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DEPT. VETERAN'S AFFAIRS PROPERTY YOUNG AVENUE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS -  
CONTEMPLATED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY YOUNG AVENUE

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 5th instant, Mr. Thomas Fenton of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Camp Hill Hospital) informed the Committee that the said Department is contemplating the acquisition of property on Young Avenue, formerly owned by the late Ex Lieut-Governor Pory, as a home for the provision of domiciliary care for disabled war veterans who do not require hospitalization.

Assistant Solicitor Doyle commented to the effect that existing legislation concerning Young Avenue might interfere with the suggested use of the said property.

The Committee directed that the matter be referred to the City Council with a report thereon from Assistant Solicitor Doyle.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.

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His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 5th day of December, A.D., 1944, Mr. T. E. Fenton advised the Committee that the Department of Veterans' Affairs were contemplating buying the Tory property on Young Avenue for a convalescent home for war veterans.

By section 816 of the Charter no premises on Young Avenue are to be used other than for a private residence. Any building now on Young Avenue may be altered for an apartment house but shall not contain more than four apartments. By section 815, subsection (6) a building may be erected or altered

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within the residential district as a college, church, library, school house, public hall or other similar building, or as a hotel or boarding house or shop for sale of goods. In my opinion this proposed convalescent home cannot be regarded as a private residence in the sense contemplated by section 816, nor does it come within the category of buildings mentioned in section 815.

I may point out, however, that these provisions do not affect the Crown as it can only be bound if expressly mentioned in the Statute and the Charter makes no mention of the Crown.

Yours very truly,

CARL. P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR

Mr. Fenton, representing the Department of Veterans' Affairs was in the Council Chamber and it was agreed to permit him to speak.

Aldermen Coffin arrives and takes his seat in Council at 8.55 P. M.

Mr. Fenton stated that they have a certain number of veterans who are not receiving treatment so the Department decided to provide a home for these men and the Tory property was considered most suitable for this purpose. He wished to assure the Council that in moving it was due to an emergency. This will not affect the attractiveness of the property or the street. He further stated that he had engaged a gardener to take care of the grounds and would also take care of the property.

Alderman Ahern asked if it were true that the Crown would pay the taxes.

His Worship the Mayor replied that it was still under consideration.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the Crown be asked to pay the City of Halifax the taxes that would be derived from the present assessment. Motion passed.

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Alderman Hosterman asked if Mr. Fenton could give the Council any assurance that this building will be used for the same purposes or whether it might become a hospital.

Mr. Fenton replied that he didn't think it was at all suitable for a hospital, and that they are planning for a new 250 bed hospital which will take care of our needs. I believe that this building will be used for the purpose mentioned long after we are gone.

Alderman Hosterman stated that he made these observations because there is a lot of land that might be used for this purpose.

Alderman Walker stated that something should come from Ottawa in regard to a home for veterans. It should be for hundreds who cannot work and are not receiving treatment. It should be situated close to Halifax and should be self-supporting.

NEW POLICE QUARTERS

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

The Safety Committee has held several meetings to consider the matter of providing quarters for the Police Department and has finally decided to make the following recommendations to the Council, -

1. That the land on which the present market building is located be chosen as the site on which the proposed building will be erected.

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2. That a letter from the Chief of Police under date of December 11/44, together with plans prepared and submitted with same, be approved.
3. That an architect be engaged to prepare preliminary plans.
4. That the architect be instructed to so design the building to permit the addition of a third floor at some future date, and that some thought be given to construction of the building so that same may be of a standard design which may be adopted for public buildings in the City of Halifax.
5. That the architect be requested to take into consideration the matter of ventilating the building, bearing in mind air-conditioning.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Reardon stated that unfortunately he would have to be against this because of the site. He said he was 100% in favor of the building. The City Market should be offered for sale because the building is good for some purposes. There are other properties on Grafton and Argyle Streets that could be torn down for this purpose.

Alderman Coffin stated that he would like to hear from Mr. Bates on this matter. He said he was disappointed when he heard that the City Market was chosen for the site. He also said he thought the City was going to tear down some other buildings.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that Mr. Bates be heard. Motion passed.

Alderman Breen asked His Worship the Mayor if it could be arranged for those Aldermen who did not see the maps to do so at the present time.

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Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Batson that Council adjourn for ten minutes or as long as the Aldermen wished to study the plans. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

10:00 P. M., Council reconvened, the following being present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Reardon, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Ahern.

Alderman Reardon stated he was not yet convinced that the City Market was the best site.

Mr. Bates, replying to a question from Alderman Coffin regarding the site, stated that he was at a meeting with Mr. Fowler and he said that it was quite possible to prepare preliminary plans and sketches if he knew the grades of the streets. He further stated that he thought it was quite possible for Mr. Fowler to prepare preliminary plans and sketches for a Police Station in that section of Brunswick Street.

He said he would go into the matter of assessments with Mr. McManus to see if it is cheaper to tear down the Market Building, or build a Station elsewhere.

Alderman Adams stated that we must not lose sight of the fact that we propose to build a fire station somewhere there.

Alderman DeWolf asked if there were any liability to continue the City Market and why did the City build it in the first place?

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Alderman Walker asked if it would be better to have a meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council on this matter for a full discussion.

Alderman Hosterman stated that he agreed with Alderman Walker that we could defer this matter and return for a meeting early in January when we will have the necessary information.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report of the Safety Committee be adopted with the exception of the site and that the matter of the site be considered by a Committee meeting of the Whole Council at a convenient date with Mr. Bates being present. Amendment passed.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Ahern that we call for tenders for the sale of the City Market Building before we have the meeting and also that the highest or any tender be not necessarily accepted. Motion passed with Aldermen Breen and Hosterman wishing to be recorded against.

ACCOUNT V. G. HOSPITAL CST. KNOX.

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 Commissioner of Health recommending for payment under the provisions of Section 315D of the City Charter, an account of the Victoria General

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Hospital amounting to \$30.00 for hospitalization of Constable Eldon Knox of the Police Department, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously, the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson  
Reardon  
Breen  
Hosterman  
Coffin  
Adams  
DeWolf  
Doyle  
Walker  
Burgess  
Ahern

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ACCOUNT FIRE ALARM EQUIPMENT

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 for payment on account of the Northern Electric Co., Ltd., amounting to \$544.09, being the balance of their contract for the supply and installation of fire alarm equipment, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report, and recommends that the funds required to pay this

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account be borrowed under the provisions of schedule A, section 75, Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson  
Reardon  
Breen  
Hosterman  
Coffin  
Adams  
DeWolf  
Doyle  
Walker  
Burgess  
Ahern

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ACCOUNT LEGAL EXPENSES C. N. R. TAXATION

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 City Solicitor submitting an account from Manning, Mortimer and Kennedy amounting to \$1,250.00 for services rendered in connection with a research and opinion in the matter of the C. N. R. Taxation, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved, and that the funds required for this purpose be provided from the available balance under the authority of section 332A of the City Charter as at December 31/1944.

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

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Adams  
Ahern  
Batson  
Breen  
Burgess  
Coffin  
DeWolf  
Doyle  
Hostermen  
Reardon  
Walker

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ACCOUNT OPERATING TABLE

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 Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending for payment an account of the J. F. Hertz Co. Ltd., amounting to \$500.00 for a Century Model Operating Table, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that the funds required for this purpose be borrowed under the provisions of Schedule A to Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Adams, 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.

