



EVENING SESSION

City Hall,  
Council Chamber,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1945,  
8.00 P. M.

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

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

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

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

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

ACCOUNTS

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

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee amounting to \$9,337.21; the Committee on Safety

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amounting to \$1,207.30 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$20,550.42 chargeable to Fire Department and \$16,799.20 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$25,131.40 chargeable to Health Department; \$7,827.99 chargeable to City Home and \$2,389.45 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$20,122.26 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

CANADIAN LIQUID AIR COMPANY LTD. PLANT

Read letter from Mr. S. Hubley as follows:

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His Worship the Mayor, Chairman,  
and Members of Safety Committee,  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:

Having resided for the past thirty years in the very near vicinity of the Canadian Liquid Air Co. Ltd. Plant situated on the corner of Agricola and Kane Streets, I beg to complain bitterly of the very grave danger to life and property existing there, not only to the immediate neighborhood but to the North End as a whole.

In reviewing the Plant's operation since its erection, there have been numerous explosions and fires which have proved fatal to either two or three male employees. Three or four additions have been made to the building, also a single wooden building has been erected at the rear of the Plant. To my knowledge the community or nearby residents have never been consulted publicly as to the enlarging of the Plant. They feel quite sure had these measures been taken the whole community would have signed against such a move.

For some years the City sewerage on Kane Street and vicinity has been partially clogged as a result of this Carbide waste material collecting in the sewer, necessitating city workmen clearing it from time to time. On one occasion the sewerage became completely clogged resulting in carbide backing up and flooding a number of cellars on Kane Street. Another time a very young child had the misfortune to tumble into a concrete pit situated at that time in the yard at the rear of the building. This pit contained this carbide and as a result the child's eye-sight was greatly impaired by the lime-like material.

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Lastly there was the recent explosion and fire when I, along with a large number of other citizens, was almost thrown out of bed. We have experienced numerous explosions and fires, and have had our homes and buildings rocked and shaken by the operation of this dangerous plant.

I urgently suggest that the Civic authorities and citizens have this great explosive danger removed to some isolated spot so as to safeguard life and property and to eliminate a great danger that may cause death and destruction to the North End of your City.

Yours respectfully,

Sherman. M. Hubley.

It was moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that Mr. Hubley be heard. Motion passed.

Mr. Hubley addressed the Council as follows:

"Speaking for my own place, the plaster in our house was cracked in two or three rooms as a result of the jar of this explosion. I fully realize this is a war plant but previous to the war there were explosions anyway. I feel that there are some of my colleagues who will take you up and show you the damage done. The people on the outside would not know anything about explosions inside the building. I remember when an explosion caused windows to be blown out."

Mr. Mussett then submitted and read the following letter:

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Gentlemen:

It may be of interest to you to learn that the explosion which took place on Wednesday morning, February 7th., in the Acetylene Department of the Canadian Liquid Air Company, was the first and only explosion that we have experienced in this Department in the 27 years since we started operating at our present location.

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From time to time we have had some blow-outs in our Oxygen Department, but in most cases these have been of a minor nature, only damaging a little equipment in the plant. Even the one or two bad explosions which have taken place in the Oxygen Department during the past 27 years have been in the lower half of the Oxygen Column, which, for safety purposes, is placed in a deep pit. Therefore, such explosions do not constitute any danger whatsoever to outside buildings or residences in the neighborhood. In fact, even the explosion which took place in the Acetylene Department did not cause any damage to buildings other than the Acetylene building itself.

Everything is being done to avoid such mishaps and we feel that we have succeeded in eliminating the danger to our equipment in the Oxygen Department and that a modified procedure which we are now adopting in our Acetylene Department will definitely prevent a recurrence of an explosion such as took place on Wednesday, February 7th.

It may not be generally known that the Canadian Liquid Air Company manufacturing plant in Halifax is carrying on an industry which is vital to the war effort and, in consequence, it has been necessary for our staffs to work almost continuously for the past five years 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our products are of such an important nature that if we were to cease production practically every war industry in the Maritime Provinces would be very seriously affected and, in fact, would find it difficult to carry on without the Oxygen and Acetylene that we provide.

The publicity given recently to the mishap in our Acetylene Department, has, I feel, caused quite undue alarm and has created the impression that the Canadian Liquid Air Company Limited Plant constitutes a menace to the residences in the neighborhood. I can state quite definitely that our Plant is not a potential source of danger and as everyone knows, any of the mishaps experienced in the past have never damaged any buildings in the vicinity.

In conclusion, our Acetylene Department was again in full production by the afternoon of Tuesday, February 13th.

H. S. Mussett, Branch Manager,  
Canadian Liquid Air Co., Ltd..

Mr. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works, stated that there are Ordinances in a few Canadian Cities that say that buildings of that nature should be isolated and ventilated. We have nothing here tonight to deal with this matter.

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His Worship the Mayor stated that there are other cities that do provide a prohibition that this type of building is to be separated from other buildings.

Alderman Hosterman stated that this is a very serious matter from the point of view of the Company. He stated that this matter should be sent back to the Board of Works to be studied together with the assistance of the City Solicitor and then report back to Council at a special meeting. "I don't see how we can do it justice tonight. I think it is rather premature."

Alderman Ahern stated that this building happened to be in the Ward which both he and Alderman Burgess represent. He said that after the Halifax Explosion the North End people were assured that measures would be taken not to have this happen again. He said he would like to have an investigation under oath and witnesses subpoenaed. He said he would not like to be living near that place himself. If we are to sacrifice one building for the lives of 60 people, I agree with it.

Alderman Burgess stated he felt the same as Alderman Ahern. He said he was interested in business and that we wouldn't have to sacrifice this business but would be able to make an exchange by putting this firm on some other location such as near the dumps. I don't feel that we should drive them out. All we want to do is to take care of the residents of the area. I would like to know if the residents had been given permits to erect their buildings.

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His Worship the Mayor stated he felt that this matter should come to the Council tonight. I have to have a meeting of the Special Tax Committee suggested by Aldermen Breen and if you are planning any action on this matter you may need legislation to have a full inquiry but it may take a little time. If you are going to subpoena witnesses and put them under oath, this may be difficult.

It was then agreed to hear Mr. DeMone who remarked as follows:

"I live at 149 Kaye Street which runs back to the Liquid Air Plant. A previous explosion broke nine windows and damaged the foundation of my property. Mr. Hubley and myself got 101 names on the petition but we could have gotten 1,000."

His Worship the Mayor asked Mr. Mussett if his Company came under any regulations in other cities to which he replied he didn't think so.

His Worship the Mayor then asked if there were any buildings close to the plant when they originally built to which he replied in the negative but he would not swear to that.

The City Solicitor stated that the only inquiry that could be made would be along the lines to ascertain whether building permits were properly issued. The other authority, under section 136 of the City Charter, can be referred to the County Court Judge, for an investigation if the Council by a two thirds vote requests the County Court Judge to investigate. On that ground you could have a full dress investigation under oath.

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Alderman Ahern asked if it would be feasible to have an expert on explosives look over the plant.

It was then moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Coffin that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that Mr. W. A. Gates who was present in the Council Chamber, be heard. Motion passed.

Mr. Gates then addressed the Council as follows:

"Last summer I purchased a home for my daughter and it is situated across the street from the Liquid Air Plant. About a week or ten days ago a Policeman came to the door at 6.30 A. M. and told her to get her children on the street. I think the suggestion by His Worship the Mayor is good, to get legislation which you can use if you find you have to use it to remove such hazards. You should get legislation so that you could take care of such things. I think they are in the wrong situation. The plant has grown and the community has also become bigger. The peace of mind of the people living in that district has reached serious proportions. You only see a small delegation from the residents here tonight. The matter rests with this Council."

