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February 7, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

As you have seen in the daily newspapers the Board of Public Utilities has filed its decision on the valuation of the property used in connection with the supply of water to the City. The decision states that the Board finds this value, after providing for accrued depreciation up to December 31st, 1944, to be \$4,690,388.51. The valuation found by the Board at the previous valuation hearing (commenced in 1923) as at April 30th, 1925, was \$2,788,266.00. It will be noted therefore that there has been a substantial increase in the net value of this plant during the last twenty years.

The Board in its decision reviewed the history of the water system in Halifax and set out the more important additions made since the commencement of the war. Mention is made of the appointment by the Board in 1943 of Engineering Service Company for the purpose of making a complete investigation of the system and a report to the Board. This was done because of the fact that for various reasons the pressure was low and the supply of water considered to be inadequate.

There were a number of additions which were not completed by December 31st, 1944, and were not therefore included in the above valuation. These were as follows:

Pumping station, Dutch Village Road	\$200,000.00
Chlorinating building and equipment	50,000.00

These amounts will, of course, increase the value of the plant when the same are taken into account.

Among the items included in the 1923 valuation and omitted in the present valuation is the Going Concern Value, \$200,000.00, omitted because of an amendment to the Public Utilities Act in 1943.

Some modification was made in the submission to the Board on behalf of the Commission as to Working Capital. The net amount fixed by the Board for this heading was \$200,020.00.

I attach hereto a copy of this decision for the information of Council and as part of the City's official record. I have also sent a full copy of the decision to each member of the Council for his information.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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SALE OF ASSETS WATER DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive
Committee held on the above date, the matter of the
application of the balance remaining of the amount
received by the City from the sale of the assets of
the Water Department after providing for the payment
in full at maturity of all the capital obligations of
the City respecting the Water Department, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be
obtained to permit such sums to be used for the purpose
of paying the interest on short term loans made prior
to 1953 for general capital expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

VETERANS' HOUSING

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee
held on the above date the attached letter from the City
Solicitor's Department respecting an offer of Mr. B. J.
Vaughan to sell nineteen lots to the City to be used for
Veterans Homes was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be ap-
proved and the offer accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of Finance & Executive Committee.

Dear Sirs:

On January 15th last, I reported to your Committee respecting the above nineteen lots which were expropriated by Wartime Housing Limited for Veterans' homes. To my report was attached an offer from the owner, Mr. B. J. Vaughan. The matter was deferred at that time in order to negotiate further with Mr. Vaughan who, however, repeated his previous offer. The matter then went to Council and was referred back to this Committee. I would respectfully suggest that your Committee recommend to Council that Mr. Vaughan's offer be accepted and that on the execution of the proper deed, Wartime Housing Limited be requested to settle with Mr. Vaughan on the basis of his offer.

For your information, Mr. Vaughan's offer was the sum of \$7512.04, he to pay out of this amount all sewer and water extensions and the Real Estate tax to be apportioned as at September 13th, 1945, which was the date on which Council decided on this site as one to be used for the erection of Veterans' Houses. The sum of \$7512.04 is made up as follows:

Land	\$6270.00
Sewer and water extensions with interest up to December 21, 1945 (date of expropriation)	\$1242.04
	<u>\$7512.04</u>

If Council accepts this recommendation, it is my intention to have Wartime Housing Limited issue two cheques to Mr. Vaughan; one for the purchase price of the land and the other for the amount of the sewer and water extensions. This latter cheque will be endorsed by Mr. Vaughan to the City when the deed is complete and he will pay all other taxes due. Legislation should be secured to write off all taxes accruing against these lots after December 21st, 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per T. C. Doyle.

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

VETERANS' HOUSING

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the City Solicitor's Department respecting an offer from Mr. Norman E. Purcell to sell two lots on Robie Street in Highland Park for the sum of \$150.00 each to be used for Veterans' Housing was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved and the lots purchased by Wartime Housing Limited for the sum mentioned and the taxes to be apportioned as of the date when the conveyance is executed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of Finance & Executive Committee.

Dear Sirs:

I have received from Mr. Norman E. Purcell an offer to sell two lots on Robie Street in Highland Park next to where Veterans' Houses are now being erected. These lots are 40' x 100'. The price asked is \$150.00 each. They are serviced with water and sewer.

Lying between these two lots is a City owned lot which was bought to provide a water right-of-way and on the other side of one of these lots is a strip of land 33' x 100' which has been offered by Mr. Ralph Wilson to the City for the sum of \$125.00. By combining this 33' with one of the Purcell lots and with 15' of the City owned lot, sites for three houses would be provided for a total cost of \$425.00.

I would respectfully suggest that your Committee recommend to Council that these lots be purchased by Wartime Housing Limited for the sums mentioned above, taxes to be apportioned as of the date when the conveyance is executed.

Attached hereto is a plan showing the lots in question.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Bethune
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per T. C. Doyle.

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

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TAXES N. E. PURCELL

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the City Solicitor's Department respecting the purchase of a lot of land on Robie Street from Norman E. Purcell was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Solicitor's Department.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of Finance & Executive Committee.

Dear Sirs:

On August 16th, 1943, the Council decided to purchase a lot of land on Robie Street from Norman E. Purcell for the purpose of a water extension. A deed could not be obtained from Mr. Purcell at the time as he was serving with the Armed Services overseas. The City, however, proceeded to occupy the lot and to run the water extension through and it was completed, I believe, around October 16th, 1943. Mr. Purcell did not return to Halifax until a few months ago when the deed was obtained from him, giving the City complete title to the lot.

However, although the City occupied and used the lot since 1943, Mr. Purcell has been assessed for the taxes on this lot. Attached herewith is a statement showing the taxes which he has paid and also the taxes which are still assessed against him in regard to this lot. Inasmuch as the City was virtually the owner and occupied this lot from August 16th, 1943, I would respectfully recommend that he be refunded any taxes he may have paid for the years subsequent to 1943 and he be relieved of any assessment after that date which is still unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR

Per T. C. Doyle.

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

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

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

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from His Worship the Mayor dated January 7/1946 was read in which it was recommended that the Law dealing with the spending of the Post War Rehabilitation fund be altered to permit the money in this fund to be used to service loans for capital projects on new schools and other buildings commencing within the next year.

After considering the matter the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that legislation be obtained to permit the monies in the said fund to be used for the purpose of paying the interest on short term loans made prior to 1953 for the purpose of financing capital expenditures, excluding public schools, as recommended in the Master Plan submitted by the Civic Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, 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.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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 celebrating the Bicentennial Anniversary in 1949 of the Settlement of

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Halifax was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved in principle and the City Solicitor requested to prepare the necessary legislation for presentation to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 10, 1946.

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

Dear Sir:

Early decision should be reached on the matter of arranging for a celebration of the bicentennial anniversary, in 1949, of the settlement of Halifax.

I would request approval of your committee for legislation to permit an initial authorization of \$250,000. as an appropriation to be financed from any civic funds available until such time as the final cost is known, the same then to be repaid on a fifteen year installment plan.

The legislation should authorize:

- (a) The formation of an Executive Committee consisting of such former mayors and mayors elected in the years 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949 who are agreeable to act, and who would be given power to elect their own chairman, and to employ any person or persons whose services are deemed necessary under direction of the committee, to develop, plan, and promote arrangements for the said Celebrations, and at any time, in their discretion, to remove any person or persons from office.
- (b) The Executive Committee to add thereto such persons deemed suitable by the members as likely to cause the Celebrations to succeed.
- (c) The Executive Committee to make contracts or other arrangements concerning the Celebrations, including carnivals, entertainments, shows, sporting events, festivals of music, educational displays, portrayal of historic incidents, erection or leasing of buildings for the purpose of the Celebrations and for the housing and feeding of visitors thereto, the compensation to be paid to persons employed by the said committee, and to defray all other expenses incurred by the committee or its employees for travel or otherwise in respect of the Celebrations.
- (d) The Executive Committee to administer its own accounts and finances, and the auditing thereof.
- (e) The Executive Committee to invite distinguished persons

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to be patrons of the Celebrations, and solicit financial support from any source whatsoever.

- (f) The Executive Committee to establish other committees to be formed from citizens or organized groups, and to regulate the powers of such committees.
- (g) The formation of an Advisory Committee to consist of the aldermen in office who would meet from time to time to draft proposals relating to the Celebrations, such proposals to be presented to the executive committee for approval.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
MAYOR.

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

C. N. R. TAXATION

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 the Canadian National Railway Taxation was read and it was decided to forward same to Council for its information.

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:-

I feel that I should make a further report on the progress being made in the taxation proceedings against the Canadian National Railway Company.

In the month of January I attended at Montreal with Mr. Teed, representing the City of Saint John, at a conference with the solicitors for the Railway Company. The purpose of this meeting was to try to agree on certain relevant facts in order that a proper statement of facts could be submitted to the Court in order that it could come to a decision in this matter. I had rather hoped that the Company and the Department of Justice would see fit to agree to most of these facts and thus reduce to a

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minimum the number of facts which had to be established by taking evidence to be submitted to the Court. Unfortunately the solicitors for the Company and the Department of Justice were unwilling to agree to certain statements which Mr. Teed and myself thought were correct statements of fact and it will therefore be necessary at some time in the very near future to take evidence to submit to the Court which we feel will establish these matters as facts. Some of the matters which were not agreed to were:

- (1) those relating to joint use of terminals and terminal facilities, both at Halifax and Saint John.
- (2) any reference to the fact that in financing the purchase of railway equipment the Dominion Government dealt in a similar way with the Canadian Pacific Railway as it did with the Canadian National Railway.
- (3) the fact that the Canadian National Railway System is operated by the Canadian National Railway Company.
- (4) the fact that Company operates hotels.
- (5) certain matters relating to employees, methods of employment, and employee-employer relationship.
- (6) any reference to the fact that in certain parts of Canada municipal taxes are paid and charged as part of the cost of operating the Canadian National Railway System.
- (7) the fact and the method of setting up depreciation reserves.
- (8) that the railways comprised in the Canadian Northern Railway System, the Grand Trunk Railway System were operated by the Canadian National Railway Company or by some constituent and /or subsidiary company.

You will realize that in the absence of an agreement as to these facts that the task of securing and taking evidence which will be sufficient for the Court to decide these facts is a major undertaking and will take a considerable amount of time and will, unfortunately, result in some further delay in getting the matter before the Court. I would expect that in the course of the next month further arrangements will be made to take this evidence on commission in Montreal and when this has been completed there is comparatively little more to do in the way of preparing the case for the Court, and I would expect that we will be able to commence the arguments which themselves may take a considerable amount of time.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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SALARY ASSISTANT TO CITY SOLICITOR

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 salary of Mr. T. C. Doyle of his Department was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 12, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At the meeting of your Committee held January 15th my report respecting the salary of Mr. T. C. Doyle was considered, in which I recommend that Mr. Doyle's salary be increased to an amount sufficient to make his salary equal to that of Mr. Rooney's. At that time I was under the impression that changes in salary were effective as from January 1st. I find, however, that these changes take place on May 1st. My recommendation, therefore, that Mr. Doyle's salary be increased by \$300.00 would not produce the result that I desired, as this would place Mr. Doyle's salary \$100.00 in excess of Mr. Rooney's. In order to accomplish this purpose I would suggest that the recommendation made last month, increasing Mr. Doyle's salary as from January 1st by \$300.00, be altered as follows, namely that his salary be increased for the period January 1st to May 1st at the rate of \$200.00 a year.

If any further increases are provided in the estimates for either or both of my assistants they will apply as of May 1st.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

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SALARY ASSISTANT TO CITY SOLICITOR

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the City Solicitor respecting the salary of Mr. T. C. Doyle of his Department was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 12, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

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If any further increases are provided in the estimates for either or both of my assistants they will apply as of May 1st.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

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RESIGNATION COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had not had an opportunity to go into the matter due to pressure of business. "If it is agreeable to Mr. Sherman we will bring in a report next month. I hope he will be able to stay with us."

Council agreed to this procedure.

VACATIONS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

February 7, 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 a letter was submitted from the Police Amateur Athletic and Social Club requesting that the members of the Police Department be granted three weeks vacation with pay.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

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

February 4/1946.

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 for supplies furnished to the City Home were approved and recommended for payment,

Howard's Limited	\$308.08
John Tobin & Company Limited	387.88

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR BUTTER AND EGGS

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

February 4/1946.

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 Eggs and Butter to Civic Institutions were submitted as follows:

EGGS

Swift Canadian Co. Ltd.	period of one month	.36¢	per doz.
R. B. Colwell Ltd.	" " " "	.38¢	per doz.
	" " three months	.37¢	" doz.

BUTTER

Swift Canadian Co. Ltd.	period of one month	.39¢	per lb.
R. B. Colwell Ltd.	" " " "	.39¢	per lb.
	" " three months	.39¢	per lb.

Your Committee recommends that the tender of Swift Canadian Company Limited in each case be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALARY PART TIME EMPLOYEE

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

February 4/1946.

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 authorization was granted

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to the Commissioner of Health to engage Mrs. Helen McKay as Secretary on a part time basis and it was agreed to recommend to Council that she be paid a salary at the rate of \$75.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

PURCHASE STERILIZERS

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

February 4/1946.

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 a letter from the Commissioner of Health respecting the matter of the purchase of Sterilizers was considered.

The Commissioner points out that the report of this Committee recommending the purchase of certain articles in June 1944 was altered by Council and the word "Dressing" was omitted from the resolution.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the Council Minutes for June 2/1944 be amended by inserting the word Dressing between the words the and sterilizer on Page 73.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

GRANT TO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Read report of the Recreation Committee as follows:

February 5, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the above date the matter of assisting the Minor Hockey Association financially was considered.