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:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, tenders for various City owned properties were considered.

Your Committee recommends the sale of the following properties:

Lot E/S Union Street 50 x 100 to Ellen M. and Bernard J. Flynn for the sum of \$250.00

Lot #182 Armdale Road to Arthur W. Smith for the sum of \$225.00, with the expressed understanding that the City will not guarantee the civic services of water and sewer in the event that this lot of land is later improved by the erection of a building or buildings thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

LOT A. R. P.

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:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date, had for consideration a letter from the Secretary of the Wardens Platoon #9, H.C.E.C., advising of their desire to remain organized and continue their activities along similar lines to which they are engaged at present after the necessity for civilian defence is ended and requesting the City to make them a grant of a suitable lot of land for the placing of their headquarters building.

Your Committee recommends that a lot of land 35 x 72, at the corner of Maynard and Ontario Streets which is owned by the City be placed at the disposal of the Wardens Platoon #9, H.C.E.C., with the City retaining title to the land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved in amendment by Aldermen Coffin, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of the City Council.  
Amendment passed.

#### PURCHASE OF ADDING MACHINE

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 the Commissioner of Finance requesting permission to purchase from Remington Rand Limited an adding machine at a cost of \$265.50, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to purchase an adding machine from the Remington Rand Limited at the price noted.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

CLOSING COLLECTORS OFFICE JANUARY TWO AND THREE

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 the Commissioner of Finance respecting the closing of the City Collector's Office on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 2 and 3, 1945, for the purpose of balancing the tax ledgers, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the City Collector's Office be closed on the dates mentioned, and the public notified of same through advertisements in the press.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS INACTIVE LEDGER.

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, the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance submitting lists numbered two and three of uncollectable tax accounts was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the lists of uncollectable accounts, numbered two and three, be written off under the authority of Section 283, subsection 3 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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The Chairman,  
Finance & Executive Committee,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

At the regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on November 10th, 1944, I was asked to make a further report on the Inactive Ledger Accounts.

Since I last reported to you, on July 7th, 1944, the work of checking these accounts has been continued; up to November 15th, three additional lists of uncollectable accounts, numbering 250 accounts totalling \$6,954.53, have been prepared, 357 additional accounts totalling \$7,060.48 have been transferred to the Active Ledger System for collection, and 64 accounts totalling \$595.32 were cancelled by the City Assessor.

Recently I was able to engage through Selective Service, two extra clerks who have been assigned to assist with this work. Miss Hopewell advises me that they are both proving satisfactory and for the present at least, she would not be able to keep any larger staff profitably employed on this work.

I am reporting two further lists of uncollectable accounts numbered 2 and 3, and request authority to deal with these under section 283 subsection 3 of the City Charter.

Yours very truly;

N. L. Sherman,  
Commissioner of Finance.

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

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unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

The list of accounts is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

ORDINANCE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (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:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date, had for consideration the attached draft ordinance respecting the relationship between the City and its employees which was prepared by the City Solicitor's Department and approved by a Sub-committee of this Committee.

Your Committee recommends that the Ordinance as drafted be read and passed a first time and referred back to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ORDINANCE #40

DRAFT ORDINANCE RESPECTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
THE CITY AND ITS EMPLOYEES -

Authorized by Section 133A of  
the City Charter as enacted  
by section 28 of Chapter 46  
of the Acts of 1944....

1. There shall be a committee consisting of six members of the City Council and three employees of the City, and the members of the City Council shall be appointed thereto by resolution of the said

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Council and the employees shall be appointed thereto by the Unions of employees of the City recognized by resolution of the Council for that purpose, one employee being appointed by each Union.

2. If the Council shall at any time determine that employees who are not members of any such recognized Union should be represented upon such committee, such employees may thereupon nominate a representative to such committee and in such case the said committee shall consist of the said members appointed by the Council and the said Unions together with such member appointed by such other employees as hereinbefore set out.

3. The Committee shall hear and consider all matters concerning the relationship existing between the City and its employees.

4. Without in any way limiting the generality of the preceding section the Committee shall:

(a) Prepare and from time to time revise a classification of all persons in the employ of the City, or any Committee thereof, whether appointed by the Council or by a Committee thereof, and submit the same to the Council.

(b) Prepare and from time to time revise a schedule of the duties and qualifications of all persons holding any office in the employ of the City, or of any Committee thereof, and submit the same to Council.

(c) Maintain continuous personnel record cards or files of all persons employed by the City, or by any Committee thereof, which cards or files shall contain such information as the Committee shall determine, one copy of which shall be kept in the department in which the person named therein is employed and a duplicate kept by the City Clerk.

(d) Maintain the equivalence of work and remuneration for similar positions in all departments of the City, and report to the Council or to any Committee thereof respecting any inequality therein.

(e) Arrange for cooperation in the use of persons in the employ of the City and the transfer, whether temporary or permanent, of such persons from one department to another.

(f) Advise the Council or any Committee thereof on all matters respecting the administration of persons in the employ of the City which may be referred to it by the Council or any Committee thereof.

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5. The Committee may report to the Council on any matters arising out of the matters entrusted to it by the two preceding sections.

6. The City Clerk or his Deputy shall act as Secretary to the said Committee.

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

#### LOADING FACILITIES WATERFRONT

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had been requested by the Finance and Executive Committee to prepare a letter to be sent to Hon. J. E. Michaud in connection with a letter from the Halifax District Trades and Labour Council respecting shipping activity in the Port of Halifax, and submitted a letter which was read by the City Clerk as follows:

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Hon. J. E. Michaud,  
Minister of Transport,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with a resolution of the Halifax City Council, may I convey to you their request that your department give consideration to the development of shipping activity in the Port of Halifax which will assure the maximum use of the port facilities at all seasons of the year.

The Port of Halifax reaches its maximum activity in the winter months when the St. Lawrence is closed to navigation. In the summer months, traffic to and from Halifax provides little employment in this area. Such wide variation in the seasonal use of the Port is extremely detrimental to stable economic conditions.

It is our contention that as the economic activity in Halifax is determined largely by the extent of ship loadings, preference should therefore be given to the Port of Halifax.

The summer ports of the Saint Lawrence provide alternative employment opportunities in other industries, which is not the case in Halifax. It is also recognized that any effort that is made to improve shipping through the Port of Halifax may require extensive research by your department into all the factors which influence the movement, not only of



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Canadian shipping, but also shipping from other countries of the world.

May we respectfully suggest that appropriate enquiries be instituted immediately to establish factual information on which a definite policy can be formulated to fully utilize the Port Of Halifax at all seasons of the year.

The Corporation of the City of Halifax is ready and willing to assist in any research or enquiry that your department would undertake.

Yours very truly,

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

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

TERM "EASTERN CANADIAN PORT"

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor as follows:

December 13, 1944.

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Dear Aldermen:

At a recent meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, the attached letter from the Progressive Club of Halifax north was considered.

Reference is made therein to the use of the term "Eastern Canadian Port" when applied to Halifax, and also to the censoring and postmarking of letters from Halifax.

The Finance and Executive Committee instructed me to prepare a resolution for your consideration, copy of which is also submitted herewith.