His Worship the Mayor stated that if you want to take immediate action, you could get permissive legislation.

He then asked Mr. Mussett if he held a permit from the City to manufacture his goods to which he replied that he didn't think so.



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His Worship the Mayor then said that we take it that there has been damage done to a certain extent and we also take cognizance of Mr. Mussett's statement.

Alderman Ahern stated that he didn't think Mr. Mussett would have any objections to an explosive expert enter the plant and look it over.

It was then moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the following clause be added to the motion "and that the Commissioner of Works be instructed to engage immediately an authority on explosives to examine the plant and make a report to the Committee on Works."

The motion with this addition was then put and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 40

His Worship the Mayor stated that there was a delegation present from the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council and asked if it were the wish of the Council to hear from them.

Read letter as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council held Wednesday, February 14, 1945, the matter of proposed legislation for the new personnel or grievance committee that has been before the Council, was under discussion.

There are several clauses in the proposed statute that this Council believes should be de-

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leted, and it was decided to send a representative from the Council seeking the privilege of presenting the case.

Mr. George A. Smith, President of the Trades and Labour Council has been selected. We feel that the opportunity and the courtesy will be extended him to express labour's views.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cody,  
General Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that Mr. G. A. Smith, President of the Trades and Labour Council be heard. Motion passed.

Mr. Smith addressed the Council as follows: "I regret to have to come here again with this matter regarding the Grievance Committee. Last year there was a resolution moved by Alderman Burgess, and seconded by Alderman Ahern and which he quoted. I do not agree with the last part of that resolution. We were of the opinion that everything had been adjusted. We are talking about Union Employees. Your workers in this City are organized almost 100%. There are one or two individuals who don't want to belong to the Union. We were assured by the resolution that when this Ordinance was drafted it would say Union employees."

Mr. Smith then read section #2 of the Ordinance and asked to have it deleted.

His Worship the Mayor then remarked to Mr. Smith that he wanted the word "union" employees and also that he didn't want any right of representation of non-organized employees on the Committee.

Mr. Smith said that we do maintain that the unions' representatives should be equal with the members of the

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City Council. The final decision must rest with the City Council. We are not taking the right away from the other employees but we don't want them to sit in with organized employees.

His Worship the Mayor then said that you want two things: (1) Equal representation with the City Council, 6 union employees and 6 Aldermen. (2) You don't want any other employee who is not a member of any union to sit on the Committee.

Alderman Coffin stated that the purpose of the Grievance Committee was to take care of all the employees. He didn't think we could refuse non-union members to sit on the Committee.

Alderman Batson stated that the matter of those people who were not members of unions having the same right as the members was passed last year.

His Worship the Mayor stated that that does not stop a union from making its representations to the Committee. This Committee is to make harmonious relationships between employer and employee. If there is a difference, then the Union can ask for bargaining rights to go to the City Council.

Mr. Smith contended that the non-union members cases should be dealt with separately.

His Worship the Mayor stated that you can change this if you want to.

Alderman Coffin suggested that it be sent back to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Mr. J. W. Stenhouse, the President of the Civic Employees Union, stated that the purpose of this meeting

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was the original legislation. During the course of legislation the word "union" was left out.

His Worship the Mayor then stated that you were assured that every effort would be made that the legislation would not prohibit the rights of unions.

The question was asked "Who changed the legislation before it went down to the Legislature."

The City Solicitor stated that there was no change in it and he resented the accusation.

Mr. Smith then stated that he was sent here to represent the unions. We want the union to deal with union problems.

His Worship the Mayor asked Mr. Smith if he were satisfied that no attempt was made to thwart the original legislation to which he replied that he didn't want to accuse anyone.

Mr. James Cody, Secretary of the Trades and Labour Council, stated that there are three unions recognized by this Council and it leaves only one body of men that are not recognized and that is the Police Department.

It was then moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report and that representatives of the unions be present when the matter is being considered. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS FIRE DEPT.

His Worship the Mayor stated that a letter from the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council submitting a resolution respecting civic appointments should be

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referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. James Cody stated that he had no objections to this.

The matter was then referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that in order to facilitate matters, reports be referred to by their respective titles only.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS

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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 Director of Civil Defence recommending for payment the following accounts, was considered.

Wilson & Cousins Ltd. ....	\$311.04
Gutta Percha & Rubber Ltd. ....	6.12
Eastern Machine Shop .....	162.00

Your Committee recommends that the accounts be approved for payment and the funds required for same borrowed as authorized by legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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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 following accounts were approved and recommended for payment:

Copeland - Chatterson Ltd. - - - - - \$217.08  
chargeable to printing and stationery.

Eastern Machine Shop - - - - - \$240.00  
chargeable to H. C. E. C.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending for payment accounts over \$500.00, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the report of the Committee on Works and approves of the borrowing of funds where necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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WATER ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - OVER \$500.00

Chairman and Members of the  
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 6th instant approved and recommended for payment the attached accounts as recommended in the following reports of the Commissioner of Works which are submitted herewith:-

Report dated January 9/1945, in which the Commissioner recommends payment to William Stairs Son and Morrow Ltd. of \$654.00 for one (1) 20" Dia. Standard Flanged Iron Body Bronze Mounted "Dominion" Tilting Disc. valve for use in connection with the Water Survey.

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Report dated January 9, 1945, in which the Commissioner recommends payment to William Stairs Son and Morrow Ltd. of \$8,315.00 for the purchase of two Automatic Vacuum Chlorinators, which the Engineering Service Company requested the City to order. This is one of the items included in the proposed borrowing of \$250,000.00 for the Water Department.

Report dated February 5, 1945, in which the Commissioner recommends payment to the Neptune Meter Company as follows:

WATER CONSTRUCTION:

Order No. 695 - Trident meters - \$1231.20

WATER SURVEY:

Order No. 1074 - Trident meters - \$1493.86

WATER MAINTENANCE:

Order No.	786	-	Trident meters & couplings	-	\$1253.76
"	"		"	"	2585.50
"	"		"	"	2462.40
"	"		"	"	2462.40

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

SALE OF LAND

February 9/1945.

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 that the following tenders be approved, -

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Robert W. Hudson, offering to pay the sum of \$250.00 for Lot #13, E/S Armdale Road.

R. H. Martell, offering to pay the sum of \$200.00 for Lot S/W Corner of Maynard and Ontario Streets.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover.,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Doyle wanted to know why the tender of Mr. Getley was not approved by the Finance and Executive Committee when other tenders were below the assessed value of the property.

Alderman Hosterman explained that Mr. Getley could not get a building permit for that particular piece of land because of the fact that it was not serviced by a sewer and the Health Board would not recommend the installation of a cesspool.

It was agreed to consider the tenders separately, after the mover and seconder agreed to withdraw.

ARMDALE ROAD:

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved and the lot sold to Mr. Robert W. Hudson. Motion passed.

LOT W/S MAYNARD & ONTARIO STS.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved and the lot sold to Mr. R. H. Martell.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Batson that this tender be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee.



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The amendment was put and lost.

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Doyle wishing to be recorded against.

LOTS #17 and #18 CHURCHILL DRIVE:

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a tender from Mrs. E. Essery offering to pay the sum of \$450.00 for lots #17 and #18 Churchill Drive which was deferred from the last regular meeting of this Committee in order that a Sub-committee may have an opportunity to view the property, was again considered.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be accepted, subject to the approval of the Sub-committee above referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Amendment put and passed.

