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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
JANUARY 17, 1946

A G E N D A

- Prayer.
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5. " " " Accounts Equipment T. B. Hospital.
6. " " " Change Order #6 T. B. Hospital.
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- 6. Report Comm. on Works re Program of Expenditures Recreation Committee.
- 7. " " Site for Playground Armdale School.
- 8. " " National Code.

9. Deferred Items

- (1) Appointment of Fire Chief.
 - (2) Report Judge Robertson re Investigation.
 - (3) Civic Employees offering as Candidates in Elections.
 - (4) Motion Alderman Walker re Time Clock.
- 0. Resignation W. C. Harvey as Trustee of Sinking Funds.
 - 1. Report Chief Accountant re Tax Collections Month of December 1945.
 - 2. " " Appropriations.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
January 17, 1946,
8.00 P. M.

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

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman: Alderman Rutson, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, McDonald, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Ahern.

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

The following papers were submitted.

MINUTES

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

CHANGE OF TITLE OF ITEM ON AGENDA

His Worship the Mayor speaking in regard to item 59 (1) on the agenda which read "Appointment of Fire Chief" asked the City Clerk if it should have been as follows: "Message His Worship the Mayor re Veto Appointment of Fire Chief" to which the City Clerk replied in the affirmative. The title was then changed accordingly.

BRIEF CANADIAN SEAMEN'S UNION RE MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. T. G. McManus, representing the Merchant Marine, was in the Council Chamber and asked permission to address the Council on this matter to which Council agreed.

Mr. McManus then submitted and read a brief dealing with the Merchant Marine and same is attached to the orig-

CANADA NEEDS A MERCHANT MARINE

Representing the Canadian Seaman's Union, we welcome this opportunity to meet with His Worship, Mayor Allan M. Butler, and Members of the Halifax City Council, to submit our observations and proposals regarding a permanent merchant marine for Canada. We deem the nation's shipping policy concerns the people of our country as vitally in peace-time as in war-time. Our shipping needs are inseparably bound to our overseas trade needs. In both, every Canadian has a stake, directly or indirectly.

Uppermost in the mind of the Canadian worker is the security of his, or her, job, and ample take-home pay for decent living. With the farmer it is: a fair price for produce. With the business man: a continuing demand for goods and an adequate return on investment. For all, an extensive import and export trade is a large part of the answer.

The enhanced place of foreign trade in Canadian economy was plainly stated not long ago by B. C. Butler, Director of Trade Publicity for the Trade and Commerce Department, when he said:

"We have emerged from the war ranking second among the export nations of the world. Almost one-third of our total national income is derived from export; three out of every eight workers are dependent for their jobs on the goods we can sell outside the country. Our success in foreign trade will be the measure of our efforts to win the peace."⁽¹⁾

When Canada's trade with other nations falls off, the result is fewer jobs for workers, and shrinking sales and profits for farmers and businessmen. Because of the transformation of the economy of the country during the struggle to defeat military fascism, this has become more than ever so. No one will now dispute that we must hereafter maintain foreign trading at levels far higher than before

(1) In an address to the Canadian Exporters' Association at Montreal, November 14th, 1945.

the war. Otherwise, not only shall we fail to supply many countries with needed products, but we shall ourselves face a depression worse than the "thirties."

Thus we greet the statement of the Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who, in reporting on Canada's export trade to Latin America in the House of Commons on December 11th, 1945, predicted:

"We believe Canada is destined to enjoy a steadily growing trade with these nations. It may not be too optimistic to believe that our export trade with Latin America can reach \$200 million a year in the immediate future, provided that Canadian exporters pay the attention to this market which its potential importance warrants."

Let it be noted, however, that the Minister's report gave the export trade for the entire southern continent as only \$24 millions for the first nine months of 1945, as compared with \$10 millions for the comparable period in 1939. This calls for an increase of more than 600% over 1945 figures, and more than 1,500% over those of 1939. It will require more than wishful thinking to bring about such a rise. It cannot be accomplished if the entire burden of effort is left with the exporters. Clearly, assistance such as shipping facilities must be accorded them.

For foreign trading on a great scale, a permanent merchant marine forms a key transport link. The need is apparent for independent shipping services to develop and explore overseas markets for the products of our factories, mines, forests, and farms. This need now reveals itself at every turn. Recently the President of the Guatemala City Chamber of Commerce observed that Canada could do "at least" \$6 million a year business with Guatemala if plans were made to establish a direct shipping line. It should be borne in mind that before the war the total value of exports and imports between this Latin American country and Canada never reached half a million dollars.

On this score, H. A. Morton, Editor of the "Shipping Register and Shipbuilder," wrote on August 1st, 1945, that the Dominion Government had refused an export permit to a large manufacturer of paints and varnishes who wished to ship an order to Colombia. He explained:

"The reason, of course, that they will not grant these export permits is because all shipments of Canadian goods have to be shipped through a U. S. Port and go on U. S. ships, and the U. S. shipping companies have no space for Canadian goods, with the result that Canada is losing business in South America while the Americans are busy selling and shipping their own goods there.

".....It is certainly a disgraceful state of affairs that a Canadian company has to refuse large orders which they can fill but cannot ship because Canada has no direct shipping, and we have to remain at the mercy of American shippers."

These are but two examples of the effect of a lack of independent shipping facilities on our international trade. Such examples can readily be multiplied in other parts of the world as well as Latin America.

It is thus profoundly disturbing to all Canadians that the Hon. C. D. Howe should announce the sale and liquidation of the Government-owned merchant fleet. In the House of Commons on November 19th, 1945, the Minister of Reconstruction declared:

"As many ships (the 154 vessels of Park Steamship Co.) will be sold to private Canadian operators as possible, and the probabilities are that, if we still have a surplus of ships, it may be necessary to tie them up."

What the Minister describes as "private Canadian operators" are, in the main, agents of non-Canadian shipping firms.

This reversal of Government policy amounts to a scandalous appeasement of foreign shipping interests at heavy expense to the Canadian people. It strongly suggests Ottawa is responding readily to pressure from companies that made up the old North Atlantic Shipping Combine.

A revival of the international shipping cartel which existed for a generation is, in our view, not at all unlikely in one form or another after the dissolution of the United Nations Shipping Pool on March 1st. Even if not revived, and an agreement is reached on ocean freight rates between governments of maritime nations, the situation facing our country would scarcely be favourable. Canada, as a nation with a rapidly

disappearing merchant fleet, would possess small bargaining power to obtain fair freight rates, ample shipping routes, and schedules for its immense volume of cargo.

However, if there be no agreement by governments, but "each operator will be on his own," as Mr. Howe predicted on November 19th, then the situation will inevitably be more serious still. We think it relevant to recall the cramping effect on Canadian economy of a policy similar to that announced by the Reconstruction Minister which was followed after World War I. So damaging to this country were the discriminatory freight charges of the international shipping cartel that the government of the time set up a Royal Commission to investigate.

The Chairman of this Commission, W. T. R. Preston, in his report, cited numerous examples of how the export business of many Canadian firms withered away as the cartel applied a squeeze on rates, discriminating heavily against cargoes from Canadian ports. On Page 15 of the Preston Report may be found the following:

"By a comparison between the rates charged by the Combine (North Atlantic Shipping Conference) for the transportation of goods from German ports to different ports of the world, and particularly to New York, with the rates charged on Canadian products, it is clearly established that, although the distance is shorter between Montreal and Liverpool (2,760 miles) than between Hamburg and New York, (3,577 miles), the freight rate on Canadian exports is two and three times greater than Combine rates between Hamburg and the United States ports."

This dangerous policy announced by the Government Minister responsible for Canada's merchant marine is not only a denial of his own earlier declaration on the subject, but also of those of the Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Trade and Commerce Minister, and the Hon. Lionel Chevrier, Transport Minister.

In an interview in Vancouver about a year ago, Mr. Howe expressed the view that the future prosperity of Canadian economy required a merchant marine. At the Trades and Labor Congress Convention in Toronto, October 26th, 1944, the same Minister said:

"Merchant ships, built to meet the necessities of war, will provide a peace-time Canadian merchant marine, in keeping with our present position as the world's third exporting country."

In April of last year, Mr. MacKinnon declared:

"The new war-time Canadian fleet can look to some years of good business at least."

On August 31st, 1945, Mr. Chevrier was reported by The Canadian Press to have told a delegation of the Canadian Seamen's Union:

"I think we are going to have a merchant marine. Whether or not we will require 500 vessels, I don't know. I feel something along that line should be done."

Mr. Chevrier said he considered trade would be the determining factor in the number of Canadian ships that would operate.

When Mr. MacKinnon discussed prospects for a \$200 million export trade with Latin America on December 11th, he also added:

"We hope soon to re-establish direct shipping routes to the Latin American countries, instead of routing our goods through the United States, and this should increase our trade with Latin American countries to a substantial degree."

We of the Canadian Seamen's Union welcome a move whereby the Government employs its ships to open sea routes for Canadian cargo traffic. We strongly urge that what the Trade and Commerce Minister speaks of be carried out.

However, we are alarmed to note that Mr. Howe, the Minister in charge of the Government-owned fleet, referred to the Latin American service in hesitant terms. He declared the Government would be "pleased to turn them (the Park ships) over to an operator who would operate them in the South American service, but I do not know whether we are prepared to subsidize anyone to do that."

Seemingly, despite the great urgency for direct Canadian shipping services, the Government is hesitating to operate the vessels for that purpose, or even to grant shipping subsidies, as has been frequently done by previous Governments.

We consider the precipitate change in Government shipping policy indicates that influences in sharp conflict with the interests of Canadian workers, farmers, and

businessmen, have made themselves felt in Ottawa. The Canadian Seamen's Union has objected to the presence on the Park Steamship directorate of men identified with former member companies of the international shipping cartel. This practice still persists while a policy counter to the interests of the people is put into effect.

The matter of obtaining cargoes for the Government fleet has been cited by Mr. Howe as the chief difficulty in the way of crown operation. We would suggest that this is by no means an insurmountable obstacle.

It was easier for Canadian vessels in pre-war years to load imported cargoes than exported, since the buyer was in a better position than the seller to specify the bottoms carrying his goods. It must be noted that our country is now in a much more favorable position as regards cargo gathering for her ships than prior to the war.

Much buying of Canadian products will occur through the loans totalling \$750 million under the Exports Credits Insurance Act. The Canadian Government is thus in a position to specify the vessels which will transport at least a fair portion of exports purchased with these Canadian funds.

In respect to import cargoes, a Government body such as Commodity Prices Corporation, which purchases abroad for Wartime Prices and Trade Board as part of the price control plan, can insist on shipments in crown company vessels. There can be little doubt that Canadian importers would respond favorably to a Government-sponsored informational campaign urging they have their purchases carried in ships of the registry of their country.

Further, since it is the task of the Trade Commissioners' Offices to advise Canadians on their buying and selling in various countries, these would be able to offer similar advice regarding cargoes for Canadian ships.

The maintenance and expansion of a Canadian Government-owned and operated fleet is essential to any large measure of prosperity for industry generally. For shipbuilding and its auxiliary industries, it is essential for survival. By general admission, the shipbuilding and ship-repair industries cannot long hope for many orders from foreign customers.

Our shipyards have delivered since 1939, a total of 5,000,000 tons of cargo and naval vessels. Included in this tonnage are 366 large steel merchant ships, 782 naval vessels, and 4,350 smaller craft. This exceptional record means we possess an industry with a highly skilled worker group, and plant facilities for new construction, conversion and repair.

It has to be acknowledged that under prevailing conditions almost all of the foreign trade of Canada is carried in British or foreign bottoms, without restriction or deterrent of any character and without encouragement to the establishing and maintaining of a Canadian Merchant Marine.

This means that owners of such vessels do not patronize Canadian shipbuilders, or even Canadian repairers except in cases of vital urgency. These vessels are registered abroad, serviced in foreign ports, manned by British or foreign crews, and derive a considerable part of their revenue from Canadian natural resources and manufactured products. Whilst benefiting by the provision of navigational and port improvements, no contribution is made to cost of same through taxation as would apply to Canadian-owned tonnage.

It is further to be acknowledged that the adequate business reasons for such a policy, obviously contrary to Canadian interests, is in the large differential in shipbuilding and ship-operating costs, which has hitherto applied.

In order to re-create a Canadian foreign-going shipping industry, which is so desirable in the national interest, it would seem necessary that a new shipping policy should be envisaged, and such assistance rendered as will encourage the Canadian shipowner to extend his interests and participation in foreign shipping.

In conclusion, it may be timely to proffer an argument which might be criticized as having more political than economic value. There exists in the Maritime Provinces a seafaring tradition which may be well capitalized upon in this particular instance. This section of the Dominion has long complained that it has been neglected by the Federal Governments. A very large percentage of its population are sea-minded and

gain their living from the sea as fishermen and seamen. The provinces as a whole, apart from coal, forests and fisheries, possess but few natural resources.

Geographically and physically, they are akin to Norway and the people have many of the seafaring characteristics which are to be found in the Norwegians, and which have been a material factor in making Norway one of the world's foremost ship-operating nations, deriving the greater part of its national wealth from shipping. By environment, aptitude and tradition, the coastal residents of the Maritimes might find encouragement, if it were made part of a national policy, to develop once more an industry of foreign-going shipping - beginning in a modest way with the ultimate idea of branching out into foreign trade with specialized types of ships, built in Canada, owned in Canada, and manned by Canadian crews.

I think that the question that must be uppermost in the minds of this Council is - How does all of this affect Halifax and its people?

I think I am safe in saying that the port of Halifax will suffer more than any other port in Canada. It is stated by the Unions that will be most affected, that approximately 6,000 workers were employed on the waterfront during the war period, 2,500 of whom were longshoremen. The annual average income of these workers during the war period was approximately \$2,500.00 per annum. Prior to the war, there were approximately 700 longshoremen employed on the waterfront. The present policy of reducing income and jobs in this port has already meant a reduction of 500 longshoremen on the waterfront. What does this mean, in dollars and cents, to Halifax businessmen? It means, annually, \$1,250,000 in lost purchasing power. If we allow the whole question to drift to the pre-war situation, the purchasing power of Halifax will be reduced by \$3,800,000 annually - and this from the lay-off of longshoremen alone. It is estimated by Union Officials that, up to the present, over 500 men have been laid off in the Shipyards on the Halifax side, 200 on the Dartmouth side, and 500 in the Dockyards. It is also estimated that the average annual wage for these men is approximately \$1,500 per year. Without any further lay-offs, this simply means that the purchasing power of Halifax has already been reduced in the above-mentioned

will rise by another \$1,600,000, or a total of \$3,350,000 at this date.

but that is not all - If this present policy is allowed to continue, - if Canada is to continue a policy of using foreign ships in preference to building her own, - if the Canadian merchant fleet is to be tied to the dock, as Mr. Howe stated in Parliament it would be - then, gentlemen, the city of Halifax will become a ghost city, and the annual income of Halifax will be reduced by over \$10,000,000 annually. This will bring about a situation where one business man after another in Halifax will go into bankruptcy, - where nearly 20,000 people of this city will be thrown on the breadlines and will, therefore, become charges against the taxpayers.