Yours very truly,

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

"Whereas in the interests of national security during the war years the port of Halifax has been referred to as an "Eastern Canadian Port"

And whereas the progress of events in Europe indicates that the port of Halifax can now be safely referred to as such,

And whereas the use of the term "Eastern Canadian Port" has concealed the importance to Canada of one

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of its greatest national assets--the Port of Halifax,

And whereas the economic life in the area of the Port of Halifax is mainly dependent on the development of activities therein,

Therefore be it resolved that the appropriate departments at Ottawa be asked to discontinue the use of the term "Eastern Canadian Port" when referring to the Port of Halifax,

And that the censoring of letters from Halifax to other parts of Canada be discontinued, and the postmark "Halifax, N. S." used on the outside of the letter should be used again as was the practice in peacetime."

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the letter and resolution be approved.

Alderman Coffin stated that he felt the proper authorities should be contacted before a resolution of this nature was finalized.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Reardon that this matter be referred to a committee for re-drafting and return to Council. Amendment passed.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Coffin be appointed to comprise the Committee. Motion passed.

#### NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor as follows:

December 13, 1944.

#### MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Dear Aldermen:-

At a recent meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, I was instructed to review the

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resolution of the Winnipeg City Council with respect to housing, which is submitted herewith.

Following examination of the report of the Dominion Advisory Committee on Reconstruction, I am satisfied that no material change should be made in the text of the resolution submitted to us by the City of Winnipeg.

In my opinion the only change necessary in the original resolution is to remove the reference to the City of Winnipeg and replace them with suitable references appropriate to the City of Halifax.

I recommend that the resolution be approved by the City Council, and forwarded to our Federal members, soliciting their cooperation in placing it before the appropriate department at Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

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

"WHEREAS it is the opinion of this Council that adequate housing for wage earners' families of the lower income groups cannot be provided for under Part 1 and 11 of the National Housing Act of 1944;

AND WHEREAS our Department of Health and Welfare reports show that a large number of wage-earning families in Halifax are improperly housed;

AND WHEREAS the report of the Dominion Advisory Committee on Reconstruction indicates that similar conditions exist in all large urban centres in the country;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council request the Dominion Government to amend the National Housing Act of 1944 at the next session of Parliament to provide for the following:

1. That urban municipalities be empowered to set up Housing Authorities for the purpose of constructing low - rent housing projects, with funds to be provided by the Dominion Government at a low rate of interest.
2. That the housing accommodation so provided be available for rent to low-income families at 1/5 of their income and that losses, if any, be borne by the Dominion Government."

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the letter and resolution be approved.

Motion passed.

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SEWER ASSESSMENTS ON OAKLAND ROAD

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 attached report from the Committee on Works recommending that legislation be sought for authority to exempt certain properties on Oakland Road extending to Regina Terrace, from sewer and water extension assessments, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved providing that no connection is made at any time from these properties to either the sewer or water mains.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman and Members of the  
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 4, 1944, on an application from Russell McInnes, K.C., on behalf of the owners of the properties fronting on Oakland Road and extending to Regina Terrace, and owned by Minnie F. Burbidge, Edwin K. McKay, Clarence Anderson, Thomas E. Patterson and Russell McInnes.

On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Breen the Committee recommended that City Council be asked to seek legislation for authority to exempt the properties referred to in the said application, from sewer and water extension assessments until such time as any connection is made from any of the above mentioned properties to either the water or sewer mains.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Moved by Alderman Adams, 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.

PURCHASE LAND CHAIN LAKE.

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 the purchase of land and buildings from the estate of Edward L. Fenerty, at a cost of \$2400.00 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

ACQUISITION OF LAND - CHAIN LAKE December 8/44.

Chairman and Members of the  
Finance & Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, on motion of Alderman Ahern seconded by Alderman Breen, approved and recommended for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 4, 1944, and entitled as above.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Per:-T. J. Moore..

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December 4th, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:-

In connection with the proposed addition to the present Meter House and Chlorination Building at Chain Lake, it has been found necessary to lower the brook leading from the pond near this proposed addition.

An agreement has now been reached with Mr. H. L. Fenerty, Executor of the Estate Edward L. Fenerty, owners of the property in question, to purchase the land required for the sum of TWENTY FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2400.00). This price includes about 1½ acres of land which would comprise about seven (7) building lots, also a building approximately 25' x 70' and a garage.

Mr. Fenerty will not be prepared to give up the occupancy of the building until six months after the date of delivery of the deed. He has also requested that a permit for supplying domestic water service to the present building be transferred to a new location eastwardly from the present service.

It would seem to me that these requests could be granted and having discussed the matter with Mr. Doane of the Halifax Public Utilities Commission, it seemed to us that the price was fair and reasonable and should be accepted by the City.

I would, therefore, recommend that the City purchase the land and buildings at the price mentioned, viz., Twenty-four Hundred Dollars, (\$2400.00).

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

#### PURCHASE LAND LEEDS STREET

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:

December 14, 1944.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Committee on Works recommending the purchase of lands from Mrs. Eliza A. Murray, and Mrs. Laura Crowell at a total cost of \$445.00, was considered. The said lands are required for the extension of the Leeds Street Sewer.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

December 8, 1944.

ACQUISITION OF LAND - RE LEEDS ST. SEWER

Chairman and Members of the  
Finance & Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, on motion of Alderman Ahern seconded by Alderman DeWolf, approved and recommended for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated November 22, 1944, and entitled "Re Land to be Acquired - Leeds St. Sewer."

Respectfully submitted,

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

November 22, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

An agreement has now been reached with the owners of land in connection with the extension of Leeds Street sewer. The land required from Mrs. Eliza A. Murray measures 20' x 180' and the price agreed upon for the purchase of this land is \$200.00

The area of land required for the laying of a sewer through the Crowell property which adjoins that of Mrs. Murray is 3500 sq. ft. and comprises a whole City Lot. The price agreed upon between the City and Mrs. Laura Crowell is \$225.00.

I would therefore recommend that the City accept these offers so that the work may be proceeded with through these respective properties.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

December 14, 1944.

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

PURCHASE OF CAR SUPT. OF STREETS

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 the purchase of a Plymouth Sedan from Purdy Motors Ltd., for the sum of \$2,050.00 for the Superintendent of the Streets and Sewers, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that the funds required for this purpose be borrowed under the provisions of schedule "B" to Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944; your Committee further recommends that the Hudson sedan now being used by the Superintendent of Streets and Sewers be disposed of by public auction at the Melvin S. Clarke Auction Rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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.

PURCHASE OF TRUCK BODY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

December 8/44.

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



December 14, 1944.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report of the Committee on Works recommending the purchase from Purdy Motors Limited of a body for a two-and-one-half ton Fargo truck at a cost of \$900.00, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and that the funds required for this purpose borrowed under the provisions of Chapter 46 Schedule B of the Acts of 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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.

ACCOUNTS 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, reports from the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts of the Engineering Service Co., for professional services rendered and expenses in connection with the water survey of the City, were considered as follows:

Month of September, 1944-----	\$2,601.93
Month of October, 1944 -----	2,278.89
Month of November, 1944 -----	2,165.70

Your Committee recommends that the accounts be passed for payment and also that the Engineering Service Company be requested to furnish to the City copies of all reports submitted by them to the Public Utilities Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Adams, 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.

