

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
JANUARY 16/47.

A G E N D A

Prayer.

Minutes.

Accounts.

1. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Account T. B. Hospital Extension.
2. " " Account over \$200.00.
3. " " Account Medical Treatment Hoseman Miller.
4. " " Account Halifax Playgrounds Commission.
5. " " Tag Day.
6. " " Installation Fire Alarm Signal Box.
7. " " Superannuation Albert Smith.
8. " " Grant Halifax Welfare Bureau.
9. " " Grant Art Museum.
10. " " Purchase Land School Board.
11. " " Poll Tax Officers' Report.
12. " " Borrowing Fixing of Tax Rate.
13. " " Agreement South Barracks.
14. " " Legislation Financing Emergency Shelter.
15. " " Tenders for License Plates.
16. Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.
17. " " Account Painting T. B. Hospital.
18. " " Account Installing Equipment
19. " " T. B. Hospital.
20. " " Purchase X-Ray Tube.
21. " " Purchase Operating Stools, etc.
22. " " Purchase of Chairs.
23. " " A. R. P. Equipment.
24. " " Reclassification Miss Collicut.
25. Report Safety Comm. re Tenders for Shirts Police Department.
26. " " Traffic Control Etc.
27. " " Fire Apparatus Answering County Calls.
28. " " Sale of Cars Fire Department.
29. " " Accounts Over \$200.00.
30. " " Superannuation Sgt. Walter Whittemore.
31. Report Comm. Whole Council re Agreement Manning Pool.
32. Report Assessment Committee re Survey.
33. Report Recreation Committee re Indoor Swimming Pool.
34. Questions.
35. Report Comm. on Works re Accounts over \$500.00.
36. " " Accounts Recreation Committee.
37. " " Final Certificate (Decorating City Hall).
38. " " Blasting Ordinance (1st Reading).
39. " " Fairview Crushed Stone Property.
40. " " Change of Street Name.
41. " " Grading etc., Belmont Road.
42. " " Street Light Ridgewood Drive.
43. " " Illuminated Signs.
44. " " Floodlight McColl Frontenac Oil Co., Ltd.
45. " " Sewer Extension Vaughan Subdivision.
46. Approval of Amendment to Wiring Ordinance.
47. Report Chief Accountant re Tax Collections Month of December 1946.
48. " " Appropriations.
49. Invitation Halifax District Trades & Labor Council.
50. Deferred Items
 - (1) Administrative Survey Metropolitan District Halifax-Dartmouth.
 - (2) Traffic Control Miller Street.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
January 16, 1947,
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 attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

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

ACCOUNTS

A resolution covering the accounts of the various Committees was submitted 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 \$7,705.03; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,649.11 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$23,285.76 chargeable to Fire Department; \$20,827.11 chargeable to Police Department; The Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$35,045.14 chargeable to Health Department;

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\$19,510.40 chargeable to City Home and \$3,094.08 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$23,009.68; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$1,622.05 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

ACCOUNT T. B. HOSPITAL EXTENSION

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:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered the matter of paying accounts for the construction of an addition to the Tuberculosis Hospital.

The Foundation Maritime Limited is claiming an additional sum of \$3,215.55 to the original contract due to the fact that rock was encountered during the excavating which is disputed to be added.

Your Committee recommends that the amounts not in dispute be paid and the portion in dispute be referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for review.

The amounts recommended for payment are as follows:

Foundation Maritime Limited	\$35,346.40
C. A. Fowler & Company	968.31

Funds required for this purpose to be obtained as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Your Committee also recommends that the Bonds deposited with the City as a guarantee of the faithful performance of the contract, be returned to the Foundation Maritime Limited.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
Lloyd
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Sullivan

ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date an account of William MacNab & Son amounting to \$474.12 for printing 200 copies of Financial Report was approved and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT MEDICAL TREATMENT HOSEMAN MILLER

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Safety Committee recommending for payment an account from Mathers & Doull amounting to the sum of \$20.00 covering professional services rendered to Hoseman Ralph Miller, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT HALIFAX PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending that an account amounting to \$270.65 charged against the Playgrounds Commission for work done by the Works Department in connection with the Playgrounds on the Commons be absorbed in the appropriations of the Works Department was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TAG DAY

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

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Halifax, N. S.
January 14, 1947.

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 request from the H. M. S. Temeraire Chapter I. O. D. E. for permission to hold a Tag Day on Saturday, May 31st., 1947, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the application be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

INSTALLATION FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOX

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Safety Committee recommending the installation of a Fire Alarm Signal Box on Prescott Street at a cost of \$246.00 and the materials required for same to be purchased from the Northern Electric Company Limited, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation; funds for this purpose to be obtained as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and

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voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
Lloyd
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Sullivan

SUPERANNUATION ALBERT SMITH

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending that legislation be obtained enabling the City to pay Mr. Albert Smith a retiring allowance of \$60.00 per month, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation, same to be effective as from May 1, 1947 and Mr. Smith to be paid from the appropriation of the Works Department in the meantime.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

GRANT HALIFAX WELFARE BUREAU

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Health recommending that the sum of \$1,000.00 be paid to the Halifax Welfare Bureau under the authority of Chapter 56, Section 56 of the Acts of 1946, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
Lloyd
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Sullivan

GRANT ART MUSEUM

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the City Solicitor suggesting that the sum of \$500.00 provided in the estimates for the Civic Year 1946 as an Honorarium to the Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia in connection with the establishment of the City's Art Museum be paid, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$500.00 be paid to the Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1946 and that a similar amount be included in the estimates yearly as long as the agreement now in force is continued.

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

PURCHASE OF LAND SCHOOL BOARD

This matter was withdrawn on request of the Board of School Commissioners.

POLL TAX OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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 Poll Tax Officer for the quarter ending 1946 was submitted.

Your Committee is forwarding same to Council for its information and filing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

CITY OF HALIFAX

CITY HALL

POLL TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CIVIC QUARTER YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st., 1946.

<u>RENT</u>	<u>ARREARS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PENALTY & INTEREST</u>
\$13,663.40	\$4,301.41	\$17,964.81	\$1,483.63
		<u>TOTAL</u>	\$19,448.44

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>
Oct.	6,928.90	9,628.06
Nov.	21,287.46	5,313.83
Dec.	<u>5,226.63</u>	<u>3,022.92</u>
Total	33,442.99	17,964.81

COLLECTED BY STREET COLLECTORS

Mr. Yates.....	\$455.00
Mr. Barrett.....	296.00
Mr. Frawley.....	557.00
Mr. McDonald.....	137.00
Mr. Rising.....	221.00
Mr. Duggan.....	253.00
Mr. Rockwell.....	1701.00

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Mr. Durrant.....	\$1563.00	
Mr. Foley	1004.00	
Mr. Phillips.....	1292.00	\$7,479.00

PAID AT OFFICE	<u>11,969.00</u>
TOTAL	19,448.00

FILED.

BORROWING FIXING OF TAX RATE

Read report of the Finance and
Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N.S.,
January 14, 1947.

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 recommending that authority be granted for the borrowing from the Royal Bank of Canada by current account overdraft, such sums as may be required from time to time in an amount not exceeding \$500,000.00 as provided by Section 25 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1944 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 13, 1947.

The Chairman,
Finance & Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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carrying out of the ordinary and usual services of the several departments of the said City and the said Board, and may expend the sums so borrowed for such purposes."

For the purpose of providing the funds necessary to meet the expenditures defined in the preceding paragraph, in anticipation of the fixing of the tax rate for the civic year 1947, I recommend that the City Council authorize the borrowing from the Royal Bank of Canada, by Current Account overdraft, such sums as may from time to time be required, in an amount not exceeding \$800,000.00.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

Alderman Breen arrives at 8:15 P. M.

AGREEMENT SOUTH BARRACKS

The City Solicitor submitted a proposed agreement between the City, Auto Sales Company Limited and Citadel Motors Limited respecting the conveyance of the South Barracks Property.

Several amendments were agreed to and it was moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Walker that the agreement with the amendments agreed to at this meeting be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute ^{same} on behalf of the City. Motion passed with Aldermen Doyle and Coffin wishing to be recorded against.

LEGISLATION FINANCING EMERGENCY SHELTER

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the City Solicitor submitted a Draft of Legislation in connection with the financing of Emergency Shelter.

Your Committee recommends that the legislation as submitted be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

(1) Subsection (1) of section 71 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1946 is amended by striking out the words and figures "One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)" in the third and fourth lines thereof and substituting therefor the following words and figures "Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00)".

(2) This section shall be read and construed and shall be given effect as if it had been enacted on the 19th day of April, A. D. 1946.

(3) Any contracts entered into or expenditures incurred or authorized by the City during the civic years 1946 and 1947 for the purpose of altering or converting buildings in order to provide temporary housing accommodation are hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to have been within the power and authority of the City, notwithstanding that the same involved expenditures by the City in excess of the amount authorized by said Section 71 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1946; provided however, that such contracts and expenditures did not involve a sum in excess of \$350,000.00.

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

Motion passed.

Alderman Sullivan: "I read that 25% was the amount paid by the Government for these reconversions; I thought it was 50%."

Mr. McManus: "They were going to pay 50% of the cost of reconversion but they are trying to tie up the whole thing together with Wartime Housing and the matter is under review".

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TENDERS FOR LICENSE PLATES

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 14, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and
Executive Committee held on the above date a
tender was submitted from the London Rubber Stamp
Company Limited offering to supply License Plates,
Badges and Dog Tags for the Civic Year 1947 for
the sum of \$615.50, sales tax included.

Your Committee recommends that the
tender be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by
Alderman Hostrerman that the report be approved.

Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee
at a meeting held on the above date approved and
recommended for payment the following accounts:

John Tobin & Co., Ltd., for groceries supplied to the Tuberculosis Hospital.....	\$306.94
John W. Tully for fruit and vegetables supplied to the Tuberculosis Hospital.....	\$541.00
H. Brunt for wiring the City Home.....	\$331.61
Howard's Limited for groceries supplied to the City Home.....	\$1,226.09

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War Assets Corporation for mattresses etc., supplied
to the City Home.....\$453.15.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT PAINTING T. B. HOSPITAL

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Com-
mittee at a meeting held on the above date approved
and recommended for payment an account of the
Reardon Glass and Paint Company amounting to
\$1,409.78 for painting etc., at the Tuberculosis
Hospital.

\$700.00 of this amount to be charged
against the monies received from the Insurance
Companies in payment for damages caused to the
Hospital in a fire there recently and the balance
of \$709.78 to be charged against the monies
received from the Federal Government in payment
of damages caused to the Hospital during the
explosions in July 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT INSTALLING EQUIPMENT T.B.HOSPITAL

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1947.

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

January 16, 1947.

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date approved and recommended for payment accounts in connection with the installation of kitchen equipment in the Tuberculosis Hospital as follows

Foundation Maritime Limited.....	\$1,339.45
C. A. Fowler & Company.....	32.15

Funds required for this purpose to be obtained as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, Lloyd, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

PURCHASE X-RAY TUBE

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1947.

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 report from the Commissioner of Health recommending the purchase of an X-Ray Tube from the Victor X-Ray Corporation of Canada Limited, at a cost of \$412.00 F. O. B. Montreal, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation; the funds required for this purpose to be included in the estimates of the Public Health and Welfare Department for the civic year 1947.

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 OPERATING STOOLS ETC.

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1947.

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 report from the
Superintendent of Health recommending the purchase
of three operating stools and a stainless steel
top table from Messrs. Ingram & Bell at a cost of
\$2,320.00 F. O. B., Montreal, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation;
the funds required for this to be obtained as author-
ized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman
Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed unani-
mously the following Aldermen being present and voting
therefore:

Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin,
Adams, Lloyd, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

PURCHASE OF CHAIRS

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meet-
ing held on the above date approved and recommended
for acceptance a tender from the Metal Craft Co. Ltd.,
offering to supply 75 Grace Line Chairs @ \$15.90 less
20% F. O. B. Grimsby, Ontario.

These chairs are required at the Tuberculosis Hos-
pital and the funds for same are to be provided as
authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

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Respectfully submitted,
W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, Lloyd, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

A. R. P. EQUIPMENT

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

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date an account from the Province of Nova Scotia Fire Marshall Branch amounting to \$336.38 covering A. R. P. Equipment, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment from the funds obtained for the sale of A. R. P. First Aid Supplies and the balance remaining placed in the General Revenue Account of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

RECLASSIFICATION MISS COLLICUTT

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

Halifax, N. S.,
December 2, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

January 16, 1947.

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Health recommending that Miss Vera Collicutt be reclassified as Clerk Grade 2, effective as from January 1, 1947 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR SHIRTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
January 9, 1947.

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 tender from Messrs. Scully Limited, Montreal offering to supply 300 more or less shirts to the Police Department at \$32.00 per dozen, plus tax, F. O. B. Montreal, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved and charged against the appropriation of the Police Department for the Civic Year 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Motion passed.

TRAFFIC CONTROL ETC.

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:-

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Halifax, N. S.,
January 9, 1947.

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 the following recommendations from the Chief of Police:

1. That a Traffic Branch of the Police Department be established.
2. That Mr. Vincent T. O'Brien be transferred from the Detectives' Branch to the Traffic Branch with the classification of Traffic Inspector.
3. That Detective Kenneth Purcell be transferred from the Detectives' Branch and given the rank of Patrol Sergeant.
4. That Sergeant Harold McIsaac be reclassified as Inspector of Licenses.

Your Committee concurs in these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

FIRE APPARATUS ANSWERING COUNTY CALLS

Read report of the Safety Committee
as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
January 9, 1947.

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 amending the charges to be paid by the County for the Halifax Fire Department answering calls in the County, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the legislation as submitted last year to the Legis-

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lature be again submitted this year and that a conference be held between the Warden and Councillors of the County of Halifax and the Safety Committee prior to the time the legislation is presented to the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF CARS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
January 9, 1947.