The working men of any community are that community's greatest asset, - when they are working. However, they become the community's greatest liability when they are thrown out of work. Let us all keep that fact in mind. Let it also be remembered that while other countries have the strongest type of protective legislation covering all branches of the marine and shipping industry, - while other countries, notably the United Kingdom, are staging an all-out offensive on behalf of their shipping and allied industries, - Canada is proposing to sell and tie up her merchant marine. Instead of the Golden Era which Canadians were promised at the end of the war, the policies, and the lack of policies, of the Federal and Provincial Governments are leading to an unemployment situation that is steadily growing worse.

Freedom from Fear and Freedom from Want can only become a reality when the elected representatives of the people take a firm stand and work out realistic policies that can make such fine slogans possible.

It is felt that only by the strongest possible campaign of public education can we hope to awaken Ottawa to its responsibilities and to secure a truly maritime policy which will give to our ships' officers and seamen, to our marine and shipbuilding workers, and to the manufacturers and exporters who depend on this industry to sell their products, a fair degree of security.

It is apparent to all that the Government must take the steps necessary to guarantee the maintenance and extension of our Canadian Merchant Marine - (a) by Government ownership or control, or (b), if this is not considered advisable at this time, and if the Government is convinced that private enterprise can adequately answer our present shipping needs, that the following recommendations be given immediate consideration by the Government:

1. Establishment of a Maritime Commission to have complete authority and jurisdiction over our merchant marine, freight rates, new ship construction, ship repairs and shipping - labour representation to be included on the Maritime Commission.
2. That the Government should restrict the coasting trade of Canada to vessels now registered in Canada and hereafter built in Canada.
3. That a national shipping policy should be enacted, whereby Canadian shipowners engaged in foreign trade in and out of Canadian ports will be encouraged by all possible means to register and build their ships in Canada.
4. That the Government should give consideration, as part of the post-war reconstruction policy, to begin the replacement of obsolete vessels employed by all Crown Companies at present, by fast, modern, up-to-the-minute freighters that will be built in Canada, manned by Canadian seamen, and which can compete with the best ships afloat.
5. That only Canadian-registered vessels be eligible to Government subsidies, and preference be given Canadian ships in carrying mail for the Canadian Post Office.
6. That the Canadian Government, in extending credits to foreign Governments to buy Canadian trade goods, shall specify in their agreements that such goods shall be carried in Canadian bottoms. This should also include commodities shipped through Canadian ports by U. N. R. R. A.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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inal copy of these minutes.

The following resolutions were then submitted and read:

WHEREAS the Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction in the Dominion Government, has announced the sale of the Government-owned Park fleet, and

WHEREAS Canada's national economy demands that we export and

WHEREAS Canada is in a position to manufacture for 100 million people, and if we do not export, mass unemployment becomes inevitable,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Government must take the steps necessary to guarantee the maintenance and extension of our Canadian Merchant Marine - (a) by Government ownership or control, or, (b), if this is not considered advisable at this time, and if the Government is convinced that private enterprise can adequately answer our present shipping needs, that the following recommendations be given immediate consideration by the Government:

1. That there be established a Maritime Commission to have complete authority and jurisdiction over our Merchant Marine, freight rates, new ship construction, ship repairs and shipping - labour representation to be included on the Maritime Commission, and

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4. That the Government should give consideration, as

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part of the post war reconstruction policy, to begin the replacement of obsolete vessels employed by all Crown Companies at present, by fast, modern, up-to-the-minute freighters that will be built in Canada, manned by Canadian seamen, and which can compete with the best ships afloat, and

5. That only Canadian-registered vessels be eligible to Government subsidies, and preference be given Canadian ships in carrying mail for the Canadian Post Office, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Government, in extending credits to foreign Governments to buy Canadian trade goods, shall specify in their agreements that such goods shall be carried in Canadian bottoms. This should also include commodities shipped through Canadian ports by U. N. R. R. A., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, and the Hon. Angus L. MacDonald, Premier of Nova Scotia.

WHEREAS the City Council of Halifax and the citizens of Halifax are vitally concerned that the income of the citizens should not be further reduced through mass lay-offs and wage reductions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Halifax urge the Government to take all steps within their power to assure seamen, longshoremen, checkers, shipyard workers no further reduction in income through lay-offs or wage reductions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Halifax support the seamen in the reasonable request that the wages paid ordinary seamen must not be below the minimum of .50¢ per hour.

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Alderman Coffin stated that this was a very excellent address and he knew how much it means to the seamen of this Province who are the best in the world. "In my opinion, this Council should do everything possible to co-operate with them and support them in this resolution."

Alderman Ahern stated that this was very important and that the matter should be gone into fully.

Alderman Hosterman remarked that this was a very good brief and covered the whole situation very nicely. "I happen to be acquainted with a number of things he has stressed. If we can't export our own goods in our own bottoms I don't know what will happen to Canada. To have a Merchant Marine is an essential thing if Canada is to be an exporting nation as she is."

The resolution was then discussed and His Worship the Mayor wanted to know how this Council could act on a lay-off brought about by the economic situation.

Alderman Hosterman: "I feel that the brief should be supported 100%. The resolution is the outcome of the brief."

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Aldermen Ahern that the resolutions as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION ALDERMAN BREEN RE BEER PLEBISCITE

Alderman Breen asked to have Item #24 dealing with the "Beer Plebiscite" dealt with as his motion was along the same lines to which Council agreed.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.
January 15, 1946.

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 His Worship the Mayor respecting the holding of a Plebiscite on the matter of the sale of Beer was considered.

Your Committee recommends that a plebiscite be held on Wednesday, March 20, 1946, for the purpose of determining the wish of the majority of the people of Halifax in respect to the sale of beer and wine by the glass or open bottle.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

RESOLVED that the City Council, under the authority of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1930, section 30, subsection 3, and Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944, section 42, take a plebiscite on the following question on March 20/1946.

"Are you in favor of the sale by the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission of beer and wine by the glass or open bottle in the City of Halifax?"

The said plebiscite shall be carried out in the manner prescribed in the aforementioned Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1930 and Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the report and resolution be approved.

Alderman Batson requested permission of Council to read a letter to which Council agreed.

Alderman Batson started to read a letter from the Canadian Brewers Limited of Quebec and forthwith His Worship the Mayor stopped him from reading it.

Alderman Batson asked if this were a bribe for us to vote for the plebiscite. "I take it that the brewers are making a wise move to put this letter out at this time."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will have to ask you to take your seat or leave the Council if there is any further reference to it."

Alderman Batson: "No, I won't leave the Council because I am put here by the City voters."

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His Worship the Mayor: "This Company portrays scenes of 150 years ago and the artist is a very noted one. They have no further use for the oil painting and they are willing to give it to the City of Halifax. They did this long before there was any talk of a plebiscite in the air. That is why I ask you not to pursue this matter."

Alderman Batson continued on the same subject and His Worship the Mayor ruled him out of order and told him he could appeal to the Aldermen.

Alderman Batson stated that he thought it was cheap advertising.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Moriarty
Breen
Hosterman
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker
Ahern

- 8 -

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson
Adams
McDonald
Burgess

- 4 -

ACCOUNTS

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

RESOLVED that this Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee amounting to \$8,673.07; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,354.79 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$21,009.95 chargeable to Fire Department; \$21,212.56 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$21,408.14 chargeable to Health Department; \$17,924.69 chargeable to City Home and \$4,393.04 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$17,058.96; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting

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to \$553.98 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

ACCOUNT CIVIC PLANNING COMMISSION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 account from the Maritime Photo-Engravers, Limited for the sum of \$421.63 covering Colour Line Plates ordered by the Civic Planning Commission was submitted.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment and charged against the appropriation for printing and stationery.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS FOR INVESTIGATION

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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, accounts from His Honour Judge J. G. A. Robertson totalling \$53.80, covering fees etc., on investigation under Section 136 of the City Charter pursuant to resolution of City Council prepared September 13, 1945, were submitted.

Your Committee recommends that the accounts be approved for payment.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT HOSPITALIZATION HOSEMAN KEEPING

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Safety Committee recommending for payment under the authority of Section 9, Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943, an account from the Victoria General Hospital amounting to \$28.00 covering hospitalization of Hoseman Douglas Keeping was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHER

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 Company Limited to have Mr. P. H. Brown appointed a permanent City Coal Weigher, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the application be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 17, 1946.

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

TAG DAY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, an application from the Canadian National Institute For The Blind, requesting permission to hold a Tag Day on Saturday, September 14, 1946, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the application be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

REPORT POLL TAX OFFICER

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 Poll Tax Officer for the quarter year ending December 31st, 1945, was submitted and same is forwarded to Council for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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POLL TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CIVIC QUARTER YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1945.

<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>ARREARS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$28,957.39	\$4,485.60	\$33,442.99

	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>
October	\$ 5,984.51	\$ 6,928.90
November	18,369.19	21,287.46
December	4,720.76	5,226.63
TOTAL.....	\$29,074.46	\$33,442.99

INCREASE.....\$ 4,368.53

COLLECTED BY STREET COLLECTORS

MR. DURRANT.....	\$2,024.00	
MR. ROCKWELL.....	2,001.00	
MR. PHILLIPS.....	1,289.00	
MR. FOLEY.....	1,065.00	
MR. FRAWLEY.....	707.00	
MR. YATES.....	660.00	
MR. BARRETT.....	570.00	
MR. DUGGAN.....	369.00	
MR. LOW.....	255.00	
MR. McDONALD.....	192.00	
MR. RISING.....	<u>174.00</u>	\$ 9,306.00
PAID AT OFFICE.....		24,136.99
		<u>\$33,442.99</u>

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PURCHASE OF DICTAPHONE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending the purchase of a Dictaphone at a cost of \$650.00 for use in the Tuberculosis Hospital was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that the funds required for same be provided as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SUPERANNUATION SGT. GRANT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 was submitted from the Safety Committee recommending that Sgt. Murray Grant of the Police Department be superannuated as from February 1, 1946, at an annual allowance of \$1,430.00 under the provision of Section 272 (2) of the City Charter and also recommending that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature, enabling the City to pay to Mr. Grant an additional sum of \$161.40 per annum.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF LAND CITY HOME PROPERTY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

January 17, 1946.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the matter of selling a portion of the City Home property to the Provincial Government was considered.

Your Committee recommends that a parcel of land be sold to the Provincial Government for the sum of \$4,300.00; the description of the said land, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Works, is as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the north side line of South Street where it is intersected by the west boundary of the Victoria General Hospital property, thence northerly along the western boundary of the Victoria General Hospital property 328.5 feet to the southern boundary of the Children's Hospital lot, thence westerly along the southern boundary of the Children's Hospital property 100 feet, thence southerly parallel to the first herein described boundary 323 feet to the north side line of South Street, thence easterly along the north side line of South Street 100 feet to the place of beginning."

The land to be sold under the following conditions:

1. That the Provincial Government fill in the present pond, having due regard to drainage which accumulates in this vicinity and also taking into consideration the likelihood and extent of future surface drainage.
2. That the Government will restore the surface of the land in the vicinity of the pond to the satisfaction of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.
3. That the Government will provide a wire fence satisfactory to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare separating the Hospital Property from that of the City Home.
4. That the Government will permit free access to the City over, on and under the land conveyed for the purpose of maintaining its sewers in their present location and for repairing and renewing the same.
5. That the Government shall in no event construct any building of any kind over the sewers of the City where they cross the land so conveyed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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SALARY SCALE CLERK ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 City Assessor recommending that the Salary Scale for the classification of Clerk in the Assessor's Department be set at \$1,400.00 minimum and \$1,880.00 maximum was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Assessor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALARY CHIEF OF POLICE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Safety Committee recommending that the maximum salary for the Chief of Police be set at \$3,600.00 per annum and that the present incumbent in this office be paid this salary as from January 1, 1946 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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SALARY ASSISTANT TO SOLICITOR

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 City Solicitor recommending that Mr. T. C. Doyle be granted an increase of \$300.00 over his present salary as from January 1, 1946 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE CITY BAILIFF

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Safety Committee recommending that the City Bailiff be granted the sum of \$300.00 per annum as a transportation allowance, due to the fact that he is serving processes issued out of the City Court for service at points outside of the City Limits, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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Alderman Breen: "I can't support this because I have had your assurance that when his salary was brought up to \$2,200.00/^{there would be no further request made,} I asked at that time how long it would be before an allowance would be granted for travelling expenses."

Alderman Coffin: "The fees the City can charge outside the City will equal the \$300.00."

Alderman Burgess: "He has been made a Provincial Constable."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Stipendary Magistrate advised it in order to increase the efficiency of the Court and found it necessary to have the Bailiff made a Provincial Constable. He has to make trips outside of the City which require an additional charge and Alderman Coffin has stated that the fees will be equal to the allowance. If you want to make him efficient for the court you will give him this or else he will stay in the City."

Alderman Breen: "The minutes of the meeting say that he would supply his own car. I was told by you that no request for transportation allowance would be brought here."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is right. This is for greater efficiency of the Court."

Alderman Breen: "Were they never served before by his predecessor?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Alderman Breen: "It certainly belongs to the job that papers are to be served."

His Worship the Mayor: "I believe you never were going to support the present incumbent."

Alderman Breen: "You are correct. It should have come out of the Police Department."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Doyle told us that the fees that would be brought into the City would make up for this."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Breen that the Bailiff submit separate expense sheets for his out of town journeys and paid on such.

There was no seconder to this amendment.

Alderman Burgess: "Mr. Doyle told me he had thirty-five processes in one day."

Alderman Batson: "That was the information given to the Safety Committee. The City would be well paid anyway."

Aldermen Ahern: "I was not going to support this for him. If the City will receive fees back I will support it. I can take a defeat on this appointment of this man. I am a good loser."

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Burgess and Breen wishing to be recorded against.

ALTERATIONS POLICE QUARTERS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Safety Committee recommending that alterations be made to the Police Quarters totalling the sum of \$7,015 as estimated by the Commissioner of Works, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that application be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for authority to borrow the said sum.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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W H E R E A S by Section 8 of Chapter of the Acts of 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the said City such sum or sums as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for public schools, hospitals, fire department, police office, lockups, prisons, city hall, city hall, asylums for the harmless insane or other city purposes.

AND WHEREAS by said Section 8 of said The Municipal Affairs Act 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 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 that the City Council of the City of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00) for the purpose of altering, adding to, improving, furnishing and equipping the portion of city hall used as a police station and lockup by providing the following improvements: Ventilation, sanitary facilities and equipment, new metal cells, painting portions of floor, blackout material, lockers and

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storage.

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to an amount not exceeding Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00) will be necessary to raise that sum.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow from any bank, fund, person or account available such sums not exceeding Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid; the said sums to be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

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 Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the City the said sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00) for the purposes 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 Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00).

THAT the issue of said debentures be postponed and that the said City do under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 318A of the Halifax City Charter of 1931 borrow from General Current Account a sum or sums of money not exceeding Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00).

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

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Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report and resolution be approved. Motion passed unanimously, all members of Council being present and voting therefor.

TENDERS GARBAGE TRUCK CHASSIS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report from the Committee on Works recommending the purchase from Purdy Motors Limited, of two Fargo Truck Chassis at a cost of \$4,410.00 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that the funds required for this purpose be provided as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 10th, 1946.

Chairman and Members
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Deputy Commissioner of Works dated January 8th 1946, recommending the purchase of two "Fargo" Truck Chassis, was considered.