ALTERATIONS CITY FIELD

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 attached report from the Committee on Works respecting improvements to the building at the City Field to provide accommodations for the Halifax Public Utilities Commission, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Committee on Works.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY FIELD.

Chairman and Members  
Finance & Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 5th, 1944 and entitled: "Office Space - Halifax Public Utilities Commission."

The Committee requested Mr. H. W. L. Doene, Manager of the Halifax Public Utilities Commission and the Commissioner of Works to bring to the next meeting, a sketch outlining the proposals indicated in the said report.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held today, the requested sketch was submitted and considered, together with the attached individual reports

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from Mr. H. W. L. Doane and the Commissioner of Works concerning improvements to the City Field. Mr. Doane informed the Committee verbally that he had been advised that the proposed use of the City Field would not be contrary to the plans of the Civic Planning Commission.

On motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee recommended that City Council be asked for authority to employ an architect to make preliminary plans and an estimate of the cost of the suggestions contained in the said reports; such plans to provide for the complete housing of the Water Department at the City Field; also that Council authorize application to the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Nova Scotia for authority to borrow the funds required to pay the Architect for the said preliminary plans and estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.

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His Worship the Mayor,  
Chairman, Board of Works,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Re: Improvements to Works Dept.,  
City Field.

Dear Sir:-

We would like to make some changes in the building at the City Field so as to properly take care of our Works Department, and to provide office space for the superintendent, cost keepers, engineers, etc.

We propose to put the office of the superintendent and cost keepers upstairs over the present meter shop, and in front of that to have rooms for the workmen.

At present we have a storage garage and workshop and we propose to cut a door from one to the other so that after equipment is repaired, it can be taken through to the storage garage. The storage garage will require a concrete floor with suitable drains.

In the next section we propose to have a machine shop downstairs, and a carpenter shop upstairs. This is at present occupied by the Mounted Police.

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In the lower section on Bell Road which is now occupied by the Halifax Riding Club we propose to make a room for storing heavy materials, such as cement, calcium chloride, etc., and upstairs we would like to have suitable offices for the engineers, and Works Department staff.

If the central heating plant is installed all of this section, as well as the west end of the building could be taken care of from the one heating plant.

The roof over the eastern end of the building which is two stories in height will probably require some work done on it, but this will have to be done whether we go there or not.

If this scheme meets with your approval I would suggest that I be authorized to retain the services of an architect to prepare sketches and an estimate for your further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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His Worship Mayor J. E. Lloyd,  
Chairman,  
Board of Works,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

Re: Improvements to City Field

To give you an idea of what we propose to do with the building at City Field, we would like to have the western section made into offices on the ground floor, which would take care of the Manager, Operating Engineer, Superintendent, etc...

Upstairs we would have the Accountant with his staff, and the drafting room. There would also be a vault to accommodate the accounting records and plans, of which there are approximately five thousand, and many of which, if destroyed, could not be replaced.

The next section on the ground floor would be the meter repair shop, which is urgently needed as the present accommodation is absolutely inadequate, and it is most difficult to make the minute adjustments necessary under the existing conditions.

Adjoining that would be the stock room where we propose to keep all of our parts and smaller items in connection with the Department. The stock keeper would be probably the service man who will handle all complaints and follow them up to make sure that the work is done.

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Next to the stock room would be a small machine and blacksmith shop, also the garage. This arrangement will make it convenient for the meter shop and machine shop to get tools, parts, etc., from the stock room.

The remainder of the space in the larger section will be for storage of our trucks and sundry equipment, such as pumps, compressors, etc...

The next section on the ground floor, which is now occupied by the City store keeper, would be used as a central heating plant, which would take care of the whole building. We would require a new chimney on the south side of the building.

Upstairs, above the present store keepers office we would propose to use for a rest room for the men, with lockers, toilets, etc..

The whole building should be sprinkler protected as there is much valuable equipment and many records which should be protected, and the money spent on this will be returned to you in the saving in insurance.

We have already started to clean up the yard, and feel that there should be wire fence surrounding the whole property and also separating the Water Department from the Works Department, which will make the site much more attractive, and if the yard is kept in good condition should look much better than the present wooden fence.

We also propose to have a few flowers in front of the building on Summer Street, and possibly along the west side of the yard, which can be looked after by the watchmen, and which will make an attractive frontage opposite Camp Hill Hospital.

The roof of the present building has settled considerably and there are several other problems which need careful consideration. Also, since we have not the necessary staff to do this work, we would suggest that an architect be employed to draw up preliminary plans and make an estimate of the cost.

Trusting that this meets with your approval,

Yours very truly,

H. W. L. Doane,

Manager.

Moved by Alderman Adams, 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.

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Moved by Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that Mr. C. A. Fowler be engaged as the architect. Motion passed.

COAL INQUIRY

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 was submitted from Mr. R. D. Howland, Secretary of the Royal Commission on Coal, advising that the Commission will be sitting in Halifax the last week in January or the first week in February next, and requesting that a brief be submitted to the Commission on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Your Committee recommends that a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and two Aldermen be appointed to consider this matter and report to the said Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor was authorized to appoint two Aldermen in this regard.

FIRE ALARM CONNECTION

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

November 30/44.

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

December 14, 1944.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, the City Electrician advised that he anticipates receipt of an application from the Military Authorities for service connection to the City's Fire Alarm System at the corner of West Young and Windsor Streets.

Your Committee recommends that the City Electrician be authorized to furnish such service connection under the usual conditions and that the regular service charge of thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) per year be paid in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

#### FIRE PUMPERS

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

November 30/44.

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 submitted a report in connection with the condition of Nos. 5 and 6 fire pumps, in which he states that these pumps are not fit for further service.

Your Committee recommends that the Fire Chief be authorized to call for tenders for two 750 gallon capacity pumps.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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ACCOUNT FOR SHIRTS

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

November 30/44.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date, an account of the T. Easton Co., Maritimes Limited, amounting to \$825.00 for 300 grey Military style shirts 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 Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

EXPENSES DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

December 5, 1944.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on November 30/44, the Chief of Police reported that as authorized by the Safety Committee, Deputy Chief George Fox had gone to Toronto for the purpose of obtaining information with reference to the Mounted Squad in that City, and he had incurred expenses to the amount of \$200.00.

Confirmation of the Committee's action in this case is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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



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TENDERS FOR BUTTER & EGGS

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

December 7/44.

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, tenders for the supply of eggs and butter to civic institutions were received from the following:

Eggs:	<u>1 month</u>	<u>3 months</u>	<u>6 months</u>
R. B. Colwell Ltd.	.44	.43	.43
Swift Canadian Co., Ltd.	.48	.49	

  

Butter:	<u>1 month</u>	<u>3 months</u>	<u>6 months</u>
R. B. Colwell Ltd.	.39	.39 $\frac{1}{2}$	.39
Swift Canadian Co., Ltd.	.38 $\frac{1}{2}$	.38 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Your Committee recommends that the tender of R. B. Colwell Ltd., for eggs be approved for a three months period, and that the tender of Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. for butter be approved for a three months period.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR MEATS

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

December 7/44.

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, a letter from

December 14, 1944.

J. A. Leaman & Co., Ltd., offering to continue their present meat contract with the City for a further period of three months was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the contract be renewed for a period of one month.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

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

December 7/44.

