

CITY OF HALIFAX

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

1948

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
JANUARY 15/48.
A G E N D A

Prayer.

Minutes.

Official Street Line (Cunard Street)

Accounts.

Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.

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| " | " | Tag Days. |
| " | " | Poll Tax Officer's Return. |
| " | " | Charge Re-laying Sewer Connection. |
| " | " | Old Dutch Church. |
| " | " | Borrowing Jr. High School Site. |
| " | " | Acquisition of Land School Board. |
| " | " | Advance Halifax Welfare Bureau. |
| " | " | Extension of Water to Africville. |
| " | " | Refund Superannuation Contributions
late R. Griffiths. |
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| " | " | Appointment to Court of Tax Appeals. |
| " | " | Schooling Non-Resident Children. |
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| " | " | Sale of Land. |
| " | " | Tenders for License Plates. |
| " | " | Memorial Public Library. |
| " | " | Final Certificate J. H. Leedham. |

Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.

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| " | " | Tenders for Fish. |
| " | " | Plastering T. B. Hospital. |
| " | " | Grant Halifax Council Social |

Agencies.

Report Safety Committee re Accounts over \$200.00.

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| " | " | Repairs West Street Fire Station. |
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| " | " | Fire Station West End. |
| " | " | Fire Alarm Service Connection 500 Oxford St. |

Report Recreation Committee re Floodlighting Ball Diamonds.

Questions.

Report Comm. on Works re Accounts over \$500.00.

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| " | " | Final Certificates. |
| " | " | Tenders Equipment Duke Street Lighting. |
| " | " | Illuminated Signs. |
| " | " | Extension Lease to Miss Warner. |
| " | " | C.N.R. Pipe Line Privileges. |
| " | " | South Barracks & Auto Sales Co., Ltd. |
| " | " | Street Lighting Improvements. |
| " | " | Cost of Water to City. |
| " | " | Town Planning Regulations Hfx. Relief Comm. |
| " | " | Expropriation Cave Property Highland Ave. |
| " | " | Land Mulgrave Park School Area. |

Application for Wireman's License.

Report Chief Accountant re Appropriations.

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| " | " | Tax Collections Month of December. |
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9. Deferred Items

- (1) Sale Houses Edgewood-Ardmore Area.
- (2) Sale of Lots Wartime Housing Project #13.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1948,
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, Donovan, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, 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 Sullivan that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.

OFFICIAL STREET LINE (CUNARD STREET)

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

Advertisements were inserted in both Halifax newspapers in accordance with the Halifax City Charter giving notice that it is the intention of the City Council to relocate the official street lines of Cunard Street as shown on Section 13 of the Official City Plan.

The notice advised that the matter would be submitted to the City Council at a regular meeting to be held in the City Council Chamber on Thursday, January 15, at 8 P.M.

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 the City Council has considered the relocation of the official street line on the northern side of Cunard Street;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 551A of the City Charter public notice of the intention to vary such street line has been given by publication in at least two newspapers published in the City of Halifax for not less than two weeks prior to the 15th day of January, 1948, that being the day appointed by the Council to consider the matter;

AND WHEREAS the said notice stated the intention of the City Council to vary the said northern official street line, and the date of the meeting of the Council appointed for the consideration of the matter, and that the plan proposed to be altered and the proposed change thereof may be inspected at the Office of the Commissioner of Works at any time during office hours up to the day so appointed for the consideration of the matter as aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS the Council has considered the said matter and has determined to vary the said northern official street line in the manner set out on the said plan filed in the Office of the Commissioner of Works as Sheet Number 13 of the Official City Plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority in it vested by Section 551A of the City Charter as aforesaid, the Official City Plan of the City be amended by relocating the northern official line of Cunard Street in the manner shown on Sheet Number 13 on the Official Plan.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the northern official street line of Cunard Street so varied be so indicated on the Official Plan of the City and upon the copy thereof filed in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section 549 of the City Charter the Commissioner of Works do forthwith set up adequate bounds or monuments to mark the said

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northern official street line and make a record of the date of the setting up of such bounds or monuments and the location and nature of the same.

His Worship the Mayor questioned if there were any objectors present in the Council Chamber but there were none.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report and resolution be approved. Motion passed.

Alderman Breen arrives 8:15 P. M.