It was moved by Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman MacDonald, and recommended to the Finance and Executive Committee for approval that an order be placed with Purdy Motors Limited for One "Fargo" Truck Chassis for Sanivan Body at \$2,310.00, delivered at Montreal, and One "Fargo" Truck Chassis for Load Packer body at \$2,100.00, delivered at Windsor, Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 17, 1946.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Tenders were called for the delivery of two truck chassis on which are to be mounted a Load Packer Garbage Body and a Sanivan Garbage Body, which were ordered by City Council some time ago.

The tenders received were as follows:-

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Chassis for Sanivan Body</u>	<u>Chassis For Load Packer</u>
Provincial Motors Ltd.	\$ 3499.97	\$3611.97
Purdy Motors Ltd.	2310.00	2100.00
Trasnor Auto Service	3800.25	2790.70
Citadel Motors Ltd.	3580.00	2140.00
Atlantic Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd.	2312.05	2309.10
Halifax Motors Ltd.	2695.00	2400.00

As stated in the tenders, one of these Chassis was to be sent to Windsor, Ont. and the other to Sioard Ltd., Montreal, where the bodies would be mounted.

I would therefore recommend that the order be placed with Purdy Motors Limited, for two Fargo Truck Chassis, they being the lowest tenderers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,
Deputy Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously, all members of Council being present and voting therefor.

SEWERS GERRISH AND ARTZ STREETS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 relaying of sewers on Gerrish and Artz Streets, was considered.

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

POLLING BOOTHS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 resolution which was adopted at the last regular meeting of the City Council respecting the matter of Polling Booths was considered.

After hearing a report from the City Clerk and City Collector on the matter, it was decided to recommend that the voters' list be divided into 4 sections instead of 2 sections as formerly and having 4 Polling sections in the one location.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman McDonald stated that the booths should be in different sections of the Ward

His Worship the Mayor: "That involved too many difficulties.

Alderman Doyle: "In the Mayflower Club a booth had to be put up at 3.00 P. M. in the afternoon because of heavy voting. If we had two booths in the one ward it would be better."

His Worship the Mayor: "This year you will have the alphabet broken into four sections instead of two which would be much more speedy."

Alderman Burgess: "Alderman McDonald has the right idea. In Ward 6 we need four booths because of the size of the ward."

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Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 11th, 1946.

Finance and Executive Committee,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Deputy Commissioner of Works dated January 8th 1946 was considered.

On Motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, the Committee approved the said report and recommended same to the Finance and Executive Committee for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 8th, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor Sir:-

Gerrish St. Sewer from Barrington St.
Eastwardly to C.N.R. Retaining Wall.

During heavy storms considerable flooding is experienced at Barrington Street, at the intersection to Gerrish Street. The storm waters have not been able to get away, due to the condition of the old flag stone sewer existing at this part of Gerrish Street.

It is proposed to relay this sewer and reconstruct the manhole, in the same trench as the original sewer.

The length is 165 feet and the estimated cost is \$2100.00.

Artz Street

Similar conditions exist on Artz Street, as in the above mentioned Cerrish Street sewer.

The length of the proposed sewer is 150 feet and the estimated cost \$2,000.

In accordance with the terms of the City Charter it is not proposed to make any assessment for these new sewers. I would therefore recommend that this work be done by the Works Department.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,
Deputy Commissioner of Works.

January 17, 1946.

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

POLLING BOOTHS

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Halifax, N. S.
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

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After hearing a report from the City Clerk and City Collector on the matter, it was decided to recommend that the voters' list be divided into 4 sections instead of 2 sections as formerly and having 4 Polling sections in the one location.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman McDonald stated that the booths should be in different sections of the Ward

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Alderman Burgess: "Alderman McDonald has the right idea. In Ward 6 we need four booths because of the size of the ward."

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Alderman Walker: "You can't get men to work in one booth let alone four."

Alderman Breen: "You could make a division by street line in each ward."

His Worship the Mayor: "The officials dealt with this and the best thing to do was to break the alphabet."

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 His Worship the Mayor, recommending that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature amending the law dealing with the spending of the Post War Rehabilitation Fund to permit the use of same to serve as loans for certain capital expenditures, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Breen: "I would like to see this used for new work."

His Worship the Mayor: "We could insert in the report the words "for capital expenditures representing new undertakings".

Alderman Breen: "What amount of money will this fund service."

His Worship the Mayor: "Over two million dollars."

Alderman Breen: "The schools take nearly that much."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Yes. They have #1 priority."

Alderman Breen: "I would like for those who contributed to it to get the most out of it."

His Worship the Mayor: "I thought this was one way of giving the money back to the tax-payers."

Alderman Coffin: "I agree with Alderman Breen that this money be used for new projects."

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

WOODCOCK INN PROPERTY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
Jan. 15/1946.

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 correspondence in connection with the acquisition of the Woodcock Inn Property was considered.

Your Committee recommends,

- (1.) That the property be acquired for the purchase price of \$21,166.00
- (2.) That the City of Halifax and Provincial Government each pay 50% of this sum.
- (3.) That the property be deeded to the Provincial Government and the City of Halifax jointly.
- (4.) That the plans referred to be filed with the City of Halifax.
- (5.) That the funds required for the City of Halifax' portion of this purchase price be provided from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund or if this is not feasible, that the necessary legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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PARTICULARS OF PURCHASE PRICE
WOODCOCK INN

Purchase Price of Property	\$12,000.00
Solicitor (on Sale)	100.00
Survey	75.00
Taxes (County & School-Proportion of Year)	142.00
Architect (Preparing Plans for changes)	4,000.00
Brookfield Const. Co. (Work done, Repairing etc.)	1,699.00
Interest on Money Borrowed	150.00
Compulsory Taking	3,000.00
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	\$21,166.00
Total Purchase Price	\$21,166.00
City's Share 50 per cent	\$10,583.00

December 17, 1945.

Mayor A. M. Butler,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir: RE: WOODCOCK INN PROPERTY

Mr. H. F. Lawrence and myself have held several conferences with the owner of the above named property and the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Honorable A. L. MacDonald, has agreed to the payment of the sum of \$21,166.00 as compensation for the property. A statement showing how this amount is determined is attached. The original amount asked for was \$34,490.94.

Mr. Lawrence advises me that he is anxious to close the matter and under a resolution of the Council of November 15, 1945, the City obligated itself to assume one-half of the cost involved, which would be \$10,583.00. I have been asked to secure payment from the City of this amount in order that the deed to the property may be secured.

I am given to understand by Mr. Lawrence that the Premier is anxious to have the building removed and this can be done without any further cost to the City.

There will be some other small incidental expenses in connection with the searching of the title and preparing the deed. What these amounts will be I am not as yet prepared to say.

In connection with the plans for the property Mr. Lawrence advises me that the Province is not interested in them but if you think the City should have them they can be requested on delivery of the deed.

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Yours respectfully,

J. F. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR.

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

MURRAY PROPERTY AT ARMDALE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15/1946.

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, when the matter of acquiring the Woodcock Inn Property was considered, it was suggested that action should be taken to acquire other properties in this vicinity and it was decided to recommend that Mr. J. F. McManus, City Assessor be authorized to negotiate with the owners of the Murray Property and report to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

PAYMENT SALE OF LAND ON QUINPOOL ROAD.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.
January 15, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter was submitted from Mr. Nathan Green requesting that the sum of \$4,000.00 which he paid to the City for a piece of land on Quinpool Road be refunded to him until such time as the City is in a position to convey the property to him.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$3,600.00 be refunded to Mr. Green until such time as the City is in a position to surrender a deed for the property in

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question.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TRANSFERRING OF APPROPRIATIONS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 respecting the matter of the transfer of surplus appropriations as of December 31, 1945 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 15, 1946.

The Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

Authority of the Finance and Executive Committee, and City Council, is requested under the provisions of Section 6, sub-section C, of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944, to transfer the undernoted surplus appropriations as at December 31, 1945, to the credit of other appropriations indicated.

From Public Gardens \$1,577.11

To Point Pleasant Park....	\$ 339.76
* Camp Hill Cemetery.....	1,200.00
* Pruning Trees on Streets	37.35

From Salaries \$2,451.62

To Halifax Playgrounds Commission	\$ 600.00
* Bond Premiums	287.85
* Civic Elections	363.77
* Printing & Stationery	1,200.00

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Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
Commissioner of Finance.

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

BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF FIXING
TAX RATE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 respecting the matter of borrow-
ing in anticipation of the fixing of the tax rate for
the year 1946 was considered.

Your committee recommends that the letter be approved

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 15, 1946.

The Chairman,
Finance & Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

Section 25 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944 (amend-
ing Section 351 of the City Charter) provides that:

" The City may by resolution of the Council in
any civic year, in anticipation of the fixing of
the annual rate for such civic year, borrow from
any bank, person, fund or account available such
sums as may be required to pay the salaries of the
employees of the City and of the Board of School
Commissioners, debt service charges, and to defray
usual recurring maintenance charges and such other
necessary expenditures as the Council may determine
to be required for the carrying out of the ordinary
and usual services of the several departments of
the said City and the said Board, and may expend
the sums so borrowed for such purposes."

For the purpose of providing the funds necessary
to meet the expenditures defined in the preceding para-
graph, in anticipation of the fixing of the tax rate for

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the civic year 1946, I recommend that the City Council authorize the borrowing from the Royal Bank of Canada, by Current Account overdraft, such sums as may from time to time be required, in an amount not exceeding \$700,000.00.

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously all members of Council being present and voting therefor.

COUNSEL-SALE OF WATER DEPARTMENT ASSETS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1946.

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 His Worship the Mayor respecting the matter of engaging Counsel to act for the City in the matter of the sale of the assets of the Water Department to the Public Service Commission, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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The Secretary,
Finance and Executive Committee,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

Please bring to the attention of your committee the situation that will arise out of negotiations to take place shortly whereby the water plant now owned by the City will be sold to the Public Service Commission. In order to receive approval of a fair and equitable price for the plant, it would be desirable to go before the Board of Public Utilities.

The natural wish of the Public Service Commission will be to acquire the plant at the smallest cost, and of the City to sell it at the highest cost. The opportu-

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ity to proceed with some of the expensive projects suggested by the Master Plan will come by reason of the capital profit the city will make on this sale, and it is the part of good business to endeavour to sell the plant for such a rate as it would be sold to private buyers.

Under these circumstances, I consider it to be my duty to appear before the Board of Public Utilities with special counsel, the services of the City Solicitor being ranged on the other side, for as you know, the arrangement sanctioned by this committee for six months, and not yet renewed, makes available the services of the City Solicitor to the Public Service Commission.

You have been repeatedly assured that no conflict of interests exists. That is not my opinion, and never was, and I think the present situation is a clear indication that conflict can exist. It is also made manifest in the arguments we have heard at committee meetings as to the liability for staff both in respect of pensions and wages, which was taken over and those which have not yet been taken over by the Commission.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
MAYOR.

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

Alderman Coffin: "I would not support a letter like that."

His Worship the Mayor: "I know that the Solicitor is the Solicitor for the Public Service Commission. I have been assured that there would be no conflict but I don't agree with that. I say the arrangement made is nothing more than one official receiving \$7,500.00 per annum."

Alderman Coffin: "The Solicitor represents the taxpayers of that body as well as the City."

Alderman Hosterman: "I think this matter is pretty big and we should engage the services of a special solicitor for this sale. We want to get the biggest amount we can."

Alderman Coffin: "That part is all right but I do object to the accusation that our Solicitor will be act-

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ing against the City."

His Worship the Mayor: "The interests of this Council are not the same as the Public Service Commission. We have an extraordinary situation that the Solicitor of this City is the same for the Public Service Commission. I put these in a letter as a statement of fact."

Alderman Coffin: "I won't support it."

His Worship the Mayor: "If I believe it in the best interests of this City to solve this muddle, I will do so."

Alderman Batson: "Did we not loan Mr. Bethune to them?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes for six months."

Alderman Batson: "When was he made Solicitor for this utility?"

City Solicitor: "This was carried out with the full knowledge of the Finance and Executive Committee."

Alderman Batson: "Did I not understand that when you went there you would be Secretary only, that is what I remember."

City Solicitor: "The Solicitor's work was the important part about it. The Solicitor's work was paramount. I gathered quite a bit of experience in this."

Alderman Batson: "I think that was the general understanding of the Aldermen that you were just to be Secretary."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think Mr. Bethune was made Solicitor as well for a period of six months. It was not brought specifically to the Finance and Executive Committee for renewal. What I want to know is how long will it last. This Commission is going to grow into a large affair. They should employ a Solicitor who will be their Secretary. I don't think there should be any alliance between the City and the Public Service Commission. I think the time

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has gone when this expert knowledge is required. Either he must retire from the Public Service Commission or else we must get a Solicitor to represent us."

Alderman DeWolf: "Perhaps there won't be any necessity of discussion."

His Worship the Mayor: "You are satisfied to let this go on forever?"

Alderman DeWolf: "I am saying that is it not possible that an agreement may be reached between the City and the Public Service Commission as to an amount so that it will not be necessary to employ extra counsel?"

Alderman Batson: "I don't think any man can serve two masters. I feel as Alderman Coffin that Mr. Bethune can be trusted to look after the City. We understand why he went to the Public Service Commission and at that time it was all green to us. I don't think the City has lost anything so far. I think we can let it go as it is."

His Worship the Mayor: "I want to know whether it is more important to secure the highest price or an official who is serving two masters?"

Alderman Coffin: "If you have a complaint with Mr. Bethune's salary, that is one thing but the matter of dealing with the City and the Public Service Commission, I do not want to align myself."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hosterman seconded by Alderman Coffin that the Mayor be authorized to consult professional legal advice and that the question as to whether Mr. Bethune should be permitted to continue as Counsel for the Public Service Commission be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report. Amendment put and passed.

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ADJUSTMENT OF TAXES VAUGHAN PROPERTY

This item was deferred.

VETERANS' HOUSES

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the City Solicitor's Department recommending the purchase of a piece of land on Duffus Street from the Dominion Government for the sum of \$1500.00, which is required as sites for Veterans' Houses was considered.

Your Committee recommends that Wartime Housing Limited be requested to purchase this lot on behalf of the City for the sum mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the
Finance Committee.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Veterans' Houses

During my search for sites for Veterans' Houses, I noticed a piece of land on Duffus Street which apparently is owned by the Dominion Government. A search of the records revealed that it had been purchased by the Dominion Government around 1911 as a site for Trachoma Hospital. The site was never utilized, but in 1913, it was offered to the Relief Commission for the sum of \$1500.00.

I have been informed today by Mr. Bethune, who took this matter up when in Ottawa, that the Government is willing to sell this lot of land for the price of \$1500.00. The lot in question is 200' x 180' and will provide sites (so I am informed) for eight (8) houses on lots 45' x 100'. It is already serviced with water and sewer.

I would respectfully suggest that your Committee recommend to Council that the Wartime Housing Ltd. purchase this lot on behalf of the City for the aforementioned sum of \$1500.00.

Yours truly,

T. C. Doyle.

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

TENDERS FOR LICENSE PLATES

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the City Collector submitting tenders for the supply of License Plates, Dog Tags, etc. for the civic year 1946 was submitted.

Your Committee recommends that the tender of the London Rubber Stamp Company Limited, of \$573.50 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT YEAR ENDING APRIL 30/44.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.
January 15, 1946.

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 Committee had before it a copy of the Independent Auditor's Report of the City of Halifax for the year ending April 30, 1944.