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, an account from J. & M. Murphy Ltd., amounting to \$1,023.47 for drygoods, etc., supplied to the City Home, was approved and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ESTATE OF A. P. WHITE

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

December 7/44.

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

Gentlemen:-

December 14, 1944.

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the City Solicitor regarding the estate of A. P. White and Mrs. Mary Stoneman, was considered.

Mrs. Mary Stoneman, who is an inmate of the City Home, is entitled to approximately \$613.00 as an heir of her brother's estate which is being administered in Montana, U. S. A., and at a meeting of the City Council held on June 15, 1944, a resolution was adopted directing that \$100.00 of this amount should be applied for the purpose of purchasing personal comforts for Mrs. Mary Stoneman, and the balance applied on the maintenance account of Mrs. Stoneman at the City Home.

Your Committee now recommends that an additional sum of \$100.00 be retained for burial expenses of Mrs. Stoneman and that Mr. Ettinger be appointed as guardian for Mrs. Stoneman with the City as surety on his bond.

Your Committee further recommends that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare legislation similar to that contained in the Nova Scotia Hospital Act regarding the appointment of guardians.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

December 2, 1944.

J. E. Lloyd, Esq.,  
Mayor and Chairman of the  
Committee on Public Health & Welfare.

Dear Sir:-

The above woman was admitted to the Nova Scotia Hospital on January 25, 1930, and later transferred to the City Home on March 31, 1932. Her maintenance is being paid for by the City of Halifax and up to August 31, 1944, the account is approximately \$4,969.27. She is entitled to approximately \$613.00 as an heir of her brother's estate, which is being administered in Montana, U. S. A. The Probate Judge thereof, however, requires that a guardian be appointed for Mrs. Stoneman before paying over the money. I am therefore suggesting that Mr. A. E. Ettinger be appointed as guardian.

On June 15, 1944, the City Council passed a motion that out of this money \$100.00 should be applied for the purpose of purchasing personal comforts for Mrs. Stoneman and the balance be applied on the maintenance account of Mrs. Stoneman at the City Home. Mr. Ettinger has also suggested that an additional \$100.00 be retained for burial expenses of Mrs. Stoneman.

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Mr. Ettinger will be obliged to give a bond with sureties to be approved by the Court. I think that the Court will accept his bond with the City as surety.

Incidentally I would like to bring to your attention the provisions of the Nova Scotia Hospital Act. In such a case as the above the Minister of Health has power to appoint a guardian if none has been previously appointed. This saves expense and simplifies matters considerably.

Possibly an effort should be made to secure the same procedure for inmates of the City Home.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE.,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per: T. C. Doyle.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be approved and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the bond. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION ALDERMAN BATSON RE VOTING

This matter was deferred for another month.

QUESTIONS

Aldermen Hosterman stated that in Upper Canadian Cities cards are on display in Hotels, Railway Stations and Bus Terminals advising people to stay away from Halifax. He felt this is not necessary now and is unfair to the business houses of this City.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this matter be brought to the attention of Mr. E. L. Cousins. Motion passed.

Aldermen Breen asked Mr. MacKinnon if the snow loader was here as yet to which Mr. MacKinnon replied that it would not be here until around January 15, 1945.

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Alderman Adams speaking in regard to the floods on Water Street the other week due to heavy rains asked Mr. MacKinnon if anything could be done.

Mr. MacKinnon replied that he would take this matter to the Committee on Works.

Alderman Breen asked His Worship the Mayor if a meeting of the Special Committee on Taxation and Assessments could be held after the first of the year.

His Worship the Mayor replied that he had this in mind.

Alderman Burgess stated that the program contemplated by the Recreation Committee would deplete their appropriation by about \$1500.00 and asked if it were possible to secure this amount.

It was agreed to introduce the following resolution.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that an amount of \$1,500.00 be included in the Works Department Estimates for the ensuing year and that such amount be included in the budget for next year. Motion passed unanimously.

LETTER FROM MRS. GODDARD

The City Clerk read the following letter:

21 Norfolk St.,  
Needham, Mass.,  
U. S. A.,  
Dec. 6, 1944.

To the Honorable Mayor,  
City of Halifax,  
Nova Scotia, Canada.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am addressing this letter to you as the official representative of the people of my home city to convey to all concerned my appreciation for their

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contribution to the construction and dedication of the Louis Goddard Playground in honor of my son, who was killed in the First World War while serving with the 25th Battalion.

I regret exceedingly that I could not be present at the dedication exercises and I also regret that I cannot see and thank personally every one of those who worked to bring about the establishment of this memorial. I know that you had a part in this yourself and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I wish that, on my behalf, you would also express my gratitude to Mr. Ahern, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Studley, Major Bennett, the members of the Recreational Committee, and any others by whose efforts this lasting monument to my son has been given to the people of Halifax. I know that Louis would have preferred this type of memorial above everything.

If my eighty years will permit perhaps I will one of these days be able to see for myself what you good people have done and to thank some of you in person. Should I not have that good fortune please accept for all concerned these written thanks, which include as well the everlasting gratitude of all the Goddard family.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. J. Goddard

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the letter be included in the minutes of this meeting and the City Clerk requested to acknowledge same. Motion passed.

#### REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

The City Clerk read the following letter, -

December 14, 1944.

City Clerk,  
City of Halifax,  
CITY HALL.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Halifax Citizens Rehabilitation Committee held December 13th, 1944, Mayor Lloyd informed the Committee that The Navy League of Canada, through Mr. D. H. Gibson, has offered to donate \$1,000.00.

On motion, it was resolved to accept this generous offer, and that the Secretary write informing them of our acceptance, and expressing thanks.

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This money will be used for special purposes at the discretion of the Committee.

Yours very truly,

A. F. Hagell,  
SECRETARY....

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that this Council express appreciation for this contribution. Motion passed.

BUSSES, SHELTERS AND COMFORT STATIONS...

Read letter from the Halifax District Trades and Labour Council as follows:

December 14, 1944.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Trades and Labour Council held Wednesday, December 13th, a letter from His Worship the Mayor in reference to busses, shelters, and comfort stations was read, and on discussion it was felt that a hearing should be held with the civic authorities, the tramway officials, and the committee from the Council.

It was also suggested that, in view of the proposed horse racing which is to be conducted on the Commons, and which organized labour approves one hundred per cent with the Council in granting the horsemen permission to hold these meets, it was suggested that probably this would be a good place to start providing at least comfort stations.

Trusting that you will give this matter the consideration that we believe it deserves, on behalf of the Council, I remain.

Respectfully yours,

James M. Cody,  
General Secretary.

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

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL LAW OFFICERS

His Worship the Mayor stated that the City Solicitor had reported on his recent trip to Cleveland, Ohio, and copies of the report were placed on the Aldermen's desks.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this Council express thanks to the Solicitor for the report and that same be filed with the minutes. Motion passed.

SIGN ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 2nd, 1944, on an application from the Board of Managers of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Grafton Street, requesting permission to erect a sign on Spring Garden Road similar to the one put up by All Saints Cathedral on Spring Garden Road.

On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Breen, the said report in which the Commissioner recommended that this permit be granted, was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

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.

SIGN MITCHELL FUR COMPANY

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council.



OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

Halifax, N. S.

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His Worship The Mayor  
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I have just returned from the Annual Conference of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers of the United States which was held in Cleveland, Ohio, and which once again I have found to be most interesting and instructive.