It is recommended that the sum of \$300.00 be

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granted to this organization to assist it in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

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

RACE TRACK ON COMMONS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the question of permission to the Halifax Harness Club for use of a portion of the Commons.

In reply to the Chairman, the City Solicitor advised that the Charter provides that the Halifax Common shall, subject to the general control of the Council, be managed and controlled by the Committee on Works.

On motion of Alderman McDonald, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, the Committee approved of granting permission to the Halifax Harness Club to operate a race track on the Halifax Common to March 31/1946 in accordance with Charter authority, provided the Club pay into the general revenue of the City, ten per cent of the Club's net proceeds from its activities on the said track in 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

BUILDING LINE INGLIS STREET

Read report of the Commissioner of Works as follows:

February 13/1946.

TWENTY-FOOT BUILDING LINE - INGLIS STREET - GORSEBROOK
LOTS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

When the City subdivided that portion of the Gorse-

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brook property on the north side of Inglis Street immediately west of Wellington Street, a twenty-foot building line was approved by the Town Planning Board.

It is therefore recommended that this twenty-foot building line be laid down on the northern side of Inglis Street from Wellington Street to Robie Street, and that this line be established by City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

SALE OF LOTS GORSEBROOK

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 5th 1946, entitled "Sale of Lots - Gorsebrook Subdivision"; also the attached offers from Mr. Wm. Scott, Captain D. C. Wallace, O.B.E., D.S.C., and Mr. Ralph Gould, to purchase lots in the said Subdivision.

The Committee recommended to Council that provided the building restrictions placed upon the land by the Eastern Trust Company be continued and specified in the deeds, the lots in the said Gorsebrook Subdivision be sold as follows:-

Lot #2 - To Mr. Wm. Scott at a price of \$1550.00

Lot #3 - To Captain D. C. Wallace at a price of \$1550.00

The other two lots to Mr. Ralph Gould at a price of \$1500.00 each.

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

MAIL STORAGE BOXES

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 14/1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached letter dated January 18th 1946 addressed to the Commissioner of Works by the District Director of Postal Service, Halifax, N. S., in which he asks if the Halifax City authorities will grant permission for the erection at approved points of receptacles as shown in the attached diagram, for the purpose of storing letter carriers bundles to be picked up en route by the letter carriers on their delivery trips.

The Committee recommended to Council that the permission referred to in the said letter be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

APPLICATION W. P. LYNCH - USE OF COMMONS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached letter addressed to the City Clerk under date of January 25th 1946 in which Mr. W. P. Lynch makes application for the use of a part of the Commons for the purpose of the opening engagement of his show between May 20th and June 20th 1946.

On Motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman MacDonald, the Committee recommended to City Council that the permission applied for in the said application be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the City Charter with reference thereto; provided also that

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the consideration to be paid by the applicant for such permission would be \$50.00 per day excluding Sundays; plus payment for any water service furnished; plus a guarantee deposit of \$50.00 relative to this schedule of dates, which would be refunded if the premises are in a satisfactory condition upon being vacated by the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

SOUND CONDITIONING CITY COURT ROOM

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached tender of the Dominion Sound Equipments Limited amounting to \$716.00 for sound conditioning at the City Court Room.

The Committee recommended to City Council that the said tender be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #19

Read letter from the City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance # 19 respecting "Bill Posters."

AMENDMENT

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

(1) Section 7 of Ordinance Number 19, respecting Bill Posters and the Posting of Bills, is amended by adding

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thereto the following works:

and unless such posting is done upon a hoarding or other structure or erection designed exclusively for that purpose, and approved by the Inspector of Buildings, the same shall be done by tacking such bills or placards, and in no event shall paste or other adhesive substance be used to post the same.

(2) Said section 7 of said Ordinance Number 19 is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(2) The person posting any bill or placard in any of the places set out in the preceding subsection of this section shall remove the same or cause the same to be removed within such time as may be ordered by the Chief of Police and his failure to comply with such order of the Chief of Police shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the amendment as drafted by the City Solicitor be read and passed a first time and referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

REQUEST DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY-CATHEDRAL BARRACKS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 11th instant, considered the attached letter addressed to His Worship the Mayor by Dr. A. E. Kerr, President of Dalhousie University, under date of February 11th 1946, relative to the Cathedral Barracks.

On Motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee recommended to Council that the request contained in the said letter be granted and that in

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accordance therewith, the City Council agree to assist the said University by not requesting the removal of the said barracks when they are no longer required for their present purpose by the Department of National Defence, and by approving of the University's application to obtain the use of the said barracks when available for student veterans housing during the period in which the University will be required to provide course for ex service men and women.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 11th instant, considered the attached Resolution in which the Armdale Ratepayers Association petition the City, to request that the regulation prohibiting the City from connecting any homes outside the City with the City water service be rescinded, so that the Public Service Commission may be able to extend the water services, where advisable, outside the City limits.

The Committee recommended to Council that the said Resolution be not approved because approval of the Resolution might tend to aggravate what the Committee understands to be unsatisfactory sanitary conditions in the area involved, due to a lack of adequate sewerage facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

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EXTENSION OF CITY LIMITS

Alderman Burgess: "I brought to the notice of the Council that the City consider extending the City Limits further out. I wish to bring this up again."

His Worship the Mayor: "This is an important point. I will have occasion to be speaking to the Provincial Government and perhaps I could be authorized to explore this matter with the Government at the same time, or would you rather that it be sent to the Finance and Executive Committee. That would be the better way to deal with it."

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

The estimates for the Board of School Commissioners for the year 1946 were submitted and same were referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

LETTER HALIFAX NORTH CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION-
EMERGENCY HOMES

Read letter from the above Association as follows:

February 5th, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen,
City Hall,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the above Association it was regularly moved and seconded that this Association is opposed to the erection of any buildings on the Commons for any other purpose than that of recreation. It is our opinion that any other type of building should only be placed on the Commons as a last resource.

We are sending you this information for your record.

Yours truly,

John T. Garth,
SECRETARY.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

February 7th, 1946.

Dear Mr. Publicover:-

This will acknowledge receipt of the two Resolutions which were adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 17th day of January 1946, which will receive consideration.

Yours very truly,

A. L. McDonald.

Mr. W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk,
City of Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

Ottawa, 28th January, 1946.

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

Dear Sir:

I wish, on behalf of the Prime Minister, to acknowledge your letter of the 23rd of January, enclosing copies of resolutions which were passed at a recent meeting of the Council of the City of Halifax, concerning the maintenance and development of a merchant marine for Canada, and wages of merchant seamen.

At Mr. King's direction I am bringing the representations of these resolutions to the attention of the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Transport, who are the Ministers most directly concerned.

Yours sincerely,

R. G. Robertson,
Secretary.

The Halifax Infirmary,
January 30, 1946.

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

Dear Mr. Publicover;-

I wish to thank you very sincerely for yours of the 24th in which you convey to me the contents of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a recent meeting and which has reference to the health of Mr. Bligh. I appreciate very deeply the thought which prompted the passing of this resolution and I wish to express my thanks for the action taken. Mr. Bligh was always interested in the affairs of the City of Halifax and followed with close interest all matters of civic administration.

Yours very truly,

Ethelind Bligh.

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF JANUARY 1946.

Civic Year Reserves	O/S Bal. Dec. 31/45.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	January Collect- ions.	O/S Balances Jan. 31/46.	
1944-45	\$11,061.69	\$ 130,973.14 Cr.	1,734.54	\$ 6,863.21	\$122,375.39
1945	15,121.38	289,843.56 Cr.	21,794.01	25,614.40	242,435.15
		\$ 420,816.70 Cr.	23,528.55	\$32,477.61	\$364,810.54

All Taxes

1943-44	27,329.29	Cr.	11.00	229.92	27,088.37
1944-45	13,579.92	Dr.	23.00	1,100.58	12,502.34
1945	17,782.87	Dr.	45.00	1,649.52	16,178.35

Additional Collections

	1946	1945
Tax Arrears 1925-26 to 1943-44 Corresponding Period Last Year	4,940.73	2,558.00
Collections as per statement above Corresponding Period Last Year	32,477.61	42,863.31
	<u>\$37,418.34</u>	<u>45,421.31</u>
Collection Poll Taxes for January 1946 Corresponding Period Last Year	3,220.07	2,793.84

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Bellew,
Chief Accountant.

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LETTER HALIFAX AND DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL RE
STRAIT CANSO CAUSEWAY

A letter was submitted from the above Labor Council respecting the Strait of Canso Causeway.

His Worship the Mayor: "This does interest us being the Capital City. We should endorse the action and let it be known that we stand back of them."

Council agreed to this action.

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

Meeting adjourned. 10.00 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 25, 1946,
5.00 P. M.

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

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

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Letter and Proposal from His Worship the Mayor re Investigation.
2. Message His Worship the Mayor re Veto Appointment of Fire Chief.

LETTER AND PROPOSAL FROM HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
RE: INVESTIGATION

Read letter from His Worship the Mayor as follows:

February 22, 1946.

To Members of the City Council,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sirs:

I am attaching a resolution which the Council should consider today. It is a proposal to investigate statements alleged to have been made by a former Mayor, my predecessor in office, to the general effect that the control of the civic administration has passed to other hands who are utilizing it for the purposes of gain.

Members of Council will appreciate the seriousness of a statement of this kind, particularly when it comes from a person who received the highest honor in the gift of the citizens of Halifax, and will be keen, I believe to have the enquiry undertaken in order to protect the reputations of all who hold membership in the Council.

I have mentioned in the resolution a proposal to engage the services of C. B. Smith, K. C., and my reason for doing this is to save embarrassment to the City Solici-

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tor who would otherwise be required to represent the city. The alleged statements to be investigated having been made by a former mayor, who continues to be interested in civic politics, and who, therefore, may return to the council as a member, should be enquired into by an independent solicitor.

Yours very truly,

A. M. BUTLER
M A Y O R

5.05 P. M. the Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor reads the following resolution from the floor:

WHEREAS it is reported in the Halifax Herald, a newspaper published in the City of Halifax, in the issue thereof of February 21st, 1946, that a statement, alleged to have been made by John E. Lloyd, a former Mayor of Halifax, in an address stated to have been given by him at the 59th anniversary banquet of Halifax Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, held in the Lord Nelson Hotel, in the City of Halifax on the preceding evening, namely February 20th, 1946, charged that

"Halifax' civic administration now is being controlled by persons never seen inside City Council Chambers, whose interest is personal gain rather than the welfare of the City as a whole, and the 'logical arrangement' of a City Managerial System faces its greatest threat from those who place political party consideration ahead of community consideration."

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of this Council such statements are untrue and tend to reflect upon the honesty and integrity of all members of the Council by imputing to them malfeasance in office, breach of trust or disgraceful or improper conduct.

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of this Council such statements so allegedly made should be investigated.

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Council by a two-thirds vote thereof, under the authority of section 136 of the Halifax City Charter, 1931, do and it hereby does request the Honourable, the Judge of the County Court for District Number One to investigate

- (a) Whether the statement above referred to was in fact made or issued.
- (b) Whether the same was made or issued by the said John E. Lloyd.
- (c) Whether the facts contained in the statement hereinbefore set out, namely:

"Halifax' civic administration now is being controlled by persons never seen inside City Council Chambers, whose interest is personal gain rather than the welfare of the City as a whole, and the 'logical arrangement' of a city managerial system faces its greatest threat from those who place political party consideration ahead of community consideration." - - are true.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk immediately deliver to the said the Judge of the County Court for District Number One a certified copy of this resolution.

His Worship the Mayor: "It is my duty to move this resolution and I do so."

The resolution was seconded by Alderman Walker.

City Solicitor: When asked for an opinion stated "this is an unusual procedure; if another member would move the motion in place of the Mayor there would be no doubt at all in my mind as to the procedure. I don't think this procedure has ever occurred before. If another member would move it there would be nothing to prevent the Mayor from resuming his seat."

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Thereupon Alderman Batson stated that he would move the resolution in place of His Worship the Mayor.

5.15 P. M. His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

It was then moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Walker that the resolution be approved.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Batson
Moriarty
Breen
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker
Ahern

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF C. B. SMITH, K. C.

The City Clerk then read the following resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the City do retain the services of Mr. C. B. Smith, K. C. to act on its behalf in the matter of the Investigation by the Judge of the County Court for District Number One into the statements alleged to have been made by John E. Lloyd as set out in the issue of the Halifax Herald of February 21st, 1946, on page One, column One and page Three, column Six thereof.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Walker that the resolution 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
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Moriarty
Walker

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MESSAGE HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR RE VETO APPOINTMENT
FIRE CHIEF

Read Message from His Worship the Mayor as follows:

February 22, 1946.

To Members of the City Council,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sirs:

Following my first veto of the appointment of F. C. MacGillivray as Chief of the Fire Department, I sent you a message which contained the records of both Mr. MacGillivray and Mr. Harber, the purpose of this being to seek consideration of what I regarded to be the outstanding qualifications of Mr. Harber for the position.

The facts which I furnished you then are the main facts in support of my action in vetoing the appointment of Mr. MacGillivray a second time. The only additional information I have to add is to quote from a letter written by the late Chief of the Fire Department under date of April 20, 1945, in which you will note that a recommendation for the appointment of Second Deputy Chief Joseph Harber to be the First Deputy Chief is in the direct line of succession, and that the recommendation is also based on the late Chief's belief that it was in the best interest of the city.

The letter in part follows: "It is my prerogative to recommend his (1st Deputy Chief Joseph P. Ryan) successor who will be acting Chief during my convalescence, therefore, I am recommending that 2nd Deputy Chief Joseph Harber be promoted to the rank of 1st Deputy Chief and that Captain Richard Young be promoted to the rank of 2nd Deputy Chief."

"The recommendation of Deputy Chief Harber is in the direct line of succession. The recommendation of Captain Young is based on my personal observations over a period his 15 years of service."