Your Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to have two hundred copies of the report printed in the same form as in previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 7/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date the following accounts which are over \$200.00 were approved and recommended for payment.

Howards Ltd.	\$1,011.16
Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd.	481.20
J. T. Bottomley	210.00
Bloomfield Men's Wear	253.35

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR FISH, EGGS AND BUTTER

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

Halifax, N. S.,
Jan. 7/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date tenders for the supply of Fish, Eggs and Butter to Civic Institutions were submitted as follows:

FISH
Burns Fisheries Ltd. for a period of six months \$2,764.50

EGGS
Swift Canadian Co., Ltd., for a period of one month .39.75 per doz
R. B. Colwell Ltd. for periods of one or 3 months .39¢ per doz.

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BUTTER
Swift Canadian Co., Ltd., for a period of one month
.38.75 ¢ per lb.
R. B. Colwell Ltd. for periods of one or three months.
.39 ¢ per lb.

Your committee recommends that the following tenders be approved.

FISH Burns Fisheries Ltd. for a period of six months.

EGGS R. B. Colwell Ltd. for a period of one month
● .39 ¢ per doz.

BUTTER Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., for a period of one month
● .38.75 ¢ per lb.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ALIEN SEAMEN CITY PRISON

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

Halifax, N. S.,
Jan. 7/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare
Committee held on the above date a letter from the City
Solicitor submitting a letter from the Deputy Minister
of Mines and Resources advising of the cancellation of
the agreement between the City of Halifax and the Govern-
ment relating to the detention of Alien Seamen at the
City Prison was read and ordered forwarded to Council to
be embodied in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Ottawa, December 27th, 1945.

Dear Sir: .

In the absence of the Minister, in accordance with
paragraph (8) of the agreement of September 1940, between
the City of Halifax and the Government as represented by

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the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Resources, relating to the detention of recalcitrant seamen at the Halifax City Gaol, I wish to serve notice of the cancellation of the agreement effective from January 31st, 1946.

At the present time there are four Netherlands seamen being held in detention under the provisions of P.C. 4751. Arrangements will be completed for their removal prior to the cancellation of the agreement.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Charles Camsell
Ceputy Minister.

Carl P. Bethune, Esq.,
City Solicitor,
Halifax, N. S.

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ACCOUNTS EQUIPMENT T. B. HOSPITAL

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

Halifax, N. S.,
Jan. 7/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date the following accounts were approved and recommended for payment.

Ingram and Bell Ltd.	\$50.00 plus Sales Tax
Metal Fabricators Ltd.	84.00
Wm. G. Knodell	51.25

These accounts are for equipment for the Tuberculosis Hospital and funds required for same are to be provided as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously all members of Council being present and voting therefor.

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CHANGE ORDER #6 T. B. HOSPITAL

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

January 7, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date, the Commissioner of Health submitted Change Order #6 in connection with the extension to the Tuberculosis Hospital which involves the supplying of AA Linoleum instead of AAA Linoleum as specified.

Your Committee recommends that the Change Order be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

PURCHASE OF A. R. P. PUMPS

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

January 10, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the Acting Chief of the Fire Department reported that the Provincial Fire Marshall, Col. S. S. Wright has been appointed Disposal Administrator of Fire Fighting Machinery and Equipment which had been used by the A. R. P. during the war and that several pumpers are available to the City.

It was decided to recommend that two 50 Imperial Gallon pumpers and one 420 Imperial Gallon pumper be purchased at an approximate cost of \$700.00 from funds available in the appropriation of the Fire Department for the civic year 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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CHARGES USE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

January 15/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the Acting Chief of The Fire Department, respecting the matter of charges for use of Halifax Fire Department equipment for extinguishing fires in the Municipality of the County of Halifax, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the fees as outlined in appendix "A", be approved and that the necessary amendment be sought to Section 3 of Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1932 at the next session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

A P P E N D I X "A"

<u>APPARATUS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>		<u>CHARGE</u>
		<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	
(a) 1 Unit	1 hour or any part of 1st hour of call	6	8	\$75.00
(b) 1 Unit	An additional charge for any time over 1 hour or part of hour			\$20.00
(c) 2 Units	1 hour or part of an hour	10	12	\$125.00
(d) 2 Units	An additional charge for any time over 1 hour or part of hour per unit.	10	12	\$20.00
(e)	If additional units are required the charge of \$20.00 per unit per hour or part of an hour should be charged.			

These charges should be subject to a 10 mile limit and if required to take the Apparatus beyond that limit an additional charge of 10 per cent should be added.

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

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RELEASES CLAIMS FOR ACCIDENTS

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

January 10, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the Chief of Police submitted a cheque payable to the City of Halifax from Dale & Co., Ltd., amounting to \$20.00 and one from The London & Lancashire Guarantee and Accident Company of Canada amounting to \$61.00 as payment for claims for damages sustained by Police vehicles.

Your Committee recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to endorse the cheques on behalf of the City of Halifax thus releasing the Companies from any further claims in connection with these accidents.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

January 10, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date an account was submitted from the Bloomfield Men's Wear amounting to \$262.50 covering seven Uniform Frock Coats supplied to the Police Department.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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ORDINANCE #27 FIRST READING

A report was submitted from the Safety Committee respecting Ordinance #27 relating to Dogs.

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

PURCHASE OF CAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Acting Chief of the Fire Department as follows:

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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The urgent need of a car for the use of Deputy Fire Chief's was considered by Safety Committee and I was authorized by the Committee to secure a sedan and recommend same to your Body with cost.

The only prices available are listed below and are subject to Government approval. Tenders are attached.

Purdy Motors

DeLuxe Plymouth 4-Door Sedan	\$1504.49
Special DeLuxe Plymouth	\$1602.91

Halifax Motors

DeLuxe Model Dodge Sedan	\$1595.72
Special DeLuxe Model	\$1694.00

I would recommend the purchase of the Dodge Special DeLuxe Sedan from Halifax Motors at a cost of \$1694.00.

\$2000.00 is available for the purchase of this car in the unexpended balance of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Harber,
Acting Chief of Fire Department.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the recommendation of the Acting Chief viz: that a Dodge Special DeLuxe Sedan be purchased from Halifax Motors at a price of \$1,694.00, be approved.

Alderman Breen: "I would suggest that this item be deferred until such time as the permanent Chief is appointed

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I also don't believe that an Acting Chief should be making recommendations of this nature when another man may be chief and he may not want this type of car. It will be all right if the Acting Chief becomes Chief. It is pretty hard for me to believe that the car will not run for another six months."

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

PARKING FINES

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date a letter from the Chief of Police respecting the matter of reducing the Parking Fine was considered.

It was decided to recommend that the City Council request the Provincial Government to provide an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act reducing the fine from \$5.00 to \$2.00 with the final result being \$4.50 including costs instead of \$7.50 including costs as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

QUESTIONS

Alderman Ahern stated that he read in the press that the Navy League were vacating certain of their property and asked if it could be obtained to ease the housing situation.

His Worship the Mayor replied that he had not heard about the one the Alderman was speaking about and suggested that he investigate this matter.

Alderman DeWolf submitted and read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: that legislation be submitted by

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the City at the next session of the Legislature to provide for the setting up of an Executive Committee of the Council, consisting of from four to six members thereof, whose duties would be to study and report on all matters of civic business to the City Council, and the members of which would receive an appropriate annual remuneration.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation be also submitted at the said session to provide for the payment of an annual honorarium to each member of the Council as compensation for the services rendered by such member.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he was in accord with an honorarium for the Aldermen.

Alderman Hosterman stated that he was not.

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

Alderman Ahern stated that he had received a complaint from a citizen that after he had painted his house the assessment went up \$100.00 and he asked Mr. McManus to explain this situation.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he could not allow Mr. McManus to speak on this. "His actions are subject to the Appeal Court."

Alderman Ahern: "I have heard you put Mr. McKinnon on the spot." If we can't get co-operation we are prepared to leave this Council and I feel there will be others who feel the same way."

His Worship the Mayor referred to the passing of Mr. Harry Hall and the Honorable F. P. Bligh and suggested that a letter expressing the sympathy of this Council should be forwarded to their families.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the City Clerk be instructed to forward a letter to the families of these two men as suggested by His Worship

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the Mayor. Motion passed.

Alderman Burgess speaking in regard to the legislation covering blasting at the Crushed Stone Quarry stated that he believed the legislation should control the blasting but that it not be too severe so as to legislate them out of the City.

His Worship the Mayor stated that we will bear this in mind when the legislation is submitted.

MESSAGE HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR RE VETO APPOINTMENT FIRE CHIEF

The message from His Worship the Mayor as set forth on pages 859 and 860 of the Council Minutes for ^{the} year 1945.

In reply to a question from Alderman Adams as to whether or not the Mayor had authority to veto the appointment, a letter was read from the City Solicitor addressed to His Worship the Mayor under date of November 30, 1945 and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Alderman Adams stated that the letter answered his question.

The City Clerk then read the following resolution:

"Shall the proposed expenditure authorized by the resolution appointing Mr. F. C. MacGillivray as Chief of the Halifax Fire Department, which was disapproved by the Mayor, be confirmed."

The City Solicitor stated that if you are for Mr. MacGillivray as Fire Chief then vote "yes", if you are opposed, vote "no".

The resolution was then put and resulted in the following vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alderman Adams	Alderman Batson
Ahern	Coffin
Burgess	Hosterman
Breen	McDonald
DeWolf	Walker
Doyle	
Moriarty	

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His Worship the Mayor then declared the veto to have been sustained.

TEMPORARY HOUSING

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Deputy Commissioner of Works reporting on the progress made up to date in connection with providing temporary housing as instructed by the City Council at a meeting held on December 20th was considered.

On Motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, the said report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 8th, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the progress made up to the present time in connection with providing Temporary Housing as instructed by the City Council at a meeting held on December 20, 1945.

Plans of the following buildings were secured and turned over to Mr. D. A. Webber to prepare drawings of the proposed changes for conversion into two or three room apartments.

3 bldgs. at the Rockhead AA-Gun Site on Leamon St.
2 " on Sackville Street
Manning Pool (south wing)
Staff House #6 (North Barrington St.)

The three buildings at Rockhead were secured through the Halifax School Board; one of the Sackville Street Barracks buildings through the D.E.O., of National Defence (the other building to be obtained at the end of the week); the Manning Pool has not yet been obtained, but Col. Craig who has been very helpful in securing these buildings now informs me that he is expecting this building to be obtained within a fortnight. It was found the above buildings could be leased but in regard to the Staff House No. 6, which was inspected by the Committee on December 28, 1945, an offer for its purchase would

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only be considered. Accordingly, an offer of \$3500 was made but the Director General of Real Estate at Ottawa would not accept anything less than 12% of the building cost and the offer was raised to \$4512.54, which was accepted by wire on January 5, 1946.

On January 2nd, 1946, a conference was held in the Mayor's Office, with members of the Halifax Home Builders Association, and it was decided to have this Association do all the necessary conversion on a cost plus 10% basis.

The following contractors were allotted the work of conversion as follows:-

Bldg. No. 1	Rockhead	- H. G. Ivany
Bldg. No. 2	"	- Mr. M. R. Wagner
Bldg. No. 3	"	- D. S. Meisner Ltd.
Sackville St.	E. Bldg.	- H. W. Corkum
Sackville St.	W. Bldg.	- Geo. Zinck Ltd.
Staff House No. 6		- Lawrence Const.Co.Ltd
Manning Pool		- W. Ferguson.

Work began last Friday on the Rockhead buildings and on January 7th on one of the Sackville Street buildings. In addition to preparing plans for the work, Mr. Webber is also supervising and inspecting each job and is to be responsible for all matters in connection therewith. He was also present at a meeting of the Fire Escapes Committee held last Friday and given instructions in regard to carrying out all necessary precautions. It was pointed out to this Committee that all the Rockhead and Sackville Street buildings would have independent exits and fire resisting partitions between apartments carried to the roof; the staff House No. 6 would have two additional exits placed on the west side and Fire Doors in the hallway and an additional exit door on the eastern elevation of the Manning Pool South Wing.

In all, these buildings when converted will provide 62 (sixty-two) apartments and I would beg to suggest that some plan be immediately made for the operation and maintenance of these buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,
Deputy Commissioner of Works.

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

His Worship the Mayor stated that we will try to negotiate for another staff house.

HOUSING SITUATION

The Housing Situation which was discussed at a special meeting of the City Council held on December 20, 1945 in which His Worship the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were

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authorized to act and which was not on the agenda calling the meeting was brought up.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the action of the Council in this case be confirmed. Motion passed.

STREET WIDENING CHEBUCTO ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 2nd 1946, was considered.

On Motion of Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Walker, the report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

In April of 1942, Robert A. Hubley was given a permit to raise a building at the premises Nos. 185-187 Chebucto Road, and construct a concrete foundation under the same. At the same time, the building was shifted approximately six feet back from what was then known as the City line.

The blue line, as laid down on the northern side of Chebucto Road, showed an encroachment of the property of approximately five feet, consequently it required a major operation to move this building.

It is in order for the City of Halifax to purchase the property required between the official street line and the front of Mr. Hubley's lot, the said frontage being forty feet more or less. The area required is approximately two hundred square feet for which the average assessment would be \$.12 per square foot or a total of \$24.00. It is recommended that this amount be paid.

Mr. Hubley is also requesting payment for his land and is of the opinion that the City should bear at least part, if not the whole cost of moving his building back

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of the official City line. As to the payment of the cost of moving the building, I would recommend that this be deferred until a policy is determined, as the adjoining buildings will also have to be moved back of the line.

Funds to recompense Mr. Hubley for the cost of his land are available in the Street Widening account.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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

LEASE ABATTOIR

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 29th 1945, recommending leasing of the Abattoir to Marden-Wild of Canada Limited, at a yearly rental of \$720.00 per year was considered.

On Motion of Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Ahern, the report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

BENCHES COUNCIL CHAMBER

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 29th 1945, was considered.

Following discussion, the said report was referred

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to the City Council without recommendation, for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.
Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

December 29, 1945.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

At the last meeting of the City Council, the suggestion was made by Alderman Batson that the spectator benches at the rear of the Council Chambers be elevated in order to give a better view of the Aldermanic body.

To do this without creating an unbalanced appearance in a small auditorium, the elevation should not be too great.

If the Committee decides in favor of this change, I would recommend that the front benches remain at the present level, that the second row be elevated six inches and that the third row be elevated twelve inches above the floor.

I would also recommend that the radiators be moved so as to allow the benches to be placed close to the wall with the aisles in the centre. Seats could also be entered from the west end.

The estimated cost is approximately \$100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Walker that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Works be approved and the work proceeded with. Motion passed.

RESIGNATION COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had received a letter from the Commissioner of Finance which carried his resignation. "I feel that it might be well for the Council to refer this to the Finance and Executive Committee as it is my conviction that we may be able to discuss Mr. Sherman's problems."

This action was approved by Council.

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SALE OF LAND FLEMING PARK

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 7th 1946, on an application from the Corporation of St. James Church, Armdale, requesting the use of a lot of land immediately adjoining to the westward of St. Augustine's Chapel, was considered.