Unlike the two previous years, when I was the only Canadian Municipal Solicitor present, this year, at the request of the Institute, I invited a number of Canadian Municipal Solicitors to attend, with the result that the Canadian delegation numbered six. In addition to myself, the chief city solicitor and corporation counsel of the cities of Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and Winnipeg were present. It was my privilege to introduce them to the members of the Institute at the opening session. They were unanimous in their opinions that the Institute performs a most useful purpose.

For your information I attach hereto a copy of the programme and you will observe the scope and variety of the matters considered and discussed. All of the papers submitted showed careful preparation and the manner in which they were presented was most illuminating.

There were about three hundred to four hundred municipal solicitors present.

As in previous years, I was invited to prepare and submit a paper. This year I chose the technical subject "Taxation of the Crown in Canada", which is not only a very live subject in the United States, where the problem is most acute, but since Halifax is now face to face with the legal aspect of the problem, the research necessary to prepare for this paper will be of value in our C.N.R. taxation litigation.

A most interesting paper was submitted by a Committee of the Institute, headed by Charles B. Forsythe, Corporation Counsel of Rochester, New York, on "Municipal Revenue from Federally-owned property", in which are referred to many decisions of United States Courts and which references are useful to us.

I found that I had introduced a most provocative subject with the result that I had many discussions with various groups of lawyers present. My use of the maxim "The King can do no wrong", apparently intrigued them.

I have secured copies of most, if not all, of the papers submitted and have them here available for inspection if you are interested.

While enroute to Cleveland I was surprised to receive word from the executive director of the Institute that a special luncheon had been arranged, which had not been originally contemplated, and requesting me to deliver a special address thereon on some Canadian subject. I endeavoured to discharge this obligation and gave an outline of

the plans of the Government of Canada for disposing of surplus war assets. I also gave a brief sketch of the constitution, history of Canada, its Constitution, methods of government, the allocation of the powers of Government in Canada and the Canadian system of administering justice.

Since the members of the Bar of Cleveland were present at this luncheon and several members of the Judiciary, as well as the members of the Institute, I was surprised at the cordial and enthusiastic manner in which my remarks were received, particularly in view of the short time available to me for the preparation of this address.

It may be of interest to you to know that the Chairman of this luncheon was Thomas J. Burke Jr., Director of Law of Cleveland, who on January 4th will, under the provisions of the City Charter of Cleveland, become the acting Mayor of that City due to a vacancy occurring in that office - the Mayor, Hon. Frank J. Lausche, having been elected Governor of the State of Ohio. The Director of Law of Cleveland is an elective official, in the same manner as mayor and aldermen, and he heads the City's legal department.

In addition to the Canadian Municipal Lawyers, the Institute had as its guest the Corporation Counsel of Havana, Cuba, Dr. Carlos Moran. I had the pleasure of seeing a great deal of Dr. Moran and found him to be a most delightful and interesting person.

I would like to express here my appreciation of the Institute and its work. On each of the three occasions I have been most cordially received and made to feel at home. Since my first visit to them in New York in December 1942, I have received, without charge, all of their publications which are most helpful and instructive. If any members of the Council would care to examine them they are, of course, available.

I would like in closing to express to the City Council my sincere thanks for enabling me to attend this meeting of Municipal Law Officers. This is the third time you have so generously done so and I hope that some beneficial results will accrue to the City - not only through an increase in my own personal experience and knowledge but also by such publicity as I have been able to give on behalf of our City.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carl P. Bethune*  
CARL P. BETHUNE  
CITY SOLICITOR.

CPB/EHJ

December 14, 1944.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 2nd, 1944, on an application for a permit to erect an electric sign over the entrance to the Mitchell Fur Company #28-30 Blowers Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

STREET LIGHTING WINDSOR STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant, approved and recommended to Council for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 8th 1944, and entitled, "Street Lighting Windsor Street, between Almon and West Young Streets."

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 8, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with the request of the Board of Works for better lighting on Windsor Street in the vicinity of the Forum, an estimate has been prepared by the City Electrician, copy of which is attached.

December 14, 1944.

The estimated cost is as follows:

Installation Cost - Approximately - \$ 135.00  
Increased maintenance per yr. approx. - 128.63

It is recommended that the lighting be improved on Windsor St. between Almon and West Young Streets.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

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

STREET LIGHTING MUMFORD ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, on motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Breen, approved and recommended to Council for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 5th, 1944, in which he recommends the installation of six street lights on Mumford Road between Dutch Village Road and the Railway Bridge; in accordance with a report from the City Electrician dated December 4th, 1944, in regard thereto, and which is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 5, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

A petition has been received from residents of Mumford Road between Dutch Village Road and the Railway Bridge, requesting that lights be installed in this locality.

Cost of installation	\$186.00
Maintenance for bal. of year	6.00
Yearly Maintenance	120.00

December 14, 1944.

I would recommend that six lights be installed in this location on Mumford Road.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

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

STREET LIGHTING WAEGWOLTIC AVE., ALBERT & BEECH STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 2nd, 1944, and entitled "Application - Street Lighting" concerning a recommendation from the City Electrician as referred to in the said report and as attached hereto, for the installation of street lighting on Waegwoltic Avenue, Albert Street and Beech Street.

On motion of Aldermen Ahern, seconded by Aldermen Breen, the said report of the Commissioner was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Submitted herewith is a subsequent report from the Commissioner of Works advising that the reference to "Jubilee Road," in his report of the 2nd instant was a stenographic error and was intended to be "Beech Street." In that subsequent report the Commissioner asks that his report dated December 2nd be amended so as to conform with the said attached recommendation from the City Electrician, in which is recommended the installation of street lighting on Waegwoltic Avenue, Albert Street and Beech Street, between Geldert Street and Jubilee Road.

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 14, 1944.

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

December 14, 1944.

Sirs:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held December 5th, 1944, recommendations were made for the installation of street lights at several locations.

Through a stenographical error one of the proposed installations was recommended for Jubilee Road, which should have read Beech Street, between Geldert Street and Jubilee Road. This is in accordance with a report as submitted by the City Electrician, G. H. Durling.

I would therefore ask that my original report be amended to conform with the report of the City Electrician.

Yours respectfully,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

#### LIGHTING GRAFTON ST.

Alderman Batson asked His Worship the Mayor if something could be done to improve the lights at Grafton Park to which His Worship the Mayor replied that Alderman Batson should contact Mr. Durling on the matter.

#### CONTRACTS FOR TRENCHING

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 2nd, 1944, entitled "Trenching - Various Streets in the City of Halifax."

On motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern, the Committee recommended to the City Council that in order to expedite such City work, contracts be awarded to each of the two tenderers,

December 14, 1944.

R. S. Allen and the Standard Paving Maritime Limited for execution of such work as may be allocated by the Commissioner of Works in his discretion as to which of the two can execute the work more promptly, at the time it is desired, and that the price relative to each contract be in accordance respectively with the tenders referred to in the report of the Commissioner of Works thereon under date of October 3rd, 1944, and submitted herewith.

Attached also is the file of the Commissioner of Works on this matter, including the tenders, specifications, correspondence and reports in connection therewith.

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 unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

OFFER FOR GASOLINE ROLLER.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 2nd, 1944, recommending acceptance of an offer from R. S. Allen, for the gasoline roller which has been idle at the City Field during the past ten years.