"In making those recommendations, I feel that they are in the best interests of the City."

It is my sincere hope that the members of the Council will realize that the excellent work done by the First Deputy Chief who has been acting as Chief for the past several months will be such as to merit their confidence in appointing him after they have given further consideration to the situation, and have taken into account what is best for the City of Halifax.

Yours very truly,

A. M. BUTLER
M A Y O R.

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The following question was read to the Council by the City Clerk:

"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."

City Solicitor: "If you are in favor of Harber, vote "no"; if you are in favor of MacGillivray, vote "yes".

Aldermen Adams: "The motion I made was that Mr. MacGillivray be appointed Chief. The Mayor asked me about the salary and I said I was not naming any salary."

City Solicitor: "The Mayor can't veto a resolution which in itself does not authorize an expenditure. The last meeting I found it very difficult to come to a decision but I have given it a great deal of time and I trust that you will take it as a well considered opinion. If you will permit me to explain why Alderman Adams statement at the last meeting did not carry out what he intended, it is this. The net result is that under the facts before the Council the Mayor has power to veto the resolution and here is the reason: It is a fact that to make an appointment to Heads of Departments there must be a salary attached to that appointment.

On receipt on Friday last from the City Clerk of a certified extract of the Minutes of the City Council of February 14th, 1946, relating to the appointment of the Chief of the Fire Department, I feel that I must express my opinion on the situation which exists as a result of the proceedings of this meeting.

The matter in question was the appointment of a Fire Chief and the resolution appointing Captain MacGillivray was vetoed by the Mayor.

I would like to express my views on the matter as follows:

1. In my opinion in the case of all "heads of Departments" as defined by section 119(6) it is necessary to

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eventually provide for a salary.

Section 119(4) provides that "Each of the officers mentioned in this section shall be paid such annual salary as the Council from time to time determines."

In addition, in the case of the Chief of the Fire Department, section 839 is as follows:

839. The Council shall appoint a chief officer for the fire department, hereinafter referred to as the chief officer, who shall be paid such salary as the Council determines, and shall hold office as hereinbefore provided."

Therefore in the case of every such appointment the question of an expenditure for a salary for such appointee must eventually inevitably arise, and for this reason I think that an appointment is not complete if the salary is not provided.

2. In my opinion it is permissible, if the Council is willing, to consider all the applicants for a position and by resolution to select one for the position and when doing so to exclude completely up to that point any question of salary at all.

But this does not become a final appointment until the Council has agreed to an amount of salary.

I come to this conclusion because it appears that in both sections 119(4) and 839 the word "shall" is used and by Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes 1923, section 23(11), the word "shall" is to be construed as imperative.

3. In the present case a difficulty arises in that there are two motions, one for the purpose of nominating Mr. Harber and one for the purpose of nominating Mr. MacGillivray, each similar in form, but each containing different references to salary.

In addition there is a paragraph in the Minutes

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immediately preceding the vote in these words:

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

In the case of the nomination of Harber an amount of \$3200.00 was mentioned.

In the case of the nomination of MacGillivray no amount is stated and in addition Alderman Adams after making this nomination is reported as stating: "I am not naming any amount for the salary." This was said in answer to a question from the Mayor asking if he wished to include the salary. I presume the Mayor meant "in the nomination."

Apart from these words the nomination of MacGillivray itself was consistent with the view that whatever salary was provided in the appropriation for the salary of Fire Chief would apply.

The Words used by Alderman Adams are in my opinion capable of two meanings, depending upon which words are accented.

(1) If emphasis is placed on "naming" (i.e. I am not naming any amount for the salary) this would I think be equivalent to saying "I am silent as to the amount", in which case the appropriated salary would apply.

(2) If emphasis is placed on "any" (i.e. I am not naming any amount for the salary) this could I think be construed as meaning "at no salary at all."

I have to determine whether the answer by Alderman Adams to the Mayor's question, to which I have referred, can be considered as part of his nomination and in explanation thereof or whether it is extraneous to it.

Without considering these words, the nomination

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itself would as I have said automatically carry with it the amount appropriated for the Fire Chief's salary.

If Alderman Adams' words are to be considered as part of the nomination and in explanation of it the same result would follow if the first interpretation given to his words is accepted. I think the reasonable interpretation is to take Alderman Adams' answer as being in explanation of his nomination and consistent with it rather than being in conflict with it. The second interpretation would conflict. Therefore I have to come to the conclusion that the net result of Mr. MacGillivray's nomination is that the appropriated salary is automatically associated with it.

By accepting this interpretation the last paragraph becomes quite consistent.

I would also like to call attention in support of the conclusion above expressed that, at this meeting, the Council adopted a report of the Finance and Executive Committee recommending that "the appointment be made at this meeting", that is the appointment of a Fire Chief.

It was therefore the apparent desire of the Council to "appoint" and not merely do a part of the act of appointing - namely the "selecting" of the man.

The conclusion I have arrived at gives full weight to this fact.

This being so, I have to say that in my opinion the Mayor has the right to veto the resolution on the grounds that it authorized an expenditure.

I would add, however that there is nothing to prevent the Council under an appropriate resolution from selecting the person it wished to appoint as Fire Chief and without providing any salary until after the selection has been made.

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The Mayor would have no power to veto the selection of a man but the resolution fixing the amount of the salary and which in effect would be completing the appointment would be subject to veto under section 317 on the grounds that it authorized an expenditure.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE
CITY SOLICITOR.

During the reading of the Solicitor's letter Alderman Adams asked the following questions:

Alderman Adams: "I rise to a point of order, I said "I was not naming any salary". After the vote was taken you (His Worship the Mayor) declared that Captain MacGillivray was appointed. The Mayor only has power to veto an expenditure. The Charter says the Council shall select these officers."

The City Solicitor then read sub-section 4 of section 119 of the City Charter dealing with the salary of the Chief Officer of the Fire Department.

Alderman Adams: "Would His Worship have power to veto that, that is set by law. The Mayor declared that he was elected. I think that the law says the Council may appoint these officers."

The City Solicitor then read sub-section 1 of section 317 of the Charter dealing with the veto. "The amount is not fixed by law, the actual fixing of the amount is done by the Council and not by statute."

The vote was then taken, six voting "yes" and three voting "no" as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Alderman Adams	Alderman Batson
Ahern	Coffin
Breen	Walker
DeWolf	
Doyle	
Moriarty	

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His Worship the Mayor: "I declare the veto to have been sustained."

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

Meeting adjourned.

5.35 P. M.

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 28, 1946,
5.10 P. M.

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

After the meeting was called to order 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, Breen, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Ahern.

The meeting was called specially to consider:

1. Estimates 1946.
2. Legislation.

ESTIMATES SCHOOL BOARD

The City Clerk read the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the estimates as submitted by the Board of School Commissioners for the civic year 1946 amounting to \$964,747.56 be objected to in part and the Council hereby records its objection in respect of the following items and amounts:

- (1) "Teachers Salaries" in the amount of \$2,500.00 being the sum included to increase the provision for Sick Leave over the previous year.
- (2) "Maintenance" in the amount of \$71,300.00; the said amount to be otherwise provided.
- (3) "Supervisor's Salary" in the amount of \$292.84.
- (4) "Salary of Assistant to the Supervisor" in the amount of \$200.00.
- (5) "Salary of Assistant to the Supervisor" in the amount of \$200.00.
- (6) "Salary of the Secretary-Treasurer" in the amount of \$443.34.
- (7) "Car Allowance for Buildings Engineer" in the amount of \$350.00.

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

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Moved by Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the resolution as submitted be approved.
Motion passed unanimously.

ESTIMATES - GENERAL

ESTIMATES FOR CIVIC YEAR 1946

ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE CIVIC YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946 AS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 28th., 1946.

<u>ASSESSMENTS:</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>1945</u>
Joint Estimates Municipality of Halifax	37,909.25		1,035.22	38,944.47
Municipal School Fund	99,540.06		1,554.29	101,094.35
Public Schools.....	1,105,099.11	155,226.97		949,872.14
City Home.....	63,528.14	766.24		62,761.90
N. S. Hospital.....	6,000.00		2,800.00	8,800.00
Flemming Park.....	5,000.00			5,000.00
Public Gardens and Commons.....	26,000.00			26,000.00
Point Pleasant Park..	7,000.00			7,000.00
Library.....	6,516.00			6,516.00
Health Board.....	33,816.98	2,018.68		31,798.30
I. D. Hospital.....	27,441.00	872.20		26,568.80
T. B. Hospital.....	79,656.87	24,253.61		55,403.26
Co-Operative Health.	75,147.30	21,603.01		53,544.29
Superannuations	67,139.57	4,102.09		63,037.48
City Grants and Sundries.....	232,338.81	38,586.16		193,752.65
Short Term Debentures and Interest.....	506.06	8.31		497.75
Interest on Consolidated Fund 1880.....	26,250.00	12,098.15		14,151.85
Interest on Consolidated Fund 1905	257,995.38	73,759.92		184,235.46
Sinking Fund Requirements	74,182.10	30,272.39		43,909.71
Interest and Instalments Serial Debentures ..	163,832.58	95,008.07		68,824.51
	<u>2394,899.21</u>	<u>458,575.80</u>	<u>5,389.51</u>	<u>1941,712.92</u>
<u>GENERAL ASSESSMENTS:</u>				
Police Department....	245,880.78	25,114.73		220,766.05
Police Supplementary.	4,241.98		2,000.00	6,241.98
Prison.....	40,476.66	5,698.64		34,778.02
City Works Department.	565,242.66	752.78		564,489.88
Fire Department.....	263,038.85		1,491.64	264,530.49
Fire Alarm System ...	14,676.00	401.10		14,274.90
Miscellaneous.....	75,750.00		4,500.00	80,250.00
Salaries	171,779.08	13,405.97		158,373.11
Estimated Income.	1381,086.01	45,373.22	7,991.64	1343,704.43
	447,087.49		93,825.76	353,261.73
Total General Assessment	933,998.52	45,373.22	101,817.40	990,442.70
Total Extra Assessment	2394,899.21	458,575.80	5,389.51	1941,712.92
	<u>3328,897.73</u>	<u>503,949.02</u>	<u>107,206.91</u>	<u>2932,155.62</u>

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Provision for Short Collection	45,163.09	1,180.76		43,982.33
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Unexpended Balance...	3374,060.82	505,129.78	107,206.91	2976,137.95
Estimated Poll Tax...	5,000.00			5,000.00
	75,000.00	10,000.00		65,000.00
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Year 1946.....	3294,060.82	495,129.78	107,206.91	2906,137.95
Previous Year.....	2906,137.95	107,206.91		
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INCREASE	387,922.87	387,922.87		

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Burgess that a sum of \$45,000.00 be placed in the estimates for 1946 to introduce a three platoon system in the Halifax Fire Department as prepared by the Acting Chief.

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the matter be referred to the Safety Committee to report to the Council on the advisability of arranging a three platoon system in the Halifax Fire Department and to secure any legislation necessary to that end.

The amendment was put and passed with Aldermen Burgess and Walker wishing to be recorded against.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Batson that the estimates as submitted be approved.

Alderman Adams: "Last year we studied the estimates for three or four days and I must criticize you that the Aldermen have not had enough time to study these. We should have had more meetings."

5.20 P. M. the Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council from the floor as follows: "I am surprised that any member of Council should criticize me. In the first place the law requires that the estimates are to be in the hands of the Finance and Executive Committee on February 6. They were not there. The first opportunity I had was last Thursday. We decided that we would have

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a Committee of the Whole and meet on Monday to review all that was necessary and the officials were able to give you all the information you required. You left it with me and we could see that padding was going on and I have eliminated this from the estimates. Please don't voice your criticism to me because I have done something for the last four days that I should not have been called upon to do."

5.25 P. M. His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair

Alderman Adams: "I compliment you on your work but I pay well over \$1,000.00 taxes and I am just as much interested in the rate as anyone else."

Alderman Batson: "I pay pretty heavy taxes too. I am quite satisfied that the Mayor has done a job we could not do."

Alderman Breen: "I hope he is not speaking for me."

Alderman Batson: "The Mayor has protected the Aldermen and the tax payer and he is also trying to get a fair proportion from the people who are calling for the extra services. I am quite satisfied to leave it in the Mayor's hands. I got the same picture that we had last Monday and I compliment him on it."

Alderman Breen: "Is the lateness of the estimates due to the officials."

His Worship the Mayor: "I won't answer that. The law requires that the estimates be in the hands of the Finance and Executive Committee and they were not there."

Alderman Breen: "The responsibility is with the various officials, they have always been available at an earlier date."

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

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FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Batson
Moriarty
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Ahern

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Breen

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RESOLUTION

The following resolution was then submitted:

RESOLVED that the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$1,381,086.01 less probable income \$447,087.49 making a total \$933,998.52 and the extra assessment amounting to \$2,394,899.21 as set out in the yearly estimates herewith submitted for 1946 making a total of \$3,328,897.73 plus for short collections \$45,163.09 making \$3,374,060.82 less estimated poll tax \$75,000.00 and \$5,000.00 from unexpended balances and \$194,896.19 being the portion of the Current Surplus Account determined to be included in the amount of General Civic Revenue pursuant to Sub-Section 2 of Section 308 of the City Charter making a total of \$3,099,164.63, be confirmed and do now pass and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed and rated for the said sum of \$3,099,164.63.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said estimates, together with a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts on or before the 1st day of March next, and to instruct him to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending December 31, 1946 on the basis of the said amount of \$3,099,164.63.

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

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INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION

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

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council held on this day the matter of appointing an Independent Commission for the purpose of determining salaries and classification was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained enabling the City to appoint such a Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

PREMISES RIDING CLUB - CITY FIELD

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

February 28, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council held on this day the matter of requesting the Halifax Riding Club to vacate the premises now used by them at the City Field was discussed and it was agreed to recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Works for consideration and report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Committee on Works.