It was moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, and recommended to the City Council for approval, that Legislation be sought to permit the City to sell the strip of land mentioned to the Corporation of St. James Church, for the nominal sum of One Dollar (\$1.00)

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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His Worship the Mayor,

Sir:

An application has been received from the Corporation of St. James Church - Armdale, requesting the use of a lot of land immediately adjoining to the westward of St. Augustine's Chapel.

This land is a portion of Fleming Park deeded to the City some years ago, and legislation would be necessary to either lease or sell any of this land.

Should the City decide to seek legislation, to permit the use of this land, I would suggest that it be leased for a ten-year period with an option for renewal.

The applicant states that this land would be used for the purpose of erecting a hall for the use of the congregation of this Chapel. It is to be understood that the plans of this building will be submitted to the Committee on Works before permission would be granted.

I am attaching a sketch showing the land referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Mori-

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arty that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LIGHT-VEITH AND RICHMOND STREETS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 7th 1946, recommending the installation of a light at the corner of Richmond and Veith Streets, at an estimated first cost of \$50.00 with an additional expenditure of \$20.00 for power was submitted.

On Motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern, the report was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

LEASE POST OFFICE SITE QUINPOOL ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 7th 1946 was considered.

The Committee recommended that City Council adhere to the resolution as passed by the City Council at a meeting held on July 12th 1945, and that the Department of Public Works be notified accordingly by the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 17, 1946.

January 7, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Mr. Doyle of the Solicitor's Department in checking the lease of the above property to the Department of Public Works, found that the Resolution of the City Council of July 12th, 1945, was not worded as intended. The original Resolution read that the land be leased to the Crown on a yearly basis, subject to three months notice, whereas it should have read that the lease be given to the Crown with an option of renewing for three years for periods of one year each, and I would recommend that the Resolution of July 12th be changed to read as follows:-

"For a period of one year from the 1st day of August, 1945, with options to the Lessee to renew for three further periods of one year each."

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

ENCROACHMENT LEASE WATER STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated December 29th 1945, was considered, in regard to an encroachment of the premises #645-647 Barrington Street, at the rear of the said building, on Upper Water Street, occupied by the Martin Senour Company.

The Committee approved of the said report and recommended to the City Council that a lease be granted for 50 years at a nominal charge of \$5.00 per year. The lease to be automatically cancelled in the event of major repairs or reconstruction of this building.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

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The City Solicitor stated that communications were received from the Martin Senour Company and they stated that in view of the fact that the encroachment was on their own property, and put down at the time of purchase, they suggested that the fee should be \$1.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McDonald, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the fee be set at \$1.00. Amendment put and passed.

ILLUMINATED SIGNS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 8th 1946, recommended to the City Council that the leases referred to in the following attached reports of the Commissioner of Works on applications for overhanging signs be granted:-

Report dated and Entitled:

December 8/45	-	Illuminated Sign -	100 Spring Garden Road
"	"	"	Cor. Cunard and Creighton Streets
December 22/45	-	"	28 Blowers Street
"	"	"	505-507 Barrington Street
January 4/46	-	"	26 Blowers Street

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per. J. B. Sabeau
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 17th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on this date recommended to the City Council that the lease referred in the attached report of the Commissioner of Works on an application for an overhanging sign, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk
Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 17, 1946.

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

INSURANCE T. B. HOSPITAL

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 11th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, a list of cheques amounting to \$830.00 was accepted in full settlement of claim for loss by fire at the T. B. Hospital, and recommended to the City Council for acceptance and release of claim.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

ACCOUNT HALIFAX PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 11th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 8th 1946, on Motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, approved and recommended to the City Council for payment the account of the Halifax Playgrounds Commission amounting to \$501.32.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

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CITY HEATING PLANT

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 11th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th, 1946, the attached letter from C. A. Fowler and Co., was considered.

On Motion of Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Walker, the change of injectors at a reduction of \$150.00 was approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

PROGRAM OF EXPENDITURES RECREATION COMMITTEE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 11th, 1946.

LETTER FROM CITY CLERK-
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached report of the Recreation Committee in regard to expenditures, was on Motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 4, 1946.

J. B. Sabean, Esq.,
Asst. Clerk of Works,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

January 17, 1946.

At a meeting of the Recreation Committee held on December 29, 1945, the following expenditures were approved:

Geo. E. Zinck Ltd., erecting skating rinks	\$2200.00
Standard Paving Mar. Ltd. offering to settle old account	\$ 400.00
Public Service Commission, water and hydrant service	\$ 800.00
H. Guy Parsons, in trust for athletics	\$ 150.00
J. G. Larder for building a slide	\$ 50.00
J. W. Harber, in trust, to pay firemen for flooding rinks	\$1000.00
Dr. F. G. Morehouse, in trust; to pay for supervision of the Incinerator Field and Mulgrave Park skating rinks	\$ 200.00
Geo. E. Zinck Ltd., erecting skating rink with lights at Bloomfield School	\$ 325.00

Will you please have this program confirmed by the Committee on Works at its January meeting.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

SITE FOR PLAYGROUND ARMDALE SCHOOL

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 11th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached letter from the Public Service Commission under date of December 15th 1945, was considered, dealing with a request from Councillor W. H. Gates in regard to open spaces below the dam at Chain Lakes; that Armdale West School would like to have permission to use one of these sites as a playground.

The Committee approved the request, subject to the terms stated in their letter, and recommended same to the City Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 17, 1946.

December 15, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the Committee
on Works
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Public Service Commission held December 7th, 1945, a request was considered from Councillor W. A. Gates regarding open spaces below the dam at Chain Lake and that Armdale West School would like to have permission to use one of these sites as a playground.

The Commission, as far as it could, felt that such permission should be granted but it was necessary however to obtain the consent of the Council, as the property is owned by the City although forming part of the water service facilities. It is, of course, understood that the granting of this permission for use of this site as a playground would entail no expense or liability to the Commission or the City, and I was requested to submit the same to you for your consideration.

If approval is granted I think that an agreement should be entered into between the Trustees of the School and the City and the Commission, setting out the rights and liabilities of all parties and protecting the Commission and the City from any liability arising out of this use.

Yours very truly,

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Carl P. Bethune,
Secretary.

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

NATIONAL CODE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 10, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 8th 1946, the attached letter from the City Solicitor dated December 19th 1945, was considered.

The Committee approved of the City Solicitor's recommendations and recommended same to the City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.
Per J. B. Sabean,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 17, 1946.

December 19, 1945.

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

Gentlemen:

On a number of occasions the matter of the change of use or occupancy of premises has come to my attention and in view of the possible results it would seem to me that some control should be exercised by the City in this connection.

At the present time the City is divided into two main zones - one known as the Residential District, of which there are two or three - and the other without any apparent restrictions. Within the residential district the use of buildings is restricted as well as the construction. For example in section 15(6) the use of buildings in the Residential District is limited to "college, church, library, school house, public hall, or other similar building, or as a hospital or boarding house, or shop for the sale of goods by retail, or filling station."

Outside of the Residential District we find cases where permits have been granted for the construction of say two-car garages. This class of building is intended as a place where cars are to be housed or stored. In a number of cases, however, they have been converted into work shops where body work on cars is done or where mechanical repairs are made. In addition to this, other buildings of this type are used for making mechanical repairs to electrical apparatus, and so on.

To carry the matter further a person may erect a building to be used as a store for the sale of merchandise, such as groceries. This building may be leased to a tenant who may eventually vacate and the new tenant may wish to carry on a dry-cleaning business, or an automobile repair shop, or a tin-smith's shop, or a bake shop, which use may result in annoyance or discomfort to other persons in the vicinity. In addition the fire hazard may be increased.

Therefore I think it not unreasonable that where the occupancy of any premises is changed that in case a permit should be obtained from the City in order that the safety and comfort of other persons may be more amply protected.

There is ample precedent for this. It is contained in the legislation in many cities and also appears in the National Building Code.

If the proposal is approved I would suggest that in the first instant a permit be issued by the Inspector of Buildings, that he be given power in any case in which he considers it necessary to require the applicant to advertise of his intention, in order that notice may be given to any person who may be affected. In addition I think it would be advisable to provide for an appeal from the Inspector of Buildings to the Committee on Works and possible from the Committee on Works to the City Council.

Yours very truly,
Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

January 17, 1946.

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

REPORT JUDGE ROBERTSON RE INVESTIGATION

Read report from Judge Robertson as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
Dec. 3/1945.

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 was submitted from His Honour Judge J. G. A. Robertson covering his investigation into statements made by Mr. J. K. Bell re Housing Situation.

Your Committee recommends that the report be filed and the account which accompanied same amounting to \$13.80 covering fees of the Court Reporter be approved for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

FILED

CIVIC EMPLOYEES OFFERING AS CANDIDATES IN ELECTION

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that this matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed with Alderman Ahern wishing to be recorded against.

SALE OF LOT ON INGLIS STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 17, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on this date the attached letter from Modern Homes, Ltd. dated January 11th, submitting a definite offer of \$1500.00 for Lot 4 on Inglis Street, was considered.

On motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee agreed to accept this offer, and recommended same to City Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.
Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

January 17, 1945.

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

TENDERS STREET EQUIPMENT

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 17, 1946.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on this date the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated January 16th, 1946, was considered.

The Committee recommended to City Council that the following items be purchased, as recommended by the Commissioner of Works, viz:-

CHIP SPREADER. A Buckeye Chip Spreader from Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Ltd. for a price of \$822.00 f.o.b. Halifax.

SAND SPREADER. Model 4-u of the "Good Roads" make of machine, tender submitted by R. R. Power for \$220.00.

BITUMINOUS MIXER. A 10 Cu.ft. Mixer made by the Construction Machinery Company and sold by the Industrial Machinery Company, of Halifax, at a price of \$2,025.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

The motion was put and passed unanimously all members of Council being present and voting therefor.

RESIGNATION W. C. HARVEY AS TRUSTEE OF
SINKING FUNDS

January 5th, 1946.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will advise you that the Governor in Council on the 3rd instant accepted the resignation of Mr. William C. Harvey as a Trustee of the City of Halifax Sinking Funds, under Section 344 of the Halifax City Charter of 1931, as amended by Section 57 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1940.

Mr. Harvey has been notified of the acceptance of his resignation.

Yours very truly,
A. S. Barnstead,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

FILED

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TAX COLLECTIONS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1945

Civic Year	Reserves	o/s Bal. Nov. 30/45.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	December Collect- ions.	o/s Balances December 31/45.
1944-45	\$12,967.64	\$179,709.10		\$ 8,735.96	\$130,973.14
1945	36,735.56	315,181.40		25,337.84	289,847.56
		454,890.50		34,073.80	420,816.70
<u>Poll Taxes</u>					
1943-44		27,537.98		208.69	27,329.29
1944-45		14,160.87		580.95	13,579.92
1945		22,072.31		4,249.44	17,782.87
				<u>1945.</u>	<u>1944</u>
Additional Collections					
Tax Arrears 1925-26 to 1943-44				8,892.13	4,747.16
* Corresponding Period Last Year					
Collections as per Statement above				34,073.80	44,830.11
* Corresponding Period Last Year				<u>42,965.93</u>	<u>49,577.27</u>
Tax Collections for Month					
Collections Poll Taxes Jan. 1/45 to Dec. 31/45				75,396.74	66,965.22
* Corresponding Period Last Year					

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Bellew,
Chief Accountant.

January 17, 1946.

ART MUSEUM

January 17, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:- Re: City of Halifax Art Museum

I wish to advise that the Agreement between the City and the Board of Trustees of Public Archives of Nova Scotia has been duly executed and I have filed the original copy with the City Clerk. The Agreement is in the form as set out in the Minutes of the City Council of December 13, 1945.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

Meeting adjourned.

10.50 P. M.

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A. M. Butler,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Publicover
W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

AFTERNOON SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 1, 1946,
4.30 P. M.

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

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Moriarty, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Doyle and Walker.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Beer Plebiscite.
2. Letter City Solicitor re Veterans' Housing.
3. " " " Fire Protection Federal Property.

BEER PLEBISCITE

Read letter from the City Solicitor as follows:

January 23, 1946.

Mr. W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

At the regular meeting of the City Council held January 17th, 1946, I am under the impression that the Resolution authorizing the holding of a plebiscite respecting the sale of beer and wines in Halifax was seconded by the Mayor, while seated in the Chair as Chairman of the meeting. At the time I had some doubt as to whether this procedure was proper but it was not sufficiently clear in my mind to warrant holding up the proceedings at that point.

I have since given the matter careful consideration and have come to the conclusion that the Chairman of a meeting of the Council has no authority while acting as such to move or second any motion without leaving the Chair. If this is so, the Resolution which was passed by the Council authorizing the holding of a plebiscite for the sale of beer and wines is in all probability of no effect and I think, in order to make certain

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that the plebiscite when held will be legal, that at the first meeting of the Council to be held, whether special or regular, the matter should again be brought before the Council and the motion seconded from the floor by a member of the Council other than the Mayor.

My reason for coming to this conclusion is based on Section 26 of the Rules of Order of the Council which provides: "Except as to minor observations on any matter before the Council, or when stating his reasons for deciding a point of order, or for giving his casting vote, the chairman shall not take part in any discussion without leaving the chair." In my opinion moving or seconding a motion is taking part in a discussion and I think the Mayor should have vacated the Chair.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

The City Clerk then read the following resolution:

Resolved that the City Council, under the authority of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1930, section 30, subsection 3, and Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944, section 42, take a plebiscite on the following question on March 20/1946.

"Are you in favor of the sale by the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission of beer and wine by the glass or open bottle in the City of Halifax?"

The said plebiscite shall be carried out in the manner prescribed in the aforementioned Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1930 and Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Moriarty that the resolution as submitted be approved.

Alderman Walker: "Do the tax payers have to pay for all this?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I wrote to the Premier suggesting the Provincial Government should pay half the cost, but I have not heard as yet."

Alderman Walker: "How much would it cost?"

City Clerk: "Approximately \$10,000.00."

Alderman Hosterman: "Just how important is it that this resolution should be passed this afternoon? I was under the impression that due to certain promises made,

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the Provincial Government was to stand half the cost. If the City of Halifax will have to stand an expenditure of \$10,000.00 and the Provincial Government get the revenue, I am a little dubious about voting for it now. I am not in favour of putting any more taxes on the tax payers of this City."

His Worship the Mayor: "The resolution is for the fixation of the date. Council decided to hold a plebiscite last September."

City Solicitor: "In the resolution before you now there is the actual question set out that the voters will be asked to vote upon. It is the only question that can be asked under the Liquor Control Act. It is up to the Council to fix the day if they decide to do so."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would seriously doubt that the cost would be \$10,000.00."

Alderman Batson: Should we have beer parlours or not, is that it? If the Provincial Government wants to they can sell it nearly anywhere, the whole place is just about open now."

City Solicitor: "That depends on the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission."

Alderman Batson: "Anyone voting for this is throwing it into the laps of the liquor interests. They are voting that every store on the side of the road will be open. This will be worse than ever before."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Moriarty
Hosterman
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Batson
Adams

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Read letter from Mr. Harvey E. Crowell, Chairman
Citizens' Committee to oppose Beer Parlours in Halifax,
as follows:

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TO OPPOSE BEER PARLOURS IN HALIFAX

P. O. Box 203,
Halifax, N. S.,
January 29th, 1946.

His Worship, the Mayor
and
Members of the City Council,
City Hall,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Gentlemen:

At a Meeting of representative citizens of
Halifax, held last week in Moriarty Hall at the Y.M.C.A.,
it was resolved that you be notified by letter that
this Citizens' Committee is opposed to any reduction in
the number of polling booths for the forthcoming Plebis-
cite from the number used in the last Provincial Election
and the Committee also requests the right to have repre-
sentatives in each polling booth when the vote is taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey E. Crowell,
Chairman.