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 report from the Chief of the Fire Department recommending for acceptance a tender of R. S. Allen offering to pay the sum of \$350.00 for a Bickle Fire Engine and \$300.00 for a Reo Squad car, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation subject to a ruling from the City Solicitor's Department.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 16, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Safety held on January 9, 1947, the Chief of the Fire Department reported that tenders had been received for the sale of the 1926 Bickle Godfredson pumping engine and the 1934 Reo Squad Car. He advised that the tender of \$350.00 for the Squad Car submitted by Mr. Karl W. Cribby exceeded the ceiling price of \$349.85 and he recommended that the tender of \$300.00 received from Mr. R. S. Allen for this car together with the tender of \$350.00 from the same party for the Bickle Engine be accepted. It

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was decided that this recommendation be approved and that these two tenders of Mr. Allen be recommended to the City Council for acceptance subject to a ruling from the City Solicitor regarding the tenders as submitted.

The minutes disclose that the Chief of the Fire Department was authorized at a meeting of the Committee on December 5, 1946 to advertise these two pieces of equipment for sale by tender. In compliance with clause (a) of subsection 1 of Section 9 of the Administrator's Order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the ceiling price was specified in the advertisement.

An acceptance of the highest tender for the Reo Squad Car, which is in excess of the ceiling price, would be in violation of the Administrator's Order. However, the City is under no obligation to accept any of the tenders as submitted and may, if it is so decided, call for further tenders.

It was, however, suggested at the meeting that since Mr. Allen's tender of \$350.00 for the Bickle Engine was considerably higher than the tender of Mr. G. F. Monroe of \$40.00 for the same piece of equipment, any delay occasioned in connection with the Reo Squad Car might not be to the best advantage of the City and the decision of the Committee on Safety to accept Mr. Allen's tenders was made accordingly.

While the City is not obliged to accept any tender, as outlined above, it may, nevertheless, accept any tender that is not in violation of the Administrator's Order. Therefore the decision of the Committee on Safety at its meeting on January 9, 1947, is perfectly in order.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bathune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per R. Leo Rooney.

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

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Breen
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
Lloyd
Doyle
Walker
Burgess

AGAINST IT

Alderman Sullivan

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ACCOUNTS OVER 3200.00

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 9, 1947.

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 following accounts were approved and
recommended for payment:

Clayton & Sons Limited.....	\$216.00
Canadian Marconi Co., Ltd.....	238.75
Purdy Motors Limited.....	4,967.92

These accounts to be charged against the
1946 appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SUPERANNUATION SGT. WALTER WHITTEMORE

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
January 16, 1947.

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 superannuating Sergeant
Walter Whittemore of the Police Department was considered.

Your Committee recommends that Sergeant
Whittemore be granted leave of absence with pay until
May 15, 1947 and then superannuated as of that date based
on his maximum salary of \$2,100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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AGREEMENT MANNING POOL

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

Halifax, N. S.,
December 30, 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 the above date, His Worship the Mayor stated that an agreement between His Majesty the King and the City of Halifax respecting the leasing of the Manning Pool which is required for Emergency Shelter purposes was prepared and asked for authority to execute same on behalf of the City.

It was agreed that the agreement should be executed on behalf of the City and this action is referred to Council for ratification.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Read report of the Assessment Committee as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

A meeting of the Assessment Committee was held on the above date at which time various problems dealing with assessment were discussed and it was agreed to recommend that the sum of \$5,000.00 be placed in the estimates for the Civic Year 1947 for the purpose of defraying the cost of a survey as to the methods of assessments and form of taxation in the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TAX APPEAL COURT

His Worship the Mayor suggested that persons who desired to appeal from their assessments and failed to file notice in time should be given an opportunity to be heard.

City Solicitor: "We could hear any of these cases."

Alderman Lloyd: "Do you think the Government would entertain retroactive legislation. If the Court finds in their opinion that there should be adjustments they should recommend so to the Council or be included in a group and legislation sought. In any case they should report their findings to the Council."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Coffin that Council fix the date as a week from tonight to allow persons to file appeals with the Assessor. Motion passed.

INDOOR SWIMMING POOL

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this matter be deferred till a later date. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

His Worship the Mayor stated that some substantial sums of money will be lost to the City this year due to the fact that the grant from the Federal Government for Health purposes and the extra business tax paid by the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited and the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited will all be dis-

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continued.

Alderman Hosterman: "Are we going to make some effort to have these continued. I think there should be some effort made."

Alderman Lloyd: "The Telephone Company might be looked into. They are a public utility. This question of the affect of public ownership being free from taxation, we should not let the matter go by the board. I think it is very timely. I knew you were faced with these matters going out sooner or later. I think we might well set up a committee or the Finance and Executive Committee to review these matters."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the Finance and Executive Committee be requested to confer with these Companies concerned. Motion passed.

Alderman Lloyd: "It is rather interesting to find out that certain matters were of some advantage to the community last year. In 1945 the rate was 4.75 and then went to \$5.25 in 1946. I think the public should know full well that they had the benefits last year of adjustment of the financial arrangements which you have not got this year. I tried to make this clear that we were going to lose this money soon. Everybody knew that it was the end of the road in these matters. When I have talked about revenues for this City and tried to seek revenue from other sources from some unusual sources it is because I am conscious for the need of revenue. We are compelled to give priority to this question. I hope we shall bear in mind the amount of money going to Ottawa from the utilities.

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Last year there was a certain amount taken from the Surplus Account. It should be made quite clear that this year we have not got the benefits of levelling out which took place in 1943 and 1944. We agreed that we should allow some monies to stay in the Surplus so that 1945 and 1946 would be a little easier. Here is conclusive proof that we were trying to level out regardless of who was in office in the best interests of the City."

Alderman Hosterman: "The contributions made by the two utilities was for a period during the war and one year after. I agreed with Alderman Lloyd's suggestion of a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee on this matter."

LETTER RE: APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL BOARD

Read letter from the Board of School Commissioners regarding the appointment of Aldermen on the Board.

January 15, 1947.

His Worship, the Mayor,
City Hall,
HALIFAX, N. S.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board held in November, during my absence from the City, it was resolved that we should ask the Council to appoint a Committee to deal with a Committee of this Board, to discuss the appointments to serve as School Commissioners. As at present, six Alderman are appointed, who are often unable to attend School Board meetings because of other Civic duties. It was the feeling of many of the Commissioners that this system should be changed and appointments made by the City of citizens at large, rather than those serving on the City Council.

It was also felt that the matter of dates for Estimates should be considered, as the Commissioners thought that with the change of the Financial Year, these dates should likewise be changed.

We would appreciate it, if such a Committee could be appointed at an early date, for if some agreement could be reached, it might be necessary

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to secure Legislation at the next Session of the House.

Thanking you for your usual prompt action,
I am

Sincerely yours,

H. F. Bezanson,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Doyle that legislation be obtained whereby the powers of the Council to appoint members on the School Board be enlarged so that they may appoint members at large and that no change be made in the number.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that a Committee consisting of Aldermen Breen, Hosterman, Adams, Doyle and Walker be appointed to meet with a Committee from the School Board.

Alderman Walker: "I think the Aldermen should be on the School Board. You have a slate of Committees and it should be on that slate the same as the others."

Alderman Coffin with the consent of the seconder withdrew his motion.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Committee named consider the matter with the School Board and report in time for legislation. Motion passed.

LETTER RE: EMERGENCY SHELTER

Read letter from the Commissioner of Health
as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
January 16, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members,
City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Health Committee held on Monday, January 6, the question of providing emergency shelter for families to be evicted under Court Orders, where the mother and children have been deserted by the husband and are purely welfare cases, and other types of families where definite welfare assistance is required, was discussed by the members of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare and the members of the Emergency Shelter Committee. A sub-committee was formed of His Worship the Mayor, the Commissioner of Health, the City Assessor and the Superintendent of City Home to try to obtain some building which could be known as an Annex of City Home, in which such people would be settled temporarily while action was taken if deemed necessary against the husband, or other welfare arrangements for the care of the family were being proceeded with.

Mr. McManus and I scoured the city and found that the Administration Building, MacLean Street Barracks was in good shape and ideally suited for conversion to the type of shelter we required. His Worship the Mayor immediately contacted Ottawa by phone and the speedy transfer of this building to Central Mortgage Corporation, has been accomplished.

Immediately it was intimated to us that we could have same. Mr. Harris, Assistant Commissioner of Works, procured a contractor and went into the building the latter part of last week to complete the changes. These are now complete and this afternoon a man and his wife and three children who will act as Supervisors and will be in charge of the building, moved in. They are to receive their rent free and have charge of the occupants of the building under the supervision of Mr. Ettinger.

The total cost for remodelling this building for this purpose will be in the vicinity of \$900.00. I am told by Mr. Harris, and I understand from the Central Mortgage Corporation that it will be released to us for \$1.00 per year.

We are planning to provide these people with warm shelter, including beds and mattresses. They will take their own bedding equipment, clothing and cooking equipment. Facilities are provided for them to cook in one kitchen. Sufficient toilet facilities are present and the building will be known as the Annex to City Home and all admissions will come directly under Mr. Ettinger's supervision and will be registered as if they entered the City Home itself. In this way it comes under the Poor Relief Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, and it will be possible to determine settlement and to remove to their rightful section of the province any whose settlement is not in the City of Halifax.

This is a progress report on the action of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare for the information of the Council.

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Respectfully submitted,

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

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LEASE - EMILY FENERTY

Read letter from the City Solicitor as follows:-

January 8, 1947.

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

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of City Council held on December 12, 1946, a letter was read from Miss Fenerty requesting permission to continue to occupy a house at Lakeview Drive, Armdale, as a monthly tenant until such time as the City decided to remove the building. I advised Council that there was no authority to grant a lease for such an indefinite time and the matter was referred to me for a report.

I would recommend that this property be leased to Miss Fenerty until May 1st, 1947 when the matter could then be reconsidered if no decision has been reached as to the removal of the building. The term of the lease would be from November 1st, 1946 to May 1st, 1947 and contain the same terms as the previous lease in regard to rental. etc.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Council agreed to the suggestion of the
City Solicitor.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 10, 1947.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, 1947 the following accounts in excess of \$500.00 were, on Motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Walker, approved and recom-

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mended to City Council for payment.

The Melvin S. Clarke Company	\$515.00
Douglas A. Webber	662.51
War Assets Corporation	1442.46
Maritime Exterminators & Fumigators.	775.00
James Donohue Limited	1900.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

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

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The City Council,

Gentlemen: -

The three attached accounts in excess of \$500.00 were included in the list of monthly accounts approved for payment, subject to audit, by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 7th, 1947.

HALIFAX INSURANCE COMPANY
Premium on Fire Insurance Policy
New T.B. Hospital - Chargeable to Insurance
\$ 1200.00

THOMPSON, ADAMS & CO. LTD.,
Premium on Insurance
Manning Pool - Chargeable to Emergency Shelter
\$ 855.00

R. K. KELLEY AND COMPANY
Insurance Premium on Manning Pool Buildings.
Chargeable to Emergency Shelter.
\$855.00

Insurance Premium on #1
Joseph Street.
Chargeable to Insurance 24.00
\$ 879.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by
Alderman Walker that the reports be approved.
Motion passed.

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ACCOUNTS RECREATION COMMITTEE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 10, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen: RECREATION ACCOUNTS

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, the following Accounts approved by the Recreation Committee, were, on Motion of Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Doyle, approved and recommended to City Council for payment.

National Recreation Assoc.	\$27.15
Waterloo Music Company	8.55

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE-DECORATING CITY HALL

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 10, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen: DECORATING CITY HALL - CITY PROPERTY

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, the attached final certificate of the Commissioner of Works dated January 3rd, recommending payment to Cosgrove Brothers the sum of \$186.00, being the amount in full on their contract for painting various offices in the City Hall, was approved and recommended to City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Alderman Hosterman: "Perhaps a method of guniting could be done to this building or something that shoots out cement or something."

Alderman Burgess: "You might look over the City Home building at the same time."

The Commissioner of Works stated that he is investigating this matter and will be prepared to submit a report to the Committee on Works in the near future.

BLASTING ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 10, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:- ORDINANCE RE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF BLASTING, ETC.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, the City Solicitor submitted a copy of Ordinance respecting the Regulation and Control of blasts and blasting and of quarrying and excavating in the City.

On Motion of Alderman Breen, the Committee recommended that this be forwarded to City Council for first reading.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Alderman Burgess: "There are some clauses in this that I don't think are fair."

City Solicitor: "I think it is a bit too complicated and I can have it cut down considerably."

The City Solicitor stated that he would make a report on same to the Committee on Works."

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

ORDINANCE

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that the Ordinance as set out in the Council Minutes for the year 1946, Pages 761 to 771 be read and passed a first time and referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

FAIRVIEW CRUSHED STONE PROPERTY

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 10, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:- RE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FAIRVIEW CRUSHED STONE COMPANY

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, 1947 the effect of the proposed blasting Ordinance on the Fairview Crushed Stone Company was considered.

It was moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the City offer to purchase the property at \$30,000.00, and recommended same to City Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Read letter from W. A. Russell, President of the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association as follows:-

January 11, 1947.

J. E. Ahern, Esq.,
Mayor, City of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I was somewhat surprised to learn through

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the press that the Board of Works had recommended to the Council that the Fairview Crushed Stone property be purchased for the sum of \$30,000.00 as several members of the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association, including myself had been appointed by your good self to serve on a committee investigating this proposal, we certainly expected to be asked for our opinion before any recommendation was made.

Speaking for myself, I am opposed to the payment of any such sum for this property, which is assessed for only \$9,000.00 and which, after all is but a hole in the ground and a couple of buildings which are of no use to the City. The users are about at the end of their operations, having extracted all the material which is economically obtainable; drainage, cost of blasting, property limits and other factors being considered.

The fact that this firm was invited to enter the City has no bearing on the present case, as they were allowed free taxes for a period of five years and were that much nearer their best customer, the City of Halifax, using city water, city streets and other city services for the conduct of their business.

The argument that they supplied the City with crushed stone at \$1.00 per load cheaper than they had previously done (if in fact they did) also does not carry much weight, as their transportation costs were that much lower through being located inside the City limits which location put them in a much more favorable position as regards their competitors.

As an alternative to this proposed purchase, may I suggest that the new ordinance regarding the use of explosives which is being prepared by the City Solicitor's Department be rushed along and that the company be asked to operate under it for six months; if at the end of that time they find it unprofitable to continue, their books of course to be subject to proper audit, then negotiations could be re-opened, an appraisal of the property be made and some settlement arrived at.

