

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N
S P E C I A L M E E T I N G

Halifax, N. S.,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
February 27, 1945,
3.20 P. M.

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

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairmen 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, Chairmen; Aldermen Batson, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Walker, Burgess, and Ahern.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

- (1) Estimates.
- (2) General Legislation.
- (3) Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Street Lighting.
- (4) " " " " Salary Schedules.

ESTIMATES 1945

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Council should resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Council to deal with the Estimates and then reconvene as a Council to approve same.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Batson that this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

3.25 P. M. His Worship the Mayor explained the estimates as follows:

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"The Estimates are now in your hands and they include two additional items that were not there before. They are \$3,500.00 for maintenance of street lighting and \$1,500.00 for salary contingencies. There is \$15,000.00 for Recreation purposes while it was \$10,000.00 last year. In addition to those adjustments we have taken out about \$40,000.00 which included a new roof for the City Hall and a lot of odds and ends. We felt that we should deal with them as short term borrowings covering a period of five years. We have made a policy with respect to the School Board by making capital borrowings over a reasonable length of time. There is \$30,000.00 in for maintenance; by recognizing that we will have a substantial program of Rehabilitation and the Committee agreed to deal with this as a capital item. The net result of these changes will be seen in the top sheet of the Estimates which is the summary.

(1) Joint Estimates show a decrease of \$33,000.00 but actually there is an increase of \$7,000.00. We show the Municipal Fund as a debit item and there is another \$59,000.00 in Schedule "V" really meaning an increase of \$7,000.00 which is to provide for the lighting and painting of the Court House. (2) Public Schools is increased by \$87,000.00 but by virtue of certain arrangements last year the net estimate is brought to a decrease of \$62,000.00. (3) City Home, Health Board, City Works, Fire Department and Miscellaneous Items are all up. Outside those items the others need no mentioning. "J, K, L, M, N and O" indicate there

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has been an increase in the debt service charges of \$360,000.00. Last year we benefited by charges being for a 12 month period but we had to accrue the revenue for the year on a daily basis and the appropriation on a monthly basis. There is short term debentures which mature in January and you would have to take a fraction of 8/9ths, February 8/10ths, and March 8/11ths. That is one of the reasons why I could not always agree that you could not divide it into an even 8/12ths ending December 31/45. You do have to set up the liability of the bulk of the \$360,000.00 is the affect of those reductions which indicate a tax rate over all of \$4.50 as recommended this year. Since last evening, however, I have again gone over these figures with Mr. Sherman and Bellew and we have tried to project the trend of events for 1946 and 1947 because we feel that in the interest of sound and stable financing one must look ahead and we find that next year the \$360,000.00 will have to be absorbed in 1946. If we change nothing this year all we could do would be to call on the \$179,000.00 Current Surplus of 1944 and that would help us out. We will have Sinking Funds retired this year. Suppose you received an increase in assessments next year you could hold your rate at \$4.50 but in 1947 your rate would have to go up. If you want to look ahead that far it might be wiser to hold your tax rate at somewhat the same amount as last year and the problem would be lessened next year. As I have pointed out to you if you take the \$4.50 rate this year in 1946 and 1947 you would be faced with an increase for

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there would be nothing to help you in that year. Let us hold the rate at somewhere near \$4.85 or \$100,000.00 leeway in the 1945 estimates and at the end of 1945 we should have something in the kitty. My reason for referring to 1947 is this: The matter of the C. N. R. Taxation and other matters should be resolved by that time. My recommendation is that we be a little conservative and try to provide \$100,000.00 by striking a rate of \$4.75."

Alderman Walker wanted to know if the Post War Fund was being used to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative.

Alderman Burgess stated that he would rather pay \$4.75 now than be faced with a rate of \$5.25 or over in a few years.

It was then moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Coffin that we approve of the estimates being placed at an amount that will require a rate of \$4.75 and the necessary adjustments be made in the revenue items, and recommended to Council. Motion passed.

3.45 P. M. Council reconvened with the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Walker, Burgess and Ahern.

The following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Council was submitted: That the estimates for the civic year 1945 be placed at an amount that will require a rate of \$4.75 and the necessary adjustments made in the revenue items.

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Moved by Alderman Hostermen, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the report of the Committee of the Whole Council be approved.

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

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Batson
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
Walker
Burgess
Ahern

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RESOLUTION RE SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

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

Gentlemen:

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered estimates as submitted by the Board of School Commissioners for the Civic Year 1945.

Your Committee recommends that the estimates be reduced by the sum of \$193,046.66 and submits herewith a resolution for Council's approval.

Your Committee further recommends that the Board of School Commissioners be advised that the City Council will take no objection to an application being made to the Governor in Council for an order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures or stock to raise funds required for the execution of repairs or improvements to School Buildings of an unusual or extraordinary character.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City Clerk be directed to notify the Board of School Commissioners that the Estimates of School Expenditures submitted by them for the Civic Year 1945 and totalling \$996,087.62 is amended and reduced in the following manner:

(1) The appropriation for Teachers is reduced in the amount of \$3,156.66 and the estimate approved for \$587,144.34.

Reason: The automatic salary increases were calculated as from January 1st instead of from May 1st.

(2) The appropriation for Indoor Physical Training Facilities, Cleaning Basements etc., in the amount of \$10,000.00 is deleted.

Reason: To eliminate from the Estimate provision for repairs and improvements of an extraordinary kind, funds for which will be otherwise provided.

(3) The appropriation for Physical Training Department reduced by \$5,000.00 and this estimate approved for \$4,500.00.

Reason: It is the opinion of the Committee, after consultation with the representatives of the Board of School Commissioners, that the amount of \$4,500.00 will be sufficient.

(4) The appropriation for Maintenance is reduced in the sum of \$174,590.00 and this estimate approved for \$30,000.00.

Reason: To eliminate from the Estimate provision for repairs and improvements of an extraordinary kind funds for which will be otherwise provided.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Estimate, as amended, be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners for its information.

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

CITY OF HALIFAX
ESTIMATES FOR CIVIC YEAR 1945

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ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE CIVIC
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1945, AS PASSED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 27th, 1945.

	1945	Increase	Decrease	1944-45
ASSESSMENTS:				
at Estimates Muni-				
ality of Halifax	\$ 38,944.47		\$ 33,735.53	\$ 72,680.00
Principal School Fund *	101,094.35	101,094.35		
Public Schools	949,872.14		62,625.91	1,012,498.05
Home	62,761.90	153.30		62,608.60
Hospital	8,800.00	3,800.00		5,000.00
aming Park	5,000.00	1,000.00		4,000.00
ic Gardens				
Commons	26,000.00	1,000.00		25,000.00
at Pleasant Park	7,000.00	1,000.00		6,000.00
rary	6,516.00	300.00		6,216.00
th Board	31,798.30	6,622.00		25,176.30
Hospital	26,568.80	1,320.00		25,248.80
Hospital	55,403.26	4,270.66		51,132.60
operative Health	53,544.29	5,817.29		47,727.00
erannuations	63,037.48	3,728.99		59,308.49
y Grants & Sundries	193,752.65		49,975.42	243,728.07
rt Term Debentures				
Interest	497.75		1,456.00	1,953.75
erest on Consolidated				
1880	14,151.85		24,182.95	38,334.80
erest on Consolidated				
1905	184,235.46		60,975.37	245,210.83
king Fund Require-				
ts	43,909.71		37,883.15	81,792.86
erest and Instalments				
al Debentures	68,824.51		65,158.61	133,983.12
	<u>\$1,941,712.92</u>	<u>\$130,106.59</u>	<u>\$335,992.94</u>	<u>\$2,147,599.27</u>
ASSESSMENTS:				
ce Department	220,766.05		8,238.74	229,004.79
ce Supplementary	6,241.98	921.98		5,320.00
on	34,778.02	48.02		34,730.00
Works Department	564,489.88	108,013.88		456,476.00
Department	264,530.49	12,920.49		251,610.00
Alarm System	14,274.90	3,027.48		11,247.42
ellaneous	80,250.00	65,000.00		15,250.00
ries	158,373.11	25,872.85		132,490.26
	<u>\$1,343,704.43</u>	<u>215,814.70</u>	<u>\$ 8,238.74</u>	<u>1,136,128.47</u>
Estimated Income	353,261.73	35,369.93		388,631.66
l General -				
ssment	990,442.70	251,184.63	8,238.74	747,496.81
l Extra -				
ssment	1,941,712.92	130,106.59	335,992.94	2,147,599.27
	<u>\$ 2,932,155.62</u>	<u>381,291.22</u>	<u>344,231.68</u>	<u>2,895,096.08</u>

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	1945	Increase	Decrease	1944-45
Provision for Collection	\$ 2,932,155.62	\$ 381,291.22	\$ 344,231.68	\$ 2,895,096.08
	43,982.33	15,031.37		28,950.96
	<u>\$ 2,976,137.95</u>	<u>\$ 396,322.59</u>	<u>\$ 344,231.68</u>	<u>\$ 2,924,047.04</u>
Unexpended	5,000.00			5,000.00
Estimated Tax	65,000.00			65,000.00
For 1945	<u>\$ 2,906,137.95</u>	<u>\$ 396,322.59</u>	<u>\$ 344,231.68</u>	<u>\$ 2,854,047.04</u>
Year	2,854,047.04	344,231.68		
	<u>\$ 52,090.91</u>	<u>\$ 52,090.91</u>		

RESOLVED that the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$1,343,704.43 less probable income \$353,261.73 making a total \$990,442.70 and the extra assessment amounting to \$1,941,712.92 as set out in the yearly estimates herewith submitted for 1945 making a total of \$2,932,155.62 plus for short collections \$43,982.33 making \$2,976,137.95 less estimated poll tax \$65,000.00 and \$5,000.00 from unexpended balances making a total of \$2,906,137.95 be confirmed and do now pass and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed and rated for the said sum of \$2,906,137.95.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said estimates, together with a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts on or before the 1st day of March next, and to instruct him to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending December 31/1945, on the basis of the said amount of \$2,906,137.95.