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 \$2,718.63; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$2,060.22 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$24,303.44 chargeable to Fire Department; \$24,009.99 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$32,038.77 chargeable to Health Department; \$20,013.67 chargeable to City Home and \$5,537.34 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$30,948.80; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$1,068.29; the Recreation Committee amounting to \$135.48; the Forum Commission amounting to \$44,102.11 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 following accounts were approved and recommended for payment.

The Department of Municipal Affairs.....\$ 1,443.49

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William Macnab & Son.....	\$ 512.46
Arthur & Conn Limited.....	7,615.75
Kinley's Limited.....	382.60
Maritime Engineering Consultants.....	1,319.28
Archibald Coal Co., Limited.....	353.27
John A. MacDonald.....	1,125.96
Safety Supply Company.....	200.50
War Assets Corporation.....	938.00
J. A. Moulton.....	2,379.74
Standard Paving Maritime Limited.....	485.73

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor objected to an account of the Canada Gunito Company Limited and it was agreed to defer same.

TAG DAYS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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:-

International Student Service, Dalhousie University, Saturday,
February 21, 1948.

Kiwanis Club of Halifax, Saturday, May 1, 1948.

The Kinsmen Club of Halifax, Saturday, September 18, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

POLL TAX OFFICER'S REPORT

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on

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the above date the attached report was submitted from the Poll Tax Officer covering Poll Tax Collections for the Civic Quarter year ending December 31, 1947 and same is forwarded to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

POLL TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CIVIC QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1947.

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>ARREARS</u>	<u>PEN. & INT.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	\$10,690.86	\$3892.71	\$1295.44	\$15,879.01
	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>PEN. & INT. 1947</u>	
Oct.	9628.06	8744.20	587.46	
Nov.	5313.83	3620.51	434.61	
Dec.	3022.92	2218.86	273.37	
	<u>17964.81</u>	<u>14583.57</u>	<u>1295.44</u>	
	TOTAL	1947		\$15,879.01
	TOTAL	1946		19,448.44
	DECREASE			3,569.43

COLLECTED BY STREET COLLECTORS

Mr. Rockwell		1690.00
Mr. Durrant		1307.00
Mr. Foley		792.00
Mr. Phillips		909.00
Mr. Frawley	(Part Time)	289.00
Mr. Yates	" "	303.00
Mr. Barrett	" "	131.00
Mr. Rising	" "	171.00
Mr. McDonald	" "	71.00
Mr. Poirier	" "	62.00
Mr. Duggan	" "	53.00
		<u>5778.00</u>
TOTAL		10101.01
PAID AT OFFICE		<u>15879.01</u>
TOTAL		

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FILED.

CHARGE RE-LAYING SEWER CONNECTION

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 was submitted from the Committee on Works

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recommending that an account for relaying the sewer in front of Mr. G. F. Horner's property on Quinpool Road amounting to the sum of \$261.57 be divided equally between the owner and the City.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

OLD DUTCH CHURCH

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 11th day of December 1947 respecting the matter of authorizing an expenditure from the Post War Fund of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of effecting certain improvements to the Old Dutch Church and property at the corner of Gerrish and Brunswick Streets was considered.

Your Committee approves of this procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

BORROWING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SITE

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 Board of School Commissioners for authorization for an expenditure of approximately \$25,000.00 required for the acquisition of properties in the vicinity of the proposed Junior High School was considered.

Your Committee recommends that application be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for authority to borrow the said sum and submits herewith a formal resolution for Council's approval.

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 by Section 8 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the said City such sum or sums of money as the City Council deems necessary for the purpose of acquiring, or purchasing or improving land for public schools, hospitals, public libraries, fire department, police office, lockups, prisons, city hall, city home, asylums for the harmless insane or other city purpose;

AND WHEREAS by said Section 8 of said The Municipal Affairs Act it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be so borrowed until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

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

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the City Council of the City of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of acquiring, or purchasing or improving land for public schools, hospitals, public libraries, fire department, police office, lockups, prisons, city hall, city home, asylums for the harmless insane or other city purpose, to wit: acquiring sites for Junior High School;

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to an amount not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) will be necessary to raise that sum;

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AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow from any bank, fund, person or account available such sums not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, the said sums to be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said The Municipal Affairs Act the said City do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the City the said sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid.