In protesting against the purchase of this property in order to alleviate or remove a public nuisance I am ever mindful of the fact that the City exists for the use and benefit of all its inhabitants and should any one of these cause distress or danger to the others, the City has the right to demand an abatement of such distress or danger. For instance if we in the restaurant business fail to obey the rules and regulations laid down for us, we can be closed up, and there is no question of compensation to us and neither should there be. These regulations are being altered from time to time as conditions change and we must be guided by them, as must all law-abiding citizens be guided by the law.

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This company, when they commenced excavating at their present site, certainly knew, or should have known just how much material was available, how much it would cost them to get it out and should have figured the costs of the buildings and site in each yard of material sold from the site, so that, when the final load was sold, the capital costs would all be written off and they would not have to come to City Council asking for special concessions.

I am leaving these thoughts with you, Your Worship, so that when this matter comes before Council, \$30,000.00 of the taxpayers money will not be poured into a hole in the ground, and, would ask that I be given a chance to be heard again before a final decision is reached.

Yours very truly,

W. A. Russell.

It was agreed to hear Mr. Russell in this matter.

Alderman Hosterman: "Before Mr. Russell speaks, in his letter he mentioned his personal opinion. Is this his personal opinion or a result of the Committee meeting?"

Mr. Russell then addressed the Council as follows: "It is true that the information I acquired came through serving on the committee. We visited the property and we found that was to be found. The Property is assessed at \$9,000.00. In my opinion the Company is at the limit of its operations. There has been a red herring dragged across the trail that the Wartime Housing Limited have built houses there and they are perhaps responsible for any danger that has entered into the discussions. That may or may not be but I contend that this matter should be given very serious consideration. All blasting operations in the City will be under control. I say let these people operate and if they are not able to make money then we open negotiations. I as a citizen

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am alarmed. \$30,000.00 is a lot of money. The tax rate was \$4.25 the year before last; last year it was \$5.25; this year, who knows what it will be. Bills have to be met. The City plant is worn out, schools, water system, streets. I think we should pause before we spend \$30,000.00. There is a principle that any person could establish a nuisance and be bought off. I don't think that we have to do that. I have learned since I wrote that letter that the Company was not invited. There was a proposition brought in by an Alderman of that day to establish a stone quarry so that the City could crush their own stone. If there is any dispute over the facts it is a simple matter to have a hearing before a County Court Judge. I think that any members in that day would be willing to come. The City of Halifax would save \$30,000.00. I leave this with you."

Alderman Lloyd: "I fully inquired into the matter to the best of my ability. It goes back to the City years ago by not having zoning by-laws and issuing permits for the use of land. Somewhere between the two extreme view points one will find a fair and equitable answer. The Company started a few years ago to excavate rock. They would have their estimate for time. Now has the Company exhausted what the City will permit it to extract is for lawyers to decide. I would hesitate to act on it tonight whether it was \$1.00 or \$50,000.00. I could see that we could get ourselves in a dangerous position by passing the Ordinance if we don't explore the Company's rights. If there is some more rock to be excavated than they have

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a right to claim something for the fixed plant which they must abandon. I can say that the site itself as to its value has some value but that depends on its usefulness to the City and its practical use to anybody. I think you better go slow indeed not for the same reasons as expressed by Mr. Russell but from the legal point of view of the implications. I would suggest that the Company's solicitors confer with the City Solicitor and explore the implications of the law."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the City Solicitor be asked to look further into this matter bearing in mind the observations as made and if he deems it advisable to confer with the solicitors of the Company. Motion passed.

CHANGE OF STREET NAME

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 11, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:- CHANGE IN NAME OF STREET

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, a petition from a number of property owners on Isleville Street Extension to have the name of the street changed, was considered.

On Motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, the Committee recommended that the name be changed to Merson Street, and recommended same to City Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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GRADING ETC. BELMONT ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 11, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:- RE: PETITION GRADING AND ACCEPTANCE - BELMONT ROAD

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works of the same date recommending that Belmont Road be graded and accepted by the City at a cost of approximately \$420.00, was considered.

On Motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Sullivan the said report was approved and recommended to City Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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

January 7, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

A petition was received from some of the owners on Belmont Road, asking that the street be graded and accepted as a City Street.

Belmont Road is the first street north of Inglis Street, between Robie Street and Bellevue Avenue; the total length of the street is about seven hundred feet (700'), and the estimated cost of grading is approximately Four Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$420.00).

I would therefore recommend that this street be graded and accepted by the City.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

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STREET LIGHT RIDGEWOOD DRIVE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 11, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:- STREET LIGHT - RIDGEWOOD DRIVE

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works of the same date, in regard to an additional street light on Ridgewood Drive was considered.

On Motion of Alderman Walker seconded by Alderman Breen the Committee approved the installation and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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

January 7, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

A request has been received for an additional street light on Ridgewood Drive approximately two hundred and fifty feet (250') southerly from a light installed about ten years ago.

This Right-of-Way is used a lot by pedestrians as a short cut to the Electric Car at the corner of Oakland Road and Oxford Street.

An estimate made by Mr. Durling for the installation is \$49.40.
Annual cost of
current - 20.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

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ILLUMINATED SIGNS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 11, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:- APPLICATIONS FOR ILLUMINATED SIGNS

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 7th considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 3rd, on applications for permission to erect the following illuminated signs.

Willis Piano Company	127-29 Granville Street
Harry Simon's Limited	Gottingen Street
Kline's Limited	29 Gottingen Street
Harry Long	Argyle Street

On Motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Doyle the Committee recommended to City Council that the leases referred to in the said report be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

FLOODLIGHT McCOLL FRONTENAC OIL CO., LTD.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 11, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen: APPLICATION FOR A FLOODLIGHT POLE
McCOLL-FRONTENAC OIL COMPANY LTD.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 6th, on an application from the McColl Frontenac Oil Company Limited for permission to erect a floodlight pole for their Service Station on the southwest corner of Chebucto Road and Beech Street, was considered.

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

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

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His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

An application dated January 3rd has been received from the McColl-Frontenac Oil Company Limited requesting permission to erect a flood-light pole for their service station located on the southwest corner of Chebucto Road and Beech Street.

Plans and a photograph have also been submitted showing the proposed pole and its location and I would recommend that a permit be granted, provided a lease is entered into with the company containing such terms and conditions as may be approved by the City Solicitor.

It is further recommended that a yearly rental fee of five dollars (\$5.00) be included in the lease.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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

SEWER EXTENSION VAUGHAN SUBDIVISION

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

January 11, 1947.

The City Council,

Gentlemen: LETTER - B.J. VAUGHAN - RE SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 7th, 1947 the attached letter from Mr. B. J. Vaughan applying for sewer and water extension in his subdivision in Ward 6, was considered.

The Committee recommended that this be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Alderman Sullivan objected to this item being on the agenda and said when the matter was considered by the Committee on Works it was deferred to a later meeting.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Burgess that Mr. Vaughan be heard. Motion passed.

Mr. Vaughan: "Strawberry Hill would not have any effect on this property but I will admit that Alderman Sullivan has the proper recollection of what happened at the Works Meeting. I am surprised that it was on the agenda. There has been a lot of money spent to put in a sewer on Bayers Road to Bedford Basin."

Alderman Lloyd: "Bayers Road was \$70,000.00. The only thing I am hoping is that if sewer should go down it should go down in a short time."

His Worship the Mayor: "There was a reason for the Bayers Road sewer."

The motion was then put and passed.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO WIRING ORDINANCE

Halifax, December 31, 1946.

Dear Sir:-

This will advise you that the Governor in Council on the 23rd instant approved of the amendment to Ordinance No. 6 of the City of Halifax respecting electric wiring and the use of electrical energy, read and passed a first and second time at regular meetings of the City Council held on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1946 and the 14th day of November, A. D. 1946, respectively and I enclose herewith a copy of the amendment duly certified as having been approved.

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Yours truly,

Marjorie I. Mackey,
for
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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

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INVITATION HALIFAX DISTRICT TRADES AND
LABOR COUNCIL

Read letter from the above Council inviting the members of City Council to attend a lecture on Electric Energy and Public and Private Ownership of Public Utilities at the Moriarty Hall Y. M. C. A. Barrington Street on Wednesday, January 22, 1947 at 8 P. M.

Alderman Lloyd stated that Mr. Crowe had addressed the Union of N. S. Municipalities and the invitation should be taken.

His Worship the Mayor: "As many as possible of the Aldermen should be there".

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TRANSFER OF WATER ASSETS

It was agreed that copies of a report prepared by the City Solicitor should be made available to all members of Council.

Alderman Lloyd: "It should be placed on the agenda for the February meeting that in the light of financial matters tonight perhaps the value of these proposals might prove to be a lot more valuable in the eyes of the Aldermen at this time as before".

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF DECEMBER 1946.

Civic Year	Reserves	O/S Bals. Nov. 30/46.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	December Collect- ions.	O/S Bals. Dec. 31/46.
1944-45	\$10,498.65	\$ 51,260.24		\$ 5,413.92	\$ 45,846.32
1945	22,520.69	120,812.03	Dr. 8.75	8,082.02	112,738.76
1946	21,452.38	272,133.56	Dr. 340.82	30,189.37	242,285.01
		\$444,205.83	349.57	\$43,685.31	\$ 400,870.09

Poll Taxes

1943-44	24,894.36	Cr. 2.00	97.70	24,794.66
1944-45	7,126.76	Dr. 9.00	193.42	6,942.34
1945	5,597.06	Dr. 1.00	784.70	4,813.36
1946	19,192.54		1,799.29	17,393.25

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>
Additional Collections Tax Arrears 1925-26 to 1943-44 Corresponding Period Last Year	1,255.80	8,892.13
Collections as per Statement above Corresponding Period Last Year	43,685.31	34,073.80
Total Collections for Month	44,941.11	42,965.93
Collections Poll Taxes Jan. 1/46 to December 31/46 Corresponding Period Last Year	83,667.93	71,635.09

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Hagell,
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

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RESOLUTION RE: MARGERINE

His Worship the Mayor: "I had a call from a gentleman who said we should re-open this matter".

The City Clerk then read the resolution as passed by the Town Council of North Sydney, respecting this matter.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for a full discussion as to the facts. Motion passed.

CHAIRS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

His Worship the Mayor drew the attention of the Aldermen to a new chair in the Council Chamber.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SURVEY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF
HALIFAX - DARTMOUTH

This matter was further deferred.

TRAFFIC CONTROL MILLER STREET

Read letter from the City Solicitor as follows:

January 16, 1947.

Re: Miller Street.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Council held December 12th, 1946, my opinion was requested as to the City's obligation under the terms of a Release, dated August 29th, 1935, to restrict the use of Miller Street by prohibiting the same to heavy trucks or heavy horse-drawn vehicles or other heavy conveyances of like or similar nature. The parties to this Release were Halifax Harbor Commissioners, the Directors of Point Pleasant Park and the City of Halifax.

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The situation appears to have been as follows: In the course of the construction of Pier "B", the Harbor Commissioners found it necessary to take over a part of the area under lease to the Directors of Point Pleasant Park and also to close Clarence Street. The result was that the Park Directors lost a portion of their area and direct access to their section of the Park. The City had one of its streets closed. Both parties were entitled to compensation.

The Harbor Commissioners agreed to "construct and grade a roadway over and along an unopened roadway known as Miller Street on lands conveyed to and dedicated to the City of Halifax for public roadway purposes by deed.....in order that there might be direct access by public highway from Young Avenue to that part of the Park area bordering the Western shore of Halifax Harbor, which roadway known as Miller Street was to replace a roadway known as Clarence Street leading from Young Avenue and providing access to the aforesaid part of the Park area."

The Harbor Commissioners did construct and grade Miller Street from Young Avenue to View Street and thence diagonally to a lower road running along the western shore of the Harbour. The portion from View Street to the Harbour was part of the Park area. Following the construction and grading of the road a further controversy arose as to whether the roadway had been constructed and/or surfaced in the manner agreed upon and it was to settle this controversy that the Release in question was given.

In order to settle the dispute the Harbour Commissioners agreed to pay \$2500.00, providing that they were released from all claims by the City and the Directors of Point Pleasant Park arising from or on account of the transfer of the area to the Harbour Commissioners, the closing of Clarence Street, and the construction of Miller Street. The Harbour Commissioners provided conditions upon this payment, which were accepted both by the City and the Park Commissioners. The conditions were -

- (1) that the \$2500.00 was to be used to surface Miller Street;
- (2) that the City would take over the maintenance of the street; and
- (3) that the City would "at all times hereafter take such steps as may lie within its power to prohibit the use of said Miller Street to heavy trucks, heavy horse-drawn vehicles or other heavy conveyances of like or similar nature."

I am therefore of the opinion that since the City received this sum under these conditions that it is bound to see to it, as far as possible,

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that the conditions are carried out.

Two of the conditions have been complied with:

- (1) Miller Street was surfaced, and
- (2) it has been maintained by the City.

The City and the Directors of the Park are bound, in my opinion, to try to carry out the third condition.

The Directors of the Park have a particular interest in the type of traffic going over this road, since a portion of it goes through the Park area, and I believe that both the Directors and the National Harbours Board could insist upon the carrying out of the terms of the Release.

The only act that the City is required to do is to pass a resolution and the actual control of the traffic then is in the hands of the Chief of Police by virtue of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Breen that the recommendation of the City Solicitor and the resolution of the Directors of Point Pleasant Park be approved.

Alderman Burgess: "A half ton truck seems a little light."

Alderman Moriarty: "A heavy truck could proceed down to Terminal Road and not use the entrance to Miller Street. The only use of a heavy truck going to the Yacht Squadron would be for fuel."

Alderman Sullivan: "Do you intend to open up Clarence Street?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think so. I spoke to a high official of the C. N. R. the other day."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the matter be

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referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration as to what is meant by a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck.

Alderman DeWolf: "I don't think we have any jurisdiction over the Park Commission."

Alderman Lloyd: "I rise to a point of order. The City Solicitor made it clear that we were to do all in our power."

His Worship the Mayor: "We have a right to refer it to the Committee on Works for an interpretation of the weight of the truck."

Alderman Lloyd: "Then make it that all trucks except those who must supply the area for domestic purposes."

The amendment was then put and passed.

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

Meeting adjourned. 10:15 P. M.