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GENERAL LEGISLATION

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation covering various items, a copy of which is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

The items were explained to the Council by the Solicitor.

Alderman Hosterman raised the question as to whether or not there was any mention of a grant being made to the various institutions with respect to the legislation concerning "Exemptions."

The City Solicitor then read the draft in full which covered this matter.

Aldermen Coffin and DeWolf wished to be recorded against the legislation dealing with the Post War Rehabilitation Fund.

Aldermen Burgess wished to be recorded against the legislation dealing with the Post War Rehabilitation Fund and the Curfew Law.

Alderman DeWolf stated that it was his intention to ask that legislation be secured to provide a remuneration for the Aldermen as he contended that it was an injustice for the Aldermen to give so much of their time without some consideration.

Alderman Batson stated that he agreed with Alderman DeWolf and said that he really believed the Aldermen should be paid.

An Act to Amend The Law Relating to
the City of Halifax.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1. In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that city, and any committee or official mentioned means the committee or official of that name of the said city or council; the expression "Charter" means the Halifax City Charter of 1931, and sections referred to by number without further reference are the sections of the said Charter; and this Act shall refer exclusively to the City of Halifax.

2. Section 308 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:
 - (2) The City may include in the amount of general civic revenue referred to in the preceding subsection and for the same purpose such portion of the amount standing to the credit of the current surplus account of the City as the Council may from time to time determine.

3. Section 310 is amended by adding thereto the following subsections:
 - (6) The City may establish and maintain an Art Museum, and may enter into any agreement with any person, board, committee, corporation or government for that purpose and any sums required for the purpose of maintaining such Museum or required by any such agreement to be paid by the City may be included in the annual estimates of the City.
 - (7) The City may in respect of any civic year pay to any person, firm, corporation or association, as a grant, such sum not exceeding the amount of City taxes assessed, rated or levied against such person, firm, corporate or association in respect of such year and may include such sum in the estimates for such civic year.

4. Subsection (6) of section 315 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(6) The Mayor may pay out of the Contingent Fund the expenses of conducting an annual aquatic contest for a trophy known as the "Cornwallis Cup", the expenses of conducting the annual aquatic competition known as "The Harbour Championship", the cost of providing suitable wreaths for memorial monuments erected in the City to the memory of sailors, soldiers, airmen or merchant seamen, the annual subscription fees to the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities and to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities respectively, the expenses of representatives to the meetings of these associations, the expenses of representatives to the Federal Government in matters concerning the City, and expenses incurred in furnishing suitable entertainment for royal or other distinguished visitors or visiting associations, and any other expense legitimately incurred by him in transacting the business of the City.

5. Subsection (3) of section 358 is amended by striking out the word "one" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word "two".

6. The Charter is amended by inserting therein immediately following section 367 thereof the following section:

367A. (1) The Collector may in writing request any employer to collect from any person employed by him on the date of such request who is liable to pay the poll tax on non-residents of Nova Scotia, provided by section 367, the poll tax due by such person in respect of the civic year then current or the preceding civic year or both such years, unless such person has himself already paid such poll tax to the City. Such request may be made at any time after such person has become liable to pay such poll tax.

(2) Such employer shall collect such tax within one month from the date of such request.

(3) Upon the receipt of such request from the Collector, the employer shall from the salary, or other remuneration payable by him from time to time to such person, make such deductions for the paying of such poll tax as may be necessary to collect the same together with any penalties or interest accruing thereon within the time set out in subsection (2) hereof, unless such poll tax has been paid to the City since the date of such request and such person produces an official receipt therefor.

(4) Any such employer who has been requested to collect such poll tax as hereinbefore provided shall within fifteen days after the expiration of the time set out in subsection (2) hereof, pay to the Collector the sums so collected, together with

any penalties or interest which may have accrued in respect of any such poll tax, and shall furnish a statement setting out the names and addresses of the persons from whose salary or other remuneration the same has been deducted.

(5) Upon making such deductions the employer shall give to the person from whose salary or remuneration any sum has been deducted a receipt stating the amount so deducted for the poll tax and upon receiving an official receipt issued by the City such employer shall deliver the same to such person.

(6) No employer shall be required to collect such tax in respect of any person who was not in his employ at the date of such request, but every employer shall promptly notify the Collector of such fact and shall give such information as he may have which will enable the Collector to locate such person.

(7) Any employer who has been requested by the Collector to collect such poll tax, and who fails to deduct the same as hereinbefore provided from the salary or remuneration paid by him to such person or who, having deducted the same, fails to pay the same to the Collector within the time limited by subsection (2) hereof, shall be liable in respect of each such poll tax so unpaid to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

(8) Upon receipt by the Collector from any employer of any poll taxes or portions thereof, the Collector shall forthwith acknowledge receipt of the same and issue an official receipt to each of the persons from whose salary or remuneration the same was deducted, as shown upon the statement thereof submitted by such employer, which receipt shall state the name of the employer who has remitted the amount set out therein.

7. (1) Section 370 is repealed.

(2) No exemption from taxation by the City heretofore granted by or enjoyed under the authority of any enactment, whether general or special, local or private, shall apply to any person, firm, corporation or association owning or occupying real property in the City in respect of the civic year which commences the first day of January, A. D. 1946, or of any civic year subsequent thereto and the provisions of any such enactments providing for any such exemption are hereby repealed.

(3) Without restricting the generality of the preceding subsection the following enactments are hereby repealed:

(a) Section 40 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943, "An Act to Amend the Law relating to the City of Halifax".

(b) Chapter 57 of the Acts of 1927, "An Act Respecting the Assessment of Moirs Limited, in the City of Halifax".

(c) Section 9 of Chapter 86 of the Acts of 1875, "An Act to incorporate the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association".

(d) Section 18 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1925 "An Act to Incorporate Freemason's Hall, Limited".

(e) Section 7 of Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1897, "An Act to incorporate the "Women's Christian Association of Halifax".

(f) Section 7 of Chapter 155 of the Acts of 1913, "An Act to Incorporate "The Local Council of Women, Halifax".

(g) Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 1904, "An Act respecting a Home for Aged Men".

(h) Section 2 of Chapter 152 of the Acts of 1931, "An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1907, "An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts Respecting the Sisters of Charity".

(i) Section 12 of Chapter 132 of the Acts of 1925, "An Act respecting the Nova Scotia College of Art".

(j) Section 5 of Chapter 83 of the Acts of 1879, "An Act to Incorporate The Church of England Institute".

(k) Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1891, "An Act to incorporate the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Building and Joint Stock Association Limited".

8. Section 375B as that section is enacted by section 25 of Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1942 and amended by section 18 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943, is further amended by striking out the word "three" in the ninth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "five".

9. (1) Sections 376 and 377 are repealed.

(2) No person, firm, corporation or association shall, in respect of the civic year which commences the first day of January, A. D. 1946, or of any civic year subsequent thereto, be entitled to continue to have any exemption from taxation under the authority of or pursuant to sections 376 or 377 of the Charter hereby repealed, but all such persons, firms, corporations and associations shall be liable to taxation in respect of such civic years to the extent and in the manner provided by the Charter.

10. Section 388, as that section is enacted by section 60 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1940, is amended by striking out the word "May" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word "January".

11. Clause (j) of section 589, as that clause is enacted by section 21 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1938, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(j)(1) The regulation or prevention of the walking or being on any street in the City after the hour of 9:30 o'clock p.m. of persons under the age of fourteen years, and the prescribing of conditions under which any such person may be upon the streets after that hour and such ordinance may impose upon the father, mother, guardian or guardians or the person having the legal custody or control of such person the obligation or duty or preventing such person from walking or being upon any such street in contravention of such ordinance, and such ordinance may also prescribe the penalties to be imposed upon such person or upon the father, mother, guardian or guardians of or the person or persons having the legal custody of or control over such persons for violation of or non-compliance with any of the provisions of the same.