Alderman Batson: "Is the number of Polling Booths
set at this meeting?"

City Solicitor: "The City Clerk sets the number
which he deems necessary."

Alderman Batson: "The people that are against this
want the same lists that were used in the last election
and the same number of booths and they want the authority
to have a representative in every booth belonging to
the Temperance party."

His Worship the Mayor: "The City Clerk will make
available a copy of the lists for you."

The City Clerk advised that there were 217 booths
used in the last Provincial Election.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Read letter from the City Solicitor as follows:

February 1, 1946.

January 29, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

Re: Veterans' Housing,
Crowell Subdivision.

Dear Sirs:

Last year City Council listed certain lands as sites for Veterans' houses. The above land was one of the sites selected and was lately inspected by the Engineer of Wartime Housing Limited. The land itself seemed to meet with his approval. The offer first made to the City by the owner of this property was the sum of \$14,400.00. I interviewed Mrs. Crowell and she stated that she would not accept less than \$10,000.00. Our Appraisers, however, informed me that the highest price that could be paid for these lots, forty-eight in number, was the sum of \$8750.00. I advised Mrs. Crowell that in view of our Appraisers' report, the City could not pay the amount she was asking. On January 25th, 1946, I received a letter from Mrs. Crowell in which she stated that she would accept the sum of \$8750.00 for the land.

As this land is without sewer and water, I consulted Mr. Kline of the Public Service Commission regarding water extensions. He advised me that a rough estimate of the cost of water extensions here would amount to \$8000.00. This would leave dead ends on Bright and High Streets which is contrary to the policy of the Commission. The Commission has found in the past that these dead ends cause a great deal of trouble and give poor fire protection and service to the consumer and in some cases, dirty and muddy water. As a matter of fact, the Commission is at present embarked on a program of eliminating such dead ends. If they follow this policy in this subdivision, it will mean an added cost of \$2500.00. This would mean that water extensions would entail a total cost of \$10,500.00.

Due to the set-up of the water system in this vicinity fire protection cannot be given to this area at the present time. To provide such fire protection would necessitate extending the 15" main on Robie Street and this would involve the expenditure of a large sum of money.

The City Engineers have given me a rough estimate of the cost of sewer for this subdivision and this amounts to Nine to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$9000.00 to \$10,000.00).

In view of the large expenditure which would have to be made by the City on this subdivision, I deem it necessary to bring this matter to your attention so that Council can decide whether or not this site should be taken by Wartime Housing Limited for Veterans' houses.

I am attaching herewith a copy of the Appraisers' report and the offer of Mrs. Crowell. Attached also are the accounts of the Appraisers for their work in appraising lots owned by Mr. Vaughan, Crowell Subdivision and also two lots belonging to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation. Would you kindly pass these accounts for payment.

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Respectfully submitted,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the accounts as submitted totalling the sum of \$400.00 be approved for payment. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor: "The over-all cost of the 40 lots, improved would be \$29,250.00 and are mostly in a rock area."

Alderman Walker: "I am suggesting that we put up a lot of houses where we had them in the last war on the Commons. These are to be temporary only."

His Worship the Mayor: "This has all been debated before. The way to deal with this is to say to them that we don't want this land then we can go out and get some other site. The Commons development would be a matter for a Committee."

Alderman Hosterman: "Does the City of Halifax have to assume this whole cost of about \$740.00 per lot."

City Solicitor: "Under the agreement the Crown can sell off these lots and give us \$400.00 a lot."

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Walker that this Council resolves not to accuire this land by expropriation and that the Officials be requested to bring in a report on another site.

Motion put and passed unanimously.

FIRE PROTECTION FEDERAL PROPERTY

Read letter from the City Solicitor as follows:

January 26, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

While in Montreal on the Canadian National Railways taxation case early this month, I took advantage of the opportunity to go to Ottawa to try to further the matter

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of the payment by the Dominion Government of an additional sum for fire protection.

Under date of December 11th I reported to the City Council and the letter was considered at the meeting of the Council on December 13th. In this letter I pointed out that we are receiving in respect of the Dominion Public Building the sum of \$180.52 for fire protection rate, whereas the full rate would amount to \$2015.47.

In respect of the Customs House we are receiving no fire protection rate and the full amount which we should receive if the property were assessable is \$388.50.

These are the main buildings under the control of the Department of Public Works of the Dominion Government. There are several other smaller buildings, namely the Fisheries Building and one or two others, but the amount of fire protection which we might receive from them is comparatively small.

Therefore the total amount which we should receive if the properties were assessable is about \$2403.79.

As a result of my discussions with the Deputy Minister I think that it will be possible to make an agreement whereby the City will receive in respect of these properties the sum of \$2000.00 a year, which will be an increase of about \$1820.00 above which we are now receiving and approximately \$400.00 less than we would receive if these properties were assessable. I would recommend that this proposal be approved by the Council and that I be authorized to enter into an agreement similar to that now in effect with the departments of the Armed Services.

For the information of Council I would like to add that while in Ottawa I arranged for the sale to the City of a lot of land on Duffus Street for the sum of \$1500.00. This has already been approved by the Council and arrangements are now being finalized.

Another matter which I was able to straighten out was the matter of the City's water mains crossing the property of the Crown of Camp Hill. The alternative suggestions made by me on behalf of the City and approved by the Commissioner of Works and the Public Service Commission were accepted by the Department and will be embodied in a proper agreement.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report of the City Solicitor be approved and that the sum of \$2,000.00 be accepted for fire protection charges in respect of the Public Works Buildings.

Motion put and passed unanimously.

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Alderman Batson wished to speak on the beer parlours again and asked His Worship the Mayor for permission to do so which he advised that the Council would have to give him permission.

Council agreed to hear Alderman Batson.

Alderman Batson stated that he would like to have the ballots numbered.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Council has nothing to do with this matter as it is in the hands of the City Clerk.

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

Meeting adjourned.

5.15 P. M.

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A. M. Butler,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 THURSDAY
 FEBRUARY 14, 1946.

A G E N D A

- Prayer.
- Minutes.
- Accounts.
- 1. Report Fin, & Exec. Comm. re Account Hospitalization Albert Davie.
- 2. " " " Account Coat-of-Arms (Art Exhibit).
- 3. " " " Tag Day Girl Guides Association.
- 4. " " " Daylight Saving Time.
- 5. " " " Grant Grace Maternity Hospital.
- 6. " " " Appointment Chief of Fire Department.
- 7. " " " Purchase Equipment T. B. Hospital.
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- 9. " " " Appropriation Public Gardens.
- 10. " " " Sewer Extensions.
- 11. " " " Street Lighting.
- 12. " " " Purchase Street Flusher.
- 13. " " " Purchase Steam Roller.
- 14. " " " Third & Fourth Street Extension.
- 15. " " " Sale of Land Chebucto Road.
- 16. " " " Connaught Park Subdivision.
- 17. " " " Superannuation J. J. Conrod.
- 18. " " " Account Wartime Housing Limited.
- 19. " " " Veterans' Home Young Ave.
- 20. " " " Woodcock Inn Property.
- 21. " " " King vs City of Halifax J.H.J.O'Flaherty.
- 22. " " " Agreement Wartime Housing Limited.
- 23. " " " Fire Protection Dept. of National Defence.
- 24. " " " Application N.S.L. & P. Co. Ltd., Depreciation Allowance.
- 25. " " " Value of Assets Water System.
- 26. " " " Veterans' Housing.
- 27. " " " Taxes N. E. Purcell.
- 28. " " " Post War Rehabilitation Fund.
- 29. " " " Bicentennial Celebration.
- 30. " " " C. N. R. Taxation.
- 31. " " " Salary Assistant to City Solicitor.
- 32. " " " Resignation Commissioner of Finance.
- 33. " " " "
- 34. Report Safety Committee re Vacations Police Department.
- 35. Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.
- 36. " " " Tenders Butter and Eggs.
- 37. " " " Salary Part Time Employee.
- 38. " " " Purchase Sterilizers.
- 39. Report Recreation Committee re Grant to Minor Hockey Association.
- 40. Letter His Worship the Mayor re Private Housing Project.
- 41. Questions.
- 42. Report Comm. on Works re Race Track on Commons.
- 43. " " " Sale of Lots Gorsebrook.
- 44. " " " Mail Storage Boxes.
- 45. " " " Application W. P. Lynch use of Commons.
- 46. " " " Sound Conditioning City Court Room.
- 47. " " " Request Dalhousie University-Cathedral Barracks.
- 48. " " " Water Service Outside City Limits.
- 49. " " " Building Line Inglis Street.
- 50. School Board Estimates.
- 51. Letter Halifax North Civic Improvement Assoc. re Emergency Homes.
- 52. " " " Buildings on Commons.
- 53. Letter Halifax and District Labor Council re Strait Canso Causeway etc.
- 54. Acknowledgements (3)
- 55. Report Chief Accountant re Tax Collections Month of January 1946.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1946,
8.00 P. M.

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

His Worship the Mayor called the meeting to order and referred to the death of Mr. H. W. Johnston, former Commissioner of Works and City Engineer who had been a faithful employee of the City for fifty years and suggested that the City Clerk forward a letter to his Widow expressing the regrets of this Council in the loss she has sustained. Council concurred in this suggestion.

The members of Council then present led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present His Worship the Mayor; Chairman; Aldermen Betson, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Doyle, Wilker, 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.

DELEGATION HALIFAX NORTH CIVIC IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION

Alderman Doyle advised that there was a delegation present from the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association and asked that permission be granted to hear them to which Council agreed.

Ex-Mayor J. E. Lloyd:- "On behalf of the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association we wish to bring to the attention of this Council the population of Ward Six in relation to the other wards of the City and the number of representatives in the City Council from Ward Six, I think the proportion is about two to one as against Ward Five and it was the opinion of this Association that the City Council should seek legislation to give representation to

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a new Ward in Halifax North; that would mean seven wards. The matter is brought to your attention tonight because it is realized that the Legislature meets very shortly and if any action is taken it would require immediate preparation of the necessary amendments to the City Charter. The Association feels that the proportion of population of Halifax North will be of a permanent nature. The Association urges on the Council its immediate consideration of the addition of another Ward with the two additional Aldermen in the City Council. We do not want to burden you with details of where the lines should be drawn. The appropriate lines could be discussed by a Committee established by the Council for that purpose. We do feel if you obtain legislation this year it will be possible to have two additional Aldermen for Ward Seven next year; if the legislation is not obtained it will go to the following year when there will be no election and that would make it three years. Thank you very much."

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration at its next meeting. Motion passed.

MINUTES

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

ACCOUNTS

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

RESOLVED that this Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee amounting to \$6,438.97; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,205.08

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chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$15,723.83 chargeable to Fire Department; \$18,913.29 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$11,461.98 chargeable to Health Department; \$6,119.94 chargeable to City Home and \$2,671.91 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$13,850.30 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

ACCOUNT HOSPITALIZATION ALBERT DAVIE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Safety Committee recommending for payment an account of the Victoria General Hospital amounting to \$26.00 covering Hospitalization of Mr. Albert Davie, Stableman for the Mounted Division of the Police Department, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report, funds for this purpose to be provided under the authority of Section 9 Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT COAT-OF-ARMS (ART EXHIBIT)

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee

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held on the above date, an account from Mr. H. P. Story amounting to \$20.00 to cover the preparation and framing of one large Coat of Arms and two Signs for the City's Art Exhibit at the Public Archives, was approved and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TAG DAY GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, an application from the Canadian Girl Guides Association requesting permission to hold a Raisin Day on Saturday, May 4th, 1946 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the application be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the matter of observing Daylight Saving Time during the Summer months of 1946 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that Daylight Saving

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Time be adopted in the City of Halifax effective from 12:01 a.m. Sunday, April 28th, to 12:01 a.m., Sunday, September 29th, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

GRANT GRACE MATERNITY HOSPITAL

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

A delegation from the Salvation Army appeared before the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date respecting the matter of a grant from the City to the Grace Maternity Hospital.

After hearing the representatives it was decided to recommend to Council that legislation be obtained enabling the City to pay the sum of \$2500.00 annually to the Grace Maternity Hospital for a period of five years on the same terms and conditions as provided in Chapter 65 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the matter of the appointment of a Chief of the Halifax Fire Department was considered and it was decided to recommend to Council that the appointment be made at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Batson that the name of Mr. J. W. Harber be placed in nomination for the position of Chief of the Halifax Fire Department at a salary of \$3,200.00 per annum.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the name of Capt. F. C. MacGillivray be placed in nomination for the position of Chief of the Halifax Fire Department.

His Worship the Mayor asked Alderman Adams if he wished to include the salary.

Alderman Adams: "I am not naming any amount for the salary."

His Worship the Mayor: "Are there any further nominations?"

There were no further nominations.

Alderman Hosterman: "You all know that the matter of the Fire Chief has been hanging fire for a long time. This is a very important position and I feel that it is the most important one in the corporation. You Your Worship went on the air and you informed the tax payers of this City as to the qualifications of the present Acting Chief and you also informed them as to why in your opinion Mr. MacGillivray did not qualify for the position. I think that was very much appreciated by the public generally but Mr. MacGillivray has quite a few supporters in this Council and it seems to me that it is only fair that

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we Aldermen who are supporting Mr. Harber should hear from MacGillivray's supporters as to why Mr. Harber is not fit to occupy the position.

I feel they must have this information and furthermore Mr. MacGillivray's outstanding qualifications over Mr. Harber must be given to the Council. Are they holding things from us? It is not sufficient to come here and nominate this one or that one. Just look what is at stake. The Acting Chief as you know has received several letters of commendation from business men in this City complimenting him. I talked to a Captain who stated that Harber was definitely the only man in the Department of doing a real job. We must have an outstanding man for this position. We don't want a man who has been driving a truck. This man must be experienced and Harber has had this. I think it is very unfair for the MacGillivray supporters to withhold something from us. If these men will be good enough to tell us, I may change my vote. Who knows."

Alderman Moriarty: "I support MacGillivray and I have made some notes regarding his efficiency and I consider that he possesses efficiency in a greater degree than his opponent. He has had experience as a hoseman, chauffeur, pumper operator, etc. He possesses a certificate that no other applicant has. He graduated from Boston College before the war and took a course in Civil Defence in the States in 1942 and he has the necessary qualifications in the matter of administration.

Alderman Moriarty then submitted and read a letter from the Boston Fire College giving an outline of MacGillivray's activities while there taking a course.

His Worship the Mayor: "We know the information you gave us; we know you are a strong supporter of MacGillivray, but what are your objections to Harber who is next in line?"

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Alderman Moriarty: "I never considered Mr. Harber as next in line; MacGillivray is senior to Harber."

Alderman Walker: "Harber was overseas fighting for his country."

Alderman Moriarty: "MacGillivray was turned down in 1914-1918."

His Worship the Mayor: "Would you consider it reasonable to give information to the Safety Committee as to what is wrong in appointing Harber Chief?"

Alderman Moriarty: "Yes."