FIXED TAX RATE

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

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council held on this day the matter of the fixed rate of \$3.50 on Residential Real Estate was considered.

It was decided to recommend that legislation be obtained to fix the rate on Residential Real Estate at \$2.32 to which may be added an amount to take care of charges for educational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

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

Meeting adjourned.

5.30 P. M.

A. M. Butler,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
MARCH 14/46.

A G E N D A

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| | Prayer. | |
| | Minutes | |
| | Accounts. | |
| 1. | Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re | Tag Days (3). |
| 2. | " | Appointment Coal Weigher. |
| 3. | " | Point Pleasant Park Directorate. |
| 4. | " | Transfer Assets Water Department. |
| 5. | " | Tourist Bureau. |
| 6. | " | Grant Y. W. C. A. |
| 7. | " | Grant Children's Hospital. |
| 8. | " | Grant Halifax Welfare Bureau. |
| 9. | " | Ordinance #19 (2nd Reading). |
| 10. | " | Executive Committee of Council. |
| 11. | " | Independent Salary Commission. |
| 12. | " | Fixed Tax Rate. |
| 13. | " | Services City Solicitor P. S. Commission. |
| 14. | " | Murray Property Quinpool Road. |
| 15. | " | Street Grading Costs. |
| 16. | " | Salary. |
| 17. | " | Grant Dalhousie University. |
| 18. | " | Capital Borrowings. |
| 19. | " | Superannuation Firemen. |
| 20. | " | Current Surplus Account. |
| 21. | " | Sale of Lots Gorsebrook. |
| 22. | " | Three Platoon System Fire Dept. |
| 23. | " | Sale of Property City Home. |
| 24. | " | Ordinance #27. |
| 25. | " | Storm Sewers. |
| 26. | " | Sidewalk Repairs. |
| 27. | " | Extension Connaught Ave. |
| 28. | " | Exchange of Land. |
| 29. | " | Sewer Extension Armcresent Subdivision. |
| 30. | " | Sale of Land Chebucto Road. |
| 31. | " | Airport Zoning Restrictions. |
| | " | Water Extension Assessments. |
| | " | Recreational Facilities. |
| 32. | Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re | Tenders butter etc. |
| 33. | " | Accounts over \$200.00. |
| 34. | " | Change Order #7 T. B. Hospital. |
| 35. | " | Health Convention Toronto. |
| 36. | " | School Milk Fund Deficit. |
| 37. | " | Salary Dental Assistant Nurse. |
| 38. | Report Safety Comm. re | Purchase Fire Alarm Signal Boxes. |
| 39. | " | Explosion Claim Payment. |
| 40. | " | Purchase Uniform Clothing Police Dept. |
| 41. | Questions. | |
| 42. | Report Comm. on Works re | Abolition Southern End Marlborough St. |
| 43. | " | Overhanging Signs. |
| 44. | " | Housing. |
| 45. | " | Commercial Building in Residential District. |
| 46. | " | Change of Name Belmont St. |
| 47. | " | Grading & Acceptance Streets Armcresent Sub-
Division. |
| 48. | " | Improved Street Lighting Bellevue Ave. |
| 49. | " | Final Certificate. |
| 50. | " | Petition for Trees. |
| 51. | " | Storage Pit Props on City Dumps. |

57. Report Comm. on Works re Riding Club Premises.
58. " " Trades & Labor Council re Vacations.
59. " " Account over \$500.00.
60. Ornamental Tree List.
61. Deferred Item
 - (1) Resignation Commissioner of Finance.
62. Letter Commissioner of Finance re Tax Rate.
63. Letter C. B. Smith, K. C. re Investigation.
64. Letter Archibald MacMechan Chapter I. O. D. E. re Stable City Field.
65. Letter Local Council of Women re Snow Removal.
66. " " " Hostel for Women.
67. " " " Memorial Library.
68. Letter Canadian Restaurant Association re Comfort Station.
69. Letter Registrar Motor Vehicles re Parking Fines.
70. Letter C. C. F. re Housing Project.
71. Report Chief Accountant re Tax Collections Month of February 1946.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
March 14, 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 repeating the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES HARBOUR CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had in his possession the prizes for the Harbour Championship Race and asked if Council would agree to have them presented at this time to which Council agreed.

FIRST PRIZE His Worship the Mayor stated that the first prize, a gold medal was won by Mr. W. Martin, but as he was not present in the Council Chamber, Alderman Moriarty advised that he would receive the prize on Mr. Martin's behalf. His Worship the Mayor then requested Alderman Moriarty to convey the prize to Mr. Martin and also extend to him the congratulations of the Council.

SECOND PRIZE His Worship the Mayor stated that the second prize a silver medal was won by Mr. Edward Hinch whose father was present and accepted same on behalf of his son.

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MINUTES

The City Clerk stated that the remarks made by Alderman Coffin at the Council meeting held on February 14, 1946 were incorrectly recorded on page 79 of the minutes and suggested that same be amended to read as follows:

"The man that is the present Acting Chief has service in the present war in his capacity as a fireman. I have the greatest respect for Mr. MacGillivray, but I have not talked to anyone from overseas who did not say that anyone who was engaged in that type of fire fighting received tremendous experience and it is on that kind of experience that I will cast my vote. Any criticism of Mr. Harber should be backed by substantial evidence."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the minutes be amended as suggested by the City Clerk. Motion passed.

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 \$12,733.35; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,174.37 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$16,540.19 chargeable to Fire Department; \$18,224.35 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$15,599.55 chargeable to Health Department; \$11,035.47 chargeable to City Home and \$2,721.37 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$20,901.76; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$583.37 under the provisions of Section 315.

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of the City Charter.

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

TAG DAYS

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

March 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 applications for permission to hold Tag Days were considered from the following:

Kiwanis Club of Halifax for May 18, 1946.

Zion A. M. E. Church for June 15, 1946.

Boy Scouts Association for October 12, 1946.

Your Committee recommends that the applications be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

The City Clerk advised that there were two other applications for Tag Days that had come in since the Finance and Executive Committee meeting and they were as follows: Marion S. Morrow Chapter I. O. D. E. for Saturday, June 1st, 1946 and City Sports for Saturday, May 11, 1946.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the requests for these Tag Days be granted. Motion passed.

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APPOINTMENT COAL WEIGHER

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

March 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 Amable Coal Company to have Mr. Jas. D. Mont appointed a permanent Coal Weigher was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the application be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

POINT PLEASANT PARK DIRECTORATE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

March 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 management of Point Pleasant Park was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved and the necessary legislation obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Breen: "How are the three members of the
Committee on Works appointed?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "You can have it done by the Mayor when he brings in his slate of Committees or the Committee on Works can appoint its members."

It was agreed that the Committee on Works would appoint its own members for a period of one year each.

The motion was then put and passed.

TRANSFER ASSETS WATER DEPARTMENT.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 6, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee and Public Service Commission held jointly on the date the matter of the transfer of the assets of the City Water Department to the Public Service Commission was considered.

The recommendations of the Finance and Executive Committee are as follows:

(1) That the City sell and convey to the Public Service Commission all of the fixed assets of the Water Department excluding Big Indian Lake and the other lands, fixtures and assets outside the City limits for the sum of \$3,300,000.00.

(2) That the City lease the said assets outside the City limits to the Public Service Commission upon such terms and conditions as may be determined.

(3) That the City out of the purchase money provide for the retirement in full at maturity of the outstanding obligations of the City respecting the Water Department.

(4) That any legislation necessary for the accomplishment of the above purposes be secured.

Attached hereto is a letter from the Public Service Commission under date of March 12/1946 relative to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor: "The Public Service Commis-

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ion submitted some further suggestions particularly with reference to their surplus account in the next several years. We will likely hold a meeting of Council to deal with other matters and we should defer this matter and examine it further.

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

Amendment put and passed.

Motion not put.

Alderman Coffin: "When the Council studies this matter, they should bear in mind the Commission has suggested three schemes; the last one Council favours, but the more the Commission pays for this the greater is the costs of the carrying charges which would result in less profits. I think we should study this in the light of these facts."

TOURIST BUREAU

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 6, 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 the erection of a Tourist Bureau was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved and the necessary legislation obtained at the next session of the Legislature and also that Alderman Coffin be appointed as the City Council representative on a Committee to select a site.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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To The Secretary,
Finance and Executive Committee.

Dear Sir:-

Recently I had a conference with Hon. Harold Connolly, Minister of Industry and Publicity for the Province of Nova Scotia, and at this conference, representatives of the Junior Board of Trade were present.

The proposal discussed was the erection of a suitable tourist bureau, and I suggest to you that the time has arrived when the city should participate in this important project.

The capital cost of the building could be assumed on a half and half basis between the province and the city; the capital cost would likely amount to \$30,000 or \$40,000.

The maintenance of the building in future years would be something to be borne completely by the province and the city as would also be the cost of clerical assistance and free literature. The management of the bureau would be undertaken without charge as a permanent civic service by members of the Junior Board of Trade.

Mr. Connolly has indicated his willingness to arrange for the drawing of plans and the erection of the building, and all that remains to be done now, if you agree that the project should be developed at once, is firstly, to appoint a member of the Council to serve on a committee to select a site, and secondly, arrange necessary legislation to allow the city to enter the plan.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
MAYOR.

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

GRANT Y. W. C. A.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 letter from His Worship the Mayor respecting the annual grant paid to the Y. W. C. A. was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained to enable the City to pay the sum of \$600.00 annually to the Y. W. C. A.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

GRANT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 letter from His Worship the Mayor respecting the grant paid to the Children's Hospital was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained to enable the City to increase the grant being paid to the Children's Hospital from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 a year for the next five years and also to pay the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Building Fund of the Children's Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

GRANT HALIFAX WELFARE BUREAU

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 letter from His Worship the Mayor respecting a request from the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor for financial assistance was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained to enable the City to pay the sum of \$5,000.00

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to the Halifax Welfare Bureau for relief purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor: "I would suggest that we arrange for the \$5,000.00 and we will determine ourselves how it will be administered either through our Welfare Department or the Halifax Welfare Bureau."

It was agreed to amend the motion to read that legislation similar to that obtained two years ago be again secured and on being put was passed.

ORDINANCE #19 SECOND READING

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

February 13, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held the 12th instant, it was decided to recommend to Council an amendment to the above Ordinance to provide that any posters or bills posted on fences, lamp-posts, etc., should be posted by means of tacking and not by paste.

I have prepared such an amendment and attach the same hereto for your consideration.

I have also provided that the person who posted the signs or posters shall remove them within such time as the Chief of Police orders.

Yours very truly,

C. P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

AMENDMENT

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman

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Coffin that the amendment to Ordinance #19 as set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor in Council for approval. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 extract from the minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on January 17, 1946 respecting the matter of the setting up of an Executive Committee of Council and to provide for payment of an annual honorarium to the members of the Council, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained at the next session of the legislature enabling the Council to make these matters effective; Aldermen Hosterman and Adams dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor: "This means (1) that the Legislature will arrange for compensation for the Aldermen and (2) That we as a Council invite the Legislature to form an Executive Committee of Council who will be paid and have large executive powers."

Alderman DeWolf: "We have not given this enough discussion. I was only suggesting permissive legislation and then the incoming Council could decide if they want to put it through."

His Worship the Mayor: "In order to put it through and make it operative you would have to have the duties laid down."

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Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to get permissive legislation for salaries."

Alderman Coffin: "I don't see what you want, legislation for because you have an Executive Committee. All you are trying to do is to establish a committee that will meet more frequently. Regarding paying the Aldermen; I have my own views on this matter."

At the meeting it was suggested that the Executive Committee meet every day, I would like to know how many men could do that. I can't see where you are adding anything by inserting this this year. If you want to discuss a City Manager I would be only too delighted to discuss it. As for the payment of Aldermen there is a lot of merit in what Alderman DeWolf says. However I came in here for three years on another basis. I certainly can't see where you are adding anything if you put a new Executive Committee on the books, you can use the one you have. They are meeting with Heads of Departments and their reports are either accepted or rejected. I think you should be careful in going to the Legislature. I would like to see the incoming Council work on this for a start."

Alderman Doyle: "As for an Executive Committee, we have four now. An Executive Committee of the Council, I can't see it. Who would they be and how would they deal with matters any better than we are. I am not clear on it. One resolution is to pay the Aldermen and the other is for an Executive Committee of Council."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is really that we are appointing a Committee with managerial powers. I see a lot of merit in Alderman DeWolf's suggestion. I don't think we would need daily meetings."

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Alderman DeWolf: "As an illustration the Master Plan for example, I can't see how that can be taken care of unless we have any meetings and my thought was that perhaps all Aldermen could not attend all meetings that would be necessary to take care of that situation and that is why I suggested a smaller group, that was all I had in mind. It was not to exclude anyone. A smaller group would be able to operate better."

His Worship the Mayor: "If we arrange to pay the Aldermen we could without any embarrassment call a weekly meeting of the Council and deal with all matters accumulating."

Alderman Adams: "I am against paying the Aldermen. I think there is a lot of merit in what Alderman DeWolf says. I think if the Executive Committee met every week they would get through a lot of work."

His Worship the Mayor: "It would be better for the Council."

Alderman Adams: "I would say the Executive Committee meet and then call the Council."

Alderman Coffin: "If you meet every week and briefly, you would have much greater efficiency."

Alderman Walker: "The only loop-hole in this is that if you appoint this Executive Committee, would be to give them power and authority to do things the same as a City Manager and what they say would be law. Once the Committee did something the Council would be tied. There will be a little company of three or four."

Alderman Ahern: "Can we deal with these resolutions separately? I will support that first resolution."