(2) Any father, mother, guardian or guardians of or person or persons having the legal custody of or control over any person under the age of fourteen years who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of any such ordinance shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve days.

12. The Charter is amended by inserting therein immediately following section 727A thereof the following section:

727B. The Council may by Ordinance regulate housing accommodation in and the use of any building now or hereafter erected in the City for human habitation. Such Ordinance may (a) define the terms used therein, (b) make variations respecting different classes of buildings as defined therein, (c) prescribe standards of sanitation in such buildings, (d) require permits to be obtained from such board, person or source as may be defined therein, permitting the use of any building for human habitation, and provide for the cancellation of such permits for such cause as may be set out in such Ordinance, (e) provide standards regulating the density of population in any dwelling, (f) prescribe methods of enforcing compliance with the provisions of such Ordinance and the penalties for non-compliance with the provisions thereof, provided that no pecuniary penalty shall be provided in excess of One Hundred Dollars for each offence or in excess of two months imprisonment for failure to pay any such pecuniary penalty.

13. Subsection (4) of section 24 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(4) The funds accumulated with respect to the said Post War Rehabilitation Fund shall be deemed to be a part of the general civic revenue referred to in section 308 and shall be applied to the estimates to be prepared for the civic year 1946.

14. (1) Until such time as Zoning By-law Number I, being Ordinance Number 38 of the Ordinances of the City of Halifax, approved by Order-in-Council made the 5th day of October 1944, is repealed or amended by removing therefrom the prohibition therein restricting the erection or construction of buildings and other structures upon lands within the areas in such By-law more fully described, the City Assessor shall not assess for real property tax the owners of real property lying within such area if such owners acquired the same prior to the coming into effect of the Airport Zoning Regulations, 1939, promulgated by Order-in-Council P.C. 3867 dated November 28th, 1939, or have since become entitled thereto in any manner other than by purchase.

(2) The said owners referred to in the preceding subsection shall not be liable to pay any betterment charges in respect of any local improvements laid subsequent to the first day of January, A. D. 1945, which constitute a lien upon any of the real property defined in the preceding subsection and shall not be liable to pay interest upon such charges unless and until the said Zoning By-law Number I has been repealed or amended in the manner set out in the preceding subsection; provided however that upon such repeal or amendment the said owners shall thereupon be liable to pay such charges in the same manner as if the plan and list therefor had been filed upon such date and they shall be liable to pay interest thereon as and from such date.

15. The tax upon the Salvation Army in respect of its occupancy of its hostel on Aryle Street and its garage on Grafton Street shall, for the civic year 1945 and for so long as the said buildings are used by the Salvation Army for their present purposes, be rated upon 25 percent of the value of the premises so occupied.

16. The City may from time to time borrow from any fund or any bank, person or corporation available the respective sums set out in Schedule "A" hereto and expend the same for the purposes set out opposite each item. The sums so borrowed, with the interest thereon to the date of repayment thereof, shall respectively be repaid in such number of equal annual instalments not exceeding five as the Council shall determine, and the amount of each instalment shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which the same is to be repaid and repaid therefrom, and such repayment of any instalment shall be made on or before the first day of August in such year.

SCHEDULE "A".

To defray the cost of alterations to the third floor of the City Hall, a sum not exceeding	2,650.00
To defray the cost of providing adequate ventilation for the Police Station, a sum not exceeding	1,100.00
To defray the cost of renewing or repairing the roof of the City Hall, a sum not exceeding	10,000.00
To defray the cost of providing fire escapes for the City Hall, a sum not exceeding	1,500.00
To defray the cost of renovating the Council Chamber at City Hall, a sum not exceeding ..	1,500.00
To defray the cost of renovating ladies rest-room at City Hall, a sum not exceeding	1,200.00
To defray the cost of a new flag pole for the Grand Parade and installing the same, a sum not exceeding	1,000.00
To defray the cost of repairs and renewals to the wall, railings, etc., about the Grand Parade, a sum not exceeding	3,000.00
To defray the cost of providing a new fence for the City Field	2,250.00
To defray the cost of constructing a new building at the City Field for the Works Department, a sum not exceeding	2,000.00
To defray the cost of providing a new fence at the Incinerator, a sum not exceeding	600.00
To defray the cost of purchasing cast iron pipe and accessories for drains at the City Hall, a sum not exceeding	2,500.00
To defray the cost of repairing wharves, floats and buildings at the Public Baths	2,500.00
To defray the cost of repairing or renewing the roofs of three fire stations, a sum not exceeding	2,000.00
To defray the cost of purchasing a new automobile for use by the Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, a sum not exceeding	2,000.00
To defray the cost of purchasing a new truck to be used as a supply truck for the Fire Department, a sum not exceeding	1,800.00
To defray the cost of two-thirds of the Fire Insurance premiums of the City	3,466.67
To pay to Halifax Welfare Bureau to defray the cost of maintaining a shelter for women and girls, the sum of	5,000.00
To pay to Navy League of Canada for the purpose of assisting the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets (Nelson) in patrolling the North West Arm during the civic year 1945, a sum not exceeding	2,000.00

To defray the cost of repairing and painting the
Public Gardens fence, a sum not exceeding 5,000.00

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LEGISLATION - QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTERS

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation dealing with the qualifications of voters as follows:

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (c) of section 30, as that clause is enacted by section 20 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1941, every person shall be qualified to vote at the regular election of mayor and aldermen to be held on the last Wednesday in April 1945 who has complied with the remaining conditions set out in section 30 and is not indebted to the City for any real property tax other than for the civic year in which the election is held and for the three years next preceding such year or for any business tax, household tax, special tax or poll tax other than for the civic year in which the election is held and for the civic year next preceding such year, and has paid all other sums due by him to the City for real property tax, business tax, household tax, special tax or poll tax on or before the 31st day of October next preceding such election.

The City Solicitor explained the Bill and stated that since the Civic Year has been changed there will be many people who will not have the right to vote because the legislation of 1941 was not amended to conform with the change in the Civic Year.

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

SALARY SCHEDULES

Reed report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

At recent meetings of the Finance and Executive Committee held jointly with the Works, Safety

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and Public Health and Welfare Committees the following salary schedules were approved:

- (1) Dietitian: Minimum \$ 960.00 maximum \$ 1,080.00
- (2) Social Hygiene Worker: " 1,400.00 " 1,600.00
- (3) Medical Supt. T.B. Hospital 5,000.00 flat.
- (4) Clerk of Works " 2,500.00 maximum 3,000.00

OVERTIME ELECTRICIAN'S STAFF

Your Committee recommends that the staff of the Electrician's Department be paid for overtime work while engaged to perform services for Departments other than that with which they are regularly employed, on the following basis:

W.P.P.

From 5:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M. Time and one half.
From 10:00 P. M. to 8:00 A.M. Double time.
Sundays & Holidays ----- Double time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Meeting adjourned. -

4.25 P. M.

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CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
MARCH 15/45.

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"	"	"	"	MacIntosh Street Sewer.
"	"	"	"	Water Extension Lists.
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"	Halifax Public Utilities Commission re Water Extensions.			
"	Safety Committee re Repairs to Motor Cycle. (Police Dept.)			
"	"	"	"	Tenders for Obsolete Equipment (Fire Dept.)
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"	Pub. Health & Wel. Comm. re Holidays for Staff at City Home.			
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36 Questions.

37 Report Committee on Works re Phone in Residence of Supt. Fairview Cemetery.

"	"	"	"	Lease Water, Lot Foot South Street.
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"	"	"	"	Tenders for Supplies.
"	"	"	"	Accounts Approved by Recreation Committee.
"	"	"	"	W. P. Lynch Application for Use of Part of South Commons.
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EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
March 15, 1945,
8.05 P. M.

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

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Batson, 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 meetings be approved. Motion passed.

RECONSIDERATION INTEREST RATE

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that no change be made in the prevailing interest rate.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker that the interest rate be reduced from 6% to 5%.

There was no seconder to this amendment.

Alderman Adams stated that for many years a lot of people have been taking advantage of borrowing

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money and not paying their taxes and that a lot of firms do that.

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

ACCOUNTS

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

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee amounting to \$11,735.88; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,268.57 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$15,594.35 chargeable to Fire Department and \$17,569.09 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$13,858.71 chargeable to Health Department; \$9,338.86 chargeable to City Home and \$2,311.20 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$13,259.08; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$423.90 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

APPOINTMENT COAL WEIGHER

Halifax, N. S.,
March 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 application from S. Cunard and Co., Ltd., to have Mr. Arthur Dorey appointed a Coal Weigher, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TAG DAYS

Halifax, N. S.,
March 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, applications for permission to hold Tag Days were considered.

