggestion of Alderman Ahern we have agreed to lease it to them.

(5) The fifth item is in regards to the two months billing. Rather than have another billing at the end of December 1944 it was felt that the Commission should carry on and send them out in April, 1945. These two months would be included in the meter reading and we could allocate the portion which belonged to the City.

(6) The sixth item is the City and the Commission shall agree on a decision whether to sell or not. Also what is to be the basis for the sale. This matter of valuation is covered by an additional clause.

This has been recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and is for the purpose of taking over at January 1st., the complete operation of the Water System.

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The motion was then put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION:

Aldermen Adams  
Ahern  
Batson  
Breen  
Burgess  
DeWolf  
Doyle  
Hosterman  
Reardon  
Walker

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Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that item #13 on the agenda be now discussed. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE #23 EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS (1ST READING)

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

December 8/44.

To 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, a letter from Mr. Parker T. Hickey, submitting a petition signed by a large majority of the proprietors of barber shops in the City of Halifax, requesting that the present hours for closing be amended to the hours set out in the petition, was considered.

It was decided to recommend to City Council that this petition be granted and that the City Solicitor's Department be requested to prepare the necessary amendment to Ordinance No. 23, Respecting the Early Closing of Shops, so that same may be given a first reading at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE # 23

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

1. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 23 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:
  - (3) "Barber shops shall open in the City of Halifax not earlier than eight o'clock in the morning and shall close at six o'clock in the afternoon on each day with the following exceptions, viz:
    - (a) They may remain open until eight o'clock in the evenings on Saturday and on any day preceding a public holiday.
    - (b) They shall close at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on every Wednesday except on a Wednesday in any week in which a public holiday occurs, in which case there shall be no half holiday on Wednesday.
    - (c) Where the holiday occurs on a Monday, they shall be permitted to remain open in the forenoon up to 12 o'clock at noon on that day.
    - (d) Except as is provided in Clause (c) hereof they shall remain closed on every day which is declared by statute or proclamation to be a public holiday."

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the amendment to Ordinance #23 as set out above be read and passed a first time, and referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that item #37 on the agenda be now considered. Motion passed.