TAG DAYS

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

Gentlemen:

At meetings of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 9 and 13, applications for permission to hold Tag Days were considered as follows:

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Interfaith Goodwill Aid to Britain Group -  
Saturday, May 5/1945.

Kiwanis Club of Halifax - Saturday May 19/1945.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind -  
Saturday, September 15/1945.

Kinsmen Club of Halifax - Saturday, September 29/45.

Your Committee recommends that these applications be approved with the understanding that tags will not be sold on the streets later than 6:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENTS ORDINANCE #8 2ND READING

February 9/1945.

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, amendments to Ordinance #8 Respecting the City Prison, which were read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council, were considered.

The City Solicitor suggested that the words "guards or other" be inserted between the words "between" and "officer", in the second line of Section 9; the words "guard or other" inserted between the words "of" and "officer" in the sixth line of Section 13 and between the words "such" and "officer" in the seventh line of Section 13.

Your Committee recommends that the amendments to ordinance #8, as now amended be read a second time and forwarded to the Governor in Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENTS

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

Ordinance No. 8 of the Ordinances of the City of Halifax is amended by adding thereto the following parts:

Part 2

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GUARDS AND OTHER OFFICERS.....

1. All officers of the Prison are required to yield the most strict, prompt and faithful obedience to the orders of the Governor of the Prison in the discharge of whatever duties may be assigned to them, and shall be liable to instant dismissal for any disobedience of same.
2. Guards and other officers are prohibited from selling or buying anything from a prisoner, or giving to or receiving from them anything in the nature of a present or conveying to or from them any message, either written or verbal.
3. Any ministers, or other religious instructors permitted to attend the Prison shall not receive from or confer any present upon the prisoners, or become the medium of communication between them and their friends or others, and they shall conform to the rules and regulations adopted for the government of the Prison; any infringement or departure from such rules shall debar them from future intercourse with the prisoners.
4. Guards and other officers are prohibited from using profane, indecent, abusive or insulting language toward prisoners, and must refrain at all times from the use of such language in or about the Prison.
5. No guard or other officer of the prison shall at any time make the affairs of the Prison or any occurrence therein or any matter relating to a prisoner or the conduct of any guard or officer the subject of conversation or gossip; and no guard or officer shall impart to any person any information as to the matters above mentioned, except when required to do so in the discharge of his duty by the Inspector of Penal Institutions, the Governor, or the Committee on Public Health and Welfare. A violation of this rule will subject the offender to instant dismissal.

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6. Guards and other officers shall be liable to be disciplined for drunkenness, falsehood, dishonesty, insubordination or disrespectful conduct toward their superior officers, breach of regulations, absence without leave, or beyond leave, neglect of duty, loss of stock or general inefficiency, either by fines, stoppage of promotion or leave of absence, or dismissal from the service, which may be summary or on notice at the discretion of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

7. Any guard or other officer bringing any intoxicating liquor into the Prison premises, or allowing the same to be brought in will be subject to instant dismissal.

8. Guards or officers are prohibited from replying in like terms to what they conceive to be impudent or insulting language on the part of a prisoner. Their duty is to report such infraction of discipline.

9. All wrangling and disputes upon points of duty between guards or other officers of the Prison are strictly prohibited; questions of this kind must be referred to the Governor and all complaints rendered in writing to him; such complaints must be rendered within 12 hours of the occurrence complained of or it will not be received, and if it should be found that the complaint are frivolous or vexatious, or arise from a spirit of malice or revenge, the complainant will render himself liable to dismissal.

10. Guards and other officers having any grievance in connection with their duties must state the same in writing for the Governor's consideration.

11. Guards and other officers are strictly prohibited at all times from smoking in or about the Prison buildings or premises or in the presence of a prisoner. Guards and other officers are permitted to smoke in their rooms if the doors are closed, but nowhere else on the Prison premises.

12. Any guard or other officer who shall knowingly bring in or carry out or endeavour to bring in or carry out, or knowingly allow to be brought in or carried out, to or from any prisoner, any money, clothing, provisions, tobacco, letters, papers or other articles whatsoever, shall be subject to instant dismissal.

13. When a prisoner escapes, any guard or other officer, who is immediately responsible for the security of that part of the Prison from which an escape is made may be forthwith suspended from duty, pending an examination into the circumstances of such escape. If it appears that an escape was due to the neglect of a guard or other officer to enforce the rules of the institution such guard or other officer may be punished by suspension or removal, or he may be required to pay any reward or other expenses that are incurred on account of the escape.

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14. All complaints by prisoners to guards or other officers respecting food shall be promptly communicated to the Governor or headkeeper. Food shall be prepared in a cleanly manner, and no prisoner afflicted with any disease shall be employed in any capacity in the kitchen, or in any other place where food is prepared.

15. Every guard or other officer shall give his orders with distinctness and if a prisoner refuses or hesitates to obey, the guard or officer shall warn him of the consequences of disobedience. If the prisoner shall continue obdurate, he shall be at once reported for misconduct.

16. No guard or other officer shall be permitted to strike a prisoner except in self defence; but should personal violence be offered or the security of the prison endangered, each guard or officer shall be required to use all lawful means to defend himself and the other guards or officers, to maintain order and discipline and to secure the prisoners offering resistance.

17. Every guard or other officer is required to report to the Governor, any guard or officer, teamster, or other employee, visitor or other person who violates any rule of the prison.

18. All persons employed in the prison, whether designated as officer or otherwise are subject to the provisions of these rules.

### Part 3

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PRISONERS

1. The first duty of the prisoner is strict obedience and it will be to his or her interest to obey all rules and regulations.

2. On entering the Prison prisoners are required to conduct themselves properly avoiding all unnecessary noise.

3. A Prisoner must not speak to any visitor, nor give to or receive from them anything without permission of a guard.

4. Prisoners are not permitted to leave their ranks or place of employment without permission. If sick or unable to work they will make the fact known to the guard in charge and act as he may direct.

5. Prisoners are required to wash themselves thoroughly and observe in every respect personal cleanliness. They must keep their clothes neat and clean.

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6. On no account must a prisoner go to bed with his clothes on. He must keep his bed and bedding in good order, no marking or scratching on the walls or spitting on the floor will be allowed.
7. Prisoners will be permitted to smoke in the stone shed for a period of fifteen minutes in the morning and fifteen minutes in the afternoon. Smoking is prohibited in any other department in the Prison.
8. At the sounding of the gong for retiring all prisoners must undress and be ready to retire when the order is given by the guard in charge.
9. At the sounding of the morning gong every prisoner must turn out, make up his bed neatly and be ready for marching out.
10. Prisoners will not be allowed to exchange among themselves or make any alteration in their clothing.
11. All prisoners are required to attend religious service on Sunday unless sick or excused by a Guard. During the service strict attention must be given, unnecessary noise is strictly prohibited.
12. No insolent, profane or disrespectful language will be allowed, by any prisoner under any circumstances whatever.
13. Prisoners will be required to bathe once a week unless excused by a Guard.
14. Every prisoner will have permission to write to his or her parents once in two weeks. (Providing they do not receive a visit.)
15. In case of necessity for special letters permission must be obtained from the Governor. All letters written or received must be examined at the office under the direction of the Governor, before being sent or delivered. Permission to write or receive letters is dependent on the general good conduct and obedience to rules.
16. The use of books and all reading matter, permission to write and receive visits from friends may be suspended by the Governor for violation of the rules. Visiting days shall be twice a month, second and fourth Monday from 1 to 4 o'clock P. M.
17. Prisoners shall be required to labor diligently during the hours detailed for work, they shall be required to communicate with their guards in a respectful manner and with brevity. They must conduct themselves with perfect order and in strict obedience to the direction of such guards.
18. Time expired prisoners shall be released on any hour of the day after 10 o'clock A. M.