Your Committee recommends that the following applications be approved:

Local Council of Women, of Halifax - June 2.

Recreation Committee - May 12 and June 9.

Canadian Girl Guides Ass'n - June 16.

Zion A. M. E. Church - June 23.

Women's Auxiliary to the P. L. F. - September 22.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

GRANT RED CROSS

Halifax, N. S.,
March 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 Special Names Committee for the present Red Cross Campaign, soliciting a subscription from the City, was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the good offices of the Premier and members of the Legislature, be sought to have a clause added to the City's bill which is now before the Legislature to enable the City to pay the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Canadian Red Cross Society and include said sum in the estimates for the civic year, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF LAND

Halifax, N. S.
March 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:

Mrs. Ethel Essery - offering to pay the sum of \$450.00 for lots #17 and #18 Churchill Drive.

Mrs. Carl C. Webb - offering to pay the sum of \$250.00 for lot #12 Armdale Road.

Mr. F. G. Johnson - offering to pay the sum of \$250.00 for lot #16 Armdale Road.

Mr. A. J. Taylor - offering to pay the sum of \$200.00 for lot #5 B - C Highland Avenue.

Mr. Henry Getley - offering to pay the sum of \$100.00 for lot #43 E/S Windsor Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 15, 1945.

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

PURCHASE DICTAPHONE EQUIPMENT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Halifax, N. S.,
March 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 Safety Committee, recommending the purchase from the Soulis Typewriter Company Limited, of a complete set of Special Electricord Equipment to be used in connection with confidential police work, for the sum of \$1,605.00 and that the funds required for this purpose be obtained under the authority of Schedule B, Section 46 of the Acts of 1944.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

LORD NELSON HOTEL ASSESSMENT

Halifax, N. S.,
March 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 City Assessor respecting the assessment of the Lord Nelson Hotel, was read.

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Your Committee is forwarding same to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 8, 1945.

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: Lord Nelson Hotel

As you will recall, at a meeting of the City Council held on November 27th, the assessment on the above named property was fixed at \$538,000 and the business tax at 50% of this amount, less any amounts charged to other occupants of the said premises. From this assessment an appeal was asserted to the Court of Tax Appeals who fixed the assessment at \$470,000.00 and the business tax at 50% of that amount less any amounts charged to other occupants of the premises.

As this assessment is determined by Council, under the provisions of sub-section 1, Section 65 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944, I am forwarding the decision of the Court of Tax Appeals to you for your information.

Yours very truly,

J. F. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR....

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report and letter be filed. Motion passed.

PAYMENT TO THE CITY BY RELIEF COMMISSION

Halifax, N. S.,
March 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 City Assessor submitting a letter from

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the Halifax Relief Commission advising that the Commission is prepared to pay to the City of Halifax, for the year 1945, the sum of \$5,000.00 as an ex gratia payment in addition to the regular taxes paid by the Commission was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be suitably acknowledged and filed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 6, 1945.

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

Dear Sir:

In October 1943 a Committee of the City Council consisting of the Mayor, yourself and Mr. Sherman met with the Commission to discuss the Assessment of our properties for the year 1944/45 and requested us to raise our Assessment and in November 1944 you and Mr. Sherman met with this Commission to discuss the Assessment for the civic year 1945-46. On both occasions the Commission advised your Committee that we regretted we were unable to accede to your request to raise our Assessment, and the Assessment on our properties was accordingly accepted as \$500,000.00 plus \$30,000.00 for certain properties that are not included in the Blanket Assessment.

At the time of your visit to us in November 1944 the Commission had not completed their financial year and consequently were not in a position to accept a liability that perhaps might not have been justified by the final figures of our Balance sheet.

As you are aware the first responsibility of this Commission is to ensure that the fullest and most ample provision is made for the protection of those persons who were injured, or who, for some other reason, are receiving allowances from this Commission. Notwithstanding the fact that the City has accepted our voluntary Assessment of \$530,000.00 for the year 1945/46, upon which taxes will be paid at the current rate and under the same conditions as other taxpayers, the Commission has decided that an additional amount of \$5,000.00 shall be paid to the City as an ex gratia payment in addition to the regular taxes. This payment is made at this time for the reason that the Commission is financially able to do so and is most sympathetic with the situation in which the City now finds itself in regard to the high cost of civic services due to the largely increased population of Halifax, brought about

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by war conditions.

In making this ex-gratia payment the Commission would not wish to have it considered that this establishes any precedent or that we are consenting to raise our Assessment to a higher figure than that at which it now stands.

This letter confirms the interview that the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. E. M. Blackadar, had with yourself and the Mayor relative to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Halifax Relief Commission,

Sgd. W. E. TIBBS,
COMPTROLLER.

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

TAX RATE 1945

Halifax, N. S.,
March 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 Finance advising that he has fixed the rate of taxation on business assessments and business realty for the civic year 1945 at 4.75 per hundred.

Your Committee is forwarding same to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 3, 1945.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of February 28, 1945, I have to advise you that in pursuance of Section

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409 of the City Charter, I have in accordance with the undernoted calculations, fixed the rate of taxation on business assessments and on business realty for the civic year 1945, at \$4.75 per hundred.

Residential realty and household assessments total - \$33,856,685.00, which at \$3.50 per hundred (rate fixed by Sub-Section 1, of Section 409 of the City Charter) produces - \$1,184,983.98.

Business realty and business assessments total - \$34,415,345.00, which at \$4.75 per hundred produces - \$1,634,728.90
Total - \$2,819,712.88

The amount required in accordance with the approved estimates is as follows:

Estimates	\$ 2,906,137.95
Less Licenses (Sect. 361, City Charter)	<u>39,275.00</u>
	\$ 2,866,862.95
Less anticipated payments	
Wartime Housing Ltd. \$25,500.00	\$ 49,000.00
Special Taxes <u>23,500.00</u>	<u>2,817,862.95</u>
Add School Rebates	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$ 2,819,862.95

This letter further advises you that I have complied with the resolution of the City Council, passed on February 27, 1945, and have declared the current rate of taxation to be \$4.75 per hundred. Please notify the City Council accordingly.

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

LOAN

Halifax, N. S.,
March 9, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance respecting the loan now in course of issue, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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The Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

The tenders for the loan now in course of issue called for the issue of debentures in the amount of \$765,000.00. By agreement with the underwriting syndicate of Gairdner and Company, Limited, Cornell Macgillivray, Limited, and G. E. Leslie and Company, the amount to be issued was reduced to \$760,000.00 by making the final maturity on January 2, 1965, \$40,000.00 instead of \$45,000.00 as shown by the maturity schedule attached to the call for tenders. This reduction was necessary because of the deletion of an amount on which the borrowing authority authorizing it was different from the authority in respect to the other items in the loan. The amount deleted appeared in the schedule of maturities as repayable over a period of five years.

The following changes have therefore been made in the schedule of maturities set out in the call for tenders:

5 Year Term:

Maturity of	Jan. 2/46	\$ 2,500.00	reduced to	\$ 1,500.00
"	Jan. 2/47	2,500.00	"	1,500.00
"	Jan. 2/48	3,000.00	"	2,000.00
"	Jan. 2/49	3,000.00	"	2,000.00
"	Jan. 2/50	<u>3,500.00</u>	"	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total		14,500.00		9,800.00

20 Year Term:

Maturity of	Jan. 2/46	\$22,000.00	increased to	\$ 23,000.00
"	Jan. 2/47	22,000.00	"	23,000.00
"	Jan. 2/48	21,500.00	"	22,500.00
"	Jan. 2/49	24,500.00	"	25,500.00
"	Jan. 2/50	24,000.00	"	24,700.00

Final maturity of Jan. 2/65 reduced from \$45,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

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Mr. C. B. Smith, the solicitor for the underwriting syndicate, has advised me that in his opinion, the City Council should place on its record something to show that the obligation of the City to repay certain amounts over a period of five years will be carried out. I suggest that a resolution along the following lines be submitted to City Council for adoption:

RESOLVED that the amounts set out in a schedule attached to a call for tenders for debentures to be issued by the City of Halifax, repayable over a term of five years, namely:

For the Purchase of Street Sweeper, Acts 1941, Cap. 56, Schedule "C"	\$ 9,702.61
Loan expenses, Sect. 329 City Charter	<u>97.39</u>
Total	\$ 9,800.00

shall be deemed to be repaid in the following amounts:

\$1,500.00	in debentures of	\$30,000.00	maturing	Jan. 2/46
\$1,500.00	"	30,000.00	"	Jan. 2/47
\$2,000.00	"	30,000.00	"	Jan. 2/48
\$2,000.00	"	33,000.00	"	Jan. 2/49
\$2,800.00	"	33,000.00	"	Jan. 2/50

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

T. B. HOSPITAL EXTENSION

March 9/45.