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J. E. Ahern,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 13, 1947,
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 DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Adams, Lloyd, McDonald, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

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

ACCOUNTS

A resolution covering the accounts of the various Committees was submitted 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 \$3,888.89; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,062.92 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$21,847.82 chargeable to Fire Department; \$19,016.19 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$13,860.06 chargeable to Health Department; \$6,552.90 chargeable to City Home and \$2,510.05 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$44,494.79; the Directors of Point

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Pleasant Park amounting to \$688.95 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

TAG DAYS

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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 recommended for approval as follows:-

The Canadian Girl Guides Association	May 3/47.
Sir Samuel Cunard Chapter I. O. D. E.	" 17/47.
Navy League of Canada	June 7/47.
The Boy Scouts Association	Oct. 11/47.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHERS

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date an application from S. Cunard & Company Limited to have Messrs. Thomas A. Kershaw and Arthur Donald Helpard appointed and sworn as Coal Weighers was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the application

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be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

The City Clerk advised that he had received a letter from the N. S. L. & P. Co., Ltd. requesting that Mr. Harold Slade be appointed as weigher.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Adams that Mr. Harold Slade be appointed a Coal Weigher. Motion passed.

ACCOUNT X-RAY EQUIPMENT T. B. HOSPITAL

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending for payment an account of the Victor X-Ray Corporation of Canada Limited amounting to \$14,214.21 covering X-Ray Equipment installed in the Tuberculosis Hospital was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment and the funds required for this purpose obtained from the Federal Grant for the year 1946 as authorized by the Honorable Minister of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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ACCOUNTS APPRAISAL OF GELLER PROPERTY

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date an account was submitted from Melvin S. Clark for the sum of \$100.00 covering services rendered in connection with the arbitration of the Geller Property.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment and the funds required for this purpose provided as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS APPRAISAL OF SOUTH BARRACKS PROPERTY

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date accounts were submitted from Gordon A. Gladwin and Melvin S. Clark amounting to the sum of \$100.00 each covering services rendered in connection with the appraising of the property known as 'South Barracks.'

Your Committee recommends that the accounts be approved for payment and the funds required for this purpose borrowed under the provisions of Section 332 A of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the City requires money for the purpose of paying accounts for the appraisal of the property known as the 'South Barracks' and no funds have been provided in the estimates for the aforesaid purpose.

AND WHEREAS Section 332A of the City Charter as enacted in Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1932 authorizes the City to borrow for such a purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED that an amount not exceeding \$200.00 be borrowed from any bank or fund available under the provisions of the said enactment.

The money so borrowed with interest thereon shall be included in the estimates for the Civic Year 1948.

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

ACCOUNT NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending for payment an account in favour of the Navy League of Canada amounting to \$4,250.00 covering equipment taken over by the Forum was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment and the funds required for this purpose provided from the Post War Rehab-

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Illitiation Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

CITY OWNED LAND

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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 a Special Committee appointed to make recommendations respecting the disposition of City owned property was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of this Committee respecting the securing of legislation to permit the City to sell land having its square foot area not greater than 7,500 square feet in the same manner that land was sold which was acquired by tax sale.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Gentlemen:-

At the last meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Dumaresq and myself were appointed to go over the list of property acquired at tax sale and designate what lands the City will require for its future needs, having in mind the Master Plan and also to recommend what action should be taken in respect to the disposal of the remainder.

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Several meetings were held and in the course of our examination we discovered three pieces of land which had been acquired by the City for a definite purpose but which were no longer needed for that purpose. As legislation is required to sell this land and if there may be other land of similar character which we have not discovered, it is recommended that legislation be obtained to permit the City to sell land having its square foot area not greater than 7,500 square feet in the same manner that land was sold which was acquired by tax sale.

We have discussed with the heads of several departments their future needs in so far as land is required and when we gather the information from them we would be in a position to make definite recommendations as to the balance of the land the City owns and which has been acquired by either purchase or tax sale.

This of course means that in the meantime no sale be made of any City owned land.

Yours respectfully,

J. F. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR.

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

HOSTEL BUSINESS TAX

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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 taxes assessed against Service Hostels was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 10, 1947.

Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

February 13, 1947.

In December 1946 I submitted to you a list of taxes assessed against Service Hostels for the year 1946 with the usual request that these charges be written off. Through an error the following account was omitted.

Canadian Legion War Services-603 Barrington
Street,

Account number 30090-4-----\$42.00

I respectfully request that this be added to the previous list and written off under authority of Chapter 56, Section 52, sub-section 3 of the Acts of 1941 and Chapter 51, Section 6 of the Acts of 1942.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

Moved by Alderman Hofterman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SEWER & WATER EXTENSIONS CONNAUGHT AVENUE

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

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

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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His Worship the Mayor
And Members of the Finance & Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held February 5, 1947 a report from the Commissioner of Works in connection with Sewer and Water extension on Connaught Avenue immediately south of Chebucto Road was considered.

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On Motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Doyle the report was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per. W. G. Todd.

February 5, 1947.

SEWER AND WATER EXTENSIONS - CONNAUGHT AVE.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

An application has been received from Butler Bros. requesting the extension of sewer and water services for five lots on the eastern side of Connaught Avenue, immediately south of Chebucto Road.

The length of the sewer required is about two hundred and twenty-five feet (225') and the estimated cost Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00). The estimated assessment is about Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350.00). The reason for this low assessment is that a sewer was constructed some years ago to serve the west side of Connaught Avenue, near this intersection.

The estimated cost to extend the water, which would not only serve these lots, but eliminate the existing dead end, is about Twenty-Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), and the estimated annual deficit was calculated at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for which the City must guarantee.

I would therefore recommend that the applicant's request be granted and that sewer and water be laid for these five lots.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

SEWER AND WATER EXTENSIONS ROBIE STREET

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

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

Gentlemen:-

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

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation with the City assuming liability for the annual deficit involved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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His Worship the Mayor
And Members of the Finance & Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 5, 1947 a report from the Commissioner of Works recommending extension of sewer and water on the southern end of Robie Street and Roxton Road was considered.

On motion of Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Doyle the report was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per. W. G. Todd.

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SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION - ROBIE ST. AND ROXTON RD.

His Worship the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

An application has been received from the owners of eight lots at the southern end of Robie Street requesting sewer and water facilities.

The total length of the sewer, including Roxton Road, is about eight hundred and fifty (850') feet, and the estimated cost Seventy-Three Hundred Dollars, (\$7300.00). The estimated assessment would be Thirty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$3500.00).

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The Public Service Commission have made an estimate to extend the water main from Inglis Street on Robie Street, for a distance of thirteen hundred and fifty feet (1350') to cost about Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) and an annual deficit of Three Hundred and Sixty-One Dollars (\$361.00).

I would therefore recommend that this extension be laid.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

PURCHASE OF SNOW PLOW

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending the purchase of one snow plough for the removal of snow from sidewalks was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 6, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor
And Members of the Finance & Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held February 5, 1947, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works entitled "Estimate of Cost of Snow Removal" from sidewalks was considered.

The Committee concurred with a suggestion of His Worship the Mayor that one plow should be purchased

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to undertake removal of snow from the sidewalks on an experimental basis only.

On motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was decided to recommend to the Finance & Executive Committee that funds be provided for the purpose of purchasing one snow plow until necessary for this experiment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 17, 1947.

REPORT- ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF SNOW REMOVAL.

His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

On January 8th, 1943, a report on the removal of snow from sidewalks was submitted to the Committee on Works but since that time conditions have changed and on this account it has become necessary to revise the estimate.

There are approximately 110 miles of streets in the City, 10 of which have not sidewalks and about 10 miles comprising walks in the commercial areas and government tax exempted property. There is approximately 190 miles of sidewalks to be plowed.

Our present ordinance sets a limit of two hours in which the householder is expected to clear the sidewalk in front of his or her property after a fall of snow which occurs before 4 P.M. in the day or until 10 A.M. for snow falls which occur between 4 P.M. and 8 A.M.

The period for the removal of snow, as at present, is too short a time as it would place a heavy obligation on the City. I am using a five-hour period as the basis for this estimate. Taking the average working speed of a plow at 3 miles per hour, it would require approximately 65 tractor hours to plow the City streets, or 13 tractors at five hours. By extending the time for ploughing, the City could do the work with 12 tractors of which we have two at the present time.

It will not be necessary to hire this many additional tractor drivers as the City carries about half the number required to handle this equipment whenever necessary or in an emergency. The time for these men will be charged only to sidewalk snow removal when they are engaged in such work.

From the data given, I would submit the following estimate:

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to undertake removal of snow from the sidewalks on an experimental basis only.

On motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was decided to recommend to the Finance & Executive Committee that funds be provided for the purpose of purchasing one snow plow until necessary for this experiment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 17, 1947.

REPORT- ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF SNOW REMOVAL.

His Worship the Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

On January 8th, 1943, a report on the removal of snow from sidewalks was submitted to the Committee on Works but since that time conditions have changed and on this account it has become necessary to revise the estimate.

There are approximately 110 miles of streets in the City, 10 of which have not sidewalks and about 10 miles comprising walks in the commercial areas and government tax exempted property. There is approximately 190 miles of sidewalks to be plowed.

Our present ordinance sets a limit of two hours in which the householder is expected to clear the sidewalk in front of his or her property after a fall of snow which occurs before 4 P.M. in the day or until 10 A.M. for snow falls which occur between 4 P.M. and 8 A.M.

The period for the removal of snow, as at present, is too short a time as it would place a heavy obligation on the City. I am using a five-hour period as the basis for this estimate. Taking the average working speed of a plow at 3 miles per hour, it would require approximately 65 tractor hours to plow the City streets, or 13 tractors at five hours. By extending the time for ploughing, the City could do the work with 12 tractors of which we have two at the present time.

It will not be necessary to hire this many additional tractor drivers as the City carries about half the number required to handle this equipment whenever necessary or in an emergency. The time for these men will be charged only to sidewalk snow removal when they are engaged in such work.

From the data given, I would submit the following estimate:

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FIRST COST.

10 plough units(plow and tractor) equipped with lights etc. \$23,000:00

OPERATION

6 part time operators - 100 hours --

50 hours	• \$.75¢	per hour	\$375.00
25 hours	• \$ 1.12¢	per hour	281.25
25 hours	• \$ 1.50	per hour	375.00
			<u>\$1035.00</u>

6 additional operators 4 mos. 4,035.00
• \$125.00 3000.00

GASOLINE & OIL ETC.

Based on 12 plowings per season

Gasoline	\$300.00	
Oil	150.00	
Grease etc.	50.00	
	<u>500.00</u>	500.00

PLUS

10 % miscellaneous and repairs (based on gasoline and operation charges) 50.00

10% set aside each year for depreciation and replacement on original investment of \$23,000.00 2,300.00

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed with the understanding that tenders will be called for this piece of equipment.

PURCHASE TAX LEDGER CARDS

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Finance recommending the purchase from S. G. Micklewright, District Manager, Seeley

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Systems Limited of Toronto, of 12 to 14 Cardwheels @ \$95.00 each for use in the City Collector's Office was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

REFUND SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Finance advising that Mr. John M. Griffin had terminated his service with the City and is requesting that the sum of \$136.72 contributed by him to the new superannuation plan be refunded to him was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the sum mentioned above be refunded to Mr. Griffin.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive

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Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance respecting the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$600,000.00 under the provisions of Section 332 of the City Charter was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 10, 1947.

Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

Under the provision 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 furnish our current account through the months of March and April. Section 332 limits such borrowing to thirty per cent of the taxes of the year.

I recommend that authority be granted to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada a sum not to exceed \$600,000.00 to be borrowed in such amounts as may from time to time be required.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
Commissioner of Finance.

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

REFUNDING LOAN

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

February 13, 1947.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance respecting the refunding of a loan made in January 1940 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 10, 1947.

Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

In January 1940 the City issued a 3½% Serial Debenture Loan amounting to \$275,000.00. During the next six years \$126,000.00 of this amount was paid off leaving a balance of \$149,000.00 that became due and payable on January 2nd, 1947 and these Debentures have been or will be charged to our Current Bank Account.

It was apparently the intention of the City in 1940 to include \$6,000.00 of this amount in the estimates of 1947 and refund the balance of \$143,000.00 covering the following services:

Water Extension - - - - -	\$ 20,000.
Street Paving - - - - -	73,800.
Sidewalks - - - - -	20,500.
Morris Street Widening - - - - -	28,700.
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	\$143,000.

I have discussed this with Mr. C. L. Beazley, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and he agrees that this amount should be refunded and paid off in ten yearly installments. I would therefore recommend to your Committee that the necessary legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislative to enable the City to borrow this amount for the purpose of repaying the Current Bank Account.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
Commissioner of Finance.

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

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TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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 transferring sums from surplus appropriations
to supplement appropriations that proved to be insuf-
ficient for the year 1946 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter
be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

Authority of the Finance and Executive Com-
mittee and City Council is required under provision
of Section 6, subsection C of Chapter 46 of the Acts
of 1944 to provide sums from surplus appropriations to
supplement the following appropriations that proved
insufficient to meet their requirements for the year
1946.

School Board	\$12,000.00
Public Gardens	116.88
Library	13.53
Mayor's Contingent	7,437.00
Recreation Committee	1,197.00
Civic Elections	961.61
Salaries	1,016.02
Printing and Stationery	2,417.93
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	\$25,160.17

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
Commissioner of Finance.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by
Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion
passed unanimously the Aldermen listed as being present

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at this meeting were in their seats and voted.

RESOLUTION H.M.C. DOCKYARD UNION

His Worship the Mayor: "Regarding the lay off at the Dockyard, I telegraphed G. B. Isnor and Brooke Claxton on the matter. This Union would like the support of the Council on the resolution to Ottawa. I feel we should support this."

It was agreed to hear delegates from the Union.

Mr. G. A. Smith then addressed the Council as follows: "I want to thank you for giving me an opportunity to be heard and to discuss this problem before your body. 1600 workers are faced with a lay-off in the Dockyard. I called Mr. MacDonald of the Unemployment Insurance Commission and he had 200 carpenters listed for benefits. We found that about 50 were not listed with the Commission. That is a serious situation. The only people Mr. MacDonald said that could be placed were stenographers and possibly a few clerks. There are all classes of workers affected excepting brick layers. This is a serious situation, not only for the workers involved but for the merchants and citizens of Halifax. It involves \$3,000,000.00 that will not come to the City. We feel that with the backing of this Council something can be done that will help the situation. There has to be some lay-off; that is expected but this is very drastic coming at this time of the year. The lives of these people are affected by this lay-off. That is one of the great troubles today; that is insecurity. The only thing the Government can offer is to transfer our people to other Provinces. I ask you to help us all you can and try to have something done for us."