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19. A copy of the Rules and Regulations in Parts 3 and 4 hereof shall be plainly printed on cards and posted up in the Guard Room, Gate House and other convenient places.

Part 4

1. The Rules and Regulations for Under Keepers and Officers adopted by the City Council at a meeting thereof held November 7th, 1913, are hereby repealed.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the amendments as set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor in Council for approval. Motion passed unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 23 SECOND READING

February 9/1945.

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, amendments to Ordinance No. 23, Respecting the Early Closing of Shops, which were read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council, were considered;

Your Committee recommends that the amendment be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor in Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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AMENDMENTS

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

1. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 23 respecting "The Early Closing of Shops" is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

3. "Barber shops shall open in the City of Halifax not earlier than eight o'clock in the morning and shall close at six o'clock in the afternoon on each day with the following exceptions, viz:

(a) They may remain open until eight o'clock in the evenings on Saturday and on any day preceding a public holiday.

(b) They shall close at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on every Wednesday except on a Wednesday in any week in which a public holiday occurs, in which case there shall be no half holiday on Wednesday.

(c) Where the holiday occurs on a Monday, they shall be permitted to remain open in the forenoon up to 12 o'clock at noon on that day.

(d) Except as is provided in Clause (c) hereof they shall remain closed on every day which is declared by statute or proclamation to be a public holiday."

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Aldermen Hosterman that amendments as set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor in Council for approval. Motion passed.

REPORT POLL TAX OFFICER

February 9/1945.

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

Gentlemen:



February 15, 1945.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Poll Tax Officer for the months of November, and December, 1944, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be embodied in the minutes of this meeting and filed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

CITY OF HALIFAX

CITY HALL

Poll Tax Collections for the months of November and December 1944. -

<u>1944</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Arrears</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$21,157.70	\$1,932.25	\$23,089.95
<u>1943</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	
Nov.	15,053.18	18,369.19	
Dec.	4,558.05	4,720.76	
TOTAL	\$19,611.23	\$23,089.95	
		INCREASE -	\$ 3,378.72

COLLECTED BY STREET COLLECTORS:

Mr. Yates	\$ 493.36	
Mr. Frawley	443.00	
Mr. Priest	389.00	
Mr. McDonald	192.00	
Mr. Rising	172.00	
Mr. Duggan	219.00	
Mr. Wallace	136.00	
Mr. Durrant	944.00	
Mr. Barrett	997.00	
Mr. Foley	621.00	\$ 4,606.36
PAID AT OFFICE . . . . .		18,483.59
		\$23,089.95

Collections for 8 months, May 1st, 1944 to December 31st, 1944 -

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Arrears</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$39,107.80	\$12,940.22	\$52,048.02
Increase over corresponding period of the Civic year 1943 . . . . .			\$ 9,519.30

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

TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE

February 9/1945.

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 Safety and Public Health and Welfare Committees respecting the matter of transportation allowances for civic employees who are using their private cars in the City's service, were considered.

In view of the fact that the Regional Director - Gasoline Rationing for the Oil Controller, has ruled that additional gasoline will only be granted on a mileage basis for these cases in future, it is recommended that the rate per mile for all civic employees using their private cars in the City's service be established at 7¢ per mile up to 4,000 miles and 6¢ per mile, thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

AUDITORS' REPORT 1942-43

February 9/1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, an extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on January 11/45, respecting the Independent Auditors Report for the Civic Year ending April 30, 1943 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to have 200 copies of the report printed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 15, 1945.

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

AUTOMATIC SALARY INCREASES

February 9/1945.

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 Finance regarding automatic salary in-  
creases was considered.

Your Committee recommends that where the  
salary paid a civic employee exceeds \$2,000.00 per annum  
and the difference between the minimum and the maximum  
salary exceeds \$600.00, the automatic increase shall be  
1/6 of the difference between the minimum and maximum.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

BLUE CROSS HOSPITAL PLAN

February 9/1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive  
Committee held on the above date, the matter of a campaign  
which is to be conducted in the City of Halifax by the  
Maritime Hospital Service Association to enroll subscribers  
in the Blue Cross Plan for Hospital Care, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the attached  
proclamation designating the six weeks from March 19th to  
April 30th, 1945, as official Blue Cross dates for com-  
munity wide enrolment campaign in the City of Halifax, be  
approved and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 15, 1945.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The health of the people is the wealth of the community, the province and the nation, and

WHEREAS: Hospital facilities and prompt hospital access to them are important factors in the prevention and treatment of disease and accident, and

WHEREAS: The Maritime Hospital Association has organized the Maritime Hospital Service Association, a non-profit Blue Cross Plan by which 75,000 of our citizens are budgeting hospital care along with other necessities, and

WHEREAS: The Victoria General Hospital, the Halifax Infirmary, the Children's Hospital, and Grace Maternity Hospital are official Blue Cross Hospitals affiliated with the Maritime Hospital Service Association, and

WHEREAS: Approved Blue Cross Plans now serve seven provinces of Canada including the Province of Nova Scotia under the seal of approval of the Canadian Hospital Council,

I hereby designate the six weeks from March 19th to April 30th as official Blue Cross dates for a community-wide enrolment campaign in the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and encourage our citizens to avail themselves of the opportunity to enroll in this voluntary non-profit Plan for Hospital Care.

.....  
MAYOR.

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

ACCOUNTS DR. SCHWARTZ

February 9/1945.

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 two accounts of Dr. H. W. Schwartz, for \$5.00 each, covering professional services rendered to two firemen whose eyes were badly affected by smoke and cinders at the Piercey Fire, was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the accounts be approved for payment under authority of Section 9, Chapter 46, of the Acts of 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

SALARY SCALE CLERK OF THE COURTS

February 9/1945.

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 Stipendiary Magistrate and the Commissioner of Finance recommending that the Salary Scale for the classification of Clerk of the City and Police Courts be set at a minimum of \$2100.00 and maximum \$2600.00 per annum, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ALBERT ST. SEWER & WATER

February 9/1945.

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 Commissioner of Health respecting the extension of sewer and water on Albert Street, was considered.

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Your Committee approves of the extension of the sewer and water in this case and recommends that the Halifax Public Utilities Commission be requested to proceed with the extension of the water, and that any net difference between the carrying charges of the water extension and the revenue resulting from the water extension be contributed by the City of Halifax in accordance with the terms of the permission to lay the water pipe as granted by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman and Members -  
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

Last November 16, City Council passed a resolution to lay water and sewer lines on Albert St., where permits for two dwellings were in abeyance. This could not be done before January 1, 1945, and I have now received a report that income from these two applicants is not sufficient to cover carrying charges, and the Halifax Public Utilities Commission cannot install the water service unless the City guarantees revenue to cover these carrying charges.

I, therefore, recommend that these services be installed. Because of health purposes, I believe they are required and permits to build were issued to both property owners on the assumption that the service would follow shortly. The total estimated distance is 220 feet, and the cost is \$3,500.00. The frontage assessment would be about \$1,100.00, and revenue per year about \$20.00. The revenue required would be \$40.00 to \$50.00, but other building lots in this area are available and soon would be built on if these services are provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Morton, M.D.,  
M.P.H.,  
Commissioner of Health.

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

Motion passed.

February 15, 1945.

ROSEMEAD AVE. SEWER & WATER

February 13, 1945.