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 Public Health and Welfare Committee respecting the proposed extension to the Tuberculosis Hospital was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and submits herewith a resolution for the borrowing of the amount required for this purpose through the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 5, 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date the matter of the proposed extension to the Tuberculosis Hospital was considered, the following letters being read:

(1) Letter from the Executive Secretary of the Civic Planning Commission advising that the proposed extension is in accordance with the plans of the Commission which designates the area in which the present hospital is located as a hospital zone.

(2) Letter from the Foundation Maritime Limited offering to execute a contract upon the same plans and specifications as those originally tendered on and for the same sum viz: \$348,293.00.

(3) Letter from C. A. Fowler and Company recommending that the construction be proceeded with at the earliest possible date.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that the tender of the Foundation Maritime Limited be accepted and the necessary financial arrangements made so that the construction of the extension may be proceeded with as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS by Section 7A of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1939, The Municipal Affairs Act, as that Section is enacted by Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1944, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax shall

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have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the said City, such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for City purposes;

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

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

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the City Council of the City of Halifax to borrow the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for the purpose of erecting, improving, furnishing and equipping a Hospital for tubercular patients;

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the amount of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars as hereinafter mentioned will be necessary to raise that sum;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said The Municipal Affairs Act the said City do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal

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Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the City the said sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.) for the purpose aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the said amount of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000).

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

Alderman Burgess stated that he voted against this before because of the price but he was in favor of the hospital. He said he thought the building was too expensive because he talked it over with a contractor who said there was too much building; he contended that the 12" concrete walls were not necessary and might be constructed of something different to lessen the cost. "Our first idea was that it would be around \$200,000.00 but when it went to \$400,000.00 I thought that was too much. That is my only complaint against it. I thought we could get a cheaper building and save some money. I have heard that a building of that size with lighter walls would be cheaper. There is too much building for what we want."

Alderman Ahern stated that he was prepared to support the hospital but he objected solely to the price. "The contract was \$100,000.00 more than we figured. We should call for new tenders. We need a new hospital but not at that price."

Alderman Coffin stated that this matter came up last year and the same point that Alderman Burgess

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brought up was raised before the meeting then; he felt there was no use in delaying the matter further.

His Worship the Mayor stated that if you call for new tenders you will have to start all over again.

Alderman DeWolf stated that the price was about \$100,000.00 less than the highest tender. The price may be high because we have more building than we need. I think the contract should be given to the contractor. The Commissioner of Works could go into the strength of the building with the architect.

Alderman Hosterman stated that he was under the same impression as Alderman Coffin. When the architect gave us this plan he gave us something of a permanent nature so that we would not have to go over it again in 10 years time and spend more money. We will be able to forget maintenance for some years to come. We don't want something that will cost fifty or sixty thousand dollars to fix up later on.

Alderman Batson stated that the amount was more than was estimated in the first place. "I agree with Alderman Hosterman that we should do the job well in the first place."

Alderman DeWolf stated that some Aldermen felt \$200,000.00 was the original price. "That never was the price. The previous architect did suggest that he would endeavour to put up a building that would cost \$200,000.00 but this building is of a different construction. There never was a previous estimate made."

Alderman Walker stated that we didn't want this

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hospital to be built as the North End Fire Station.

Dr. Morton stated that he was talking to the architect and he felt that where the possibility was of adding to the structure it could not be done if the 12" walls were not there. There was a discussion of putting in tiled crack in the walls but there was some doubt as to whether it could be secured.

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

FOR THE MOTION:

AGAINST IT:

Alderman Batson
Breen
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Ahern

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ELECTRICAL RATES N. S. L. & P. CO., LTD.

March 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 City Solicitor submitting a copy of the decision of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities in the matter of the rates, tolls and charges presently charged by the Nova Scotia Light and Power Co., Ltd., for electrical service, was considered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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J. E. Lloyd, Esq.,
Mayor and Chairman of the
Finance & Executive Committee.

Dear Sir:

On March 6th I received a copy of the Decision of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities in the above matter. I enclose a copy for consideration of your Committee and forwarding to Council for the purpose of record.

The Decision provides the following matters: That from and after January 1st, 1945, the operations of the Electric Divisions of the Company, namely the Halifax area and the Dartmouth-Bedford area, will be merged and they are so dealt with in this decision.

The rate base of the Company as of December 31st, 1944, was found to be \$4,244,000.00. This amount includes \$80,000.00 of working capital.

The Board has fixed the proper rate of depreciation of the depreciable property at 3½%. On the basis of the 1944 figures the annual accrual for depreciation is approximately \$185,000.00.

The point raised by me for the purpose of discussion, namely that the new steam station was not necessary since it was possible that the energy now being produced by this station could have been secured from other sources, was dealt with by the Board and the Board finds that the building of this station is justified and that no additional burden but rather a benefit will result to the consumers of the Company.

As to the submission made by me on behalf of the City that some consideration should be given to the refundable portion of the Dominion Income Tax and Excess Profits Tax, the Board referred to this in their Decision and determined that no action could be taken with regard to these amounts at this time. As and when this money is refunded to the Company the Board will take such action as it deems just at that time.

Under the recent revision of the Public Utilities Act in 1943 the previous statutory limitation of an allowed return of 8% was removed and in its place the Board was authorized to provide the amount which any public utility shall be entitled to earn. The Board has found under present day conditions that the income of the Company from the sale of electric energy should be reduced approximately \$425,000.00. It has ordered the preparation of rate schedules to bring this about.

As to the distribution of charges for the services of the general officers and staff of the Company performed for various subsidiary utility com-

NOVA SCOTIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF THE RATES, TOLLS AND
CHARGES PRESENTLY CHARGED BY THE NOVA
SCOTIA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

This is a proceeding of the Board by its own motion to enquire into the rates, tolls and charges of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Limited (hereinafter referred to as the Company), instituted by an Order of the Board dated the 10th day of July, 1944.

After due public notice, the matter was heard at the office of the Board in the Provincial Administration Building on July 25th, 1944. After several adjournments for the taking of additional evidence and to hear argument of Counsel, it was, on November 15th, 1944 further adjourned for decision.

The appearances were:-

John A. Y. MacDonald, Acting Deputy Attorney General,
Solicitor for the Board

J. McG. Stewart, K.C., for the Company,

C. P. Bethune, K.C., City Solicitor, on behalf of the
city of Halifax.

The Company is a body corporate, incorporated by the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, and under its Act of Incorporation it supplies electric, tramway, and gas service within the City. It also serves the Town of Dartmouth, the Village of Bedford, and the surrounding rural territory with electric service, and is a Public Utility within the meaning of the Public Utilities Act.

Under the provisions of the Public Utilities Act the three divisions of the Company, namely, electric, tramway, and gas, are separate public utilities and by a ruling of the Board, the electrical operation for the purposes of rate making, is divided into two divisions, namely the Halifax Division and the Dartmouth-Bedford Division; the present rates being based on the value of the property used and useful, and the operating expense in each division.

The Company also owns and operates the Avon River Power Company, Ltd., the Western Nova Scotia Company, Ltd., the Milton Hydro-Electric Co., Ltd., the Chester Light and Power Co., Ltd., the Barrington Electric Co., Ltd., and the Edison Electric Light and Power Company Ltd., These wholly owned subsidiaries are operated under the direct control and supervision of the Company, with each subsidiary having its own local superintendent and field staff. The general officers of the Company also are the general officers of all the subsidiary companies.

The Company at present has three main sources of supply of power and energy, namely the St. Margaret's Bay Station of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, the Avon River Power Company, Ltd., and its own steam station in Halifax.

During the hearing it was suggested by the Company that the time has now come when the operations of the two electric Divisions of the Company, namely the Halifax Division and the Dartmouth-Bedford Division, can be merged, with benefit to the Town of Dartmouth, the Village of Bedford, and the outlying sections, and without appreciable effect on the rates to the consumers of the Halifax Division.

The Board has considered this proposal and after examination of the capital involved, and the operating figures, is satisfied that the suggestion merits its approval. The Board has decided, therefore that from and after January 1, 1945, the operations of the Electric Divisions of the Company, namely the Halifax electric area and the Dartmouth-Bedford electric area, will be merged and they will be so dealt with in this decision.

Under date of December 13, 1943, and by Order dated January 31, 1944, the Board found the original cost value of the Company's electric property in the Halifax-Dartmouth-Bedford areas, as of December 31, 1938, to be as follows:

Original Cost.....	\$3,849,447.00
Accrued Depreciation of the same date.	1,204,664.00
During the years 1939 to 1944 inclusive, the evidence dis- closes that there were net additions to property totalling....	2,084,417.00
And that during the same years the Depreciation Reserve had increased by	564,987.00

We therefore, find the original cost of the property as of December 31, 1944, on the basis of the valuation made in 1938, revised to December 31, 1944, is \$3,849,447.00, plus \$2,084,417.00, totalling \$5,933,864.00.