8:30 P. M. Alderman Coffin arrives and takes his seat in Council.

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Read resolution as follows:

February 12, 1947.

To His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

We the representatives of the Affiliated Trades & Labour Unions Council, H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax, N. S., A.F. of L., respectfully submit to your Council the following Resolution for your consideration.

Whereas in H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax, N. S., there is a lay-off of 1800 Employees between now and March 31, 1947, and whereas already this Province has 15,000 unemployed, and already some of our citizens have been forced to go to Ontario to work in Mines and like occupations showing a surplus of work in Ontario.

Be it resolved that a fair share of Ships' Repair Work be diverted from other points here to keep up employment.

In H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax, we have a Plant modernly equipped to take care of any Ships' Repairs Work. If Ontario and other points have surplus work they do not need this work as badly as we do.

We respectfully ask your Council to adopt and support this Resolution and to prevail upon the Provincial Cabinet of Nova Scotia to do likewise.

E. J. Tobin,
Recording Secretary.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the resolution as presented be endorsed by the City Council and every means within the power of the Council be used to eliminate this tragic lay-off.

Alderman Lloyd: "I think that something stronger should be made. I was surprised to hear that 200 carpenters were out of work. The planning during the war years by the Government was to bring about public works programs to offset such conditions as these. That was one plan of reconstruction. I think the Government should be reminded that we expect that policy to go into effect in Halifax. They have it and I think they

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should put it into operation."

Alderman Burgess: "This Council should also send a letter along the lines of what Alderman Lloyd has said."

The motion was then put and passed.

8:30 P. M. Council adjourned to the Mayor's Office.

9:25 P. M. Council reconvened the following members being present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, Lloyd, McDonald, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

HOUSING

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 13, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council held on the above date the matter of making available for housing purposes a section of land on the west side of Connaught Avenue between Chebucto and Bayers Roads was considered and on motion of Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Doyle the following resolution was recommended to Council.

R E S O L U T I O N

It is recommended that the City Council instruct the City Engineer to immediately survey the land on the west side of Connaught Avenue between Chebucto and Bayers Roads, for the purpose of determining the most economical method of providing water and sewer service to the said land.

It is further recommended that the City Engineer provide the City Council with estimates of the costs of his recommendations on or before Monday February

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Finally it is recommended that on receipt of the Engineer's report a meeting of the City Council be immediately convened to consider the same and the disposition of the land in question for housing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Breen
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
Lloyd
McDonald
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Sullivan.

Mr. J. K. Bell then addressed the Council respecting the lay-off at the Dockyard as follows:-
"We are not asking City Council to grant charity to any workers. With the development of our Navy it has not been ascertained whether or not the Warrior or Magnificent is to be stationed here. Admiralty parts are being made abroad and we contend that the machine shop here could be used for the making of these parts. We have been hollering for a Coast Guard. We feel that the Navy should be used for the protection of the Merchant ships until the Coast Guard is established. I would like to conclude with a vote of thanks to this Council for agreeing to set up a special committee which would meet with representatives of the Trade Union

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movement as well as representatives of the Provincial Government so we could find out how many men are needed for the Dockyard. The Council of Vancouver through their action was successful in going ahead and getting contracts to the extent of \$12,000,000.00 for ship repairs on that coast. A Committee appointed by the Council could pay off in big dividends to the City of Halifax. We thank the Council for their interest shown on behalf of our problem."

Alderman Lloyd: "I have suggested that the Government's plan of rehabilitation is public works and the conditions in Halifax are such that they should look fully into the use of the yard. If they don't then you will have to go after them more vigorously. Their plans do contemplate taking hold of areas where we have large sections of unemployment. All we need to do is to remind them of this and ask them to implement their program."

His Worship the Mayor: "I feel we should act now before the lay-off takes place. I feel it would strengthen the claims of the men if we appointed a committee to meet with the Government."

His Worship the Mayor then nominated Aldermen Sullivan, Lloyd and DeWolf as the Committee to meet with the Provincial Government.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

Mr. MacLean: "I would like to second the motion on a vote of thanks to the Council on behalf of organized labor."

Mr. MacDougall: "I am sure that you Your Worship and your members of Council have not been caught sleeping in this matter of full employment at the Dockyard. Some-

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times interviews are given to the press which do not represent the exact conditions. I am here trying to add my voice to see that maximum employment for everyone will be retained in His Majesty's Dockyard. The payroll means a lot to everyone in the City. Last year hourly paid employees' payroll was \$4,800,000.00; for civil servants \$1,200,000.00, making a total for civilian personnel of \$6,000,000.00. That was our payroll for civil servants and hourly paid employees in the Dockyard. We had a very large reduction in our staff during the last 14 months. I want to give you the figures. Laid off during the last 14 months 1850 hourly paid employees; civil servants left or dismissed over 800 making during the last 14 months a lay-off of 2650. There is no one here who can question that because they are the facts. Today our hourly paid employees are 2450. In 1945 it was 4300. Civic service in 1945 was 1900; today it is 600. I am not saying that people should be employed when there is no work for them. We must come to the cruel conclusion that we must have a lay-off there. I want to pay credit to you Your Worship for the efforts you have already made and Minister Connolly. You have both been energetic. I am glad to be able to say that you have done excellent. and the Minister of Industries too. We are citizens of the Province of Nova Scotia and as citizens I ask you that we may solicit the support of your Council and the Provincial Government to see that full employment is maintained in the Dockyard. Thank you."

EXPLOSION AND RIOT CLAIMS

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

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the City Solicitor respecting the matter of explosion and riot claims was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter of the City Solicitor be approved and he requested to take the matter of the portion ~~disallowed~~ up with the Right Honourable J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Justice and that copies of his letter be sent to Mr. B. G. McIntyre, the Comptroller of the Treasury and to Gordon B. Isnor, Esq., M.P.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 6, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:

I have been discussing with Mr. Newsam, the Administrator of Halifax Explosion and Disorder Claims, the effect of the Privy Council Order authorizing the settlement of the claims and the matters which fell within the terms of this Order.

In connection with the Police and Fire Departments, I understand that the claim for damage to the Police Patrol car has been settled but certain other items were in the hands of another adjuster, and have now come under consideration. Certain of these items have been approved but others, which are considered "consequential loss" and not provided for in the governing Order-in-Council, have been deleted. These items are as follows:

Purchase of extra batons and straps	100.10
Meals for police officers and prisoners	400.68
Paper cases and cartage of debris, ins. etc.	80.00
Labour cleaning streets	1,064.14
Rental of truck and wages of driver at no extra cost to City	98.50
Expenses re Royal Commission	1,500.00
Fee of Special counsel for City	338.80
Copies of evidence	

\$ 3,582.22

I would recommend that the City make a special

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claim for reimbursement for these items, excluding that for \$98.50, to the proper department at Ottawa. I am endeavouring to ascertain this department and will advise the department of the City which is instructed to follow up this matter of the proper source to whom to write. The item \$98.50 is really an interdepartmental charge between the Works Department and the Police Department.

As to the balance of the claim which has been approved, I would suggest that since it appears to be in conformity with the claim submitted that it should be accepted without prejudice to any of the City's rights to claim for the rights disallowed.

Since writing the foregoing it has been suggested to me that the matter be taken up with the Rt. Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Justice, as the portion of the claim referable to the Royal Commission of \$1838.80 is a matter in which the Department of Justice would be interested. The other items would normally be items of the Department of Finance and since Mr. Ilsley was the Minister of that Department at the time in question he would be familiar with this matter. I would also suggest that a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. B. G. McIntyre, the Comptroller of the Treasury.

I would also urge that this matter be expedited, for the reason that the authority to pay any of these claims might be withdrawn at the end of the fiscal year, which is March 31st.

If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

P. S. I am attaching hereto the claim as approved.

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

TAX APPEALS

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive

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Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the Chairman of the Court of Tax Appeals respecting the matter of appeals from persons dissatisfied with their 1946 and 1947 assessments, who had failed to appeal in time was read.

It was agreed that the letter should be forwarded to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

February 10, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with the request of your Committee, approved by the City Council, the Court of Tax Appeals decided to hear the appeals from all those persons dissatisfied with their 1946 and 1947 assessments who had failed to appeal in time. A week's notice was given and at the end of that time fifteen appeals were filed.

One of these appeals, filed out of time, it was found had a right to appeal, because of illness. One of the others was withdrawn before being heard. The remaining thirteen were heard.

A full investigation was held into these cases, including an inspection of the properties. In all of these cases it was considered that the valuation fixed by the Assessor was not excessive nor out of line with the valuation placed on similar properties in similar locations.

If the valuations of these properties were based on present day values, they were all undervalued, but it is the understanding of the Court that the Assessor uses as a basis for valuation the values existing in 1939, as representing a normal period, and the valuations placed upon the properties in question were, in the opinion of the Court, not inconsistent with 1939 values.

It is true that in most cases land values were increased but in no case did the resulting value per lot - considering that underground services have been installed - appear to be too high.

A common misunderstanding as to the basis of assessment has frequently come before the Court. I refer to the belief, held by many, that the assessed value should be some fraction of the "actual value." This is not provided for in the Charter, which requires real property to be assessed "at its actual value" and not at any fraction of it. It was found that when the matter was explained the appellants in many cases were satisfied

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CHAIRMAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS.

FILED.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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
Railway Association of Canada respecting the matter
of Daylight Saving Time was considered.

Your Committee recommends that Daylight
Saving Time be observed in the City of Halifax from
12:01 a.m. Sunday April 27, 1947 until 12:01 a.m.
Sunday September 28, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

MARGERINE

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive
Committee held on the above date a resolution res-
pecting the matter of the manufacture and sale of
Margerine, which was referred to this Committee by
the City Council was considered.

Your Committee is returning same to Council
without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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R E S O L U T I O N

W H E R E A S at the present time the butter shortage in Canada is so great that butter ration coupons are not always honored.

AND WHEREAS it is indicated that this condition will get worse and that the butter ration may have to be decreased.

AND WHEREAS it is well known that it will be a long time before butter will be so plentiful that people may buy all they wish.

AND WHEREAS it is felt that in view of the shortage of butter, that a substitute for butter should be made available to the Canadian people.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Town Council of North Sydney urge the Government of Canada to so amend the law, as to allow margarine to be manufactured, imported into, and sold in Canada.

Alderman Lloyd: "I understand that margarine is an excellent substitute for butter and it can be made available and I don't see any reason why we should not endorse the resolution."

His Worship the Mayor: "I feel we should look into it."

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that we endorse the resolution of the North Sydney Town Council.

Alderman Adams: "The paper said that the materials were not available to make this."

Alderman Breen: "You have to import the material to make this. It is made out of vegetable oils."

The Motion was put and passed eight voting for the same and four against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Adams
Lloyd
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Breen
Hosterman
Coffin
McDonald

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GRANTS (ST. JOHN AMBULANCE & CANADIAN AID TO CHINA)

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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 appeals for financial
assistance were considered from the St. John Ambulance
Association and Canadian Aid to China.

Your Committee recommends that legislation
be obtained at the next session of the Legislature
enabling the City to contribute the sum of \$250.00
to the St. John Ambulance Association and the sum of
\$500.00 to the Canadian Aid to China.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF MARKET BUILDING

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 11/1947.

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
disposal of the Market Building was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the City Market Building be offered for sale.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Coffin: "We must provide an alternative site for a green market."

Alderman Sullivan: "I would like to know who the people are who use the stalls. Aren't they from outside and they are in competition with the Halifax merchants. I think it is unfair for the citizens of Halifax to be made provide accommodations for the people in the Province."

Alderman Lloyd: "The present building is an unsightly mess. It should be put in proper shape or torn down. I feel that the people who bring their products in here from the farms are just as entitled to receive the benefits from the land around Halifax. We should do everything in our power to assist them. Many stores have to import goods from Ontario and put them on their shelves. I do believe that many citizens derive an enjoyment in going to the Market and shopping in the stalls. Those people leave money in the City while they are here. To eliminate the market and not provide a green market would be a catastrophe. You must approach the sale with an idea that we provide a green market."

Alderman Breen: "You have no choice in the matter but to provide a green market."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is Alderman Breen in favor of a green market?"

Alderman Breen: "I definitely am."

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman

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Lloyd that the Committee on Works report back to the Council at the next regular meeting with a report as to a selected site and plans for a new green market. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE # 13

Read report of the Safety Committee as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
February 6, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date concurred in a report of the Cabs Committee recommending that Ordinance # 13 be amended to provide for increases in the Table of Rates and Fares as follows.

1. 50 cents drop for one passenger up to one mile.
2. 5 cents for each minute waiting time.
3. Hourly driving rates by arrangement with driver and passenger without meter \$4.00 per hour,

and also that the compulsory insurance as contained in Ordinance #13 be enforced as of May 1st, 1947 when taxi licenses are renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENT

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 13, respecting the Regulation of Vehicles Transporting Passengers for Hire, made as a By-law under the authority of Section 228 of the Motor Vehicle Act, is amended by striking out the "Second Schedule" thereto setting out the Table of Rates or Fares and substituting therefor the following:

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SECOND SCHEDULE

TABLE OF RATES OR FARES.

50 cents drop for one passenger up to one mile.
10 cents for each additional passenger.
5 cents for each one-fifth mile for distances over one mile.
5 cents for each minute of waiting time.
No charge shall be made for the hand baggage or parcels of any passenger.
No trunks shall be carried by any motor-drawn vehicle licensed under this Ordinance outside such vehicle unless securely retained upon a properly constituted carrier approved by the Committee.
Children under five years of age free when accompanied by an adult.
Five minutes grace allowed on pickups.
Hourly driving rates by arrangement with driver and passenger without meter - - - \$4.00 per hour.
Special rates for the conveyance of children to or from school may be made by private arrangement with the owner or driver of the motor-drawn vehicle.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the amendment as set out above be now read and passed and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his approval. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 3, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date approved and recommended for payment the following accounts:

The Canadian Laundry Machinery Company Limited	\$224.15
Howards Limited	540.59

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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ACCOUNTS INSTALLING EQUIPMENT T.B.HOSPITAL

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

Halifax, N. S.
February 3, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee
at a meeting held on the above date approved and
recommended for payment accounts in connection with
the installation of equipment in the Tuberculosis
Hospital as follows:-

Foundation Maritime Limited \$904.81

C. A. Fowler & Company 21.72

The funds required for this purpose to be
obtained as authorized by the Department of Municipal
Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alder-
man Sullivan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

DISPUTED ACCOUNT T. B. HOSPITAL CONTRACT

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 3, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at
a meeting held on the above date considered the
matter of a claim of the Foundation Maritime Limited
for the sum of \$3,722.15 in addition to their contract
for the construction of an addition to the Tuberculosis
Hospital because of encountering rock during the
excavating.