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 sewer and water extension on Rosemead Avenue and sewer extension on Leeds Street, was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 9, 1945.

The Chairman and Members of the  
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 6th instant, on motion of Alderman Ahern seconded by Alderman Walker approved and recommended for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated February 6, 1945, and entitled "Sewer and Water Extension Rosemead Avenue," the said report contains in addition to other information, a recommendation that a sewer be laid on Leeds St. from Rosemead Avenue, to Robie St., and a recommendation relative to the awarding of a contract; the Committee further recommended that in order to confirm and clarify the previous decision referred to in the said report of the Commissioner, any net difference between the carrying charges of the water extension, and the revenue resulting from the water extension, be contributed by the City of Halifax in accordance with the terms of the permission to lay the water pipe as granted by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 6, 1945.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

At a meeting of the City Council held on January 11, 1945, reports of the Commissioner of

February 15, 1945.

Health and the Finance and Executive Committee were approved for the installation of sewer and water on Rosemead Avenue.

Permission to lay the water pipe was granted by the Board of Public Utilities, provided the City of Halifax contribute to the Water Department the difference between the amount to be received from the proposed customers and the amount necessary to carry this expenditure, which would amount to about \$160.00 per year, until additional customers were added to pay the carrying charges.

It was to clear up this question of carrying charges that I have again brought this matter to the attention of the Committee on Works and City Council.

In regard to sewer facilities, no outlet was available at the time the first report was made. The Standard Paving Maritime Limited have nearly completed Leeds Street as far east as Robie Street, and I would now recommend that a sewer be laid on Leeds Street from Rosemead Avenue to Robie Street, a total length of 300 feet, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00 and an estimated assessment of \$150.00. This last assessment is due to the fact that the block on both sides of Leeds Street from Rosemead Avenue to Robie Street is nearly all City owned.

It is just possible that the contractor, R. S. Allen, is not prepared to go ahead with this work at this season. Should this be the case, I would recommend that the Standard Paving Maritime Ltd., who are working in the vicinity, be awarded the contract if the Committee decides the work should be proceeded with at once.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the reports be approved. Motion passed.

HALIFAX WELFARE BUREAU

February 9/1945.

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 Com-



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missioner of Health submitting a financial report from the Halifax Welfare Bureau for the months of October, November, and December, 1944, and January 1945, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the statement be filed and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be paid to the Halifax Welfare Bureau as authorized by Section 69, Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944, and that legislation be sought at the next session of the legislature extending the provisions of Section 69, Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944 to January 1/1946.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Hosterman 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 NORTH ST. (SCHOOL BOARD)

February 9/1945.

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 Board of School Commissioners requesting permission to purchase a lot of land situated at 334 North Street, for the sum of \$500.00, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that authority be granted to the Board of School Commissioners to purchase the land in question, and that no objection be taken to an application being made to the Governor in Council requesting the City to issue its debentures or stock to the amount required for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

The Deputy Mayor pointed out that this lot is located at the rear of #334 North Street and facing on

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Willow Street, and the dimensions of same are 33'x 93.6'.

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

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

February 9, 1945.

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 Board of School Commissioners submitting a resolution respecting the establishment of a Vocational School on land bounded by North Park Street, Bell Road and Trollop Street, was considered.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That legislation be sought permitting the erection of the Vocational School on a site bounded by North Park Street, Bell Road and Trollop Street.
2. That application be made to the Dominion Government for clearance of all rights to the said site.
3. That the City take no objection to the Board of School Commissioners applying to the Governor-in-Council for an order directing the City to issue its debentures or stock to the amount required for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Hosterman 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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ABATTOIR

February 9/1945.

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 advising of the approval of regulations respecting the inspection and sale of foods which are to be effective upon the establishment of an abattoir in the City of Halifax, was considered.

As the City Council has not finalized the matter of an abattoir, in the City of Halifax, your Committee recommends that the resolution as attached hereto be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia has signified its desire to erect an abattoir in the City of Halifax,

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Public Health and Welfare has, at the suggestion of the Honorable Minister of Agriculture, approved of a regulation under the authority of the Public Health Act, prohibiting the sale in the City of Halifax of meat from animals not slaughtered in an abattoir licensed by the Committee,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to provide legislation for the purpose of assuring to the City payment of city rates and taxes in respect of the said abattoir if and when the same is erected and exempt from assessment for such rates and taxes.

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

IMPROVEMENTS CITY FIELD

February 13, 1945.

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 City Field Workshops and offices, was considered.

The Commissioner of Works recommended verbally that the centre building between the portion to be used by the Halifax Public Utilities Commission and the Works Department, be completed at an additional cost of approximately \$30,000.00.

Your Committee approved of this recommendation. It was then decided to recommend to the Council that the report of the Committee on Works be approved with the addition that the improvements to the centre building be made at the same time as the Western Section of the building and that application be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Nova Scotia to borrow a sum not exceeding \$200,000.00 required for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY FIELD WORKSHOPS AND OFFICES.....

Chairmen and Members of the  
Finance & Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 25, 1945 considered the following which are attached hereto, -

- (a) Report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 25, 1945, and entitled "Improvements to City Field Workshops and Offices."

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(b) Letter addressed to the Commissioner of Works under date of January 24, 1945 by Mr. H. W. L. Doane, Manager Halifax Utilities Commission, re Improvements to City Field.

(c) Letter addressed to the Commissioner of Works under date of January 17, 1945, by C. A. Fowler & Co., re City Field.

The preliminary set of plans for the remodelling of the City Field Building to provide space and facilities for the Halifax Utilities Commission in the western half of the building, and the City Works Department in the eastern half of the building as referred to in the said letter from C. A. Fowler & Co., were submitted and examined.

On motion of Alderman Walker seconded by Alderman DeWolf the Committee recommended that City Council authorize C. A. Fowler and Co., to complete the plans and specifications for that portion of the City Field Building planned for use by the Halifax Public Utilities Commission, as indicated in the above mentioned letter dated January 17, 1945 from C. A. Fowler & Co. to the Commissioner of Works; also that City Council seek authority from the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Nova Scotia to borrow the funds which will be required to pay C. A. Fowler & Co., to complete the plans and specifications for the said portion of the said building.

The Committee decided to defer consideration concerning the completion of the plans and specifications for that portion of the building planned for use by the City Works Department, because of a proposed survey of the City Works Department which is the subject of another report of this date.

After the said meeting of the Committee on Works the Chairman suggested that the Finance and Executive Committee be asked to consider also the advisability of recommending that Council authorize the calling of tenders for the proposed improvements to the western portion of the said building, as soon as the plans and specifications for that portion are completed.

The preliminary set of plans mentioned above, are available from the Commissioner of Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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

January 17, 1945.

Commissioner of Works,  
City of Halifax,  
City Hall,  
HALIFAX, N. S.

Dear Sir:

February 15, 1945.

Re: City Field

I am attaching herewith a preliminary set of Plans for the remodelling of the City Field building, to provide space and facilities for the Halifax Utilities Commission, in the western half of the building, and the Board of Works, in the eastern half of the building.

We have consulted with Mr. Doane and his engineers, in reference to the lay-out of the Utilities section, and with yourself and Mr. Copp in reference to both sections, and have adopted all suggestions offered.

The present building has a roof built up of very light wooden trusses, which have outlived their natural life and should be condemned. We have consequently figured on replacing these wooden trusses with steel trusses, steel purlines, and a wooden roof deck covered with asphalt roofing and insulation.

In connection with the two end sections of the building, as distinct from the Garage section, - we considered the adoption of a flat concrete roof, but after making a rough design on both, we found the steel truss with the wooden roof deck would be the cheaper.