The Commissioner reported verbally that the amount offered by Mr. Allen was \$300.00.

On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, the Committee recommended to Council that the said offer be accepted, Alderman Walker voting against.

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 14, 1944.

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

Alderman Walker stated that this roller would be in good shape if the City spent a few dollars on it and that it was capable of going a whole day on ten gallons of gas. He felt that more could be realized by calling for tenders for the sale of it.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Batson that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration and that tenders be called for the disposal of the roller.

The amendment was put and passed with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Alderman Batson  
Reardon  
Hosterman  
Coffin  
Doyle  
Walker  
Burgess  
Ahern

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AGAINST IT:

Alderman Breen  
Adams  
DeWolf

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ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at meetings held on the 5th and 8th instants respectively, considered reports of the Commissioner of Works as follows:

Report dated December 4, 1944 recommending payment of \$720.00 to Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow Ltd., for two tons of broom fibre for the street sweeper, chargeable against Cleaning Paved Streets account.



December 14, 1944.

Report dated December 8, 1944, recommending payment to Crane Ltd., of \$2,194.56 for lead pipe, chargeable against Water Construction account.

The Committee recommended to Council that the accounts referred to in the said reports be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

PAYMENT TILE FLOOR CITY HALL

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated December 4, 1944, in which the Commissioner recommends payment to the Maritime Tile Co., of \$3,933.92 in full payment for tile floors and work incidental thereto in the City Hall.

On motion of Alderman DeWolf seconded by Alderman Walker the Committee recommended to Council that the said account be paid.

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 unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

December 14, 1944.

FINAL CERTIFICATE HUBLEY'S

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14/44.

City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant considered the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works dated December 1, 1944, recommending payment to Hubley's of the sum of \$312.00 being the balance in full of their contract for the supply of sand and gravel for the Civic Year 1944-45.

On motion of Alderman Walker seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee recommended to Council that the said account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per: T. J. Moore.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE ALEXANDER MURRAY

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant, considered the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works, dated December 1, 1944, recommending payment to Alexander Murray Co. Ltd., of the sum of \$1,607.45, being the balance in full on their contract for the supply of road oils for the Civic Year 1944-45.

On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee recommended to Council that the said account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Per: T. J. Moore.

December 14, 1944.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE STANDARD PAVING

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant, considered the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works, dated December 11, 1944 recommending payment to the Standard Paving Maritime Ltd., of the sum of \$7,637.79 being the balance in full on their contract for paving repairs on various streets in the City.

On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker the Committee recommended to Council that the said account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Per: T. J. Moore.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE STANDARD PAVING

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant, considered the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works dated December 4, 1944, recommending payment to the Standard Paving Maritime Ltd., of the sum of \$2,150.15 being the balance in full on their contract for resurfacing on various streets in the City.

On motion of Aldermen Breen, seconded by Alderman DeWolf the Committee recommended to Council that the said account be paid.

December 14, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Per: T. J. Moore.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE MUNICIPAL SPRAYING & CONTRACTING LTD.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant considered the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works, dated December 1, 1944, recommending payment to the Municipal Spraying and Contracting Ltd., of the sum of \$728.63 being the balance in full on their contract for hauling and applying road oil.

On motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee recommended to Council that the said account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,

Per: T. J. Moore.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE FAIRVIEW CRUSHED STONE....

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

City Council,

Gentlemen:

December 14, 1944.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant considered the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works dated December 1, 1944, recommending payment, to the Fairview Crushed Stone Co. of the sum of \$3,465.04, being the balance in full on their contract for the supply of crushed stone for the Civic Year 1944-45.

On motion of Aldermen Breen, seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee recommended to Council that the said account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

PROPOSED GRANT WIDOW OF DECEASED EMPLOYEE.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant considered the attached extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on November 16, 1944, concerning a grant to the family of a deceased civic employee.

On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker the Committee recommended to Council that as the City is now considering Superannuation and Death Benefits for civic employees, and their dependents, which plans have not been finalized at present, legislation be sought to enable the City to grant to the Widow of the late Ewen Morrison a sum equal to three times the amount of the monthly salary formerly paid to the late Mr. Morrison, who until his death recently was a foreman in the City of Halifax Water Department.

On motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Breen the Committee further directed that the Asst. Solicitor be asked to submit to Council with the former recommendation, a statement as to whether the seeking of legislation is the only procedure to follow in regard to the proposed grant, and also for his opinion as to what precedence this might have for future and former cases similar thereto.

December 14, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 14, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 8th, the Committee decided to pay the widow of the above named deceased three month salary. The matter was referred to me to determine whether this could be done without securing legislation.

The only provision I find in the Charter is section 125 which gives the City authority to pay the salary or monthly wages of such an employee up to the end of the month in which he dies. However, I am informed that this man has been in the employ of the City for over 30 years but has never paid into the Superannuation Fund. It will, therefore, be necessary to secure legislation in order to pay his widow this three months salary.

Insofar as precedents are concerned I have been informed on enquiry that this is the first time that such a move has been made. Accordingly it opens up the prospect that at some later date similar applications may be made. Legislation, of course, will limit the payment to the widow of Ewen Morrison and will not be a general authority to pay any other claim of this nature.

Yours very truly,

CARL. P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

Alderman Walker brought to the attention of Council another case of this kind and was advised by His Worship the Mayor to take it to the Committee on Works.

REDUCTION IN WATER ACCOUNT

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14, 1944.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 8th instant, approved and recommended to Council for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 4th, 1944, on an application of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd, for a reduction in the water consumption from June 12th to October 16th, 1944 relative to Account 41418 - Quinpool Road.

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 4, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I beg to report on the application of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd for a reduction in the water consumption from June 12th to October 16th, 1944, which is 2,399,700 gallons.

A leak developed in the main pipe between the sidewalk and the property of the Monastery, which has been repaired by the City at the expense of the owners.

The record of consumption for the above period is as follows:

June 10	- - - - -	New meter at zero
" 12	- - - - -	19,000
July	-- -- --	-----
Aug.	-- -- --	-----
Sept.	-- -- --	-----
Oct. 16	- - - - -	2,380,700 leak.

As the leak was underground and was repaired as soon as detected, the owners not being negligent in the use of the water, I would recommend that the consumption be taken on the basis of the average consumption for a month following repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

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

December 14, 1944.

RESIGNATION ALDERMAN HOSTERMAN CITIZENS REHABILITATION  
COMMITTEE.....

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that he had received a letter from Alderman Hosterman advising that due to pressure of business he would be unable to serve on the Citizens' Rehabilitation Committee.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Alderman if he would reconsider to which he replied in the negative.

His Worship the Mayor then named Alderman Walker to the Citizens' Rehabilitation Committee in place of Aldermen Hosterman.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS N.S.L. & P. CO., LTD.

Read letter from the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association as follows:

75 Macara Street,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
December 1st, 1944.

Mayor John E. Lloyd,  
City of Halifax,  
Halifax City Hall.

Your Worship:-

This association has instructed me to write the Halifax City Council through you asking the Council to request the Governor-in-Council to appoint a representative of the citizens of Halifax at large to the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited.

It was represented at our meeting by Ex-Alderman E. F. Hubley, who sat in Council when the St. Margaret's Bay Power Development arrangement was made with the company, that there is legislation authorizing this step.