After conferring with C. B. Smith, Esq., K.C.,
and Mr. Woolcombe of the Foundation Maritime Limited
and on the advice of Mr. Fowler, the Architect and C.
P. Bethune, Esq., K.C., City Solicitor, your Committee
recommends that the matter be referred to a Board of
Arbitration as provided by Clause 14 in the specifications

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which form part of the agreement between the Contractor and the City dated March 31, A.D., 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SCALE OF CHARGES MAINTENANCE AT CITY HOME

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 3, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered a report from Mr. Ettinger of the City Home recommending that the Maintenance Charges of the City Home be revised to the following scale.

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|----------------------------|--------|-----|-----|
| 1. Outside Municipalities | \$1.50 | per | day |
| 2. Province of Nova Scotia | 1.50 | " | " |
| 3. City Cases | 1.00 | " | " |

Your Committee recommends that this scale be approved and the City Solicitor requested to prepare any agreements necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

RECLASSIFICATION MISS MCKAY

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

Halifax, N. S.,
December 2, 1946.

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

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date the Commissioner of Health recommended that Miss Ruth MacKay who is employed at the Tuberculosis Hospital be reclassified as X-Ray Technician and paid a salary at the rate of \$1,560.00 per annum as from January 1, 1947.

This recommendation was concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALARY PRACTICAL NURSES

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 3, 1947.

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, Mr. Ettinger of the City Home reported that during the month of November last, an adjustment of \$10.00 per month was made in the salary of Female Attendants only, although it was intended to include Practical Nurses.

Mr. Ettinger asked that Practical Nurses be included in the report effective as from November 4, 1946 and the Committee approved of the request.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

QUESTIONS

Alderman Sullivan: "I had three or four calls from residents in Ward Six who are quite worried about the piece in the paper in respect to those Wartime Housing Houses being sold to individuals. They feel that there was a specific time on these and that at the

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end of that time they were to be removed. They feel that if these houses are sold that in a few years they will be allowed to deteriorate. They are not in any way permanently made. The Plumbing Code was violated as many times as I have fingers. We will have slums up there."

10:10 P. M. The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair while His Worship the Mayor addresses the Council from the floor as follows: "Two or three years ago when it was reported around that certain homes were to be built surrounded by a number of streets a petition was received by this Council protesting against the erection of a certain type of home. It was one of those Ottawa tricks and over-night plans were made to build the houses very close to those costly homes. We could not prevent that. The King can expropriate anywhere. Recently it was reported through the grapevine that Wartime Housing had planned to sell many of the homes. While in Ottawa Mr. McManus and myself discussed this matter with the President of Wartime Housing in Mr. Howe's Office. Mr. McManus can go along from here."

Mr. McManus: "At that time they said that they would take no action until they consulted the City and that was followed up by Gen. Young when it was agreed to make a survey of the houses West of Connolly Street. The houses east of Connolly up to Oxford Street are to be removed. The survey is to be taken to determine how many people would buy and who are prepared to put in concrete foundations."

10:15 P. M. His Worship the Mayor assumes the Chair.

Alderman Burgess: "I am not in favor of any of the houses staying there. I don't think the Government

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should enter into the Real Estate business. They will receive all the investment they made so why not take them all down. The north end is not made for a slum area. We take all the dirt and the dumps."

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that all these houses be taken down and that the Legal Department report on this. Motion passed.

Alderman Coffin: "There is something that the Cabs Committee could take up and that is the question of taxis at the Railway Station. When I arrived in the City I engaged a taxi and the operator was annoyed because he could not fill up his car. There should be some arrangement so that the taxi companies be notified when the trains are going to come in."

Alderman Burgess: "The City has no control of that. The Government allows the small number of taxis there and nobody else is allowed."

His Worship the Mayor: "We will send this to Sergeant McIsaac."

His Worship the Mayor: "I had a call from J. B. Hayes this afternoon. He suggested that we meet as soon as possible regarding the transportation matter and I told him I would endeavour to get you together. I would like you to name a suitable date tonight."

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Doyle that a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council be held on Monday, February 24th at 3:00 P. M. and Council at 4:00. Motion passed.

SOUTH BARRACKS

His Worship the Mayor: "Regarding the South Barracks Agreement I objected to the date listed as March 1st and suggested that it be advanced to March 31st. Does that meet with your approval?"

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Council agreed to this.

Alderman Coffin: "Does that agreement make provision for egress to Hastings Street."

His Worship the Mayor: "No that is not there."

Alderman Coffin: "I understand they need that."

His Worship the Mayor: "The other objection I had was that there was a clause that it was to be satisfactory to the City Solicitor so I had that changed to the Committee on Works."

Council agreed to this.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the matter of execution of the agreement be left to the Mayor's judgment.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Adams
Breen
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Hosterman
Lloyd
McDonald
Moriarty
Sullivan
Walker

AGAINST IT

Alderman Doyle

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Alderman Lloyd: "I received a call from three residents in the area of Churchill Drive. There were some Aldermen out there today and I would like to know what their opinion is with respect to the changes. The area is in a rather deplorable state now and the mud conditions are extremely bad."

Alderman Sullivan: "We were only to Joseph Street"

Alderman Lloyd: "There is a property there and I understand that these people are very anxious to re-acquire the property and they submitted a tender."

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His Worship the Mayor: "That is right."

Alderman Lloyd: "I hope that these people will be given every consideration. I also understand that the City straightened out street lines with the result that the property has been moved. I don't think the City can recover all its cost. Other residents of the street were very much disturbed because of the condition of the streets."

Alderman DeWolf: "Alderman Sullivan and myself were out there in regard to the Master Plan. We inspected the place and we would like to report to you the price. Do you wish to suggest to these people that they may have it?"

Alderman Lloyd: "The former owners should be given every consideration. I think every effort should be made to meet their request."

Alderman Sullivan: "There were three tenders for that property and the Committee thought the tenders were too low. We went out to see what the property was worth. It was our intention to report to the Committee on Works. The price is somewhere between the last offer and the price the City paid."

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 6, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 5th, 1947 the following accounts amounting to more than \$500.00 were considered:-

Department of Highways & Public Works	\$2,611.50
Jack & Company Limited	1,375.00

These accounts were approved and recommended to City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

ACCOUNTS RECREATION COMMITTEE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 10, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re accounts of the Recreation Committee, amounting to \$3,225.11 were presented to the meeting of the Committee on Works held February 7th, 1947, for approval.

On motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, the report was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

ACCOUNT NEW BOILER PUBLIC GARDENS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

February 6, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held February 5, 1947 a report was submitted by the Commissioner of Works in connection with the contract of J. J. Hines & Company for supplying and installing a boiler in the Public Gardens Greenhouse. The amount of the contract was \$978.00 and this price was increased by an amount of \$57.00 from the time the order was placed.

On motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council payment of the additional amount to the contractor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER, CITY CLERK.
Per W. G. Todd.

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

DISPUTED ACCOUNT BOILER HOUSE CITY HOME

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 6, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held February 5, 1947 the attached letters were read in connection with the differences arising out of the contract for the Central Heating Plant at the City Home.

On motion of Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Breen, the Committee recommended to City Council that the differences be referred to Arbitration and that Ira P. Macnab, M. E. of Halifax be appointed to represent the City on this Board of Arbitration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.
Per W. G. Todd.

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

OVERHANGING SIGNS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 6, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held February 5, 1947 considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated February 3, 1947, on applications to erect illuminated signs in front of their places of business as follows:-

M. Karas Limited	- 287-289 Barrington Street
Harry Gorden	- 384 Barrington Street
Nova Rug Limited	- 577 Barrington Street
Mutual Auto Body Works	- 13 Brunswick Street
Sherwin-Williams Company	- 80 Sackville Street
George Seto	- Young at Isleville Street
Progress Stores	- Buckingham at Barrington

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On motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Breen, the report was approved and it was recommended to City Council the leases referred to be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.
Per W. G. Todd.

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

TENDERS ALTERATIONS POLICE QUARTERS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 10, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held February 5, 1947 three tenders were received for Ventilation, Plumbing, Metal lockers, etc. for the Halifax Police Station.

At the adjourned meeting of the Committee held Tuesday evening, February 7th, a fourth tender which had been mis-directed was placed before the meeting.

The tenders received were as follows:-

The Gillis Company Ltd.-	
To supply and installation 5 jail cells-	\$2080.00
To supply and installation 9 lockers	- 143.00
D. A. Cummings Ltd.	
Ventilation - Police Station	- 1850.00
W. H. Noonan	
To supply and installation 5 jail cells-	2193.00
R. R. Power	
To supply and delivering 9 lockers	- 141.00

On motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, the Committee accepted of the lowest tenders, namely,
The Gillis Company - 5 Jail Cells - \$2080.00
D. A. Cummings Ltd., - Ventilation - \$1850.00, and
R. R. Power - 9 lockers - \$141.00 and recommend same to City Council.

The funds required for this purpose to be

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obtained as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.
Per W. G. Todd.

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

PURCHASE OF LAND FROM C.N.R.

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 6, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor
And Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held February 5, 1947, the Commissioner of Works submitted a report on the purchase of two small pieces of land from the Canadian National Railways for the sum of \$133.00.

One piece of land is needed for street widening purposes south of Bellevue Avenue and the other is a triangular strip of land at Horsefield.

On motion of Alderman Doyle and seconded by Alderman Walker the report was approved and it was recommended that City Council authorize the purchase of these two parcels of land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.
Per W. G. Todd.

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

PURCHASE OF LAND FROM B.J. VAUGHAN

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re purchase of land from B. J. Vaughan on the east side of Prescott Street, for the sum of \$1.00, was presented to the Board of Works at a meeting held on Friday, February 7th, 1947, by the City Solicitor.

On motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Doyle, the Committee decided to recommend to City Council purchase of the land for the sum of \$1.00 and that the City seek authority for the cancellation of the assessment and charge if the offer is accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.
Per W. G. Todd.

January 28, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:

Several years ago the City was considering acquiring from Bernard J. Vaughan a strip of land 244 feet long and 13 feet wide, lying on the east side of Prescott Street between the property of the City used for the Reservoir and Prescott Street. At that time there was a suggestion that an exchange of land be made with Mr. Vaughan but this did not come about. Mr. Vaughan has now made an offer of this strip of land to the City for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and I would recommend that this be accepted. I have been in touch with Mr. Doane, of the Public Service Commission, and it is his feeling that the City should own this strip of land. It is of considerable value to the City as it provides access to Prescott Street and is of little or no value to anybody else due to its restricted width.

I wish to point out that in 1946 a sewer was laid along this land for the distance of 205 feet. The list was filed January 24, 1947, and the charges amount to \$512.50. Under the circumstances of this matter, however, I assume that you will wish to seek authority for the cancellation of this assessment and charge, if the City accepts Mr. Vaughan's offer.

I would appreciate your directions in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

DIVISION OF C. A. FOWLER PROPERTY

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 6, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor
And Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 5, 1947, the attached letter from C. A. Fowler notifying the Committee he intends to apply to the legislature to divide his property at the corner of Bloomingdale Terrace and Norwood Street was read.

On motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Doyle, the report was approved and it was recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

DEED OF PROPERTY SOLD TO MRS. CONRAD

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 10, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on February 7th. 1947, considered a report from the City Solicitor re quit claim deed sought by Mrs. Lillian Conrad, in connection with property on Queen Street.

Mrs. Conrad is seeking a quit claim deed for all property sold to her by resolution passed at a meeting of City Council, October 17th. 1946, for the sum of \$122.40. Later it was found that the City had no title to approximately one-third of the property sold. The Solicitor saw no objection to

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granting the quit claim deed.

On motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was decided to recommend to City Council the quit claim deed be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.
Per W. G. Todd.

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

MacLEOD PROPERTY N. W. ARM

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 10, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached letter from J. R. Machum, General Manager of the General Trust & Executor Corporation, re lands Fleming Park, was read at a meeting of the Committee on Works held Friday evening, February 7th 1947.

On motion of Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was decided to forward this letter to City Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.
Per W. G. Todd.

Alderman Coffin: "How does the price compare with the appraised value?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The appraisal is \$46,300.00 and we are asked to pay \$75,000.00."

Read letter from the Manager of the General Trust and Executor Corporation requesting the City Council take action in the matter of acquiring this property.

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Alderman Coffin: "Could we expropriate it. I would not be willing to support \$75,000.00 with an appraisal of \$46,000.00 but I would support expropriation."

The letter from the appraisers was then read.

Alderman Lloyd: "I feel like suggesting expropriation. I feel that the forward part of the land is extremely valuable to the City but that the price is not in line. The very nature of the property suggests to me that that kind of land might well encourage the favorable kind of dwellings that you don't want on the North West Arm. We haven't any zoning regulations yet. I agree with those that the price is too high. If you were able to sit down with the owner and review the appraisal that has been given, the Committee might come out with a counter offer to Mr. MacLeod. If he did not agree to that then we could proceed with expropriation. I think that is the fair way to do it."

Alderman Breen: "What is the district outside of the City that we control by the Town Planning Act, is it two or three miles?"

Alderman Lloyd then read the section as contained in the Act.

Alderman Lloyd: "Suppose the County sets up its own Town Planning Board then there will be a clash. I feel that there is great danger that the property will be sold and you still won't have control over the use of the land."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Walker that a committee be appointed to meet with the owners in an effort to determine a price which in the opinion of the Committee would be acceptable to the City Council and report back. Motion put and passed with Alderman Breen wishing to be recorded against.

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His Worship the Mayor then named the following Committee to act in this respect.