On the same basis, the accrued depreciation as of December 31, 1944, is the sum of the amount of accrued depreciation at the time of the valuation, \$1,204,664.00, plus the net additions to depreciation reserve during the same period, namely \$564,987.00 totalling \$1,769,651.00. Deducting this accrued depreciation from the original cost value as found, gives a depreciated value as of December 31, 1944 of \$4,164,213.00.

During these years the annual operating expenses of the Company increased \$916,315.00. It is therefore reasonable and necessary to allow an increase in Working Capital. After consideration, the Board has decided that an increase of \$80,000.00 should be allowed, and this will be approved. Adding this amount to the depreciated value as of December 31, 1944, as found above, gives a rate base as of that date, of \$4,244,213.00. This is the amount on which the Company will be permitted to earn a return in accordance with the Act.

Having found the rate base, it is necessary to determine the amount on which the Company will be allowed to earn depreciation. As previously pointed out, the original cost

of the property, December 31, 1944 was \$5,933,864.00. Included in this amount are the following items of non-depreciable property:-

Land.....	\$72,820.00
Organization.....	51,264.00
Going Concern value..	200,000.00
Working Capital.....	200,000.00
Cost of Valuation....	<u>151,199.00</u>
Total.....	\$675,283.00

Deducting this amount from the original cost value the value of the depreciable property is found to be \$5,258,581.00. Based on recent valuations by the Board, and the accrued depreciation found in such valuations, the Board has decided that the proper rate of depreciation accrual is 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the depreciable property. Therefore, on the basis of the 1944 figures, the Annual Accrual for Depreciation is approximately \$185,000.00

During the years 1939 to 1944 inclusive, tremendous demands for power and energy were placed on the Company to meet the exigencies of wartime conditions. In 1938 the Company produced and purchased a total of 56,578,156 kilowatt hours of which 83,960 were produced by steam, the balance being purchased either from the St. Margaret's Bay development of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, or the Avon River Power Company, Ltd. In 1944 the total requirements of the Company had increased to 134,059,127 kilowatt hours, of which 34,616,275 were generated by steam, 25,511,900 were purchased from the St. Margaret's Bay and 73,930,952 were purchased from the Avon River Company. To meet this tremendous increase in demand for energy, the Avon River Company increased its plant materially and the Company installed a new steam turbo generating plant at its own station here in the city. Mr. Bethune, on behalf of the city, questioned the necessity of installing this new steam station, at a cost exceeding a million dollars, contending that there were other sources from which this energy could be secured without imposing

this extra capital expenditure on the consumers of the Company. This is a most serious contention and the Board has given it very careful consideration.

From the evidence given, the Board is not satisfied that the additional power and energy required, could have been secured at any lower cost, if it could have been secured at all. Mr. Hayes, the manager of the Company, gave evidence to the effect that owing to the dry season owing to the dry season in 1944, there was a relatively few days' supply on energy left in the reservoirs of the hydro stations, when the new steam plant came into operation. The load, which it has been necessary to carry on the new steam station since it was installed, is satisfactory evidence to the Board, that the new steam station was necessary to the continued safe and adequate supply of power and energy to the territory. Moreover, the evidence reveals that this station will produce energy at as low, or lower cost than any other source from which a supply can be had, and, by the installation of this station, the hydro stations can be so operated as to produce the maximum amount of kilowatt hours from their drainage areas when the steam station is tied in as an auxiliary to the whole system. In the result, the Board finds that the station is justified and that no additional burden, but rather a benefit will result to the consumers of the Company.

As already pointed out, the expenses of the Company during the last six years have materially increased, namely from \$688,574.00 in 1938 to \$1,504,590.00 in 1944, an increase of \$816,316.00. During the same period the revenue has increased from \$1,243,584.00 to \$2,661,201.00, an increase of \$1,417,617.00. During the same period however, annual requirements for depreciation have increased from \$90,000.00 to approximately \$185,000.00, an increase of \$95,000.00, and taxes have increased from \$172,214.00 to \$698,825.00, an increase of \$526,611.00. The net result is that the Company did not earn as great a percentage of return in 1944 as it did in 1938.

The increase in taxes is largely due to the income and excess profits tax, which the Company, being privately owned, is required to pay to the Federal Government, but included in this tax is a portion which, under existing regulations, is refundable after the war. At the end of 1943, this refundable portion totalled \$191,501.00. Under cross-examination by Mr. Bethune, Mr. Hayes gave the following evidence with regard to this item:

"Q. In Exhibit C/C, there is a refundable portion of your Dominion Income Tax or Excess Profits Tax. It is hoped, of course, that you will get that money back after the war?

"A. It is hoped, yes.

"Q. That money that is paid there in taxes is, of course, part of the earnings of the Company out of the Halifax Electrical Department?

"A. Yes.

"Q. Now to what account do you propose to set aside that \$71,768.61 when it is returned?

"A. I think that would depend on the method in which it is returned.

"Q. What do you mean by that?

"A. If it is returned to us as income and then taxed, it will never get into surplus, but if it is returned as non-taxable income, it would be transferred to the surplus account of the Company.

"Q. Suppose it came back that way--free of income tax altogether--you say it would go back into surplus?

"A. That is my opinion.

"Q. If that occurs you will then have earned a great deal more than your return properly ~~shows~~ shows in respect to the Halifax Electric Department?

"A. Yes, by one-third or thereabouts.

"Q. And it was also a very substantial amount in 1942?

"A. No doubt it was. It would be substantial I would say.

"Q. If the present rate and method of taxation remains the same and your earnings remain the same, you would expect to have that same situation repeated each year?

"A. I would.

"Q. After several years there is a very substantial amount of money involved?

"A. Yes.

"Q. And the way you would normally expect that to go would be into your surplus account?

"A. Yes.

"Q. Is there any way that you know, under your present accounting system, that that money could be used for the benefit of reducing the rate of electrical energy to the consumers.

"A. Yes, I think it certainly can be if we knew if we were ever going to get it.

"CHAIRMAN HANWAY: He does not mean that it should be taken into consideration at the present time in reducing rates.

"MR. BETHUNE: This was money paid by the consumers, and if the Company had not been subject to taxation to that extent, in all probability the earnings of the Company would have been greater and a greater reduction in rates would have been expected for the benefit of the consumers. Therefore, I submit that if and when it is returned it should not be allowed to go into the Company's surplus, but should be set aside in a separate fund with a view to lowering the rates to the consumers. I mention that because it was referred to this morning and it is an item that I think must be taken into consideration when we review the rates as it means a very substantial sum of money.

"CHAIRMAN HANWAY: I do not see how you can take it in at the present time".

The Board has further considered this matter and has reached the conclusion that no action can be taken with regard to this amount at this time. As and when this money is refunded to the Company, the Board will take such action as it deems just at that time.

As will be recalled, the Public Utilities Act, previous to 1943, provided for a return of 8% of the fair value of the property used and useful in rendering service to its customers. In the year 1943 the Act was revised and the present Act, by Section 42, Sub-section 1, provides "Every public Utility shall be entitled to earn annually, such return as the Board deems just and reasonable on the rate base as fixed and determined by the Board, for each type or kind of service furnished". Under existing conditions the Board has decided that the Company does not require as large a percentage of return as

it did previous to 1940, and it is satisfied that the consumers are entitled to a reduction of approximately \$425,000.00 annually. Rate schedules must therefore be prepared, which will distribute this reduction equitably among the various classes of consumers in the whole metropolitan area of Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford and the surrounding area served by the Company.

As already pointed out, the Company owns and supervises the operation of a number of subsidiary utility companies. Its general officers and staff perform various offices in the control and operation of these subsidiary companies. Detailed figures showing the amount charged for these services and the method by which they are arrived at, have been submitted in this hearing. The Board is satisfied that these charges are not unreasonable. It is, however, not altogether satisfied as to the basis on which some of the charges are calculated. This is a matter which does not present affect the rates and will be adjusted with the Company.

It was also disclosed at the hearing that the Company had had an arrangement with the Montreal Engineering Company, whereby it paid to the Engineering Company 1.1% of its gross revenue annually for Engineering and Operational Supervision Services. On behalf of the Company, Mr. Stewart stated that this arrangement was not considered satisfactory but in the opinion of the Board, in so far as operations are concerned, the Company's staff is competent and well able to carry on its operations without outside supervision. When engineering works are to be designed and supervised, beyond the capacity of the Company's present staff, it is understood that adequate technical service may be engaged for such work, but each project must be dealt with on its own merit. If in the opinion of the directors of the Company, it is necessary to have additional supervision of the Company's operations, such supervision must be engaged and paid for by, and at the expense of the shareholders, and not at the expense of the consumers.

An Order will issue accordingly.