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the said amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

THAT the issue of said debentures be postponed and that the said City do under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 318B of the Halifax City Charter of 1931 borrow from the General Current Account a sum or sums of money not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

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

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report and resolution be approved. Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Donovan, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

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ACQUISITION OF LAND SCHOOL BOARD

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 Board of School Commissioners that steps be taken to secure for use as a High School Site properties at No. 117 and No. 119 Preston Street owned by one Stanley Roberts, which has been offered for the sum of \$8,200.00 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the properties be purchased and the funds required for same obtained as authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ADVANCE HALIFAX WELFARE BUREAU

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Health recommending that an advance in the amount of \$3,000.00 be made to the Halifax Welfare Bureau was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the advance be made under the authority of Chapter 70 Section 10 of the Acts of 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

EXTENSION OF WATER TO AFRICVILLE

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Public Service Commission respecting the matter of extending the water service to Africville was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the proposal contained in Paragraphs 5 and 6 of this report be approved with the City paying the annual deficit involved.

A formal resolution for authority to borrow the sum of \$20,000.00 required for this purpose is submitted herewith for Council's approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Sullivan: "Would it be better to have a Committee appointed to interview the citizens living out there and find out if that money could be spent in rehabilitating those people somewhere else? That property could be cleared in case some industry might want to go there. I am not suggesting that those people be moved against their wishes. Perhaps it would be better to rehabilitate those who were burned out, as a start."

Alderman Lloyd: "We could start with a view of acquiring those land areas. If they were willing to let their land go the City would compensate them."

Alderman Sullivan: "When Mr. Doane was Manager of the Public Service Commission he had submitted a plan that when the main came up Dutch Village Road it would come through Africville and join at North Barrington Street. If that were done you would not have to carry the water from Gottingen Street."

His Worship the Mayor: "Would you like me to appoint a Committee for the rehabilitation of these people?"

Alderman Burgess: "I don't think we should go another summer without having the water. I am in favor of having them shifted."

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this matter be deferred for one month, His Worship the Mayor appoint a Committee, a notice be put in the press notifying the residents of Africville of a public meeting and that they be heard to see what can be done. Motion passed.

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His Worship the Mayor then nominated the following to comprise the Committee: Aldermen Sullivan, Burgess and Lloyd. This was agreed to.

REFUND SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS LATE R. GRIFFITHS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 Mrs. Mary Winnifred Griffiths, widow of the late Richard Griffiths, former Superintendent of the Public Gardens, for consideration under the new Superannuation Plan of the City was considered.

On advice from the City Solicitor that there is no Superannuation scheme in effect that would cover this case, your Committee recommends that the claim of Mrs. Griffiths be not considered and the sum contributed to the new Superannuation Plan by her late husband be refunded to her.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Walker: "I would like to see some recognition granted to her. This should be deferred."

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this matter be deferred. Motion passed.

Alderman Burgess: "There are others I would like to mention. There is Mr. Fitzpatrick who has 38 years service. I would like to see legislation obtained to take care of this case. He can't work any more."

REFUND SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS MR. T. G. MURPHY

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 it was decided to recommend to Council that the sums contributed to the new Superannuation Plan by Mr. Thomas G. Murphy be refunded to him.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 15, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor then nominated the following to comprise the Committee: Aldermen Sullivan, Burgess and Lloyd. This was agreed to.

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January 13, 1948.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this matter be deferred. Motion passed.

Alderman Burgess: "There are others I would like to mention. There is Mr. Fitzpatrick who has 38 years service. I would like to see legislation obtained to take care of this case. He can't work any more."

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January 13, 1948.

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Members of the City Council.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

APPOINTMENT TO COURT OF TAX APPEALS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Solicitor advising that Mr. E. J. Fahie had resigned as a member of the Court of Tax Appeals and His Lordship, the Chief Justice had filled the vacancy by appointing Mr. William F. Healy of this City and same is forwarded to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

FILED.

SCHOOLING NON-RESIDENT CHILDREN

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 City Solicitor respecting the matter of a tax payer of the City being required to pay a fee to the School Board to cover his son's attendance at a City School, due to the fact that he resided outside the City was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Burgess: "I would like to see legislation to allow the man who pays a large tax to the City to send his children to the City Schools. He pays a large business tax."

Alderman DeWolf: "The business man is the man who has borne all the increased costs."

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that we review this matter and obtain legislation. Motion passed.