Alderman Coffin
Lloyd
Doyle
DeWolf.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Breen wishing to be recorded against.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND BRIDGES STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 10, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

A report re expropriation Frank E. Smith property, Bridges Street was presented to a meeting of the Committee on Works held on Friday, February 7, 1947 by the City Solicitor.

The Committee was informed the amount asked for the land expropriated was \$2,000.00 which amount was not unreasonable taking into consideration the costs incidental to expropriation and the present market price of land.

The Committee approved the report and decided to forward it to City Council with the recommendation that the price of \$2,000.00 be accepted for the purchase of the land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

PER W. G. Todd.

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

BLASTING ORDINANCE

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

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His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Ordinances relative to blasting and quarrying in the City of Halifax were considered at a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on Tuesday evening February 7th, 1947.

The Committee recommended to City Council that a second reading be deferred for one month.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

STORE 91 CUNARD STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 10, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held February 5, 1947 an application of J. H. Morris for permission to operate a grocery store at 91 Cunard Street was reconsidered.

On motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, the application was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

SEWER EXTENSION KEMPT ROAD

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on February 7, 1947, the application of B. J. Vaughan for sewer and water extension in his sub-division in Ward Six was considered.

According to the report dated July 8th, 1946 submitted to the Committee by the Commissioner of Works, the estimated cost of the proposed sewer extension amounted to \$58,970.00, including sewer extension on Kempt Road, \$48,000.00, Cabot Street \$4,200.00, Merkle Street, \$3,550.00 and a new street, \$3,200.00. The same report recommended that water extensions be made at the same time.

On motion of Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker, the Committee decided to recommend the extension of sewer on Kempt Road provided that development of "Strawberry Hill" is undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

CONTROL OF TRAFFIC ON MILLER STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 10, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held Tuesday, February 7th, 1947, considered the report of traffic control on Miller Street referred to them by City Council on January 16th, 1947.

As directed by Council, the Committee considered the question "What is meant by a half-ton truck?"

Alderman Breen submitted a report from George C. Fox, Chief of Police, and it was agreed by the Committee that trucks in excess of one-half ton net weight, be not allowed on Miller Street with the exception of fuel and grocery trucks, no other trucks will be allowed without a permit.

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On motion of Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Moriarty, the report of the Chief of Police was approved and recommended to City Council.

Alderman Doyle and Alderman Walker were recorded as being against the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

Alderman Coffin: "There is one exception; a man told me that he was held up three quarters of an hour by the shunting of trains. We should be fair in all cases."

Alderman Walker: "Was it a half ton truck? May be a man who has a passenger car could not go into the Park."

Alderman Breen: "He can use Tower Road."

Alderman Sullivan: "I have had various objections to that. I believe that Clarence Street was closed when this....."

Alderman Breen: "I rise to a point of order, the discussion is on the motion as to the weight of the truck."

Alderman Lloyd: "How about a man wanting to haul lumber?"

Alderman Breen: "He can get a permit from the Chief of Police."

Alderman Lloyd: "If I want to haul a load of gravel from Pier B, can I do it?"

City Solicitor: "It can be refused."

Mr. Judge of Judges' Transportation was present in the Council Chamber, and addressed the Council as follows: "As regards a half-ton truck. A half-ton truck

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net does not exist. Another thing is that it gives the grocery man a chance. It seems unfair that a street that is paid for and kept up by tax payers should be closed by a half dozen tax payers. There has been very little cost on that street since 1935. The main objection was that trucks on Young Avenue might run over children. Why was Miller Street built? I think it is very unfair to the truckmen."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is there such a thing as a half-ton registered?"

Mr. Judge: "No sir. The lightest truck will weigh around 2,000 to 2,500 lab. Also the Fire Apparatus is prohibited unless they get a permit from the Chief of Police. The weight question should be clarified and Clarence Street opened up."

Alderman Lloyd: "That was my contention before. The truckman is held up by shunting."

His Worship the Mayor: "We can see the National Harbours Board to get Clarence Street opened up."

Mr. Judge: "Suppose there is a train wreck?"

Alderman Breen: "This whole discussion is out of order."

Alderman Lloyd: "A compromise for the time being would be to allow the trucks to come up Miller Street to Tower Road until you solve the problem of Clarence Street."

Alderman Moriarty: "All of this is out of order. Speaking about this, I don't know what happened to South Street."

Mr. Judge: "Did you ever think about the heavy grade?"

Alderman Moriarty: "Yes. I have lived in the South End for 56 years. There is Queen Street and Bar-

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rington Street up to Spring Garden Road, I heard Tower Road referred to. A gravel truck was proceeding up Tower Road and had a very serious accident with a boy on his way from school. At that time residents came to me to try to get gravel trucks to go some other way."

His Worship the Mayor: "Would everyone be satisfied if I talked with Mr. Hendry and then have a get together later on the weight of the truck?"

Alderman Breen: "The residents down there want some relief during their life-time. They built their property in a highly restricted residential area at a certain cost. I guess I am being blamed in being the prime mover to stop traffic on Miller Street. I think everyone knows where the request came from, from Young Avenue."

Alderman Lloyd: "I like to have my street free from heavy traffic. During the war they were going up and down the street and they are still going up there. We have talked about a major artery up through Lady Hammond Road for trucking. I am all in sympathy with the residents of Young Avenue and Tower Road. I want to get it clear that Alderman Breen is carrying out a petition of the residents on Young Avenue. I think a tunnel should be constructed under the railway tracks."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will get in touch with Mr. Hendry and Mr. Chevrier."

The matter was then deferred and the motion not put.

BUILDING PERMITS

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

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

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held February 12, 1947, considered a progress report from the Town Planning Engineer, J. Philip Dumaresq, with reference to the orderly development of the official Town Plan.

On motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Breen, the following resolution was recommended to City Council:

"That no permits be granted for buildings of a commercial nature in any portion of the City excepting those portions now definitely defined for commercial purposes until such time that definitely defined areas may be decided upon by the Town Planning Board and that legislative authority be sought to confirm this action."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

LETTER JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HALIFAX RE GRANT HALIFAX
CHILDRENS' LIBRARY

Read letter from the above Organization expressing its appreciation for the City's grant towards the Childrens' Library.

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF JANUARY 1947

Service Year	Reserves	O/S Bals. Dec. 31/46.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	January Collect- ions.	O/S Balances January 31, 1947
44-45	\$10,480.62	\$ 45,846.32	Cr. 475.48	\$ 2,753.74	\$ 42,617.10
45	22,311.34	112,738.76	Cr. 332.91	7,138.92	105,266.93
46	43,189.89	242,285.01	Dr. 21,754.64	21,312.40	242,727.25
		400,870.09	Dr. 20,946.25	31,205.06	390,611.28

All Taxes

43-44	24,794.66			115.90	24,678.76
44-45	6,942.34	Dr.	10.00	326.07	6,626.27
45	4,813.36	Dr.	3.30	1,031.82	3,784.84
46	17,393.25	Dr.	12.15	1,706.46	15,698.94

Additional Collections		1947	1946
Tax Arrears 1925-26 to 1943-44		1,141.30	4,940.73
Corresponding Period Last Year			
Collections as per statement above		31,205.06	32,477.61
Corresponding Period Last Year			
Total for Month.....		32,346.36	37,418.34
Collection Poll Taxes Jan. 1/47 to Jan. 31/47		3,369.29	3,220.07
Corresponding Period Last Year			

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Hagell,
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

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SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE

Read letter from Civic Union #143 requesting that a meeting of the Superannuation Committee be held in order to finalize the Superannuation Plan.

His Worship the Mayor called the meeting for Wednesday, February 26, 1947 at 3:00 P. M.

TRANSFER OF ASSETS WATER DEPT.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this matter be deferred. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE SURVEY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this matter be deferred. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned. 11:35 P. M.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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CITY CLERK.

M O R N I N G S E S S I O N
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 24, 1947,
11.45 A. 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 DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Coffin, Adams, Lloyd, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Report Comm. Whole Council re Transit System Agreement.
2. " " " " Vocational School.

TRANSIT SYSTEM AGREEMENT

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 18, 1947

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of a Committee of the Whole City Council held on the above date the proposed agreement between the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited and the City of Halifax respecting the matter of providing a transit system within the City of Halifax was considered. The following representatives of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited being present: J. McG. Stewart, Esq., K. C., Messrs. J. C. MacKeen, J. B. Hayes and C. J. Hayes.

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Several amendments to the agreement were suggested and agreed to and on motion, the agreement as amended was recommended to the City Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Lloyd: "Since the last meeting I have reviewed the proposal in detail and I find that the only way I could fully express my views was to put it in writing. I have a document to read which would take about half an hour and in view of the lateness of the hour, I think it would be advisable to defer this for a few days. I have taken an active part in opposition to this agreement. I think in fairness to the Aldermen and to me that this complex and involved issue can only be finally settled after all the facts are examined. To do that in half an hour would be extremely difficult. I would suggest that you defer consideration for a few days".

Alderman Coffin: "I am one of those who voted in favor of this the other day and there is nothing I have heard to change my mind to date. I do want to make one remark about an editorial which appeared in the Halifax Mail on February 19th after our meeting last week. I have never entered into any altercations with the press since I have been here. I have tried to serve this City in an honest way and I want to put on the record my objection to inflammatory editorials of that nature at a time when this transit problem is being dealt with. The headlines were "trolley contract will cut City net income \$40,000.00". Subject to the new information in Alderman Lloyd's brief I feel the

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figures submitted in that article would not cost the City \$40,000.00 at all because it included paving charges which we would have to accept in any event. It also said that we refused to allow the people to be able to speak. If you want a plebiscite, let's have it. If the press is going to help the Council in this problem, they should give the facts on both sides so that when the time comes, the people could vote intelligently and not use a list of figures which can be juggled as they wish".

Alderman Hosterman: "I would like to express myself whole heartedly with what Alderman Coffin has said. I am still in favor of a plebiscite and always have been. It is desirable to hold this when the tax payers have sufficient facts for it. I vote today as I did in the Committee of the Whole. I have been canvassing in my own Ward through Associations and business men and I find that the majority are in favor of what we did at the Committee of the Whole Council. They do not want the City to take over. I think the quote from the Mail was very unfair and I am glad to see that their contemporary refrained from it".

His Worship the Mayor: "I think each Alderman is doing right. I have full confidence in any decision that the Aldermen will make that it will be in the best interests of everyone".

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Coffin that in view of the submission of a brief, and that all briefs must be studied, that this matter be deferred and that copies of the brief be made available to all members of Council and the press. Motion passed unanimously.

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VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

Halifax, N. S.,
February 18, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of a Committee of the
Whole Council held on the above date a letter from
the City Solicitor respecting the matter of an
agreement between the Province of Nova Scotia, City
of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality
of Halifax County in connection with the proposed
Vocational High School was read.

It was agreed to recommend that the
Mayor and City Clerk execute the agreement on behalf
of the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman
Sullivan that the report be approved and the Mayor
and City Clerk authorized to sign the agreement on
behalf of the City. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned.

12.00 Noon.

J. E. Ahern,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 28, 1947,
8:10 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 Moriarty, DeWolf, Breen, Coffin, Adams, Lloyd, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

The meeting was called specially to finalize the estimates for the Civic Year 1947.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Burgess that Council adjourn to the Mayor's Office. Motion passed.

8:15 P. M. The members of the Council met in private in the Mayor's Office.

9:15 P. M. Council reconvened the following members being present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Coffin, Adams, Lloyd, Doyle, Walker and Sullivan.

His Worship the Mayor then read the following statement:

February 28, 1947.

Members, City Council,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Aldermen:

We gather tonight to finalize our Budget for 1947. I wish first to thank you for your devotion to duty, and inform you that I am most grateful for your cooperation during the past ten months.

Every member of the Council has worked hard to

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keep down expenses, spending long nights in going over the Estimates submitted by the various Departments.

As your Mayor, it is my duty, as defined by Charter, to look carefully into the conduct of all Departments, and I too, have spent many hours at City Hall during which I explored all avenues of escape from an increased Tax Rate and of sources for new revenue.

I was greatly disturbed to learn that when the new Council took over last May, there were no reserves in the Treasury. All reserves, and no doubt, wisely, had been used to keep down the rate in 1946

The time has arrived when we must be realistic, when we must face the facts. I believe the City Council as presently constituted, is one of the best balanced Councils we have had in many years, and that no Alderman has shirked his duty, that no Alderman has endeavoured to place high financial burdens upon a few taxpayers.

When it was intimated to me a few weeks ago that absence of reserves, special War Grants, etc. etc. would eliminate the possibility of a lower rate or a rate equal to that of last year, I spent much time in search of new income.

The Tax Rate is being raised. It is not going up as much as we had feared, but I know this Council is ever mindful of the responsibilities to those few taxpayers who will have to carry a great burden.

The disturbing feature of this increase is that it provides only for the ordinary operating expenses of this City. It does not provide for the extensive modernization program which should be undertaken in Halifax.

Moreover, the increased rate which we are fixing this year will continue next year without adding anything substantial to the services or the facilities. But Halifax must be modernized. We all believe we should have better schools and more schools, better paving and more paving, and that other drastic advances will have to be made.

The question is: How are the People of Halifax going to pay for them? I believe we are reaching the stage where we cannot raise taxes much more without killing business and therefore our source of revenue. We can look for new revenue sources, and I suggest these:

1. The City should seek to encourage business to locate here to provide employment and to broaden the tax bases, thereby preventing an increase in the taxes on present business.

2. The City should continue to press for until it obtains taxes on both Provincial and Federal Government properties which are used to serve the Province or the Dominion as a whole.

3. The City should continue to press for full taxation on all Government Businesses--The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission, The Canadian National Railways, and others.

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4. The City, which has paid \$1,200,000 in Provincial Highways Taxes since 1920, with a return of only half the cost of paving the Dutch Village Road, should receive its just share of the Highways Tax, The Motor Vehicle and the Gasoline Taxes, as are all other towns and cities in Nova Scotia.

5. The Province should contribute to the City much more substantial sums for educational services than at present. It should undertake payments which have been or are about to be instituted in other Canadian Provinces.