Alderman Batson: "I consider that the Finance and Executive Committee which has been the Executive Committee, have done a rattling good job and I have often

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times praised them because they have voiced a good many things that I thought should have gone through. I am against paying the Aldermen but I will support a City Manager. I would cut the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's salary and plunk it all in with the City Manager. The City Manager would relieve the Mayor of a lot of things. It was suggested that we have a City Manager and that we pay him a salary of \$15,000.00 and it was poo-pooed."

His Worship the Mayor: "There was no suggestion that this man was to be paid \$15,000.00."

Alderman Batson: "If it is a City Manager you want I would say "Yes" but I can't see why you want to throw the onus of the city's business on three or four."

Alderman DeWolf: "If the Aldermen would come more frequently to meetings that would fill the bill."

His Worship the Mayor: "I really believe that if we can get through the Legislature permission to pay the Aldermen the matter might be solved because the Mayor of the day may not feel any embarrassment in calling the Council once a week. If they don't attend they will lose part of their pay. There you have your elected representatives functioning once a week."

Alderman Coffin: "I think this Council is afraid of the man who might get the job or that they won't pick the right man. I respect their feelings but I do say that I question how you can get me to attend any more meetings if you pay me or not."

Alderman DeWolf: "Would the City Manager decide with respect to the Master Plan?"

Alderman Coffin: "He could certainly consolidate reports and keep a managerial eye over the whole business of the City."

Alderman Burgess: "Would it help any by paying the

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Aldermen so as to give you a chance to call meetings, an Alderman doesn't have to take the cheque, he can give it to some institution."

His Worship the Mayor: "I believe that men who give their time to the City are entitled to reward."

Alderman Doyle: "I am willing to support this paying Aldermen again."

It was agreed that the motion should be that the principle of paying the Aldermen be approved and the necessary legislation obtained.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Moriarty
Breen
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Ahern

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams

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INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION

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 an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 28th day of February 1946 respecting the matter of appointing an Independent Commission for the purpose of determining salaries and classification was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained at the next session of Legislature enabling the City to appoint such a Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman

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Hosterman that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FIXED TAX RATE

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 an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 28th day of February 1946 respecting the matter of the fixed rate of \$3.50 on Residential Real Estate was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to fix the rate on Residential Real Estate at \$2.32 to which may be added an amount to take care of charges for educational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Whern, seconded by Alderman Breen that this matter be deferred for one year.

After some discussion on the matter it was moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this item be deferred for further consideration at a special meeting of the Council to be held on March 21, 1946. Motion passed.

SERVICES CITY SOLICITOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 Public Service

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Commission of Halifax requesting authority to use Mr. C. P. Bethune's services up to the end of April next was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

MURRAY PROPERTY QUINPOOL ROAD

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 Assessor respecting the Murray Property on Quinpool Road was considered.

Your Committee approves of the acquisition of this property by expropriation and recommends that a sum equal to the assessed value of the Property (\$3500.00) plus 20% be paid to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor stated that this item should be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee and then sent to the Council meeting on March 21, 1946.

This procedure was agreed to by Council.

STREET GRADING COSTS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 12, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:

March 14, 1946.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works respecting the matter of Street Grading costs was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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LEGISLATION RE STREET GRADING COSTS.

Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee,
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Works and Finance and Executive Committees held jointly on May 28th, 1945 a report was submitted by the Commissioner of Works on behalf of a sub-committee which had been appointed to study the existing basis of frontage assessment for Street Grading and other improvements.

In the said report the Commissioner advised in part that, "At the present time the City has a petition from the residents of Rockcliffe for acceptance of this street. The estimated assessment per foot for this project is extraordinarily high, and for this reason we are submitting a proposal on street grading only at this time. "...also that "At a meeting of the Committee held on May 25, it was decided to recommend that the City of Halifax secure an amendment to the present authority whereby the cost of that portion of the assessment exceeding \$2.00 per foot frontage be borne by the City, and provided for in the appropriation of the following year."

The Committees' recommendation to Council thereon was as follows: "Due to the dangerous condition of this street it is recommended that the Commissioner of Works be authorized to do sufficient work in grading to eliminate any hazards and that the charges for same be deferred until such time as legislation confirming this action is obtained; it is further recommended that legislation be obtained to establish a new system in respect to the acceptance and grading of streets."

At the City Council meeting held on June 14th, 1945 it was moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved and that the matter of securing legislation to establish a new system in respect to the acceptance and grading of streets be referred to the Committee on Works for consideration and report. Motion passed.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Works, which on August 8th, 1945 further deferred decision.

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The problem arose from the estimated high assessment, which would have been imposed on the abutters of Rockcliffe Street if this street had been improved according to regulation.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant recommended that legislation be sought whereby the charge against each abutter toward the cost to the City of Grading Rockcliffe Street or any other street in the City of Halifax, would be limited to a maximum of \$2.00 per lineal foot, and that further legislation be sought to ratify the action of the City Council on June 14th, 1945 in authorizing the Commissioner of Works to do sufficient work in grading Rockcliffe Street to eliminate any hazards and that the charges for same be deferred until such time as legislation confirming this action is obtained; and the work completed; also that such legislation enable the City to act in the case of any other street as it did in the case of Rockcliffe Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

SALARY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 letter from His Worship the Mayor respecting the matter of appointments in the Finance Department was considered.

As no salary scale has been fixed for the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Finance, it is recommended that the minimum salary for this classification be set at \$3,800.00 per annum and the maximum at \$4,000.00 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

GRANT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 an annual grant to Dalhousie University was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained enabling the City to pay the sum of \$15,000 annually to Dalhousie University.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 11, 1946.

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

Dear Sir:-

As an institution of higher learning, embracing the professional schools as well, Dalhousie University occupies a high position in Canada and beyond. The presence of the University makes Halifax the intellectual capital of the Maritimes, and gives the city a name of distinction far and wide. It has given to our citizens a significant pride because Halifax is the home of this outstanding seat of learning. I do not doubt that the intangible values flowing to our city from the presence of the University here cannot be accurately computed.

The tangible values, however, are something else, and they can be evaluated with accuracy. This is an industry of organized teaching worth over \$1,000,000 annually to the community. The calculation in support of this statement may be seen in the following summary:

Annual expenditure of 756 out-of-town students for 30 weeks, at \$15.00 per week, in addition to fees	\$340,200
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Annual amount saved to parents of 521 Halifax students who would otherwise have to pay \$500.00 a year to maintain such students in other universities	260,500
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University disbursements for year \$482,831.69

\$1,083,531.69

The city, of course, grants tax exemption to Dalhousie, but this is a situation common to all like institutions.

The President of the University has represented to me the extent of civic assistance given to the University of Western Ontario and Queen's University, the cities of London, Ontario, and Kingston, Ontario, respectively. This help has been substantial and the President of Dalhousie has asked me to invite consideration by the Halifax City Council to an annual grant, and my proposal is that the sum of \$15,000 be approved.

It is my hope that you will see in this proposal much that is worthy. It will help the growth of Dalhousie, and our interest, as citizens, will thereby increase. It will assist the cause of learning, and I believe that if we, as a Council, were to initiate this financial programme, the action would be appreciated not only as a forward step, but as indicative of our understanding of the needs of a famous seat of learning.

The proposal to grant \$15,000 annually would be in addition to the grant of \$10,000 given to the Health Clinic.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
M A Y O R.

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

CAPITAL BORROWINGS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 Commissioner of Finance respecting the matter of borrowing in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the year 1946 was considered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 14, 1946.

The Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of Section 332, of the City Charter, the City may, by resolution of the City Council, borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes of the year in which the money is borrowed, and by such resolution expressly made payable out of such taxes.

Temporary borrowing authority is required to finance our current appropriation through the months of March and April. Section 332 limits such borrowings to 30% of taxes of the year. 30% of the 1946 taxes amounts to \$903,261.79.

I recommend that authority be granted to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada, a sum not to exceed \$500,000.00 to be borrowed in such amounts as may from time to time be required.

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

SUPERANNUATION FIREMEN

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 12, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration a report from the Safety Committee recommending that the following members of the Fire Department be superannuated as from May 1, 1946.

Arthur Sheehan
James Sweeney
Thomas Powell
William Lownds
John Whalen

Your Committee recommends that the first four named be superannuated at an annual allowance of \$1,040.00 each, as from May 1/1946 under provisions of Section 867

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of the City Charter and that Mr. Whalen be superannuated as from May 1st next at an annual allowance of \$905.34 as provided by Section 868 of the City Charter and that legislation be obtained enabling the City to pay him an additional sum of \$142.66.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Doyle: "I would like to ask the City Solicitor for a ruling on the City Charter about putting men on superannuation. I understand that he has to be passed by our own Doctor and another one."

His Worship the Mayor: "These men are going out because they are entitled to full superannuation."

The City Solicitor then read section 868 of the City Charter dealing with superannuation and stated that there must be two reports if an employee is being superannuated under this section.

His Worship the Mayor: "The medical phase doesn't come in at all."

Alderman Ahern: "Who is to be the judge of this, picking some men to go and others to stay."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this matter be referred to the incoming Council.

His Worship the Mayor: "This question asked by Alderman Doyle is not capable of a quick answer. We can defer this till Thursday. I thought the Council has a perfect right to retire men when they have put in their full time."

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Walker that this matter be referred to the Council meeting to be held March 21, 1946 and that double medical examination reports be available at that time.

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Alderman Doyle: "I will withdraw my amendment if it goes to the meeting March 21, 1946."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Ahern
Breen
Doyle
Moriarty

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Batson
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Hosterman
Walker

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The motion to refer the matter to the Council meeting to be held March 21, 1946 was put and passed, seven voting for the same and four against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Batson
Hosterman
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker
Burgess

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Moriarty
Breen
Adams
Ahern

- 4 -

CURRENT SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 inclusion in the estimates for the present Civic year, a portion of the amount standing to the credit of the current surplus account was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
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To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

It has come to my attention that in finalizing the estimates this year a portion of the amount standing to the credit of the Current Surplus Account was included in the estimates. This action is suggested by subsection (2) of section 308 of the Charter.

I understand that the final resolution takes this amount into consideration but I think it would have been better to have passed a separate resolution specifically determining the amount of such current surplus account to be included and then to proceed to include it as was done.

While I do not think the failure to pass such a formal specific resolution affects the validity of the Council's action to the extent that the estimates are improperly passed or that there will be any defect in striking the rate, I am of the opinion that to make definitely certain that no such defect exists some legislation should be obtained ratifying the inclusion of the above sum in the general revenue portion of the estimates and then ratifying the estimates themselves.

This is the first time that the current surplus account has been used for this purpose and I would suggest that in future years the decision to use this source of revenue should be made in sufficient time to permit the preparation of the proper resolution.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

SALE OF LOTS GORSEBROOK

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

March 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 sale of lots in the Gorsebrook area was considered.

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Your Committee approves of the restrictions and conditions as set out in the Solicitor's letter with the exception of Clause D. which was amended to read as follows:

That only one building shall be erected, provided however that necessary garages or other outbuildings may be erected in connection with a private residence.

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:

While this matter may, strictly speaking, be one for the Committee on Works, I am anxious to have the matter referred to Council for a decision and I felt that it could go to Council through your Committee.

At a meeting of the Council held February 14th, 1946, a report from the Committee on Works was approved. This report contained the following words: "The Committee recommended to Council that provided the building restrictions placed upon the land by the Eastern Trust Company be continued and specified in the deeds" that certain lots be sold. The following are the restrictions imposed by the Eastern Trust Company:

"The said hereinbefore described lands shall be subject to the following building and other restrictions and conditions which shall be deemed to be covenants running with the lands for the benefit of the owner or owners from time to time of the lands now owned and occupied and in possession of the Grantor fronting on Inglis Street aforesaid, of which the said hereinbefore specifically described lands form a part:

- (a) That no building shall be erected nearer than 20 feet from any city street line.
- (b) That no building shall be erected except a residential building for the use of a single family nor shall any building now or hereafter erected be used for other than residential purposes.
- (c) That no building shall be erected costing less than \$7000.00.
- (d) That only two buildings shall be erected, provided however that necessary garages or other outbuildings may be erected in connection with a private residence.

I particularly wish to refer to clause (c) which states: "That no building shall be erected costing less

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than \$7000.00." This limit of valuation was first inserted in a deed in 1942, and I was under the impression that in the discussions about this matter the amount of \$7500.00 was mentioned as being the minimum value and that such value was to be considered at present day building costs. This seems to be somewhat different from the provision provided by the Eastern Trust Company and I would like to have the matter definitely established. It is not improbable that a building which would cost \$7000.00 might not be the same type of building which could be built for this money in five years time. I think that even since 1942 building costs have risen considerably.

I wish also to call your attention to clause (d) which states that only two buildings shall be erected in addition to garages. I think it was the intention of the Council that only one residential dwelling should be built on each lot conveyed.

These matters came to my attention when I was preparing the deeds and since the situation seems to be confused I feel that I should ask for some direction.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

THREE PLATOON SYSTEM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 that the Halifax Fire Department be placed on an eight hour day system or such other system which will cause the daily hour of duty to be reduced was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained to enable the City to secure any funds to defray any expenditures made necessary by any change in the hours of work of the members of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF PROPERTY CITY HOME

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 the sale of a portion of the City Home Property to the Provincial Government was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the land described in the report from this Committee and which was approved by the City Council on January 17/1946 be sold to the Provincial Government for the sum of \$4,300.00 on 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 and for repairing and renewing the same.

(5) That the Government be permitted to change the sewer location or in having the sewer placed in a tunnel giving easy access along its entire length, such new location or tunnel should be accessible, at all times, to an Inspector of the Works and Health Departments, as well as workmen who may be needed to make the necessary repairs, at any time required.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman

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Coffin that the report be approved. Motion passed unani-
mously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this
meeting were in their seats and voted.