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FINAL REPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES COMPANY

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 City Solicitor submitted a copy of the Final Report of Engineering Service Company on the Halifax Water System dated December 31, 1947.

Your Committee recommends that the report be received.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

FILED

BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF FIXING THE TAX RATE

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 Commissioner of Finance respecting the borrowing from the Royal Bank of Canada of an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000.00 was considered and your Committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 9, 1948.

The Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

January 15, 1948.

Section 351 of the City Charter provides that:

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

For the purpose of providing the funds necessary to meet the expenditures defined in the preceding paragraph, in anticipation of the fixing of the tax rate for the civic year 1948, 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 \$1,000,000.00.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
Commissioner of Finance.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Donovan, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

DELEGATION HIGH FOOD PRICES AND MILK

A delegation was present in the Council Chamber representing the Halifax Housewives Association protesting the high prices for food and milk. Council agreed to permit their spokeswoman to address the Council.

Mrs. H. C. Meade then submitted and read two resolutions as follows:-

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: The cost of living has reached an all-time high, which is seriously undermining the standard of living of the majority of Halifax families, and forcing many families to reduce their food consumption to a level which threatens their basic health; and

WHEREAS: The two years of steadily climbing prices, since price ceilings were removed, have demonstrated that the only solution to the present critical situation is the re-imposition of price ceilings by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS: The Government has the full authority and ability to take this action; and

WHEREAS: Labor and consumer organizations in Halifax, as in other cities, have urgently and repeatedly requested the Government to re-impose price ceilings on basic foods at the level of prices in January, 1946; and

WHEREAS: The Halifax Housewives and Consumers Organization, in meeting assembled, has requested the Council of the City of Halifax to urge the re-establishment of price controls on foods, in the interests of all the citizens of Halifax; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this meeting of the Council of the City of Halifax does urge and request of the Federal Government that price ceilings on all basic food products be re-imposed at the price levels of January, 1946.

Submitted by: Halifax Housewives' & Consumers' Organization

Date: January 15, 1948

(Sgd.) M. B. Murphy - President

* Ethel H. Meade, - Secretary.

WHEREAS: The Provincial Director of Dairy Services has announced that sales of milk in Halifax have fallen off by 6,000 quarts a day since the latest price increase; and

WHEREAS: Milk is a food so vital to growing children that such a drop in consumption must be considered a serious social problem; and

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WHEREAS: The authority to control the price of milk rests now in the hands of the provinces; and

WHEREAS: An adequate supply of milk will be available to the Children of low-income families only if the price is reduced; and

WHEREAS: Labor and consumer organizations in Halifax have requested the Provincial Government to take whatever steps may be needed to reduce the price of milk; and

WHEREAS: The Halifax Housewives and Consumers Organization has requested the Council of the City of Halifax to urge such action by the Province; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this meeting of the Council of the City of Halifax does urge and request the Provincial Government to find the ways and means of reducing the price of milk so that it will be available in adequate amounts for all the children of the Province.

Submitted by: Halifax Housewives and Consumers Organization

Date: January 15, 1948.

(Sgd.) M. B. Murphy - President.

" Ethel H. Meade - Secretary.

Alderman Lloyd: "It would be pretty difficult for a City Council to analyze all the causes of what we all recognize as extremely exacting high prices in the cost of living. The cost of living in Canada has reached proportions that are very serious to low income groups. This is no issue between political parties."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Walker that the Provincial and Federal Authorities be requested to do something immediately about curtailing the constantly rising costs of food. Motion passed.

APPROPRIATIONS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on

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the above date the attached report from the Commissioner of Finance respecting the appropriations for the year 1947 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and for the information of Council, the Commissioner of Finance was requested to report on this matter to the next regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee giving full particulars as to the over-expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 13, 1948.

Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

Authority of the Finance and Executive Committee and City Council is required under provision of Section 316 sub-section 6 of the City Charter to provide sums from surplus Appropriations to supplement the following appropriations that have proved insufficient to date to meet their requirements for the year 1947. And if the surplus Appropriations are not sufficient it may be necessary to implement the following section of the City Charter which was approved by the Legislature in 1947 and reads as follows:

316B. In any case in which the City requires money for any purpose for which the City may lawfully expend money, but for which no appropriation has been made or for which the appropriation provided is insufficient, the City may expend such money for such purpose and shall show the same as an expenditure made by the City in the civic year in which the same is expended, and if such expenditure shall cause an operating deficit in such civic year such deficit shall be included in the estimates for the next ensuing civic year.