His Worship the Mayor: "Will you defer it?"

Alderman Moriarty: "No."

Alderman DeWolf: "I am told that when Mr. Harber was appointed Deputy the late Chief was asked in his opinion if Harber was appointed, was it his thought that Harber would be the next Chief and he said "no."

His Worship the Mayor: "Do you consider it reliable?"

Alderman DeWolf: "Ex-Mayor Lloyd told me."

Alderman Coffin: "I voted for Mr. Harber and all the evidence given to me against him is that somebody said that the late Chief said that although he was appointing Harber as Deputy Chief he would not be Chief. (The man ~~that is the present Acting Chief has service overseas in the recent war and in his present capacity. I have the greatest respect for Mr. MacGillivray. I have not talked to anyone overseas who was engaged in that type of fire and it is on that kind of experience that I will cast my vote. We want this backed up by substantial evidence.~~)"

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His Worship the Mayor: I have received correspondence from Acting Chief Harber's Officer overseas recommending him very highly. He cannot say anything more because he does not know Mr. MacGillivray."

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Alderman DeWolf: "Have you got that letter from the man overseas."

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes I have one here from his former Chief."

Alderman DeWolf: "What is the date of that letter?"

His Worship the Mayor: "February 11, 1946."

Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to see the first letter."

His Worship the Mayor: "You can take my assurance that it exists even though I don't know where it is right now. Harber was returned home due to ill health."

Alderman Walker: "I would like to say that if the Aldermen of this Council voted according to their conscience, not by what they promised a few year ago, they would vote for this man who has fought for his contry. Is there anything wrong with him? That is what Alderman Hosterman and I want to know."

Alderman Batson: "I have had very little to do with Mr. MacGillivray, he is a nice man but that does not bear with me. The part that bears with me is the record of the present Acting Chief. I have not heard anything against his manner of work. I have watched him for quite a while. There is no other thing in my mind except that it is not fair for a man to step in over a man after he has won his spurs. If we want to be fair, Harber is the man that is entitled to that position and he should have it and if he does not get it I am afraid we are not doing our duty for the City. I have always tried to be fair in everything. I would say tonight Your Worship that that is the stand I shall take and I am prepared to stay in the Council if this thing is held over until justice is done."

Alderman DeWolf: "As far as I am concerned I hardly know either man. As a fire fighter I would not know whether they are good or bad. I am basing my vote on my conscience."

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His Worship the Mayor: "You have listened to Alderman Hosterman's suggestion that he would like to receive from those who advocate Mr. MacGillivray some information as to why Mr. Harber is not qualified to take the position."

Alderman DeWolf: "I have always disliked discussing appointments in public."

His Worship the Mayor: "The letter that I can get you, would that have any effect on your vote?"

Alderman DeWolf: "It may or may not."

His Worship the Mayor: "Don't you think it should be deferred until those who favour Mr. MacGillivray can say what is wrong with Mr. Harber in getting the job?"

Alderman DeWolf: "I will say nothing to hurt those men in public and the moral of the Department."

Alderman Hosterman: "Has Alderman DeWolf anything against Mr. Harber and is he afraid to disclose it."

Alderman DeWolf: "I am not saying anything of the kind."

Council agreed to accept the names submitted as nominations and the vote was then taken with the following result:

FOR MR. HARBER

Alderman Batson
Hosterman
Coffin
Walker

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FOR MR. MacGILLIVRAY

Alderman Moriarty
Breen
Adams
DeWolf
Doyle
Burgess
Ahern

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His Worship the Mayor: "I declare Mr. MacGillivray to have received the greater number of votes and therefore elected. I also wish to advise the Council by virtue of powers vested in me I propose to veto this appointment again. Nobody has changed their mind and I have not changed my mind since I want to go by my conscience. Aldermen with clear consciences will have nothing to fear in April. I will record my

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veto in the minutes at the earliest opportunity."

By virtue of power invested in me as mayor, pursuant to Section 317 of the City Charter, I hereby signify my disapproval of the resolution affecting a contract involving the appointment of J. B. Mackellory as Chief Officer of the Halifax Fire Department, and further involving an expenditure of money from the City Treasury, and I further signify my disapproval of the said expenditure.

Archie Bunker
Mayor

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Witness W. P. Publicover
City Clerk

Ex-Mayor Lloyd: "Your Worship, can a tax payer speak?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No, sit down".

Ex-Mayor Lloyd: "Thank you Mr. Hitler".

His Worship the Mayor: "What was that remark?"

Alderman Hosterman: "I think he said "Mr. Hitler", and then a spectator who was in the Council Chamber rose to his feet and said "I was sitting right near Mr. Lloyd and I heard him say Mr. Hitler".

His Worship the Mayor then called on the Police Officer to eject Mr. Lloyd from the Chamber. The Police Officer approached Mr. Lloyd and he withdrew without comment followed by several others.

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PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECT

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor and report of the Whole Council as follows:

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Members City Council,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Aldermen:

The Committee of the Whole Council had the opportunity yesterday of meeting Mr. Storms of Housing Enterprises Ltd., and heard details from him of a housing project which it is planned should be erected on the North Common.

This project is estimated to cost two million dollars, and will contain approximately 400 apartment suites. The matter of a sale price for the land will be for the Council to decide, bearing in mind the fact that sewer and water services are already available, and that after liquidation of the project in some fifty years, the city might be able to have its ownership of the land restored.

May I say that this project was initiated as a result of my inviting Housing Enterprises Ltd. to undertake a building program in Halifax, and tonight the initial results of this invitation are before the Council for approval.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
MAYOR.

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

Gentlemen:- Re: Apartment Buildings, North Commons

At a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council

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held in the office of the Mayor, City Hall, on Wednesday, February 13th, 1946, at 4:30 p.m., the proposal of Housing Enterprises of Canada Limited to erect buildings in the city containing some 400 apartments was considered.

The proposal was explained by Mr. Storms, the Manager of Housing Enterprises of Canada Limited and was substantially as follows:

1. The City will convey to Housing Enterprises of Canada Limited, the portion of the North Common fronting on Robie Street and bounded by Cogswell Street and Cunard Street and extending eastwardly to a point approximately 250 feet westwardly of the western street line of North Park Street, the purchase price to be One Dollar (\$1.00) and the conveyance to provide that at the expiration of fifty years the same will revert to the City together with all buildings and the improvements thereon.

2. The Crown in the right of the Dominion will release existing "clearance rights" over the entire North Common and will reserve to itself the right to use the portion of the Common lying to the east of the eastern boundary of the area above mentioned.

3. The housing accommodation above referred to will be constructed and paid for by the Company.

4. The Company will pay full real property taxes and fire protection rates and the tenants will be liable to household tax.

5. Water supply and the payment therefor will be arranged for with the Public Service Commission.

6. The City will supply to the property the usual normal municipal services.

7. The buildings will be constructed in accordance with the Building Regulations in force in the City and will comply with Plumbing and Electrical Regulations and Health Board By-laws, and any plumbing or electrical work will be done by workmen licensed for that purpose by the City and subject to inspection by the City.

8. The Buildings and property will be managed and controlled by the Company.

9. The City will secure legislation authorizing such agreement as may be necessary to be entered into between the City and the Company to carry out the proposal, to convey the land in question to the Company, subject to reconveyance at the expiration of fifty years, to extinguish the rights of the public to that portion of the Common, and to repeal any provincial legislation setting up the "clearance rights."

10. In order to expedite the commencement of the project the City Council will submit the proposal to the Provincial Government and seek an assurance that any legislation submitted by it to carry out the foregoing proposal will receive the favourable consideration of that Government.

In addition to the foregoing points the following mat-

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ters were considered material:

1. The underground services to be installed on the Common - such as sewer pipes and water mains and services, shall be installed at the expense of the Company in accordance with the City's regulations and specifications.

2. Any streets laid out on the Common for the purpose of servicing the development will be under the control of the Company which will maintain the same in good order.

The Committee of the Whole Council recommends that the City Council approve of the above proposal and that the City accept the same and take such steps as may be necessary to put the same into effect, including the securing of the necessary legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

At this point Mr. J. K. Bell of the Halifax and District Labor Council advised the Council that there was a delegation present regarding the matter of building houses on the North Commons and that he was the spokesman for this organization and requested permission to address the Council.

His Worship the Mayor: "I would be very glad to hear another spokesman. You made certain remarks on the integrity of this Council."

Mr. Bell: "At that time it was called for."

Alderman Coffin: "The Court did not say so."

Mr. Bell: "I think we should forget personalities and get down to business."

Alderman Coffin: "I resent the remark he made that "it was called for."

His Worship the Mayor asked the Council if Mr. Bell apologized to Council would they be willing to hear him speak to which they agreed.

Mr. Bell then apologized and submitted and read a brief dealing with the Hougins Situation.

Mr. Bell: "We feel that this Housing Enterprise Limited is nothing else but a combined monopoly of insurance

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companies."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is not."

Mr. Bell: "It is sponsored by financial institutions."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is not."

Mr. Bell: "A wider expression of public opinion should be known before Council takes action on turning over the Commons to the private Insurance Companies."

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

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

FOR THE MOTION

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

Mr. Storms, Manager of Housing Enterprises of Canada Limited, then addressed the Council as follows: "Thank you very much for the confidence you have shown in the passing of this resolution. There is no profit for anyone. Any profits that might be made would go back to the tenants in reductions of rent."

PURCHASE EQUIPMENT T. B. HOSPITAL

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee

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held on the above date the attached report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending the purchase of certain articles of equipment for the Tuberculosis Hospital was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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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, it was decided to recommend the purchase of the following articles of equipment for the Tuberculosis Hospital.

From Ingram and Bell Ltd.

60 full Gatch Beds with panel	⊙ \$40.80	\$2,448.00
48 Overbed Tables	⊙ 28.25	1,356.00
12 Bedside Screens	⊙ 15.30	183.60
21 " "	⊙ 12.85	269.85
6 Youth Size Beds	⊙ 35.00	210.00
		<u>\$4,467.45</u>

From The T. Eaton Co. Maritime Ltd.

60 Mattresses	⊙ \$26.50	\$1,590.00
21 Overbed Tables	⊙ 46.00	966.00
		<u>\$2,556.00</u>

From J. F. Hartz & Co.

69 Bedside Tables	⊙ \$18.75	<u>\$1,293.75</u>
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Funds for this purpose to be provided as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive
Committee held on the above date the attached report
from the Committee on Works respecting Residential
Districts was read and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover
CITY CLERK.

February 11th, 1946.

LEGISLATION

Chairman and Members,
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held
on the 5th instant, the City Solicitor submitted the
attached letters as follows:-

Letter dated February 4th 1946, re "Residential Districts"
Letter dated February 4th 1946, re "Residential District"
(Business Areas)

The first letter deals with the fact that under
the Charter as it is at present, there is no authority
for the establishment in residential districts of
theatres and banks.

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The Committee recommended that the existing legislation be extended to include banks, theatres and buildings for recreational purposes.

The Committee further recommended that the proposed legislation restrict theatres to new buildings built for that purpose.

The second letter deals with a suggestion by the City Solicitor "That for the better protection of residential districts as such, some authority be obtained to define "Business areas" in such districts in which alone the buildings set out in subsection (6) of section 815 of the Charter may be erected, altered and used for the purposes set out therein."

The Committee directed that the second letter be forwarded to the City Council for consideration and decision as to the policy to be adopted concerning the matter involved.

The Committee has received applications for permits for a bank, theatre and barber shop in the residential district for which permits cannot be granted under existing Charter authority.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

February 4, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:

Under date of September 13th, 1945, I wrote your Committee suggesting that for the better protection of residential districts as such, some authority be obtained to define "business areas" in such districts in which alone the buildings set out in subsection (6) of section 815 of the Charter may be erected, altered and used for the purposes set out therein.

This would mean that in the residential districts there would be so-called "shopping areas" in which places of business for the servicing of the residences in the district would be located. They would be grouped together. At the present time it is not impossible to find that a shop, for example, or a filling station, may be established in any part of the district which would definitely affect the quality of the neighborhood from a residential point of view.

With this in mind I have drafted and attach hereto a proposal for legislation which if passed would give the City authority to define such areas by Ordinance and to regulate the number of any one type of business or use of building which would be permitted in any one business area.

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For example, one theatre, two filling stations, three retail grocery stores, two restaurants, etc., the number being that found necessary to properly service the surrounding residential district.

This method of control would, I think, work well in conjunction with the other proposal I made some weeks ago concerning the use of buildings, under which the owner of any building desiring to change the use of the same would have to secure permission from the City. In this way a grocery store in the residential district could not be changed to a hardware or other retail store without the permission of the City. By this means the City could control the balance with the result that the so-called "business areas" or "shopping districts" could be maintained sufficient to service their respective residential neighborhoods.

I would appreciate your comments on this proposal.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

February 4, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:

I would like to call to your attention the fact that under the Charter as it is at present there is no authority for the establishment in residential districts of theatres and banks. I have reason to believe that in the near future applications are to be made for permits for this type of use of premises and perhaps even for the construction of buildings for these purposes.

I would suggest therefore that an amendment be made to section 815 to permit this type of construction and use in residential districts.

If the two other suggestions made by me and now before you at this meeting are approved some adequate control will be established and some enlargement of subsection (6) of section 815 would not be unreasonable.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

APPROPRIATION PUBLIC GARDENS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending that legislation be obtained to raise the limit of the Public Gardens appropriation from \$26,000.00 to \$30,000.00 per year was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SEWER EXTENSION ARMDALE ROAD

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending the extension of the sewer on Armdale Road was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 11th, 1946.

Chairman and Members Finance and
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached reports of the Commissioner of Works dated January 31st 1946 and October 1st 1945, re "Sewer Extension Armdale Road."

On Motion of Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee recommended that the said sewer be extended in accordance with the said reports.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

January 31st, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Further to a report of October 1st, 1945, at which time consideration for the extension of sewer and water facilities was deferred until the subdivision of Butler Bros.' property was approved.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on December 7, 1945, plan No. JJ-1-9706 was approved. I would therefore recommend the adoption of my report of October 1, 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

October 1, 1945.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

An application has been received from Butler Bros., requesting the extension of the City sewer system on Armdale Road from Churchill Drive to a point distant six hundred and ten (610') southwardly.

The estimated cost to do this work is \$6700.00 and the estimated assessment is \$775.00.

This extension will serve only six lots, for the reason that the western side of Armdale Road is the right-of-way of the Canadian National Railways.

I would therefore recommend that the sewer be extended, provided the Public Service Commission extend the water for these lots.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

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SEWER EXTENSION CHURCHILL DRIVE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending the extension of the sewer on Churchill Drive and Flinn Street, also the purchase of a property from Christina Green was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration and report.
Amendment passed.

STREET LIGHTING

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Committee on Works respecting Street Lighting was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 11th, 1946.

Chairman and Members Finance
and Executive Committee,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commis-

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sioner of Works dated February 1st 1946, entitled "Improved Lighting - Barrington Street."

In the said report the Commissioner advised in part that - "It is my opinion that new installations for lighting purposes should be installed from Capital Expenditures" and he recommends that the Master Plan on lighting again receive consideration.

Following discussion the Committee on Motion of Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Walker, recommended that City Council be asked to approve of proceeding with the complete Master Plan of lighting, instead of approving at different times of proceeding with different sections of the said Plan.