ORDINANCE # 27 DOGS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee
as follows:

March 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
Safety Committee respecting amendments to Ordinance No.
27 relating to Dogs was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved
with Alderman Breen wishing to be recorded against.

Respectfully submitted,

W . P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 7, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the
above date Ordinance #27 respecting "Dogs" was considered.

Considerable discussion took place in regard to the
license fee to be charged for bitches.

After hearing from representatives of the S. P. C.
and Halifax Kennel Club, it was decided to recommend
that a new license fee would be charged as follows:

1. Spayed bitches.....\$3.00
2. Pedigreed bitches..... 3.00
3. Unspayed bitches.....10.00
4. Male dogs.....3.00

It is also recommended that the charge for the
summons in Section 19 (1-C) of Ordinance #27 be eliminated
as it was felt that a citizen should not be charged for
same when a complaint is made to the Clerk of the Police
Court that a dog is creating a disturbance by barking,
howling or in any other manner.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

Gentlemen:

With reference to the report from the Finance and Executive Committee in which new license fees for dogs are provided, I think it is necessary to amend the section of the Charter in order to permit different fees to be charged for male and female dogs. It is therefore, not be possible to put into effect the proposed fees until the Charter is amended. I have prepared the necessary legislation which will be submitted to the Council along with the other legislation for this session.

I would also suggest that when the matter of amending the ordinance comes before the Council that some consideration be given to the proposed revised ordinance which I prepared and submitted some months ago. There are a number of changes in that draft which relate to the late payment of license fees which I think it is desirable to incorporate in the ordinance. However, this matter can be more carefully considered after necessary legislation is obtained.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Coffin that legislation be obtained to amend the Charter as suggested by the City Solicitor.

Alderman Breen: "How are you going to determine the pedigreed dog from the non-pedigreed one?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The Kennel Club will work with us, they assured us that we were on the right track."

Alderman Breen: "I can't see this unless there is registration papers. Who is to say a dog is pedigreed or not other than the presentation of registration papers."

His Worship the Mayor: "If the particular animal has not the necessary papers the rate will be \$10.00."

Alderman Breen: "I know of one case where the breeder of a dog was killed in the war and can't get the registration papers."

His Worship the Mayor: "We could get around that by having the Kennel Club certify that the dog is a

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valuable one."

Alderman Coffin: "Suppose you took a statutory declaration from the owner of the dog."

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Alderman Adams: "In establishing a standard breed of a horse, the Live Stock Association will take the matter up."

His Worship the Mayor: "Could we get three judges to decide on it?"

Alderman Breen: "I agree with \$5.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "We could say not to exceed \$10.00 for unpedigreed dogs. Is it agreed that the rate be not to exceed \$10.00?"

The motion was then put and passed.

STORM SEWERS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 construction of a Storm Sewer for the Agricola, Young, Robie and Kane Streets area was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 11th, 1946.

Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on works at a meeting held on the 5th instant considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, dated March 4th, 1946 and entitled as above.

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On motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Walker the said report, in which the Commissioner recommended construction of a Storm Sewer for the Agricola, Young, Robie and Kane Streets Area was approved and recommended for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

In November of 1942 a report was submitted outlining the necessary work to alleviate flooding conditions, during heavy rain storms, in the Agricola, Young, Robie and Kane Streets area where trouble has been experienced for many years.

The report also included similar conditions on South Park Street and the estimated cost of both was \$60,000.00 but, due to the shortage of labor and large size sewer piping, it was necessary to defer the matter.

The estimate cost for the construction of additional sewer as shown on the accompanying plan is \$50,000.00. The total length is approximately 1800 feet plus new catchpits and connections. There will be no frontage assessment.

Construction of this sewer is, in my opinion, the logical solution to the flooding in the above mentioned area and is recommended.

R. M. MacKinnon,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 respecting the matter of assessment for concrete sidewalk renewals was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the last paragraph of the report be amended to read as follows:

That legislation be sought for authority to assess each Abutter a sum equal to 25% of the cost of concrete sidewalk renewals other than patch repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 11th, 1946.

Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at meetings held on February 5th and March 5th, 1946 respectively considered the attached reports of the Commissioner of Works dated January 29th, 1946 - entitled SIDEWALK REPAIRS, and February 18th, 1946 entitled CONCRETE SIDEWALK RENEWALS.

At the former meeting consideration of the first report was deferred pending information from other cities as to their policy of financing Concrete Sidewalk Renewals.

At the latter meeting the Committee recommended that legislation be sought for authority to assess each Abbutor a maximum of one dollar (\$1.00) per lineal foot towards the cost of Concrete Sidewalk Renewals other than patch repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

February 18, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

Inquiry has been made as to the general practice of financing concrete sidewalk renewals in various cities. Replies were received from the following: Engineering News-Record, Moncton, Quebec, Montreal and Saint John.

Engineering News-Record: In general you will find that large and medium-sized cities of the United States the sidewalk becomes the responsibility of the abuttor who is liable for injury or damage incurred by disrepair. Replacement is at the abuttor's expense. This report is based on the survey made by the American Public Works Association of Chicago.

Moncton: Repairs are paid for from annual appropriations. Only renewal was a stretch 200 to 300 feet long of faulty construction on which bonds had expired and

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which was renewed by capital expenditures.

Quebec: Sidewalk renewal are governed by the same principle of new construction, the abutting property owner paying 50 per cent of the cost.

Montreal: A special assessment is made against the abutting property for concrete sidewalk renewal as in the case of new construction, 99 per cent of the cost is assessed in all cases.

St. John: After such structures are laid, the City by present arrangements, agrees to keep the same in repair without further direct costs to the owners of the abutting properties.

Toronto: The work is undertaken as a local improvement and properties fronting on the improvement are assessed on their total frontage.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

January 29, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

A great many sidewalks which were constructed over twenty-five years ago are in a very serious state of disrepair and are past due for a major replacement programme. Owing to labor shortages during the war, this matter was not placed before the Board.

I would recommend that permission be sought from the Department of Municipal Affairs for the borrowing of \$100,000. for the renewal of such sidewalks on the approval of the Board of Works and City Council.

It is further recommended that betterment assessment apply to such renewals as in the case of new sidewalks.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

EXTENSION CONNAUGHT AVENUE

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 the matter of the termination of the south end of Connaught Avenue at Jubilee Road was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 11th, 1946.

Chairman and Members of the Finance
and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen;

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 26th, 1946 and entitled PROPOSED EXTENSION - CONNAUGHT AVENUE.

The City Solicitor called the Committee's attention to Connaught Avenue as shown on the Civic Planning Commission's Master Plan which has been approved in principle by the City Council.

Following discussion the Committee recommended that the southern extremity of Connaught Avenue be established at its intersection with Jubilee Road, and that any legislation necessary for this purpose be sought.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

February 26, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

As instructed, an estimate has been prepared for the purchase, grading, paving sidewalk curb and gutter and the purchase and removal of a dwelling of that portion of the proposed extension of Connaught Avenue between Coburg Road and South Street. At the present time several residences in this area are served by septic tanks and if the proposal is accepted, a short section of sewer will have to be constructed.

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The estimated cost of the work is \$140,000.00 and the assessed valuation of lands, building, etc., required is approximately \$35,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

City Solicitor: "This should be taken to the Town Planning Board so that the regular routine can be taken there."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Aldermen Doyle that this matter be referred to the Town Planning Board. Amendment passed.

EXCHANGE OF LAND

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 respecting the matter of the exchange of land on Phillip Street and Churchill Drive was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 12th, 1946.

Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, approved and recommended for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated March 1st, 1946 and entitled as above.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

A letter has been received from Mr. W. Raine who owns property at No. 12 Philip Street which is on the west side immediately north of the corner lot formed by Churchill Drive.

For the widening of Churchill Drive, the City requires a triangular strip of land 20' x 16' x 25' having an area of 135 square feet. Mr. Raine is willing to exchange this piece of land for a small piece having a curved street line boundary, and in addition, has offered an amount of \$100.00 for a portion of a lot immediately south of his property, not required for street purposes.

He states in his letter that this lot is not suitable for building, to which this Department agrees, and I would recommend that the City make this exchange and sell this piece of land to Mr. Raine for \$100.00 with the understanding that no building would be erected upon this lot in question, and with such restriction being stated in the deed.

Plan No. LL-1-9613 shows the portion mentioned above outlined on the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

SEWER EXTENSION ARMCRESCENT SUBDIVISION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 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 respecting the extension of sewer and water in the Arm Crescent Subdivision was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved with the understanding that sewer and water mains be placed in one combined trench only where health regulations permit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION - ARM CRESCENT SUBDIVISION
(Halifax Industrial School Property)

Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee,
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant considered the following reports:-

Report - Commissioner of Works dated March 5th, 1946 and entitled APPLICATION FOR " SEWER EXTENSION " - ARM CRESCENT SUBDIVISION (Halifax Industrial School Property.)

Public Service Commission of Halifax, letter to City Solicitor under date of February 25th, 1946 concerning the subject of water extension to the proposed Sunnyslope Subdivision to be built on the Industrial School property between Quinpool Road and Chebucto Road, in which letter the Commission requests City Council's guarantee re the deficits on this extension until it is self-supporting.

The Commissioner of Works has been informed by Mr. C. F. Abbott of West End Realties Limited that the Arm Crescent Subdivision and the so-called Sunnyslope Subdivision refer to one and the same; the name Sunnyslope having been discarded in favor of the name Arm Crescent.

The Committee recommended that the Sewer and Water Extensions referred to be installed in accordance with the said reports, provided that the sewer and water mains are placed in one combined trench and that the deficit, if any, relative to the water extension be guaranteed by the City of Halifax.

Attached also are a letter from the City Solicitor to the Clerk of Works under date of March 5th, 1946 relative to the said letter from the Public Service Commission and a copy of letter from Mr. E. C. Thomas, Sanitary Engineer under date of March 9th, 1946, with which is submitted a copy of the agreement between the Department of Health and the Public Service Commission re SEWER AND WATER MAINS IN COMBINED AND SEPARATE TRENCHES.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

March 5, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

An application has been received from Mr. C. F.

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Abbott, West End Realties Limited, requesting the City to have the sewer laid on the various streets in his subdivision.

Homeward Avenue - from Quinpool Road to First Street

Length of Block	250 feet
Estimated cost including the angles	\$2,900.00
Estimated Assessment	625.00

First Street from Each of Arm Crescent East to Arm Crescent West

Length of Block	480 feet
Estimated cost	\$5,000.00
Estimated Assessment	1,525.00

Arm Crescent West from First Street Northwardly

Length of Block	1,050 feet
Estimated Cost	\$9,900.00
Estimated Assessment	5,238.00

Arm Crescent East from First Street Northwardly

Length of Block	1,000 feet
Estimated Cost	\$9,500.00
Estimated Assessment	4,625.00

STREET AT NORTH END - Parallel and South of Chebucto Road

Length of Block	280 feet
Estimated cost	\$3,300.00
Estimated assessment	1,125.00

CHEBUCTO TERRACE

Length of Block	250 feet
Estimated cost	\$2,700.00
Estimated assessment	600.00

Mr. Abbott states that he has sold a number of lots and the purchasers plan to building in April or May.

I would therefore recommend that the above sewer extensions be ordered, provided the water is also extended for these streets.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

S U M M A R Y

	<u>Length of Block</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Assessment</u>
Homeward Avenue	250 feet	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 625.00
First Street	480 "	5,000.00	1,525.00
Arm Crescent West	1,050 "	9,900.00	5,238.00
Arm Crescent East	1,000 "	9,500.00	4,625.00
Street at North End	280 "	3,300.00	1,125.00
Chebucto Terrace	250 "	2,700.00	600.00
	<u>3,310 feet</u>	<u>\$33,300.00</u>	<u>\$13,738.00</u>

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

SALE OF LAND CHEBUCTO 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 the attached report from the Committee on Works respecting the sale of land on Chebucto Road was considered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee,
Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant considered the attached extract from Minutes of the City Council held on the 14th day of February, 1946 re: 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.

Tenders for the said land were received as follows:

Eastern Trust Company	1010.00
Morton Kitseff	2300.00
R. J. McNab	225.00
F. R. Kline	350.00
R. E. Knight	500.00
J. W. Godfrey	4600.00
E. J. Dunsworth	1000.00
Geneva M. Coughlan	1500.00
Nathan Green	2000.00
G. F. Fenton	3500.00
A. M. Mont	1100.00

On motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Breen the Committee recommended that the tender of J. W. Godfrey at \$4600.00 being the highest, be accepted, subject to legislation being obtained to enable the City to

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sell the property referred to, and subject also to Statutory restrictions concerning the use of land in the residential district.

The said Tenders are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

AIRPORT ZONING RESTRICTIONS

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

March 12, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

The matter of the lifting of the Zoning Regulations at the Halifax Airport was discussed at a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date and it was decided to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature abolishing these restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

WATER EXTENSION ASSESSMENTS

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 Water Extension assessment on Oxford Street was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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OXFORD STREET, WATER EXTENSION ASSESSMENT

Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on October 2nd, 1945, on motion of Alderman DeWolf seconded by Alderman Breen recommended to the Finance and Executive Committee that the assessment list for water extension laid in 1938 on Oxford Street from 176 feet south of South Street to 634 feet north of South Street containing assessments totaling \$1366.00 be cancelled, and that any monies received by the City of Halifax as a result of the said assessment list be refunded, but that such refunds be for the amount of the actual principal and interest payments received by the City as a result of the said assessments, without further interest.

This matter was referred back to the Committee on Works for consideration of a question as to whether the cancellation should apply to the frontage south of South Street.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works dated November 6th, 1945, in which he states in part: "The properties affected extend from a point 634 feet north of South Street to a point 176 feet south of South Street, the total assessment being \$1,366.00."