DATED at Halifax, N.S. March 5th, 1945

(Sgd) J.A. Hanway,

" Ira P. Macnab,

" George Farquhar

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panies the Board states that in its opinion these charges are not unreasonable ~~but that some~~ question might arise as to the basis upon which the same are calculated.

The Decision also disapproves of the arrangement between the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited and Montreal Engineering Company whereby the Engineering Company was paid the annual fee of 1.1% of the Company's gross revenue to cover Engineering and Operational Supervision Services. The Decision provides that if, as and when expert assistance is required that each project must be dealt with on its own merit and that if the Company feels that its present engineering staff must have additional supervision it should be at the expense of the shareholders and not of the consumers.

Subject to the approval of the detailed rates and the taking of the final Order this Decision concludes a long drawn out series of hearings, which commenced in 1937 and which included among other things a complete valuation of the assets of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited used and useful in furnishing electricity to the City and also a rate hearing for the purpose of establishing future rates.

As is probably well known to the Council the matter originated when the Company submitted a schedule of interim rates somewhat lower than existing rates. On an examination by officials of the City some doubt existed as to whether the reduction so offered was sufficient and submissions were made on behalf of the City to this effect. The result was that while the Board approved as interim rates the rates proposed by the Company it proceeded then to order a full and complete valuation of the Company and subsequently ordered new rates which will cause a reduction in the electric bill of all consumers.

Yours very truly,

CARL. P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE R. L. ROONEY

March 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 Mr. R. Leo Rooney, requesting leave of absence for and during the

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period from the date of the issue of the Writ for the next Federal Election to the date of Election specified therein, was considered.

Your Committee is forwarding same to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 15, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

On March 9th, 1945, I made application to the Finance and Executive Committee for Leave of Absence from my present position in the office of the City Solicitor during the period from the date of the issue of the Writ for the next Federal Election to the date of election therein specified. I understand that this application was referred to the City Council without recommendation.

I also understand that the question arose regarding the payment of salary during my absence. I therefore now desire to clarify my position in this respect.

It was my understanding that Leave of Absence did not automatically, like vacation, include the payment of salary and that provision must be expressly made therefor. Since it was never my intention to be paid by the City during the time I would be away from the office, I did not request in my application that provision be expressly made for the payment of any salary.

I had previously discussed this aspect of the matter with both His Worship the Mayor and the City Solicitor, Mr. Bethune, and I understand that they have verbally communicated my position in this respect to the members of the Finance and Executive Committee. However, since the question has arisen it is proper that I confirm in writing that I definitely am not applying for Leave of Absence with salary.

In the event that the City Council grants my application I respectfully request that it do so with the understanding that payment of salary will not be made to me during my absence.

Your kind consideration of my application in this respect will be gratefully appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

R. LEO. ROONEY.

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Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the request be granted.

Alderman Walker stated that he didn't think it was fair for this to come to the Council for decision. He contended that the Finance and Executive Committee should have made a recommendation.

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

There was no seconder to this amendment.

Alderman Hosterman stated that on behalf of the Finance and Executive Committee it was felt that it would be presuming too much if four Aldermen made a decision of that kind. There was no discussion at all. We had consideration for the rest of the Aldermen.

The motion was then put and passed nine voting for the same and one against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Batson
Breen
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Hosterman

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AGAINST IT:

Alderman Walker

- 1 -

ACCOUNT WATER SURVEY

Halifax, N. S.,
March 9/1945.

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

Gentlemen:

March 15, 1945.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Committee on Works recommending for payment an account of the Engineering Service Co. for the sum of \$1,327.00 for professional services rendered and expenses in connection with the water survey of the City of Halifax for the month of February, 1945, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

MacINTOSH ST. SEWER

Halifax, N. S.,
March 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 Committee on Works recommending the extension of the sewer on MacIntosh Street for a total length of 125 ft. at an estimated cost of approximately \$700.00 was considered.

The matter of the extension of the water was discussed, and in view of the fact that the matter of continuing the \$1.00 per foot frontage for water extension is being taken up with the Public Utilities Board, your Committee recommends that this matter be deferred until such time as a final decision is made.

Respectfully submitted.,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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Read letter from His Worship the Mayor as follows:

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As the Commission does not have power to levy taxes, it is obvious that until such time as our present policy with respect to the collection of fire protection rates is altered, we must in the meantime continue to levy such taxes or rates. Furthermore, it is necessary that the City as a municipal authority levy and collect the individual taxes or rates.

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visions, and in view of Mr. Bethune's absence from the city at the time of the present Council meeting, I recommend to you that the Council, by resolution, instruct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary legislation to be submitted at the present session of the Provincial Legislature to enable the City:

- (1) To accept the calculations of the staff of the water commission as a basis for determining the fire protection rate or tax;
- (2) To permit the City to accrue interest on water extension assessments from the date of the rendering of the bill;
- (3) To pay over to the commission the collections of the fire protection rate or tax.

Briefly I am recommending the City Council give general direction to the City Solicitor instead of approving specific legislation recommended by him in order to permit any amendments to the City Charter which he may find necessary on his return to the City.

Yours very truly,

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

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the letter be approved.

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

STREET LIGHTING

Halifax, N. S.,
March 15, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works and the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 26, 1945, the attached report from the City Electrician respecting Improved Street Lighting was approved and same was presented to the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on March 9, 1945.

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Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and that application be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs of the Province of Nova Scotia for permission to borrow the sum of \$37,963.08 being the estimated amount of the expenditure involved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

I M P R O V E D S T R E E T L I G H T I N G

February 12th, 1945.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Committee on Works,
City of Halifax.

Sirs:

I beg to make the following report in accordance with an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Committee on Works held December 8th, 1944, as received from the Clerk of Works which reads as follows:

"On motion of Alderman Ahern seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee directed that the City Electrician be requested to consider the existing plan of street lighting and to submit a recommendation as to improved future street lighting in the City of Halifax."

Present Lighting Installation:

The street lighting units as installed at present and those approved waiting arrival of certain fixtures as well as 25 additional included in 1945 estimate are as follows:

18	-	60 C.P.
10	-	100 "
1417	-	250 " (Rated 250 C.P.)
280	-	400 "
169	-	600 "
92	-	1000 "
67	-	500 Watt

The total maintenance cost for the present lighting as above was submitted by me to the Commissioner of Works for 1945 as estimated to cost \$58,467.53; this included \$3,000.00 for tree trimming.

The lighting units, pole leads, loop transformers, standards and what underground wiring there is, are owned by the City of Halifax a contract with the N.S. Light & Power Co. for supply of electrical energy at cost.

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and maintenance as specified by contract is in operation and is due to expire on November 1st, 1947. The lighting units, etc. were 22 years old December 1944.

New Major Additions Over 22 Year Period

The only major new lighting by streets which have been added over this period were installed on Quinpool Road (Robie to Beech), Barrington Street (Spring Garden Road to Buckingham Street,) Dutch Village Road (Chebucto Road to Underpass, Fairview) and provision in 1944 estimate for Agricola Street (Cunard to West Young.) Of course here and there small additions have been made and Wartime Housing Areas have been lighted as economically as possible.

Survey and Procedure

I have surveyed the present lighting, with which I am very familiar having laid out this lighting over 22 years ago, and interpreting the Committee on Works instructions as referring particularly to main thoroughfares and allowing for additions to residential streets where necessary I have proceeded on this assumption being correct in making this report and plan, which is to accompany same. I have provided also a detailed estimate sheet showing lighting proposed, present lighting, comparative costs, etc. by individual streets so deletions, or additions may be made by the Committee quite easily while the layout is being reviewed.

Ornamental Lighting in Relation to Post War Plan

I have not dealt with this as a Post War matter, that is a question for the Committee and Council nor have I considered ornamental lighting with underground wiring for the following reasons:

Until a general policy of installing wires underground has been adopted for other overhead wiring, lighting on sides of streets mounted on standards would be only added obstructions on the street and full effect would not be obtained. Also the cost would be very great. However when Post War plans are carried out the proposed luminaires and brackets could be adapted to standards wherever it is so determined to be an underground policy for all wires.

Benefits of Improved Lighting

I believe that the lighting if installed on the streets as shown on the plan should be satisfactory and at least on the average well over 100% more efficient. Continuity will be established in travelling from one part of the City to another on the principal thoroughfares where as at present it is broken up and one section being bright and others being only fair and less making it detrimental more or less to the safety of all pedestrians and other traffic.

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Maintenance of Old Lighting

I would like to point out that replacement parts for some of the present lighting is very hard to obtain as new types are on the market and some parts practically unobtainable as well as the factor of depreciation through age and climatic conditions which are particularly bad in this part of Canada.

General Description of Proposed New Lighting

The general type of lighting units and arrangement on the plan submitted are modern efficient units mounted on 4 foot or so brackets with neat appearance at approximate light centre of 20' to 21' above the street. They would be installed on existing poles or in some cases where feasible on rearranged poles at a spacing of approximately 240' to 250' depending on circumstances except where they are in multiple such as Gottingen Street or Spring Garden Road.