The heating system would be roughly in the centre of the building, and so arranged that one furnace and stoker would operate for the Utilities portion of the building, and the second furnace and stoker would operate on the Board of Works portion of the building. The heating would be by steam, using radiators in the office sections, and unit heaters in the Garage, Meter Repair Room, Stock Room, Machine Shop, Carpenter Shop, etc.

UTILITIES SECTION

The ground floor of this section, opening off Summer Street, would include the Manager's Office and Board Room, two or three man office for the Engineers, and an office for the Superintendent, Cashier, and Secretary. Immediately east of this office section and connected therewith, would be the Meter Repair Shop, with a small office and toilet room, together with the necessary monorail for moving equipment.

The next section comprises the Stock Room for heavy supplies, with a small Storekeeper's Office and a stairway to the second floor, where additional small supplies would be stored.

The balance of the building, one storey in height, is taken up with the Machine Shop and Black-Smith Shop, storage for trucks and pumps, and the Heating Plant.

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The second floor of the west end section, Sheet #2 attached, is entirely taken up with space and offices for the Accounting and Billing Department, Engineering Department, and Drafting Room, together with the necessary offices, toilet rooms for both floors and vault.

The second floor of the middle section is taken up with a rest room, locker room, toilet room with showers for the men of the Department.

BOARD OF WORKS SECTION.

The space allotted to the Board of Works is shown on Sheets #3 and #4 of the attached plans, and consists principally of remodelling and rearranging the ground floor for the economic handling of Works Department stock and equipment, and comprises:

A Stock Room and Oil Storage with storekeeper.

Repair Garage with fireproof partition separating it from the Storage Garage.

Machine Shop, and Paint Shop, together with a room for the storage of heavy supplies, such as cement, Calcium Chloride, etc.

The second floor is taken up, on the eastern end, by a Carpenter Shop, Vault, three offices, and a Drafting Room with an entrance off Bell Road, and one off the City Field. The western end of this Section is taken up with a Mens Rest Room, two offices, a locker room and the necessary toilet facilities.

It is very difficult to prepare an accurate estimate of cost under present conditions, and the uncertainty in both labour and material markets. We have, however, used the best available figures, very carefully checking items on which we could secure prices.

In conformity with the foregoing, we estimate a completed cost as outlined, to be as follows:

Halifax Utilities Section .....	\$160,000.00
Board of Works section .....	130,000.00

We trust the foregoing will meet with the approval of your Committee, and we will be prepared to proceed immediately with completed Plans and Specifications, on receipt of the necessary instructions.

Yours sincerely,

C. A. FOWLER & COMPANY  
Sgd. - C. A. Fowler...

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

OLD CAR SUPT. OF STREETS

February 13, 1945.

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 respecting the disposition of a Hudson Sedan formerly used by the Supt. of Streets and Sewers was considered.

Your Committee recommends that this car be disposed of in accordance with the resolution adopted at a meeting of the City Council held on December 14, 1944, and that Mr. MacKinnon be requested to report to the next regular meeting of the Committee on Works submitting his recommendations regarding the purchase of a half ton truck for use at the City Field.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Walker asked if this car could not be used as a utility truck.

Alderman Hosterman stated that the Finance and Executive Committee felt that if a car was going to be used at the City Field, a truck would be more serviceable.

Alderman Walker said he wanted this car to go to the Mechanical Superintendent. "Why go to expense in buying a new truck when this car is good enough?"



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Moved in amendment by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the purchase of the truck be deferred and the car disposed of as authorized by a previous resolution of this Council. Amendment put and passed.

Alderman Walker gave notice of reconsideration and moved that proceedings be stayed pending reconsideration of the matter. The motion was seconded by Alderman Batson but same was ruled out of order on advice of the City Solicitor.

D. V. DIVERSION ROAD

February 13, 1945.

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 the Dutch Village Diversion Road was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report with Alderman Adams dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 9, 1945.

The Chairman and Members of the  
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 6th instant, on motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker, approved and recommended for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 1, 1945, in which he recommends acceptance of the attached deed to the City of Halifax from the Nova Scotia Light & Power Co. Ltd., for land required in the construction of the Dutch Village Diversion Road, and that the consideration amounting to \$123.75 be paid from Borrowing for this purpose.

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Attached also is a partial release of mortgage relative to the property concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

PURCHASE OF ACCOUNTING MACHINE.

February 13, 1945.

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 suggesting the purchase of a second National Posting and Billing Machine for use in the Accounting Office at a cost of \$2,750.00 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to purchase the machine as outlined in his letter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 7, 1945.

Mayor J. E. Lloyd,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

I would like you to give consideration to the suggestion that a second National Posting and Billing Machine be purchased for use in the Accounting Office. Our present equipment in this line is one four bank machine number 30410 (120) 13", on which we post the appropriation ledger and general ledger accounts and annually prepare the tax bills.

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The machine I would like to have is a number 30611 (118) 18" six bank machine. This machine is designed for the preparation of payrolls and the compilation of employees earnings records, tabulation and recording of all the various deductions now being made from employees earnings.

I saw one of these machines doing that sort of work for the City of Ottawa, and it appeared to be very satisfactory. It will, of course, do anything that our present machine can do, but is more adaptable than our machine, because of the extra tabulating banks.

The great advantage to be had lies in the fact that payroll preparation, the check for the employee, the employee's record card, and the payroll are prepared and tabulated in one simultaneous operation thus greatly speeding up the work, and decreasing the chance of error to a minimum. At present, a great deal of the time of various members of the Treasurer's staff and the Finance and Accounting Department is taken up by doing manually the different operations that one person could do on the machine.

Another time saving feature is that as the payrolls are prepared in duplicate, the copy after necessary corrections have been made, is used as the data for the payroll of the following period. Thus there would then be no necessity for each department to prepare payrolls as they now do twice each month. The department would note any change on the copy of their previous payroll and pass it to the accounting department for preparation.

I need scarcely point out to you the advantage of having a second machine available to us during our tax billing period, not to mention the security afforded from a standby in case of mechanical failure on our present machine. Fortunately, we have not had to date any serious mechanical difficulty during the billing periods. However, the 1945 billing will be the sixth to be done on our machine, and it is only reasonable to expect some mechanical failure as the equipment grows older. Moreover, the use of two tax rates gives more operations for the machine than would be the case if a single rate would be used.

I hope you will approve of this suggestion and if so, I will take it before the Finance Committee for consideration. The approximate cost of this machine is \$2,750.00. Funds are available for its purchase from the unexpended balance of the amount previously provided for the purchase and installation of accounting machines.

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

February 15, 1945.

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

ACCOUNT ENGINEERING SERVICE CO.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Committee on Works recommending for payment an account from the Engineering Service Co., amounting to \$1214.05, for services rendered and expenses in connection with investigation and report on the water supplied to the City of Halifax for the month of December, 1944, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment subject to a statement being furnished by the Engineering Service Co. as to the nature of the services rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Read letter from the City Solicitor as follows:

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His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions from the Finance and Executive Committee I have been in touch with Engineering Service Company and have requested statements from them showing the work done for which we have received monthly accounts for the period December 1944 and January 1945.

The scope of the work covered up to December 31st, 1944, is covered by the attached interim report, dated February 1st, 1945, together with the report, attached thereto to the Public Utilities Board, dated January 24th, 1945.

Respecting the January account, amounting to \$1523.75 I have a letter attached hereto, dated February 15th, 1945 enumerating the various phases of

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work dealt with by Engineering Service Company during the period covered by the account, namely January 1945.