The Committee considered also the attached letter from the City Solicitor to the Clerk of Works under date of February 28th, 1946, re WATER EXTENSION, OXFORD STREET (W. S. Cluney and L. J. Kaye.)

The Committee again recommended to the Finance and Executive Committee in accordance with its above mentioned recommendation of October 2nd, 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

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RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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 His Worship the Mayor respecting a Halifax Survey Committee on recreational facilities was considered.

Your Committee approves of the engaging of a qualified person to act as director of recreation, as set out in the letter referred to above.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Dear Sir:

I attach hereto a report from a Committee known as a "Halifax Survey Committee" on recreational facilities.

You will note that their initial report invites the Council to arrange for the services of an expert in this direction, and I shall be glad if you will give the matter consideration.

Apart from the well organized and efficient efforts of the Halifax Playgrounds Commission, I greatly doubt if the money being spent otherwise in this city is being properly spent, and I feel that as a guide for our future activities in this direction, it might be well to take the initial step of hearing what an expert has to say about our experiences here, and how they should be developed.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
M A Y O R.

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

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TENDERS BUTTER ETC.

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

March 4, 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 meats, butter and eggs to Civic Institutions were considered.

Your Committee recommends that the following tenders be approved:

MEATS

J. A. Leaman Co., Ltd. for a period of two months at \$1,622.00.

EGGS

R. B. Colwell Ltd. at .39¢ per dozen for a period of one month.

BUTTER

R. B. Colwell Ltd. at 39¢ per pound for a period of one month.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

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

March 4, 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 an account was submitted from Howard's Limited amounting to \$788.82 covering groceries supplied to the City Home.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved

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for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

CHANGE ORDER #7 T. B. HOSPITAL

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

March 4, 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 #7 for the new wing of the T. B. Hospital entailing an additional cost of \$95.00 to the contract.

Your Committee recommends that same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

HEALTH CONVENTION TORONTO

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

March 4, 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 a request from the Commissioner of Health to attend the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Public Health Association which is to be held in Toronto on May 6, 7, and 8 next, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Health be authorized to attend this Convention and that his expenses in connection therewith be paid from the estimates of the Health Dept.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SCHOOL MILK FUND DEFICIT

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

March 4, 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 a letter from the Superintendent of Health advising that there is a deficit of \$512.23 in the School Milk Fund was considered; provision has been made to take care of this deficit in the 1946 estimates and it is recommended that the account of Farmers' Limited amounting to \$172.87 and Oxford Dairy amounting to \$339.36 be approved for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALARY DENTAL ASSISTANT NURSE

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

March 4, 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 engaging of a Dental Assistant Nurse on a part-time basis was considered.

As there is no salary scale for this classification it was decided to recommend that a salary of \$50.00 per month be provided for same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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PURCHASE FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOXES

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

March 8, 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 City Electrician recommending the installation of Fire Alarm Signal Boxes at a total cost of \$985.00 and the purchase of the necessary equipment from the Northern Electric Company was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation; funds for same to be provided as authorized by legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT FOR PUMPER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

March 14, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration a report from Acting Chief Harber of the Halifax Fire Department advising that a 1000 Imperial Gallon Pumper had been received from the LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Limited and same had successfully passed the tests of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters and recommending that the account amounting to \$17,000.00 be approved for payment and the pumper placed in service.

Your committee concurs in the recommendations of the Acting Chief 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.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman

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Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed unani-
mously, the Aldermen listed as being present at this
meeting were in their seats and voted.

EXPLOSION CLAIM PAYMENT

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

March 8, 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 Acting Chief Harber of the Fire Department
submitted a cheque from the Dominion of Canada amounting
to \$1,023.00 being full settlement of damage claims to
the Fire Stations resulting from the explosions of July
18 and 19, 1945.

Your Committee recommends that same be placed to
the credit of the Current Surplus Account.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

PURCHASE UNIFORM CLOTHING POLICE DEPT.

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

March 8, 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 matter of the purchase of 15 more or less
suits, coats and hats for plain clothes men of the Police
Department, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the Chief of Police
be authorized to purchase same at prices not to exceed
\$35.00 for the suits, \$30.00 for the coats and \$6.00 for
the hats, each.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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HALF HOLIDAY MARCH 20, 1946.

Read letter from the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council requesting Council to declare a public half holiday on March 20, 1946 so as to give citizens an opportunity to vote in the Beer Plebiscite.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the Civic Offices be closed at 12 o'clock noon on March 20, 1946 and that an advertisement be inserted in the press requesting citizens in general to observe the day as a public half holiday. Motion passed.

LETTER HALIFAX CIVIC EMPLOYEES UNION #143 RE:
SUPERANNUATION

March 12th, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor
City of Halifax,
CITY HALL.

Dear Sir:

We regret very much that a quorum of the City Council Superannuation Committee was not present for the meeting called for March 11th, 1946, at 4 P. M.

In view of this fact and the progressive advancement which resulted from our last meeting, we were in hopes that this matter might have been ready for the regular Council meeting on March 14th, 1946. However as an alternative and in agreement with a suggestion that was advanced and approved of, by the members present on March 11th, 1946, we are respectfully requesting that you call a Committee meeting of the whole Council for Thursday, March 21st, 1946, to be followed by a special City Council meeting the same evening, to review recommendations likely to be made during the Committee meeting.

Again thanking you for your continued interest in this important matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Archie J. Murphy,
PRESIDENT.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held on this date.

PURCHASE OF LAND FROM JENNIE MOSHER

Read letter from the City Solicitor as follows:

March 14, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:

At the meeting of the City Council held December 13th, 1945, the City decided to purchase from Jennie Mosher certain land situated on the watershed of the City and also forming part of the pipe line right-of-way from Big Indian Lake. In that resolution it was decided that the cost of the land be paid out of the funds in the hands of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

In view of the fact that these funds are considerably depleted, that there is hardly enough to satisfy other possible claims, I would recommend that the City pay this purchase price out of its funds now in hand for that purpose. The title of this property has been searched and found to be good and we can secure a satisfactory conveyance from the owner. Since the City is obliged to pay the money whether through expropriation proceedings or indirectly, it is in the final analysis of no concern to the City but by taking this course it will avoid considerable delay and at the same time will leave a reasonable sum in the hands of the Prothonotary for the purpose of other claims.

In view of the fact that the deed is ready to be delivered I would ask that this be considered at this meeting of the Council so that the matter can be finally disposed of.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

QUESTIONS

Alderman Batson: "We are having an early Spring and the streets are in bad condition. I would suggest that the Works Department get busy and sweep the streets."

Alderman Doyle: "This afternoon I passed the City Dumps and I saw 15 card board boxes full of paper. How did they get there; there was 15 if there was one; whose job is that? I know the City Officials can sit down and write letters telling you not to do this and that."

Alderman Walker: "There was one on my doorstep."

ABOLITION OF SOUTHERN END OF MARLBOROUGH STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF MARLBOROUGH STREET LINES

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax at a meeting held on this date approved and recommended to City Council for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated March 14th, 1946 and entitled as above.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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Chairman Town Planning Board
of the City of Halifax.

Sir:-

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the 5th instant, recommended to Council that the southern end of Marlborough Street be abolished.

The City Solicitor has advised subsequently that the said words "Southern End" are not definite, and that the length of the portion from which the official street lines are to be removed, should be defined as a definite number of feet.

I therefore recommend that the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax recommend to the City Council that the official street lines of Marlborough Street extending northwardly from the north official street line of Inglis Street, to a point one hundred and forty feet northwardly therefrom be removed from the official City Plan, under the authority of Section 551A of the City Charter, and that the City Council appoint Thursday, April 11, 1946 as the date on which this recommendation will be considered by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

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OVERHANGING SIGNS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant considered the following attached reports from the Commissioner of Works on applications for permission to erect Overhanging Illuminated Signs:

<u>REPORT DATED</u>	<u>RE SIGN TO BE LOCATED AT</u>
February 28, 1946	#279 Barrington Street
February 28, 1946	# 66 Prince Street
February 28, 1946	#274 Barrington Street.
February 28, 1946	# 5 Doyle Street
March 1, 1946	# 2 Bishop Street
March 4, 1946	# 90 Spring Garden Road
March 5, 1946	#501 Barrington Street
March 5, 1946	#118 Granville Street
March 5, 1946	# 46 Gottingen Street
March 5, 1946	#145 Spring Garden Road

The Committee recommended to Council that the leases referred to in the said reports be approved by City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

HOUSING

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 13th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached letter from the City Solicitor under date of March 5th, 1946, re Veterans Housing - St. Paul's Glebe land.

The Committee recommended to Council against the purchase of the St. Paul's Glebe land as referred to in the said letter.

In consideration of the large number of permanent housing units to be provided at the North Common, by the

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Apartments Project, the Committee further recommended that the City authorize construction of fewer than the originally proposed (255) two hundred and fifty-five prefabricated houses; also that the City provide more emergency shelter by reconverting for that purpose more Staff Houses and similar buildings.

The Committee considered that Council approval of these recommendations would be advantageous because thereby the City -

(a) may save a considerable portion of the expenditure which would be required for sites for the full number of the originally proposed two hundred and fifty-five prefabricated houses, and for the associated expense of sewers, grading etc., and

(b) would encourage the construction by local contractors of permanent houses which would be more desirable in general and would produce individually a much higher tax revenue than that resulting to the City from the construction of each prefabricated house.

The Committee is contemplating but has not yet decided to recommend to Council the acquisition of sites for approximately 24 prefabricated houses at the Barss property, and sites for approximately 24 prefabricated houses at the Peregrine property, if available.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

March 5, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Board of Works.

Dear Sirs:

The sites selected by Council last fall for Veterans' homes have now been reduced to two. Many of the sites suggested were rejected by Wartime Housing Limited and some additional sites, not previously listed, were purchased. At the present time, of the original list, there remains the St. Paul's Glebe Land and the Barss lots, twenty-four in number on Connaught Avenue.

The St. Paul's Glebe land has been surveyed and according to this survey, contains approximately twenty-nine acres and has been appraised by our Appraisers for the sum of Twenty-three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$23,200.00.) The owners are asking for Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$850.00) an acre and based on our figures, this would amount to Twenty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$24,650.00.)

Our engineers have subdivided this land and the subdivision gives a total of 192 lots with some vacant land left over south of Fairview Cemetery. Approximately 186 lots are necessary to finish the project. Our engineers

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have made estimates of the cost to provide sewer and water, streets, grading, etc. for this subdivision and the figures are as follows:-

Sewer and water	\$ 100,000.00
Grading and stoning for various streets	10,000.00
Grading of lots (if required)	15,000.00
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	\$ 125,000.00

Should Council decided to take this land, it will not be necessary to take the Barss lots which front on Connaught Avenue which are 24 in number.

Negotiations were started with War Assets Corporation for a 100 ft. strip off the back of Peregrine, fronting on Connaught Ave. to balance the Barss lots. These negotiations have not yet been concluded and if St. Paul's Glebe land is taken, this 100 ft. strip off Peregrine will not be required.

I would respectfully ask your committee to forward this matter on to Council for consideration and for direction in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL P. BETHUNE
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

His Worship the Mayor: "I would like to put on the record the fact that as these staff houses become available we will, based on this report, proceed to take them up and from authentic reports I have, the City will receive up to \$70,000.00 towards the cost of reconverting these staff houses.

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

COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, on motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman

March 14, 1946.

Ahern approved and recommended to Council for adoption the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 26th, 1946 and entitled as above.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

February 26, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

As no objections have been filed with me, as the result of advertisements in the Halifax newspapers, I would recommend that the application of C. D. Hopgood to erect a commercial building at the north-west corner of Chebucto Road and Dutch Village Road be approved by the Committee on Works and sent on to City Council, so that a permit may be issued when plans are filed in this office. This matter was discussed at a meeting of this Committee on February 5, 1946. This applies to the sale of goods by retail only.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

CHANGE OF NAME BELMONT STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 23rd, 1946 on a petition from nine property owners on Belmont Street requesting that the name be changed to Belmont Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

March 14, 1946.

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

GRADING AND ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS
ARMCRESCENT SUBDIVISION

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated March 5th, 1946 on an application from Mr. C. F. Abbott, West End Realties Limited, requesting that the streets in the Arm Crescent Subdivision be graded when the sewer has been laid on these streets.

The said report in which the Commissioner recommends that when sewer and water and possibly gas extensions have been completed these streets be graded and accepted as City Streets, was approved and recommended to City Council for adoption, subject to the provisions of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

March 5, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

An application has been received from Mr. C. F. Abbott, West End Realties Limited, requesting that the streets in the Arm Crescent Subdivision be graded when the sewer has been laid on these streets.

The estimated cost to grade these streets, a total length of approximately 3100 feet, would be about \$.80 per running foot.

Under the terms of the City Charter the owners are required to pay the full cost for grading prior to acceptance, and this would make the cost per foot frontage \$.40.

I would therefore recommend that when sewer and water, and possibly gas extensions have been completed, that these streets be graded and accepted as City streets.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING BELLEVUE AVE.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, on motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Breen approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption the attached report dated March 5th, 1946, in which the Commissioner of Works recommends the installation of two - 250 Candle Power Street Lights on Bellevue Avenue between Inglis Street and Regina Terrace.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

March 5, 1946.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

Among several matters petitioned for the Halifax South Civic Improvement Association was the installation of improved lighting facilities in various sections of the extreme southwestern portion of the City.

The City Electrician, Mr. G. H. Durling, has investigated the street lighting on Bellevue Avenue between Inglis Street and Regina Terrace and in his opinion there should be two 250 C. P. street lights in the above mentioned street. The estimated cost of installation is approximately \$98.80 and the yearly maintenance approximately \$40.00.