City Prison	\$ 1223.37
Recreation Committee	2160.75
Printing & Stationery	3918.46
Contingent	1648.72
Advertising	2448.23
Sundry Grants	36673.36
Civic Election	466.64
City Home	13144.69
T. B. Hospital	5927.14
Superannuations	9986.18

\$77597.54

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

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SALE OF LAND

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 Mr. W. A. Andrews offering to pay the sum of \$615.00 for a lot of land on the east side of Connaught Avenue.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF BELLEVUE PROPERTY

Read report of the special committee with respect to the sale of the Bellevue Property as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

A Special Committee appointed to consider the matter of the sale of the Bellevue properties submits herewith offers for the properties from the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company Limited and the Halifax Curling Club and recommends the acceptance of the offers as set out in these letters.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) Ralph Sullivan,
Chairman.

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

Alderman Sullivan then read the following brief:

Your Worship and Members of Council.

Gentlemen:

In moving the recommendation of your Special Committee, composed of Alderman DeWolf, Alderman Lloyd and myself, directed by Council to negotiate the sale of Bellevue land, I feel your Committee has

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accomplished one of the best, if not the best, financial transactions to the interests of the taxpayers of the City in many, many years. This Committee met with the officials of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co. Ltd. and of the Halifax Curling Club on Friday, January 9th, 1948. They discussed the price and terms of this sale.

The Halifax Curling Club offered a price of \$15,000.00, for land as stated in their letter, for approximately 26% of the total. They will immediately on receipt of deed start construction of a modern up-to-date rink and auditorium. This building will be so constructed that it will be usable all year round, supplying a present need of an auditorium, place for public meetings or entertainment, sport centre, etc. Also this building will be placed on the tax rolls, contributing a considerable amount in taxes. The cost of this building will be approximately \$200,000.00.

For the remaining portion of land the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co. Ltd. have offered \$74,000.00. They will erect 2 buildings on this property, both of Class "A" construction. The building fronting on Spring Garden Road will be kept well back from the street line and will be one of the most modern buildings in Canada. The architecture will compare with the finest building in Montreal, which is considered one of the finest in Canada. While costs are not available until plans are finalized, the price of \$2,500,000.00 has been mentioned; perhaps the cost will exceed this amount. This added to the tax roll will give a revenue of \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00, plus the number of business tax payers who will occupy space in the new building. It is to be constructed large enough so that approximately 50% will be rented for business and professional services.

The Department of National Defence now has a lease until 1951. It is the opinion of this Committee that it can be arranged to turn over that portion needed by the Curling Club so that construction can start in early spring. The building is to be ready in 1949, opening with the Dominion Bonspiel. This would be a fitting and worthy opening for both the Rink and City's Bicentennial Celebration.

We are very fortunate in moving this property at the present high level of prices. Should we have to hold this property until the present lease expires, nobody can predict what price, if any, we would get. We are also fortunate that both bidders are in need at the present time of property of this type and are in a financial position to finalize their proposed plans.

Finally, Your Worship, this is what we realize on the property, approximately:

Rink	\$15,000.	
Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd.	74,000.	
Dept. National Defence	18,000.	(3 year lease)
2 years taxes on Rink	8,000.	(1950, 1951 .)
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	\$115,000.	

Ralph V. Sullivan.

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His Worship the Mayor: "I have a letter of protest from the Halifax Infirmary against the rink being put there. I am sorry to say that I am not going to agree with them but we can cut down the noise on the street."

Alderman Donovan: "Wasn't it intended that as soon as Birmingham Street was paved traffic was to go up there?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I would like the Solicitor to place in the Agreement that those temporary shelters be turned over to the City of Halifax."

Alderman Sullivan: "The Committee talked that over. Either of the bidders are quite agreeable that the City could have what they want in them. Your Committee was very careful in committing themselves as to keeping those buildings. It is understood that if the City wants the buildings they can have them."

Alderman Lloyd: "The final decision was that the Curling Club would make an effort to clear it. Being a private agency they are not hampered like the Council with resolutions. As to the Infirmary that matter was actually talked over by the members of the Committee. The Committee felt that if there were any fear of undue noise it would be unfounded. I do believe that the City has a responsibility to keep the area quite."