General Data and Costs

The total number of streets under this plan which would have new improved lighting would be 24.

Approximate mileage of new lighting - - - -	22
Approximate number of new units - - - - -	515
Increased illumination - 100% plus over old	
Capital costs, streets only - - - - -	\$ 36,363.08

Increased maintenance cost per year over present lighting - - - - -	8,923.16
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War Memorial and City Hall Parade

Capital expenditure lighting War memorial -	900.00
Increased Maintenance per year - - - - -	150.00
Capital expenditure lighting City Hall Parade Walk - - - - -	700.00
Increased maintenance per year - - - - -	100.00

Total Costs

Total capital expenditure including Parade and War Memorial - - - - -	37,963.08
Total increased maintenance expenditure - -	9,173.16

If the proposed lighting is to be proceeded with I do not believe it is necessary to provide for more than one-half of the increased maintenance for 1945.

This estimate is based on present day prices only but I have no reason to believe there would be any major change.

Delivery

Lighter fixtures which are the majority approximately twelve weeks. Heavier fixtures with I.L. Transformers for Gottingen Street, Spring Garden Road, Hollis, Barrington, Granville and Argyle Streets approxi

STREET	SECTION	APPROX. DISTANCE IN FT.	TOTAL LTS. AND C.P.Ea.	TOTAL C.P.	FIXTURES REQUIRED
Almon	Windsor - Gottingen	2850	12 - 600	7200	12
Argyle	Blowers - Jacob	2250	11 - 1000	11000	(2-IL ⁹ Trans)
Bell Road	Willow Tree - Sackville	2550	11 - 600	6600	11
Brunswick	Cogswell - North	3975	18 - 600	10800	18
Brunswick	Sackville - Cogswell	2100	11 - 600	6600	11
Barrington	Buckingham - Russell	6900	30 - 600	18000	30
Barrington	Spring Garden - South	1875	24 - 1000	24000	24
Barrington	South - Inglis	1500	7 - 600	4200	7
Bedford Row	Duke - Sackville	1200	7 - 600	4200	7
Cogswell	Gottingen - Brunswick	725	3 - 1000	3000	3
Cogswell	Gottingen - Willow Tree	2700	11 - 600	6600	11
Chebucto Rd	Arm Bridge - Westmount	2250	10 - 600	6000	10
Chebucto Rd	Newton Ave. - Windsor	3675	16 - 600	9600	16
Cunard	Windsor - Gottingen	2925	12 - 600	7200	12
Granville	Buckingham - Salter	2175	27 - 1000	27000	27
Gottingen	Cogswell - Gerrish	2100	32 - 1000	32000	32
Gottingen	Uniacke - Young	3975	17 - 600	10200	17
Gottingen	Duffus - Young	2700	10 - 600	6000	10
Grafton	Spring Garden - Jacob	2700	13 - 600	7800	13
Hollis	Buckingham - South	3900	25 - 1000	25000	25
Kempt Rd	Macara - Underpass	7500	32 - 600	19200	32
Market	Blowers - Jacob	2250	12 - 600	7200	12
North	Chebucto - Barrington	5325	22 - 600	13200	22
North Common	3 Walks	4000	10 - 600	6000	10
Queen	Sackville - Spring Garden	975	4 - 600	2400	4
Quinpool Rd	Beech - Armdale	4800	22 - 600	13200	22
Robie	Macara - Cunard	2655	15 - 600	9000	15
Sackville	Brunswick - South Park	1275	5 - 600	3000	5
South Park	Sackville - Inglis	3900	15 - 600	9600	16
Spring Garden	Barrington - South Park	2100	28 - 1000	28000	28
Water	Morris - Cornwallis	5700	28 - 600	16800	28
Windsor	Quinpool - Almon	3825	16 - 600	9600	16

TO IMPROVE WITH ADDITIONAL 250 C.P. LIGHTS - FIXTURES OBTAINABLE FROM STREETS

Oxford	Coburg - Quinpool Rd.	2700	Add 6 - 250	1500	No new Fix
Coburg Rd	Robie - Oxford	2775	" 5 - 250	1250	"
Tower Rd	Spring Garden - Miller	6150	" 12 - 250	3000	"
Inglis	South Park - Barrington	1800	" 3 - 250	750	"
Morris	Robie - Hollis	4350	" 6 - 250	1500	"
Additional lights which cannot be determined now			50 - 250	12500	"

Pole work

Assembling fixtures & other contingencies

SPECIAL LIGHTING

City Hall Parade	Multiple	4 - 200	800	Complete
War Memorial	"	8 - 200	1600	"



646.80	14 - 250	280.00	483.00	203.00
1,055.74	13 - 400; 3 - 600	561.40	630.19	68.79
592.90	9 - 250; 2 - 400	241.60	442.75	201.15
970.20	17 - 250; 1 - 600	380.25	724.50	344.25
592.90	11 - 250	220.00	442.75	222.75
1,617.00	8 - 250; 22 - 400	837.60	1,207.50	369.90
2,694.24	14 - 600; 1 - 1000	620.79	1,374.96	754.17
377.30	5 - 250; 1 - 400; 2 - 600	211.30	281.75	70.45
377.30	1 - 400 T.U.; 7 - 600	312.55	281.75	
202.58	2 - 600	80.50	183.60	103.10
592.90	15 - 250; 2 - 400	361.60	442.75	81.15
539.00	8 - 250	160.00	402.50	242.50
862.40	13 - 250; 1 - 400	290.80	644.00	353.20
646.80	9 - 250; 6 - 400	364.80	483.00	118.20
3,031.02	9 - 600; 15 - 1000	1,221.60	1,546.83	325.23
2,161.92	4 - 600; 24 - 1000	1,535.96	1,833.28	297.32
915.30	16 - 400	492.80	684.25	191.45
539.00			402.50	402.50
700.70	14 - 400; 1 - 600	471.45	523.25	51.80
2,806.50	1 - 400; 23 - 600; 5 - 1000	1,323.50	1,432.25	108.75
1,724.80	1 - 100; 21 - 250	434.00	1,288.00	854.00
646.80	14 - 400	431.20	483.00	51.80
1,185.80	23 - 250; 2 - 400	521.60	885.50	363.90
539.00	1 - 250; 2 - 400	81.60	402.50	320.90
215.60	6 - 250	120.00	161.00	41.00
1,185.80	21 - 250 (4-60 Bridge cut out)	420.00	885.50	465.50
808.50	2 - 250; 15 - 400	502.00	603.75	101.75
269.50	6 - 250	120.00	201.25	81.25
862.40	1 - 250; 20 - 400	636.00	644.00	8.00
1,391.68	28 - 500 W	1,713.00		
1,509.20	30 - 400	924.00	1,127.00	203.00
862.40	15 - 250; 2 - 400	361.60	644.00	282.40

WHERE FIXTURES HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY IMPROVED LIGHTING

54.00		311.60	431.60	120.00
45.00		462.00	562.00	100.00
108.00		580.00	820.00	240.00
27.00		180.00	240.00	60.00
54.00		554.40	670.40	120.00
450.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
500.00				
<u>1,500.00</u>				

36,363.08 8,923.16

700.00	Underground wiring and standards			100.00
<u>900.00</u>	" " " "			<u>150.00</u>
1,600.00				250.00

\$37,963.08 Total Total \$9,173.16

Total Distance - 117,125' or 22 miles
 Total medium fixtures required - 367
 Total heavy " " 148
 515



March 15, 1945.

mately twenty weeks. From information I have obtained from the manufacturers I would not consider such time of delivery as assured.

Time to Complete Installation

Three to four months after receipt of fixtures. Installation would be gradual. Streets to have priority to be determined by the Committee on Works.

Proposed Procedure for Purchase and Installation

I propose that the fixtures be purchased by the City directly from the wholesalers or manufacturers and installed at cost by the Power Company or Service concerned. This I recommend due to the nature of the work. The total cost as submitted with this estimate is based on the above arrangement.

Improving Conditions Concerning Poles on Gottingen St. and Spring Garden Rd.

I have had some initial interviews with the N. S. Light & Power Co. through their General Supt., Mr. Doolan, concerning the possibility, when it is feasible to do so in the shortest time possible, to have Gottingen Street Business District and Spring Garden Road Business District improved along the lines of the Barrington Street Business District, that is install metal poles and cut the wiring to a minimum. I believe some pressure could be brought to bear for these two improvements through the authority invested in the Commissioner of Works. I suggest that this be at no cost to the City of Halifax and that the proposed new fixtures be moved and reinstalled on new metal poles at the expense of the Power Company should metal poles be not available before new fixtures are installed on present poles.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. Durling,
City Electrician.

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

CAPITAL BORROWINGS WORKS DEPT.

Halifax, N. S.,
March 9, 1945.

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

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INSTALLATION COSTS

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