I would therefore recommend that these lights be installed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

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The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, recommended payment to William Stairs, Son and Morrow Limited of the sum of \$300.00, being the balance in full for two cabs on sidewalk tractor plows; also \$669.00 being payment in full for wing for Balderson plow, in accordance with the attached certificates from the Commissioner of Works dated February 25th, 1946; both payments being chargeable against funds for which borrowing authorization was obtained in 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

PETITION FOR TREES

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant recommended to Council that the attached petitions to have Trees planted on Harvard Street and Lawrence Street be granted and that priority be given to the petition re Harvard Street.

The Superintendent of the Public Gardens has reported that he has 250 trees in stock, of which a total of 150 approximately would be required for Harvard and Lawrence Streets and that approximately 25 would be required for replacements on other streets, leaving a surplus of approximately 75 trees, in excess of what would be required for the above purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

Alderman DeWolf: "Is that all the trees there are?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think the Committee on Works ordered enough of these. I have arranged with Mr. Griffiths to start a huge tree planting scheme from seed. We should be growing our own trees because they are too expensive to buy and during the war there was a great shortage."

The motion was then put and passed.

STORAGE PIT PROPS ON CITY DUMPS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached letter addressed to the Commissioner of Works under date of February 27th, 1946, in which Mr. Thomas Fahey states: "I wish to get permission to store pit props on the "City Dumps", as I have to unload the railway cars as soon as possible. They will be removed as soon as the Transport Boats arrive. I will take all responsibility while they are there."

On motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Ahern the Committee recommended to Council that the said be granted free of charge, subject to the provision that the permission is terminable on demand by the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

RIDING CLUB PREMISES

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached extract from Minutes of City Council held on the 28th day of February, 1946 re Premises, Riding Club- City Field.

The Committee recommended to Council that the Halifax

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Riding Club be permitted to retain the premises now used by them at City Field, until a date not later than April 30th, 1947, subject to the provision that rental for the said premises for the period commencing on April 1st, 1946, be at the rate of \$300.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL RE: VACATIONS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council;

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, considered the attached letter addressed to His Worship, Mayor Butler and Members of the City Council, under date of February 14th, 1946, in which Mr. James M. Coady, General Secretary of the Halifax District Trades and Labour Council states: "At a meeting of the Halifax District Trade & Labor Council held on Wednesday February 13th 1946. A resolution was passed requesting the Halifax City Council to grant three weeks holidays with pay to the City Field Workers, in order that they might enjoy the same consideration as given to other City employees."

The Committee directed that the said letter be forwarded to City Council with the comment that many City employees in addition to the City Field Workers do not enjoy the privilege has been granted only to certain groups of City employees, such as Firemen, Policemen, City Prison Guards, City Home Employees and Nurses.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

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ACCOUNT OVER \$500.00

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

March 14th, 1946.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 5th instant, recommended to City Council for payment, subject to the approval of the Internal Auditor and Chief Accountant, the attached account of F. W. Annand amounting to \$795.00 being premium on \$30,000.00 Fire Insurance including additional perils on No. 1430 Barrington Street for three years.

This expenditure would be an Emergency Shelter Expense.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

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

ORNAMENTAL TREE LIST

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RESIGNATION COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Mr. Sherman advised that he would withdraw his resignation because of satisfactory arrangements made in his Department.

LETTER COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE RE TAX RATE

March 4, 1946.

Mr. W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk,
City.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 1, 1946. In reply I have to advise you that in pursuance of Section 409 of the City Charter, I have fixed the rate of taxation on business assessments and on business realty for the civic year 1946, at \$5.25 per hundred, in accordance with the undernoted calculations.

Residential realty and household assessments total - \$34,382,325.00, which at \$3.50 per hundred (rate fixed by Sub-section 1, Section 409 of the City Charter) produces -

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\$1,203,381.37

Business realth and business
assessments total \$34,428,405.00
which at \$5.25 per hundred produces -1,807,491.26

\$3,010,872.63

The amount required in accordance with the approved estimates is as follows: (Passed by City Council February 28, 1946)

Estimates	\$3,294,060.82
Less: the portion of the Current Surplus Account, determined to be included in the amount of General Civic Revenue pursuant to Sub-section 2 of Section 308 of the City Charter.	<u>194,896.19</u>
	\$3,099,164.63
Less: Licenses (Section 351, Cith Charter	<u>38,400.00</u>
Forward	\$3,060,764.63
Less: Anticipated payments	
Wartime Housing Ltd.	\$29,892.00
Special Taxes	<u>25,000.00</u>
	51,892.00
	<u>\$3,008,872.63</u>
Add: School rebates	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<u>\$3,010,872.63</u>

This will further advise you that I have complied with the resolution of City Council, passed on February 28, 1946, and have declared the current rate of taxation to be \$5.25 per hundred. Please notify City Council accordingly.

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
Commissioner of Finance.

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LETTER C. B. SMITH, K.C., RE: INVESTIGATION

March 6th, 1946.

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

Dear Sir:- Re: Investigation Requested by Resolution of Council dated 25th February, 1946.

I enclose Notice of Hearing of the above Investigation before His Honour Judge Murray on Monday, the 25th day of March next.

Will you kindly bring this to the attention of the Members of the City Council at the next Meeting.

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Yours very truly,

C. B. Smith.

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LETTER I. O. D. E. RE: STABLE AT CITY FIELD

March 4th, 1946.

Allan M. Butler, Esq.,
Mayor of the City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

We noticed in the reports of the Council it was proposed that the City take over the stables at present occupied by the Halifax Riding & Driving Club.

We believe that the Halifax Riding & Driving Club will be forced to go out of existence if they are denied the use of the City Stables.

In consideration of this proposal we would like to point out that last year the free use of the facilities of the Halifax Riding & Driving Club made it possible for us to stage a successful two day Horse Show. The proceeds amounted to over \$1300.00, all of which was used for educational purposes.

At the present time plans have already been made to stage another, even larger Horse Show this year. Without the facilities of this Club a Horse Show would be impossible.

For the above reason we are keenly interested in the present discussion concerning the City Stables, and we trust the Halifax Riding & Driving Club will not be forced to vacate these premises. We therefore request that this letter be read at the meeting of the City Council.

Yours truly,

Lucille M. Reid,

(Mrs. George G. Reid.)
Secretary of the Archibald MacMechan Chapter I.O.D.E.

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LETTER LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN RE SNOW REMOVAL

February 23, 1946.

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

Your Worship:

A letter from Mr. T. P. Moore, Clerk of Works, acknowledging receipt of a petition for the removal of snow from sidewalks in Halifax, was read at the Business Meeting of the Local Council of Women of Halifax on Thursday, February 21st.

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The meeting was disappointed that no progress could be reported on this matter. The reply, under date Feb. 10, 1945, to a similar petition forwarded a year ago was to the effect that further plans of the City Council regarding this matter would be conditioned by experience gained through use of ploughs then on order for clearing walks fronting city property. The Local Council of Women had hoped that by this winter the experience would have resulted in definite plans for general clearing of sidewalks in Halifax.

The Local Council of Women is strongly of the opinion that this service should be begun as soon as possible. I was directed by the meeting of Thursday last to forward a renewed petition that the City Council make every effort to arrange for the clearing of all sidewalks in Halifax by the beginning of next winter.

Yours truly,

Edith D. Marshall,
(Mrs. R. E. Marshall)
Corresponding Secretary
Local Council of Women of Halifax.

His Worship the Mayor: "Council could not see its way clear to deal with this this year."

It was agreed that a letter be forwarded to this Organization advising of this fact.

LETTER LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN RE HOSTEL FOR WOMEN

February 24, 1946.

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

Your Worship:

At the regular business meeting of the Local Council of Women of Halifax held on February 21st. the matter of a Hostel for Women under police supervision, was reviewed.

It was recalled that following requests from several of its affiliated societies, the Local Council of Women, meeting on January 20th, 1945, petitioned the City Council to establish such a Hostel. Representatives of the Local Council of Women, and of a number of other interested associations later met the Mayor and a Committee from the City Council, and were given a sympathetic hearing. When the estimates for 1945-46 were published in the local papers the Local Council noted with satisfaction that the sum of \$5000 was included for the establishment of a Hostel for Women.

While the Local Council is disappointed that no such Hostel has been established to date, they realize that the events attendant upon the Declaration of Peace imposed unusual burdens upon the Mayor and the members of the City Council. Now, however, that conditions are returning to normal, the Local Council of Women request that immediate

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steps be taken to provide this much needed library in the City of Halifax.

Yours truly,

Edith D. Marshall
(Mrs. R. E. Marshall)
Corresponding Secretary,
Local Council of Women.

This matter was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for consideration and report.

LETTER LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN RE MEMORIAL
LIBRARY

February 26, 1946.

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

Your Worship:

At the regular business meeting of the Local Council of Women of Halifax the enclosed resolution regarding a Memorial Library was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Yours truly,

E. D. Marshall,
(Mrs. R. E. Marshall)
Corresponding Secretary
Local Council of Women of Halifax.

RESOLUTION RE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

WHEREAS -- the City of Halifax will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of its founding in three years time, and

WHEREAS -- his Worship the Mayor of Halifax has said that a sum of \$250,000 may be spent by the City to commemorate this event,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED -- that the Local Council of Women of Halifax strongly urge the Mayor and Council to make available from the said \$250,000 a sum of money to assure the building and equipping of a Library which would be a memorial to those who give their lives in the recent war; and further, that the dedication and opening of such a Library be a prime feature of the bicentennial celebrations.

His Worship the Mayor: "This is well underway and the Council will be hearing from the Preliminary Committee."

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It was agreed that a letter be forwarded to this Organization advising it of this fact.

LETTER CANADIAN RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION RE COMFORT STATION

February 22nd. 1946.

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a recent meeting of the Halifax Branch of the Canadian Restaurant Association, it was unanimously voted to appeal to the City Council to have at least one Comfort Station put in operation as soon as possible. It was suggested that this be situated at some point on or near Barrington Street between Spring Garden Road and Prince Street.

It is contended that for too long the restaurants have been called upon to supply the need for such stations, putting up with all the nuisance and expenses connected with same. Looking forward to summer and a greatly increased Tourist trade, we would urge that this matter be proceeded with immediately.

Yours very truly,

Halifax Branch
Canadian Restaurant Assn.

Harold D. Lohnes,
Secty.

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

LETTER REGISTRAR MOTOR VEHICLES RE PARKING FINES

February 21st, 1946.

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

Dear Sir:

Complying with the wish of your Council in respect of a reduction in the present minimum parking fine, I may advise that this has been discussed and we propose to submit an amendment to the Legislature removing the minimum \$5.00 fine under Section 217. This will then read in

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respect of parking violations amongst others, "anyone guilty of an offence against certain sections of this Act shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$25.00." This will leave discretion in the hands of the Magistrates and I trust will do what your Council requests.

Yours very truly,

E. S. Campbell,
Registrar of Motor Vehicles,
Dept. of Highways and Public Works.

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LETTER C. C. F. RE: HOUSING

February 25, 1946.

Halifax City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:

Certain information regarding the Housing Project on the North Common has been released through the local press. We fully realize the desperate situation facing this City in regard to housing, and we do not wish to obstruct or delay any reasonable plan which will provide living space for our citizens.

However, before action is taken to lease a large section of the North Common to a private Company on a \$1.00 basis for fifty years, we would like to call your attention to the following aspects of the whole matter.

1. There is a strong feeling that there may be other locations in the City upon which this housing development could take place, and we feel that the whole field should be thoroughly canvassed with a view to the possibility of this development being located so that the North Common is not eliminated as a recreation centre for the City.

2. The rental scale of the proposed apartments has not yet been made public, but indications are that the rentals will be beyond the reach of the lower income group, that is, the people who need housing most. We feel that it is not good policy to allow a private Company to use all this land for a type of housing which does not cater to the greatest need.

3. So far no definite plans have been announced regarding the plans of the City of Halifax for an adequate program of low cost homes. The four hundred projected apartments is but a small start on the six thousand or more homes needed in this area. If the City Council decides it is absolutely essential to use the North Common as building space, it would hardly seem to be good policy to give away its choice land before Municipal plans for low cost housing are drawn up. The North Common would seem to be a more logical situation for low rental homes than for ones higher in the scale. Consideration should be given to the total overall construction picture before final action is taken in allowing a private Corporation title to the best building site in the City.

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Sincerely yours,

HALIFAX COUNTY C.C.F. DISTRICT COUNCIL

L. R. Shaw,
SECRETARY.

His Worship the Mayor: "Council has not settled on the low cost housing."

CLOSING OF HOSTELS

Alderman Batson drew attention to the fact that several Hostels have closed down and said that these places housed around 500 men.

His Worship the Mayor: "I have pointed out all these things to Ottawa and stressed the fact that the situation of the City is unique."

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1946

Previous Year	Reserves	o/s Bal. Jan. 31/46.	New Accounts and adjust- ments.	February Collect- ions.	o/s Balances Feb. 28/46.
41-45	\$11,066.94	\$122,375.39		\$ 9,023.16	\$113,352.23
45	15,124.63	242,435.15	Dr. 40.87	15,944.51	226,531.51
		\$364,810.54	Dr. 40.87	\$24,967.67	\$339,883.74
<u>Taxes</u>					
43-44		27,088.37		193.41	26,894.96
44-45		12,502.34		884.74	11,617.60
45		16,178.35	Dr. 2.00	1,163.54	15,016.81
Additional Collections				<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>
Tax Arrears 1925-26 to 1943-44 Corresponding Period Last Year				4,581.65	22,376.58
Collections as per statement above Corresponding Period Last Year				24,967.67	44,097.58
				<u>\$29,549.32</u>	<u>66,474.16</u>
Collection Poll Tax from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28/46 Corresponding Period Last Year				5,654.84	5,565.13

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Bellew,
Chief Accountant.

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

Meeting adjourned.

10.00 P. M.

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