His Worship the Mayor: "I feel the Committee has made a good deal for the City in the taxes that will be coming in."

Alderman Lloyd: "It seems to me that by selling anything we acquire from the Federal Government it is to cut down the 50% of tax exempt property. The sooner we move the greater the amount of savings we make."

Alderman Sullivan: "I think that some consideration should be given to when the lease expires in 1951 there will be a backlog of construction of two and one-half million dollars which will help the economic situation in Halifax."

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

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TENDERS FOR LICENSE PLATES

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 Dog Tags, License Plates etc., for the year 1948 for the sum of \$610.54.

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 proposed Memorial Public Library was discussed and it was agreed to recommend that a Committee be appointed to consider the matter and make recommendations respecting a Site, Plans for the Building, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Donovan suggested a committee from Council with the power to add to their number.

His Worship the Mayor then nominated the following to comprise the Committee: Aldermen Sullivan, Lloyd, Donovan, His Worship the Mayor and three citizens at large.

This was agreed to by Council.

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FINAL CERTIFICATE J. H. LEEDHAM

Halifax, N. S.
January 15, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works respecting the matter of a guarantee bond to be furnished by Mr. J. H. Leedham in connection with his contract for the construction of concrete sidewalks etc. and the payment of a final certificate amounting to \$19,045.08 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved the account paid and the guarantee bond accepted for a two year period.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached final certificate, amounting to \$19,045.08 in favor of J. H. Leedham and being final payment on his contract for the construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs, etc., was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on January 6th, 1948.

Under terms of the contract entered into with the City of Halifax, Mr. Leedham is required, before final payment is made, to furnish the City with a five year guarantee bond.

By letter Mr. Leedham has informed the City that due to the elements over which there is no control, the Bonding Company will not issue a guarantee bond for sidewalk construction for a five year period. They will, however, furnish a guarantee bond for a period of two years only.

In view of these circumstances, the Committee expressed its willingness to recommend to City Council that the Contract between J. H. Leedham and the City for the construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs, etc., be varied to provide for the furnishing of a guarantee bond for the period of two years instead of a bond covering five years as required by the original contract.

The Committee approved the payment of the certificate to Mr. Leedham in the amount of \$19,045.08 and decided to forward the same to the Finance and Executive Committee for their consideration and recommendation as to the bond and payment of the account.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

BORROWING TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.
January 15, 1948.

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 Commissioner of Finance respecting the matter of the appropriation of the Tuberculosis Hospital was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and an application made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for authority to borrow a sum not exceeding \$30,000.00 for the capital items enumerated in the said report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.
January 15, 1948.

Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

Following the suggestion advanced at the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on Tuesday, January 13th, I find on examination of the accounts of the Tuberculosis Hospital that \$2821.00 of their deficit was a result of plastering a wing in the old Hospital. There is also before City Council tonight a request for \$8,000. for replastering three wings and corridors of the old T. B. Hospital. In addition to the above, Dr. Morton advises me that the following amounts will be required:

Floor Tiling Old Hospital	\$ 3268.00
New X-Ray Tubes	1020.00
Balance required for New Boiler House and T. B. Annex	5600.00
New Paint Shop	4000.00
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	\$ 13888.00

This added to the \$2821.00 for plastering already completed and \$8000. for new plastering contemplated, amounts to \$24709.00. As all these items are of a Capital nature, I suggest that a formal borrowing resolution of \$30,000. be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Since I reported the T. B. Hospital overdraft Tuesday night of \$5927.14, additional orders have been presented bringing their deficit up to \$10,546.27. Deducting from \$10,546.27 the amount of plastering of \$2821.00 included in the proposed borrowing resolution

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it leaves a deficit of \$7724.30. On further examination I may find that some of these orders are really for the year 1948. While this overdraft is large it must be borne in mind that this is their first full year of operations and they ran into a market of rising prices and they were under the impression that they could spend their surplus revenue which I am given to understand will amount to some \$30,000.

I have since advised them that they should have submitted to the City Council a supplementary estimate of the items that they expected would cause a deficit and the surplus revenue should be ignored as it becomes part of the General Revenue of the City.