I trust this is the information which the Council requires.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE.,  
City Solicitor

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the reports be filed and the accounts amounting to \$1,214.05 and \$1,523.75 respectively, be approved for payment. Motion passed unanimously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

SCHOOL BOARD DEFICIT

February 13, 1945.

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 Commissioner of Finance advising that the expenditures incurred by the Board of School Commissioners to December 31, 1944, exceeded the amount of the instalments paid by the Treasurer to the Board by \$25,614.53, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that authority be granted to the City Treasurer to pay to the Board of School Commissioners the sum of \$25,614.53 from the balance of the School Board Estimates on hand at December 31, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman,  
Finance and Executive Committee,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

February 15, 1945.

Under section 919 of the City Charter, the City Treasurer is directed to pay to The Board of School Commissioners, on the first day of each month, an instalment of one twelfth of the annual Estimates of the Board. From May to December 1944, eight such instalments were paid to The Board by the Treasurer.

The expenditures incurred by the Board to December 31, 1944, exceeded the amount of the instalments paid by the Treasurer to the Board by \$25,614.53 and a request has been made by the Board for a sum sufficient to meet this excess.

I believe that under section 918 of the City Charter, the Board of School Commissioners may make or incur expenditures beyond the amount of the instalments paid to the Board by the City Treasurer, provided that the total expenditures for a Civic Year does not exceed the total amount of the Estimate for that year.

Authority is requested to pay to The Board of School Commissioners a sum of \$25,614.53 from the balance of the School Board Estimates on hand at December 31, 1944.

Yours very truly,

N. L. SHERMAN.,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

ACCOUNTS FOR EQUIPMENT T. B. HOSPITAL.....

February 9, 1945.

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 accounts as under, was considered.

S. H. Newman Co. Ltd. ....	\$ 116.00
S. H. Newman Co. Ltd. ....	29.00
S. H. Newman Co. Ltd. ....	349.00
S. H. Newman Co. Ltd. ....	149.00
S. H. Newman Co. Ltd. ....	161.70
J. F. Hartz Co. Ltd. ....	2,933.92
General Steel Wares Ltd. ....	1,201.54
General Steel Wares Ltd. ....	<u>1,201.54</u>

\$4,940.16

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Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that the funds required for this purpose be borrowed in accordance with legislation obtained at the 1943 session of the legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

PURCHASE METERS AND HYDRANTS

February 13, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Halifax Public Utilities Commission recommending that 2,000 meters and 20 hydrants be purchased at an estimated cost of \$29,000.00 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and the Commissioner of Works authorized to order the meters and hydrants and that the funds required for same be obtained under the authority of Section 52 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

COLLECTION OF WATER ACCOUNTS

February 13, 1945.

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

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Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the Halifax Public Utilities Commission respecting the collection and settlement of outstanding water accounts was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the Halifax Public Utilities Commission be requested and authorized to settle any outstanding accounts due to the City of Halifax for water consumption rates and service charges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 12, 1945.

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

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Halifax Public Utilities Commission held January 30th the collection and settlement of outstanding water accounts was under consideration.

A number of the accounts require to be adjusted both ways and the Commission considered that if the authority to settle these accounts were placed in the hands of one body the result would be a uniformity in the basis of settlement.

The Commission therefore recommends that the City Council request and authorize the Commission to settle any outstanding accounts due to the City for water consumption rates and service charges.

Yours very truly,

CARL. P. BETHUNE,  
SECRETARY - HALIFAX  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson  
Breen  
Hoosterman  
Coffin  
Adams  
DeWolf  
Burgess  
Ahern



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CHANGE OF NAME HALIFAX PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION....

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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 Halifax Public Utilities Commission recommending that Legislation be obtained to change the name of the Halifax Public Utilities Commission to Public Service Commission of Halifax, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson  
Breen  
Hosterman  
Coffin  
Adams  
DeWolf  
Burgess  
Ahern

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SALVATION ARMY HOSTEL

February 9, 1945.

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 Divisional Commander, of the Salvation Army, requesting exemption from taxation on their building at 273 Barrington St., which is being operated as a Hostel for Returned

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Service Men, etc., was considered.

Your Committee recommends that this property be treated in the same manner as other properties in the City of Halifax which are being used as Hostels.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

VOTING ALDERMAN BATSON'S RESOLUTION

February 9, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, an extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 11th day of January, 1945, respecting a motion submitted by Alderman Batson re Voting, was considered.

Your Committee is forwarding same to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this matter be considered at this time. Motion passed.

Alderman Batson remarked "This is a question that I have been interested in for a long time since I have been an Alderman. The thing is very easy. I am in dead earnest that those who go to the polls will do so with the best possible start. Whether a man is rich or poor as long as he is a man who has been selected by the residents of the City that these men will have

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a good chance to have the people vote for them. I have found that we have been menaced by undesirable people who have probably voted once or twice on dead men's votes. The good men who have been trying to serve the City have not had a chance to show what they can do. My brothers in Australia have said that if we had the system as they have, it would be better for those who are running. There are men who could not vote in the election because they owed a doctor bill or some other bill and could not pay their taxes. The City has the machinery to collect the taxes owing it. Because a man has paid his taxes is no reason why he is better than the man who has not paid. If you have been assessed December prior to the election, if your taxes are paid or not, you can vote and if you don't vote, your franchise will be taken from you the next election."

Alderman Adams asked about a man who might be sick in the hospital, would he be penalized?

Alderman Batson stated that provisions would be made to cover sickness, absence from the City, etc.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the only way to clarify this matter would be to rescind the previous resolution of Council back in September 1944.

Alderman Adams stated that he was against rescinding this previous resolution.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Walker that we add to the previous resolution additional provisions to provide that if any person does not exercise his right to vote he will lose his vote at

MAYOR'S OFFICE

February 13, 1945

Members, Finance & Executive Committee,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Aldermen:

On at least two occasions since assuming the office of Mayor, I have recommended to the Council that it favorably consider the appointment of a qualified person to undertake administrative responsibilities at present the duty of the Mayor, and to perform other functions, which in my opinion, are essential to an efficient civic administration.

Should the Council adopt my recommendation, the City Charter will have to be amended so as to permit the Council to appoint such an official and to describe his duties and responsibilities by ordinance.

I therefore recommend that the City Charter be amended to provide the foregoing powers, and that Legislation to implement same be placed before the next session of the Provincial Legislature.

The foregoing recommendation is based entirely upon my experiences since assuming the office of Mayor of Halifax. May I respectfully draw your attention to the fact that my time has been fully employed in the conduct of that office, yet my experience compels me to reach the decision that it is impossible for an elected Mayor, under the existing provisions of the City Charter, to fully discharge the responsibilities of that office without competent assistance from an official appointed for that purpose.

It should also be kept in mind that in the past, and the same circumstances are likely to occur in the future, the Mayor had to devote at least some of his time to his private affairs.

Briefly, the duties and responsibilities of the official that I recommend be appointed should be as follows:

To keep himself informed on all phases of civic administration, services, undertakings, boards, etc., and to obtain information from any reliable source which would assist the Council in forming opinions on any new proposals. At the present time each department head concerns himself mainly with the affairs of his particular department. No one civil servant is charged with the responsibility of keeping an overall view of civic affairs.

To make available to the Council or the Mayor factual information on all matters relating to the business of the City.

To coordinate the efforts of the various departments which may be concerned in any particular project of the Council.

To bring to the attention of the heads of departments failure to comply with the Council's instructions or undue delay in dealing with same.

To organize and supervise the preparation of adequate and comprehensive annual reports of the work and services performed in the various civic departments.