6. The City Council should submit to the taxpayers in a Plebiscite the question of acquiring the Electric and Transit Utilities and operating them under Independent Management. I believe that the present grave need of additional Civic Revenue without increasing taxes makes it vitally important that the City explore this source of income used successfully by many other Cities and that the tax-payers should make the decision. This should be done promptly, I believe, so that Council may be guided in its plans for this year and next.

These, I believe, are constructive suggestions. They are alternatives to higher taxation than I think the Citizens of Halifax should be asked to bear without examining and using every other possible source of Civic Income. You may have other suggestions to add to these - and I hope that you have - - but I felt bound to offer these to you in view of the obligations laid upon me by the City Charter, my oath of office and desire to improve the City of Halifax.

The situation, as I have no need to point out to you because you are familiar with every detail -- the situation is most serious, and it calls, I believe, for your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

J. E. AHERN
MAYOR

CITY OF HALIFAX
ESTIMATES FOR CIVIC YEAR 1947
ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CIVIC YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947, AS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 28, 1947.

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS	1947	INCREASE	DECREASE	1946
A. Joint Estimates Municipality of Halifax.	\$ 38,558.17	\$ 648.92		\$ 37,909.25
A1. Municipal School Fund	99,540.06			99,540.06
B Public Schools	1,161,790.66	56,691.55		1,105,099.11
C City Home	68,895.00	5,366.86		63,528.14
C1 N. S. Hospital	8,000.00	2,000.00		6,000.00
D Bleeming Park	5,000.00			5,000.00
E Public Gardens and Commons	29,000.00	3,000.00		26,000.00
F Point Pleasant Park	14,500.00	7,500.00		7,000.00
G Library	7,316.00	800.00		6,516.00
H Health Board	34,866.66	1,049.68		33,816.98
I D. Hospital	27,416.00		25.00	27,441.00
T B. Hospital	120,600.00	40,943.13		79,656.87

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I	Co-Operative Health	\$ 71,657.99	\$	3,489.31
	Welfare Department	5,932.00	5,932.00	\$ 75,147.30
I	Superannuations	62,055.54		67,139.57
J	City Grants & Sundries	235,741.79	3,402.98	235,338.81
K	Short Term Debentures and Interest			506.06
L	Interest on Consolidated Fund 1880	26,250.00		26,250.00
M	Interest on Consolidated Fund 1905	332,995.38	75,000.00	257,995.38
N	Sinking Fund Require- ments	22,968.40		74,182.10
O	Interest and Instalments Serial Debentures	187,905.38	24,072.80	163,832.58
		<u>\$2,560,989.03</u>	<u>\$226,407.92</u>	<u>\$ 60,318.10</u>
				<u>\$2,394,899.21</u>

GENERAL ASSESSMENTS

P	Police Department	\$ 269,665.72	23,784.94		245,880.78
	Police Supplementary	5,457.31	1,215.33		4,241.98
Q	Prison	40,655.48	178.82		40,476.66
R	City Works Department	611,252.61	58,009.95		553,242.66
R	Recreation Committee	16,454.00	4,454.00		12,000.00
S	Fire Department	281,385.29	18,346.44		263,038.85
	Fire Alarm System	15,075.13	399.13		14,676.00
T	Miscellaneous	101,700.00	25,950.00		75,750.00
U	Salaries	224,816.70	53,037.62		171,779.08
		<u>\$1,566,562.24</u>	<u>\$185,376.23</u>		<u>\$1,381,086.01</u>
V	Less Estimated Income	363,850.74	278,132.94		641,983.68
		<u>\$1,202,611.50</u>	<u>\$463,509.17</u>		<u>\$ 739,102.33</u>
	Total General Assessment	2,560,989.03	226,407.92	\$ 60,318.10	2,394,899.21
	Total Extra Assessment				
		<u>\$3,763,600.53</u>	<u>\$689,917.09</u>	<u>\$ 60,318.10</u>	<u>\$3,134,001.54</u>
	Add Provision for Short Collection	56,454.00	11,290.91		45,163.09
		<u>\$3,820,054.53</u>	<u>\$701,208.00</u>	<u>\$ 60,318.10</u>	<u>\$3,179,164.63</u>
	Less Unexpended Balance	5,000.00			5,000.00
	Less Estimated Poll Tax	75,000.00			75,000.00
		<u>\$3,740,054.53</u>	<u>\$701,208.00</u>	<u>\$ 60,318.10</u>	<u>\$3,099,164.63</u>
	Civic Year 1947	3,099,164.63	60,318.10		
	Previous Year				
		<u>\$ 640,889.90</u>	<u>640,889.90</u>		

INCREASE

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the budget as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee be approved by this Council.

Alderman DeWolf: "I think the business tax will have an effect of stopping new business from coming to the City."

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Alderman Walker: "Is this advance in taxes caused by the building of schools in different places where there is supposed to be people going away from now on?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think so. I think the School Board will go easy on expenditures."

Alderman DeWolf: "New schools have no bearing on this year's tax rate."

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that we seek legislation to the effect that any new money not now estimated for that we be allowed to make a refund to the tax payers in this year's business to \$5.25.

Alderman DeWolf: "Taking properties of a productive nature whether operated by the Federal Government or sponsored by the Government, I would like to see a diplomatic commission appointed to recover this money. There is the National Harbour Board with \$11,000,000.00 should have paid at \$5.25 a total of \$577,500.00, the C. N. R. should have paid \$210,000.00, the Wartime Housing Ltd. with an assessment of \$2,380,000.00 should have paid the same as anybody else a sum of \$94,950.00 instead of an arbitrary sum of \$30,000.00. There is the Halifax Relief Commission with assessments of \$1,129,200.00 who should have paid a sum of \$45,658.00 at \$5.25 instead of an arbitrary sum. The total amount for those productive properties is the sum of \$928,000.00 per year which will take care of our increased cost. The Relief Commission has been operating for the last 30 years on an arbitrary sum. I think they have the money. They got the money to provide pensions for the blind so that \$813,000.00 is the sum they did not pay. If the money is available, I would like to see us get it. I would like to see the tax payers get the difference of \$5.25."

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Alderman Sullivan: "I don't think Alderman DeWolf is trying to cloud the issue. Everybody realizes that the tax rate is up and if the City of Halifax were treated fairly the rate would not be struck where it is going to be struck tonight. He has said there is 3928,000.00 to get."

Alderman Lloyd: "I am opposed to that motion. If you had figures it would be sound but in the absence of figures we would not know where we would land. I would be much happier in speaking about rebates if you thought about the residential property owners. I see no point of giving a rebate to the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited, the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited, Henry Birks & Sons, Halifax Shipyards Limited, Moirs and so on."

Alderman DeWolf: "And John Brown. There are quite a few of these fellows."

Alderman Lloyd: "I feel you should have some tangible evidence of this money coming. I have recommended to this Council that we should move on these before. The Dominion-Provincial Conference may pay several millions of dollars into the hands of the Provincial Treasury and they should pay some money for education costs. The Province says that some help will be forth-coming. To give this money back after you have assessed for your needs is not sound financing. You are saying to the tax payers that we are going to take \$6.82 from you and if we collect money we will give it back to you. These funds are needed to build the Library, to tear out the slums, new traffic arteries and facilities which this City lacks. For the best part of 7 or 8 years I have been doing my utmost to obtain monies from the sources mentioned. I have been on three occasions to Ottawa endeavouring to obtain funds from

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them in lieu of exempted Federal Government property. Mr. Ilsley told the Committee in 1940, or thereabouts, that the City of Halifax should put its house in order first and I presume he meant the ownership of utilities and improved administration."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Did the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited make a rebate?"

Alderman Lloyd: "They were under pressure by the Public Utility Board. If you want to give this rebate, you should get legislation in the House to deal with the present tax structure of the City of Halifax. You will have the same problem in 1948. You must get legislation this Spring in order to make it effective in 1948. I submit that we have to do something on this. I think you Your Worship have hit the high light in your proclamation to the

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Council. We must do something on it. I am sick and tired of making recommendations. The balance sheet shows \$540,000.00 in reserves but the City is faced with setting up a fund for Superannuation. We have agreed that the surplus should not be used. With regard to the motion I would like to say this; I think it is reasonable that the Federal Government when it settles its problem with the Province and they do come to an agreement with the Province, that you should receive a substantial portion along with the rest of the Municipalities of this Province. Therefore, you can expect something from that when it is finalized. You should receive something like \$900,000.00 on Federal Government properties. Long lines of attacks have been made. The C. N. R. tax case, I think the Justice Department should say you are entitled to equity the same as the rest of Canada. I think you should either go through the estimates and pair them if you think the rate is too high or let it ride."

Alderman Walker: "Is there any amount in this budget for extra salaries?"

His Worship the Mayor: "\$5,000.00 I think. Teachers get something like \$45,000.00. The Council would be wise in specifying where this money should go. I will inform the Council that I will veto the attempt to increase the salary of some officials. That \$5,000.00 will be employed by the 18 or 19 employees."

Mr. Bellew: "Each Committee will deal with their own."

Alderman Walker: "That should not be in there at all. This is no time for reclassifications. You have on your books that a Salary Committee be appointed to do this."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will name it tonight if you like."

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Moved by Alderman Walker that the \$5,000.00 be taken out of the budget for salaries.

There was no seconder to this motion.

Alderman Walker: "These should be ear-marked."

Alderman Lloyd: "Are we discussing the budget or Alderman DeWolf's motion? The Finance and Executive Committee knew that the Committee of the Whole Council met and made a series of recommendations for salary increases. We judged that those recommendations will require \$5,000.00. I think it would be unsound budgetting to take the \$5,000.00 out. You would have to review some 29 requests and the recommendations that were dealt with. Practically every Alderman in this Council had something to say about them. The Council has made the recommendations as a Committee of the Whole to the Council and we are committed to a \$5,000.00 expenditure which you must budget for. The Committees will be reviewing these."

Alderman Walker: "I thought this was going to the Finance and Executive Committee. I don't think this is right."

His Worship the Mayor: "Would you be satisfied if this was dealt with by the Committee of the Whole?"

Alderman Sullivan: "I think we should pass that those be sent to the Finance and Executive Committee to be looked over. I assume that the Finance and Executive Committee will scrutinize these."

Alderman Lloyd: "We recommended that these requests be dealt with by the representative committees and brought forward to the Council so we placed \$5,000.00 in the estimates."

Alderman Walker: "These just came up on the table. You are now giving these people raises after all."

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His Worship the Mayor: "We reached an agreement."

Alderman Moriarty: "\$5,000.00 is only 1½ points on the rate."

Alderman Lloyd: "The Finance and Executive Committee report should be given. There was something like \$11,000.00 taken out of the School Board estimates but we have specified certain items that we are not opposed to in principal but we felt that the money should be in the over all adjustments. There was an adjustment in the salary of the Assistant Supervisor or stenographer. We felt that those increases could be found elsewhere by economies in the budget. There were some other items reduced in other Departments. The matter of maintenance of the School Board estimates, we met with the Department of Municipal Affairs and we were able to earmark some \$31,000.00 as capital and have those transferred to the capital borrowings. We have arranged leeway for the completion of the rehabilitation of schools. We did take off \$5,000.00 for teachers salaries and we felt that that amount might be found by economies in the overall appropriation. We took off items in each of the other schedules in the estimate. We tried to find justification in all instances for the expenditures. Finally we made several reductions. Included in the budget were items for Police and Firemen. Alderman Walker has been a most outspoken man on the three platoon system and we have \$19,000.00 in there and I think it is unfair for the Alderman to talk about \$5,000.00 in there for salaries. There was some taken from the Hospitals, Health Department and Police with the result that we have come to the figures on the top page of the estimates. Then we had an informal discussion on this. In fairness to the members of the Finance and Executive Committee this report should be made."

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Alderman Walker: "I am not against the Firemen and Police getting this money. I want to know who this money is for before I vote for it. It might be put in there for friends."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the Firemen and Policemen are my friends also."

The motion to approve of the Estimates as submitted was put and passed 8 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Breen
Coffin
Adams
Lloyd
Doyle
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Walker

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RESOLUTION RE: ESTIMATES

Read the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$1,566,462.24 less probable income \$363,850.74 making a total \$1,202,611.50 and the extra assessment to \$2,560,989.03 as set out in the yearly estimates herewith submitted for 1947 making a total of \$3,763,600.53 plus for short collections \$56,454.00 making \$3,820,054.53 less estimated poll tax \$75,000.00 and \$5,000.00 from unexpended balances making a total of \$3,740,054.53 be confirmed and do now pass and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed and rated for the said sum of \$3,740,054.53.

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

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instruct him to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending December 31, 1947 on the basis of the said amount of \$3,740,054.53.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

Read the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the estimates as submitted by the Board of School Commissioners for the Civic Year 1947 amounting to \$1,063,663.95 be objected to in part and the Council hereby records its objections in respect of the following items and amounts.

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| 6. Janitors in the amount of | 697.00 |
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FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the estimates, as amended, be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners for its information.

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

His Worship the Mayor: "Teachers' salaries. That should be explained."

Alderman Lloyd: "They asked for \$93,000.00 and the School Board cut it to \$50,000.00 and we cut it to \$45,000.00. Regarding the Cost of Living Bonus; it should be

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placed in the record that the amount left in the estimates for adjustment of teachers' salaries is in lieu of the Cost of Living Bonus as equivalent to the City's adjustment. If the School Board decide to use this for a Cost of Living Bonus it should be on a par with the City Hall and not exceeding that."

The motion was then put and passed unanimously.

Alderman Goffin: "Alderman DeWolf's motion should be discussed when the legislation is dealt with. If Alderman DeWolf would give a Notice of Motion to this effect? I would rather have it in the form of a Notice of Motion. I don't think it is necessary to deal with this tonight as it is separate from the budget."

Alderman DeWolf: "My thought was that the \$5.25 was the maximum rate. This rate of \$6.82 is more than the business man can stand who has two or more properties. As long as it is in time for legislation I am satisfied."

Alderman DeWolf then put his motion in the form of a Notice of Motion for the next meeting of Council.

This was agreed to by Council.

Alderman Lloyd: "I am anxious to see the matter explored. I think there is something in it."

His Worship the Mayor: "You must be prepared to sit almost daily."

Alderman Breen: "It may be well that the tax payers in general know that the increased School budget for maintenance was perhaps responsible for 37 or 38 points in the rate. It may be more. I think it is a substantial increase."

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

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Meeting adjourned.

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J. E. Ahern,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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