Our Association is unanimous in its stand that advantage should be taken of this provision for the protection of citizens who depend on the company's services.



December 14, 1944.

I am further instructed to ask you if the county authorities have contributed anything to the cost or installation or maintenance on the lights on the Dutch Village Road or if they intend to do so.

Sincerely yours,  
Michael A. Ryan,  
SECRETARY..

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report to the next meeting of Council. Motion passed.

LETTER CANADIAN LEGION WAR SERVICES INCORPORATED RE:  
REMISSION OF TAXES....

November 30, 1944.

Mr. A. T. E. Crosby,  
City Collector,  
HALIFAX, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Your Communication dated the 27th instant together with cheque amounting to \$465.94 has been received at this Headquarters with thanks.

It is requested that you will convey to the City Council the appreciation and thanks of the President and Directors of the Canadian Legion War Services in remitting the taxes assessed against our property at 65 Hollis Street, Halifax.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Phillips,  
Chief Accountant.

FILED

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS

AS AT NOVEMBER 30th, 1944

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:-

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

	AVAILABLE BALANCE	ESTIMATED BALANCE	UNDER EXPENDED	OVER EXPENDED
City Home Maintenance	\$18,250.65	\$22,143.50		\$3,892.85
City Home Salaries	19,938.44	18,102.06	\$1,836.38	
Fleming Park	1,627.47	1,500.00	127.47	
Public Gardens	7,588.20	6,000.00	1,588.20	
T. B. Hospital Maintenance	19,206.47	13,362.38	5,844.09	
T. B. Hospital Salaries	12,164.32	11,374.21	790.11	
Inf. D. Hospital Maintenance	11,588.65	7,458.00	4,100.65	
Inf. D. Hospital Salaries	4,399.95	5,224.17		824.22
Public Health & Welfare Main.	1,306.22	1,049.90	256.32	
Public Health & Welfare Salaries	8,259.22	9,051.69		792.47
Police Department Maintenance	4,064.78	7,453.79		3,389.01
Police Department Salaries	95,795.26	82,526.65	13,268.61	
City Prison Maintenance	5,536.65	5,503.33	1,033.32	
City Prison Salaries	8,034.15	8,005.81	28.34	
Works Department	144,503.35	137,150.00	7,353.35	
Fire Department Maintenance	13,627.27	11,885.05	1,742.22	
Fire Department Salaries	100,466.99	99,400.00	1,066.99	
Fire Alarm Telegraph Service	1,106.04	1,195.35		89.31
Fire Alarm Salaries	4,205.75	3,383.45	822.30	
Printing & Stationery	3,550.41	3,600.00		49.59
Library Maintenance	671.12	1,000.00		328.88
Library Salaries	1,615.07	1,590.00	25.07	
Co-Operative Health Maintenance	4,166.35	2,872.94	1,293.41	
Co-Operative Health Salaries	25,730.70	21,735.35	3,995.35	
	\$518,373.48	482,567.63	45,172.18	9,366.33
		35,805.85		35,805.85
	\$518,373.48	518,373.48	45,172.18	45,172.18

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BELLEW,  
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

December 14, 1944.

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944

Civic Year	Reserves	Outstanding Balance Oct. 31/44.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	November Collec- tions.	Outstanding Balances Nov. 31/44.
1942-43	\$70,477.15	\$ 85,607.62		\$ 7,917.41	\$ 77,690.21
1943-44	72,470.63	164,915.28		11,122.20	153,793.08
1944-45	28,894.94	443,196.35		54,863.55	388,332.80
Water Rates		155,912.27	\$ 16,494.88	10,573.02	161,834.13
		849,631.52	16,494.88	84,476.18	781,650.22
<u>Poll Taxes</u>					
1943-44		35,661.90		539.84	35,122.06
1944-45		46,397.90		17,110.70	29,287.20
Additional Collections				<u>1944-45</u>	<u>1943-44</u>
Tax Arrears 1925-26 to 1941-42 Corresponding Period Last Year				7,860.16	3,954.33
Collections as per Statement above Corresponding Period Last Year				84,476.18	56,516.64
				<u>92,336.34</u>	<u>60,470.97</u>
Collection of Poll Tax May 1st, 1944 to November 30, 1944 Corresponding Period Last Year				47,997.36	37,970.58

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BELLEW,  
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT...

FILED

December 14, 1944.

WATER SERVICE IRVING OIL CO.LTD

Read report of the Commissioner of Works as follows:

December 13, 1944.

His Worship, the Mayor,

Sir:-

An application has been received from the Irving Oil Company Limited for permission to take a water connection off the Canadian National Railway water service which extends from the Round House to the Lighterage Piers.

A similar permit was granted to the Provincial Highway Department in 1943.

It is recommended that the permit be granted and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on approval of the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works..

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

WATER MAIN - THORNVALE AVE.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

December 14th, 1944.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 5th instant, Messrs. D. C. Purdy, Wm. Webster, G. G. Short, and A. Johnson, residents of Thornvale Avenue were present, relative to a request that the City install a water main to replace the existing water main on Thornvale Avenue.

Assistant Solicitor Doyle informed the Committee that Thornvale Avenue is -

- (A) A private road
- (B) Is not 60 feet wide, and
- (C) That the City could not accept it as a street unless authorized to do so by special legislation.

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- (D) That the approval of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities would be required before the City could lay a water main at the City's expense on a private road.
- (E) The present owners of property abutting on Thornvale Avenue have a Right-of-Way only over the road

Mr. Clyde Sperry, Solicitor, informed the Committee that he represents Mrs. J. McG. Stewart, Mr. C. V. Cooke, and the Eastern Trust Company, owners of four of the five properties on the west side of the said private road, and that his clients have no objection to the City laying a water main in the said road, but that they would object to the said road becoming a Public highway.

The Chairman informed those present that two courses are open to the owners of properties abutting on the said road -

1. To ask the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities if the City could lay a water main at the City's expense on the said private road;
2. To seek Legislation to permit the City to accept the said road as a City Street with good title thereto.

The attached letters from the City Solicitor to His Worship the Mayor under dates of November 3rd and November 7th 1944, concerning this matter were submitted.

Following discussion, the Committee on motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Breen directed that the Solicitor be instructed to place the matter before the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for decision and to advise the abutters concerned of the time the hearing is to be held.

Assistant Solicitor Doyle has reported that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities has arranged to hold the said hearing on Tuesday December 19th, 1944, at 2:30 P. M., and the property owners concerned have been so notified.

City Solicitor Bethune has subsequently advised that this matter be reported to City Council for its information with a request that Council be asked to approve of the application by the City for the said hearing if Council so desires.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

Per: T. J. Moore.

December 14, 1944.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Adams that Council approve of the application being made to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor addressed the Council as follows:

"I would like to say a few words at this time to extend to you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that the New Year will be one of peace. The past year I look upon as a year of action by the City Council. I am sure that if the year 1945 is characterized by the same spirit, we will be most grateful and the tax payers will see the results of your efforts. I extend the sincerest, warmest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to add a word of greeting to Alderman Doyle who has been absent through illness, that we are glad to have him back with us."

Alderman Ahern, on behalf of the Council, reciprocated His Worship the Mayor's wishes.

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

Meeting adjourned.

11.30 P. M.

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