To assist in and conduct research for the preparation of briefs to governmental and other bodies.

To act as chairman of periodic meetings of heads of departments.

To report and to make recommendations with respect to any matter which in his opinion, the Council should consider and decide.

To assist the head of any department in submissions on any matter to the Council or Committees of the Council.

To maintain a constant contact with new developments which may affect civic affairs and which arise from Provincial and Federal legislation as well as in the field of technological advancements.

To organize and have available for release at any time that it may be required, factual information necessary to keep the public informed of the various matters which from time to time are before the Council.

In general, to assist the Mayor in carrying out the administrative functions of that office, and to perform any other duties that the Council may by ordinance direct.

The modern city possesses many and diverse powers. They include the levying of taxes, paving of streets, furnishing police and fire protection, the maintenance of public utilities, health and welfare services, etc. Whether such activities shall be engaged in at all, and if so to what extent, and the amount of money to be spent upon them are matters of policy. A decision as to policy having been made, some one must carry it out, and if the public is properly served, it will be done as efficiently and economically as facilities permit. This is administration. It is important that the implications of these two terms, policy and administration be thoroughly understood if my recommendation is to be fully appreciated.

Deciding matters of city policy requires honesty, common sense, and an understanding of the needs of the city and the desires of its citizens.

Elected aldermen and Mayors should have all the qualifications necessary to determine policies aided by the advice of administrative officers. Administration, on the other hand, requires technical skill and knowledge, and executive ability to put into effect the policies decided by the elected representatives.

May I therefore emphasize that my recommendation is not intended or designed to remove directly or indirectly any of the powers at present vested in the City Council under the City Charter. On the contrary, it is my sincere desire to strengthen and improve the policy forming functions of the Council by providing it with the services of a technically qualified and experienced executive.

The executive official would be appointed by, and enjoy office at the pleasure of the City Council. His duties and qualifications would be determined by the Council. His responsibilities should be purely administrative, and in no manner should they intrude upon the policy determining functions of the Council.

The broad objectives which I have in mind are:

1. The consistent and persistent pursuit of established long term policies.
2. The improvement of interdepartmental cooperation.
3. The maintenance of constant contact with new developments in the field of municipal affairs.
4. The improvement of public relations between the civic administration and the citizens and other communities.
5. More detailed and comprehensive information to be made available to the City Council and its various committees when carrying out its policy forming duties.

You are well aware of the many major problems which now confront this city, and which may take many, many months and even years, to overcome. The ordinary day to day problems of administration in Halifax are, to say the least, formidable; add to them the difficulties encountered in a wartime port preparing to meet the tasks of reconstruction in the eventual days of peace, and one readily appreciates that it will require all the skill and ingenuity at our command to meet our responsibilities with a reasonable hope of success.

Yours very truly,

J. E. LLOYD  
MAYOR

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the next ensuing election except through certain instances such as sickness, absence from the City, etc.

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

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson  
Coffin  
Adams  
Doyle  
Walker  
Burgess  
Ahern  
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AGAINST THE MOTION:

Alderman Breen  
Hosterman  
DeWolf

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

His Worship the Mayor submitted and read a letter which is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of same had been forwarded to the members of Council previous to the meeting.

11:00 P. M. -

The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council from the floor as follows: "You have received a letter from me in brief that the City Charter should be amended to provide for an Executive Official which I have described. In St. John they have provided for such legislation. I am asking that you obtain permissive legislation to appoint a person to assist in the Executive Administration of the City of Halifax and that by Ordinance you shall be able to lay down his duties and responsibilities."

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair at 11.03 P. M.

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Alderman Coffin stated that he felt the legislation should be as broad as the legislation obtained in St. John and that this man be the Executive Official himself, he would be the dominant official.

Alderman Adams stated that we have Department Heads to look after the different departments.

It was moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Breen that this matter be deferred for six months.

The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council at 11.05 P. M. as follows:

"I have been in Council for seven years. I have given my time as much as anybody. I have sweated over the Brittain Report. I have consistently argued that the City was failing to achieve its greatest amount of efficiency because it lacked the official which I describe. I have placed before the tax payers my recommendations that a City Manager should be appointed and whose duties would be determined by Ordinance. The citizens of Halifax already stated that they approve of that undertaking and that is the reason why I brought this to your attention. In the conduct of the Mayor's Office, for one and a half years I find that one human being cannot perform the duties of that office in the best interest of the City Council and the citizens without having assistance from a fully technically qualified person. It is no idle recommendation to fill an election promise, it is the recommendation of a man who has been responsible for the reorganization of many large organizations, who has seen a



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great deal of Municipal Affairs, setting up a Municipal Bureau at Dalhousie. I ask you to take this in the proper spirit. It is based on the broad professional contact with municipal experience in this Province. If you will examine the letter and see the duties for this person to perform, I am sure you will recognize that this man will be performing duties which will benefit every Alderman in this Council.

He will not interfere with the Departments unless you desire it. Somebody has to perform certain functions of an administrative nature in this City. Not one opposing recommendation has come as being against it. It is my considered opinion the City will suffer in its administration until it does take this step."

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair at 11.15 P. M.

His Worship the Mayor asked if any Alderman would care to state what was wrong with it.

Alderman Hoosterman stated that it was his opinion that the time is inopportune. We have Commissions in operation today due to the war and this can very well be held up until after the war and then a plebescite taken on the matter.

Alderman Coffin stated that he was in favor of an Executive Director for this reason, that we have enlarged the position of Mayor from the point of view of authority, responsibilities and salary and the understanding was that with the increased duties the Mayor should have to carry on with the increased responsibilities and duties and we agree that this has been done.

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In the future we would appoint a salaried man who would be responsible for co-ordinating the Departments and the Mayor would be relieved of his increased duties.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Coffin, that we obtain permissive legislation.

There was no seconder to this amendment.

Alderman DeWolf stated that he was not ready for the appointment as yet.

Alderman Walker stated he was under the impression that when the Mayor's salary was raised he was to do a lot more work and he agreed that it had been done. The Mayor has had a lot of work put on his shoulders because of the Brittain Report. If there is anything wrong with the Departments, the Heads should bring it to the Mayor.

11.25 P. M. The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council from the floor, -

"I have examined the report of 50 American Cities on the City Manager Form of Government. I have tried to examine the services performed by the Director of Services in Montreal and also to find out what the background was in St. John. I feel that my letter summarizes the view points of a great deal of research work. You would be doing yourselves a great injustice by not providing for it. It has been said that this would interfere with the autonomy of the Council. On the contrary you will get more facts and information. If your needs are not met by a capable person you will suffer from the lack of this information. All I am

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asking is for you to solve your own problem in this City. You may not find other Mayors willing to give up their business and if he is able to give it up, you will be lucky. If not, he will rely on someone to do it. Are the Heads of Departments going to do this work? We are faced with a serious financial problem in the next few years, we are faced with long range planning of this community, we are faced with other problems arising from Federal and Provincial Government Legislation and in addition to that you have to clean up many internal problems. By asking you to obtain permissive legislation, you can then have a plebescite on the question in the Spring and if the citizens favorably support that you would have to wait a year again to appoint him. I have failed to see any good reason why we have not obtained permissive legislation. My final observation is this, if the City of Halifax fails in its administration it is the Council that fails. It is the responsibility of every Alderman if the Council fails. The Mayor can only recommend to you and I think that should be fully recognized. The Mayor has made a sound recommendation to the Council then if they fail to recognize it, then they fail.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Batson that permissive legislation be secured to appoint an executive officer for the City of Halifax.

Alderman Burgess stated that he felt the same as Alderman Hosterman.