The Committee further recommended that a discussion be held with the Nova Scotia Provincial Government, Department of Municipal Affairs, concerning the financing which would be required, before formal application is made by the City Council to the said Department for the authority to borrow the necessary funds.

The Master Plan of lighting referred to is the plan prepared by the City Electrician which was submitted to the City Council last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

P. S. Attached also are letters dated January 26th and February 1st, 1946 from the City Electrician relative to the petition referred to in the attached report of the Commissioner of Works.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

A petition has been received from property owners on Barrington Street between North Street and Cornwallis Street for improved street lighting.

The City Electrician, G. H. Durling has prepared an estimate of \$646.80 for the improved service and \$113.40 for annual maintenance. These amounts are not provided for in the estimates.

You will recall that Mr. Durling last year prepared and submitted an improved lighting plan for the entire city. This section of Barrington Street was included.

It is my opinion that new installations for lighting purposes should be installed from Capital expenditures and funds from our appropriations used to provide for maintenance and current expenses.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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It is my opinion that new installations for lighting purposes should be installed from Capital expenditures and funds from our appropriations used to provide for maintenance and current expenses.

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Petitions for improved lighting are now on the increase, and I would recommend that the master plan on lighting again receive consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

PURCHASE STREET FLUSHER

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending the purchase of a Street Flusher was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 11th, 1946.

Chairman and Members Finance
and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 5th 1946, and entitled "Tenders for Street Flusher."

On the verbal recommendation of the Commissioner of Works the Committee, on Motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, recommended that City Council be asked to authorize purchase from the Acadia Motors Limited, One International KR-11-Rear Wheel Drive only - 1,440 gals. - capacity 27,000 lbs. Streamlined, - \$12,056. f.o.b. Halifax, as referred to in Item 3 of the said report; also that Council authorize application to the Department of Municipal Affairs of the Province of Nova Scotia for authority to increase by \$4,000.00 the borrowing authority of \$40,000 granted last year by the said Department to cover the cost of acquiring and purchasing trucks, tractors, plows, and other equipment for

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the use of the City Works Department; in order to finance the cost of this street flusher.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

In response to an advertisement in the local newspapers in December, tenders have been received for a street sprinkler and flusher.

Following is a summary of the tenders:

1. Provincial Motors Limited - FWD (Four Wheel Drive) 1,500 gals. - Gross Capacity 25,000 lbs. - Partly Streamlined - \$14,441.00 - FOB Halifax.
2. Sicard Limited - Sicard 4 Wheel Drive - 1,850 gals. Capacity - 32,000 lbs. - Streamlined - Approximately \$13,367.00 - FOB Halifax.
3. Acadia Motors Limited - International KR-11 - Rear Wheel Drive only - 1,440 gals - Capacity 27,000 lbs. Streamlined - \$12,056.00 - FOB Halifax.

The above is a summary of the various features as submitted, and it was thought that the capacity of 1,440 gals. is sufficient for street sprinkling and flushing.

Although the Sicard is a much larger machine, than the International, the price difference is little more than \$1,300.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

PURCHASE STEAM ROLLER

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive
Committee held on the above date the attached report
from the Committee on Works recommending the purchase
of a Steam Roller was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman and Members Finance
and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on
the 5th instant, received a verbal recommendation from
the Commissioner of Works that an Austin-Western (Auto-
crat) 12-ton Roller, equipped with an International
Diesel Engine, including a Scarifier attached, be pur-
chased from Austen Bros. Ltd., for a total price of
\$9176.00 f.o.b. Halifax.

On Motion of Alderman MacDonald, seconded by
Alderman Moriarty, the said recommendation was approved
and recommended to Council for adoption.

The cost of this equipment would be charged
against the \$40,000. borrowing authorization granted by
the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Province
of Nova Scotia last year to cover the cost of such
equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

THIRD AND FOURTH STREET EXTENSION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Com-
mittee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending that legislation be obtained to extend Third and Fourth Streets was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 11th, 1946.

LEGISLATION

Chairman and Members Finance
and Executive Committee,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 5th 1946, entitled as above.

The Committee recommended that the legislation to be sought concerning Third and Fourth Streets be in accordance with the second paragraph of the said report of the Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

February 5, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

At a meeting of City Council held on December 13, 1945, a resolution was passed that legislation be obtained to close and convey such lands as constitute, First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Streets, with a clear title to the City of Halifax.

May I draw your attention to a resolution passed at a meeting of Council held October 11, 1945, following a report by Alderman DeWolf and myself. It was decided to extend Third and Fourth Streets which come almost opposite Oak Street, the central avenue between Chebucto Road and Quinpool Road from Harvard Street to Connaught Avenue.

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I believe the latter resolution conveys the original intention of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

SALE OF LAND CHEBUCTO ROAD

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending the sale of property owned by the City on the south side of Chebucto Road was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 11th, 1946.

Chairman and Members Finance
and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, on Motion of Alderman MacDonald, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, recommended that City Council be asked to approve in principle of the sale of property owned by the City on the south side of Chebucto Road between the sub-power station and the land leased for filling station purposes at the corner of Chebucto Road and Quinpool Road, in the Residential District.

The Committee further recommended that legislation to enable the City to sell this property be obtained, also that newspaper advertisements be inserted asking for tenders for the said property, and that the said advertisements contain provisions in accordance with civic advertisements relative to the property on Quinpool Road near Chebucto Road recently sold by the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.
Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

Alderman Burgess: "On the Dutch Village Road there is a drug store that belongs to Mr. Coughlan. I think the people who are interested in this should be considered before anything is advertised. It is of no use leaving that property there. I understand they are willing to pay a fair price and they should be given a chance before they are moved out and they know the piece of land has to be taken to improve the Woodcock Inn site."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works.

Amendment passed.

CONNAUGHT PARK SUBDIVISION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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 Town Planning Board recommending the purchase of land in the Connaught Park Sub-division was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 11th, 1946.

Chairman and Members,
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 5th 1946, the Commissioner of Works presented a plan of Connaught Park SubDivision, submitted by Mr. W. DeW. Barss.

On advice of the City Solicitor the Committee

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approved buying the land for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) for street purposes, as outlined in blue on Plan No. LL1-9704.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Asst. Clerk of Works.

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

SUPERANNUATION J. J. CONRAD

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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 City Treasurer respecting the retiring allowance granted to Mr. J. J. Conrad was considered.

The Treasurer points out that the annual allowance should be \$2,285.72 instead of \$2,142.85 as previously authorized and your Committee recommends that the necessary adjustment be made.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 5, 1946.

The Chairman and Members
of the Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Gentlemen:- Re: Superannuation Chief J. J. Conrad
Police Department

Mr. Conrad was superannuated as from November 1, 1945, under Resolution of Council August 14, 1945, at an annual allowance of \$2,142.85. On checking over these figures, I find that the annual allowance should be \$2,285.72 being five sevenths of \$3,200.00, the salary he was receiving at time of retirement.

Will you please recommend to the Council that this adjustment be made.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo J. Allen,
CITY TREASURER.

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

ACCOUNT WARTIME HOUSING LIMITED

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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 His Worship the Mayor respecting the account of Wartime Housing Limited was read and it was decided to forward same to City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 7, 1946.

The Secretary,
Finance and Executive Committee,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a report from the Commissioner of Finance, who at my suggestion, inspected the records of Wartime Housing Limited at Toronto in respect of the prefabricated houses erected by this company for the account of the city of Halifax, the original amount of which was approved by Council at \$202,581.60.

Before this account was paid, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance, it was thought advisable that it should be checked, and as a result of this checking, the amount of \$10,894.10 has been removed from the first sum. The amended amount is therefore \$191,687.50.

It was necessary for the Commissioner to make two trips to Toronto to do this work, but I am satisfied in view of the saving which has been noted, his expenses will be regarded as justified.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
MAYOR.

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VETERANS' HOME YOUNG AVENUE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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 His Worship the Mayor respecting the matter of a proposed extension to the Veterans' Home on Young Avenue was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the suggestion contained in the last paragraph of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 7, 1946.

The Secretary,
Finance and Executive Committee,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a letter from the District Resident Engineer of the Department of Public Works in which it is requested that the position of the city with respect to enlarging the Veterans' Home on Young Avenue be made known.

At the meeting of the City Council held December 14, 1944, approval was given by the Council for the use of the Tory residence as a Veterans' Home, but at that time it was stated that the action in moving there was due to an emergency.

In view of the fact that available land could be obtained in the Camp Hill area for the erection of an adequately equipped Veterans' Home, consideration should be given to requesting the department to take the necessary steps to develop their plans in this area, and allow Young Avenue, to exist as a high class residential street.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
MAYOR.

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

WOODCOCK INN PROPERTY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the City Assessor respecting the acquisition of the Property known as "The Woodcock Inn" was read and it was decided to forward same to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Dear Sirs: RE: Armdale Property

A warranty deed of the property known as the "Woodcock Inn" has been obtained from Mr. Newman to His Majesty the King in the right of the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax jointly. This deed together with the plans of the building which Mr. Newman proposed to erect on the site have been filed with the Commissioner of Works. An agreement should be entered into between the Province and the City as to the future use of this property.

The property known as the "Ward Property" was sold to one Minna I. Wilbur. Although the deed has not been recorded, an offer for this property has been made to Mrs. Wilbur which she has refused to accept and I am advised by Mr. Laurence that he, as representative of the Province, does not propose to go any further in the matter unless he gets further instructions.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Goughlan, one of the heirs of the Estate of Mary Murray, I have been unable, as yet, to make an appointment to discuss the matter of acquiring the Murray property.

Yours respectfully,

J. F. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR.

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KING VS CITY OF HALIFAX J. H. J. O'FLAHERTY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the City Solicitor advising that the action taken against the City of Halifax by His Majesty the King to recover damages for injuries sustained by Private J. H. J. O'Flaherty has been discontinued was read.

Your Committee is forwarding same to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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AGREEMENT WARTIME HOUSING LIMITED

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

February 12/1946.

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 respecting Wartime Housing Limited agreement Churchfield Barracks was read.

After consideration of the matter it was decided in order to preserve the City's stand that Fire Protection Rates are not included in the City taxes, that a specific clause be inserted in the agreement waiving any claim by the City for fire protection rates.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 4, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and Executive
Committee.

Dear Sir: Re: Wartime Housing Limited agreement,
Churchfield Barracks.

In finalizing this agreement a matter became an issue which is of no consequence in amount but which is in my judgment of great importance because of the stand

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taken by Wartime Housing Limited. In this agreement they refuse to pay any additional amount for fire protection charges and state that it is included in the annual payments of \$24.00 and \$30.00 per house.

I attach hereto the following: Letter from myself to Burchell, Smith, Parker & Fogo of January 24, 1946, reply of Burchell, Smith, Parker & Fogo of February 2, 1946, and my reply of February 4.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

FIRE PROTECTION DEPT. OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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 respecting the matter of Fire Protection Rate, Dominion Government - Department of National Defence was read.

Your Committee recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax and that the said agreement be subject to approval of the City Solicitor as to its form.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

As a result of negotiations between Mr. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works, and the Department of National Defence re a payment in lieu of Fire Protection Rate, I am today in receipt of an agreement under which the Government is willing to pay for 1945-1946 (i.e. April 1st, 1945 to March 31st, 1946) the sum of \$22,165.00.

I think this is a very excellent settlement and is

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a substantially larger proportionate payment than we had received from this Department under previous agreements.

If the full sum had been paid at the rate in effect for this period the amount would have been approximately \$31,000.00. Last year we received \$14,000.00. The increase of nearly \$9,000.00 is substantial and I think Mr. MacKinnon's submissions have been most effective.

I would appreciate the consideration of this Committee for this matter and its recommendation to Council for approval of the agreement and authority to the Mayor and Clerk to execute the same, subject to my approval as to its form.

There remains now the matter of Fire Protection payments by the C.N.R., the National Harbours Board, the Mounted Police and one or two other departments of the Crown.

I think that these should be reviewed as I feel the amounts paid at the present time are not adequate. I have already taken some steps in this matter and I presume this will be satisfactory to the Council.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

APPLICATION N. S. L. & P. CO., LTD. DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 12/1946.

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 respecting the application Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited depreciation allowance, tramways was read and it was decided to forward same to City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 4, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

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As you may have observed from the newspapers a hearing has been held by the Public Utilities Board respecting the allowance of additional sums for depreciation for the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited, Tramway Division. This amount is in excess of the normal depreciation previously allowed.

When the matter came before the Public Utilities Board in 1943 the Board was satisfied that due to various factors, not the least being the exceptionally heavy demand made on the facilities of the tramway system in this City by wartime conditions, the plant and equipment be depreciated to a far greater extent than it would under normal conditions. As a result, the following allowances for depreciation were made -

1942	-	\$400,000.00
1943	-	\$500,000.00
1944	-	Reserved until a later date.

When the matter came before the Department of National Revenue these amounts were questioned and it was indicated by the Department that in its opinion they were excessive and allowed an amount per year of \$120,000.00 and this amount was used by the Department in setting up the income tax assessment on the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited for the years in question.

The Public Utilities Board decided that under the circumstances it was advisable to review the matter and hearings were held as above indicated, the first being January 16, 1946, and the second January 29, 1946. I attended at both hearings on behalf of the City.

The net result of the depreciation allowances granted by the Board would be the writing off of substantially the entire plant value of the Tramways Division.

From the evidence submitted to the Board it would appear that through obsolescence and wearing out, very large sums of money would have to be spent to rejuvenate this system and then it would not be as efficient as if it were entirely scrapped and a modern system of transportation installed.

The final result of the submission by the Company was as follows: As of December 31, 1941, there is approximately \$1,511,231.00 worth of plant for which no depreciation has been taken. It was proposed in the original application to depreciate this in three years, as at that time it appeared that the rate of wearing out of the system would coincide with this period. However, now that it is possible to look back, it is considered a reasonable proposal to depreciate this plant over a five year period, that is over the years 1942 to 1946 inclusive, at the rate of \$294,409.00 a year, and this is the final submission which was made to the Board, which reserved its decision on this point.

In the course of the hearings I asked directly whether it was the intention of the Company to remain in the transportation business. There was no direct answer given to this question but from the course of the discussions and statements made as to studies undertaken by the Company it is my personal belief that some careful consider-

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ation is being given to this matter and it would not be unlikely that the Company would continue in the transportation business but with a different type of equipment to that at present in use.

One of the matters involved in the ascertainment of the amount of annual depreciation was the removal of the rails from the streets. There are several ways of dealing with these rails with the resulting differences in cost:

- (1) They can be merely covered with asphalt and left in the streets.
- (2) The rails themselves can be removed and the openings filled with paving material.
- (3) The rails and other underground works can be removed entirely and the openings filled with paving material.

These costs would vary from a rough estimate of \$250,000.00 cost to the Company after salvage down to something less than \$100,000.00. This is a matter which will eventually come before the City and it might be well to consider the possibilities at this time.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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VALUE OF ASSETS WATER SYSTEM

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

February 12/1946.

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 respecting decision of the Nova Scotia Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities in the matter of the application of the Public Service Commission for the determining by the Board of Commissioners of the Public Utilities of the value of the property and assets of the City of Halifax' Water System used and useful in furnishing, rendering or supplying water in the City of Halifax and vicinity was read and it was directed that same be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.