In the future it is my intention to remove from the Departmental Estimates all revenue items and set them up under a separate section. These items as they now appear in the budget are confusing under our present system.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

R E S O L U T I O N

W H E R E A S by Section 8 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia, 1945, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the said City such sum or sums of money as the City Council deems necessary for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for City purposes;

AND WHEREAS by said Section 8 of said The Municipal Affairs Act it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be so borrowed until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

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

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AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the City Council of the City of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for City purposes, to wit: floor tiling, new X-Ray tubes, new boiler, house and T. B. annex, paint shop, plaster wings and corridors;

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to an amount not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) will be necessary to raise that sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow from any bank, fund, person or account available such sums, not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, the said sums to be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said The Municipal Affairs Act the said City do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the City the said sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid.

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the said amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00);

THAT the issue of said debentures be postponed and that the said City do under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 318B of the Halifax City Charter of 1931 borrow from the General Current Account a sum or sums of money not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00);

THAT the said sum or sums be so borrowed for a period not exceeding nine months, with interest thereon to be paid at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per centum, and that the amount so

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borrowed together with the amount of any interest which may have accrued thereon be repaid the said General Current Account from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report and resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed. unanimately the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Donovan, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

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

Jas. Simmond's Limited	(City Prison)	\$2,166.78
J. H. Leedham	(T.B.Hospital)	296.13
T. O. Mountain	"	224.10
T. O. Mountain	"	429.60
J. & M. Murphy Limited	(I.D.Hospital)	231.31
Howards Limited	(T.B.Hospital)	1,231.51
J. A. Leaman & Co.Ltd.	"	1,008.25
Merck & Co. Limited	"	817.50
Union Coal Co. Limited	(City Home)	4,935.76
J. & M. Murphy Limited	"	773.91
J. A. Leaman & Co. Ltd.	"	1,222.28
Howards Limited	"	995.04
R. B. Colwell Limited	"	731.00
Canada Packer's Limited	"	454.32

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR FISH

Halifax, N. S.,
January 5, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee

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held on the above date tenders for the supply of Fish to the City Home and City Prison for a period of six months from January 16, 1948 were considered as follows:

Burns Fisheries Limited	\$2,368.50
Boutilier's Limited	2,917.00

Your Committee recommends that the tender of Burns Fisheries Limited be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

PLASTERING T. B. HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,
January 5, 1948.

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 was submitted from the Superintendent of Health advising that the first unit of the old wing of the Tuberculosis Hospital has been replastered at a cost of \$2,821.97 and recommending that the three remaining wards be completed on the same basis.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 5th, 1948.

Chairman and Members
Committee of Public
Health and Welfare.

Gentlemen:-

The first unit of the old wing at the Tuberculosis Hospital has been replastered, in addition to necessary carpenter work, at a cost of \$2,821.97.

The cost of replastering, including wages and supplies, was \$2,525.84, but essential carpenter work required brought the total cost, as stated, up to \$2,821.97.

Inspection shows that the work was efficiently carried out and when the tiling is laid, will make a decided improvement.

It is recommended that authority be obtained from the City

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Council to complete the three remaining Wards, on the same basis, at an estimated cost of \$8,000. or an average cost per unit of \$2,700, a decrease of \$365.91.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur C. Pettipas,
Supt. of Health & Hospitals.

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

GRANT HALIFAX COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES

Halifax, N. S.,
January 5, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date a request from the Halifax Council of Social Agencies for a grant of \$200.00 to defray the cost of a survey of chronically ill and aged persons in the City was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to make a grant of the sum of \$200.00 to the Halifax Council of Social Agencies for the purpose stated above.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

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:

Purdy Motors Limited covering a new car for the
Fire Department.....\$2,573.16

Clayton & Sons Ltd. for uniforms etc., for members
of the Police Department..... 2,425.75

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 15, 1948.

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

REPAIRS WEST STREET FIRE STATION

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

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 completing repairs undertaken to the West Street Fire Station was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$600.00 be provided from the appropriation of the Fire Department for the Civic Year 1947 to provide for additional repairs considered necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

DISPOSITION OF OLD CAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

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 Committee on Works recommending that a Plymouth Sedan formerly used by the Halifax Fire Department be transferred for the use of the Administrator of Emergency Shelter and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be provided from the funds of the Emergency Shelter Appropriation for same, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

FIRE STATION WEST END

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

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

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Chief of the Fire Department respecting the matter of a new fire station for the West end of the City was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendations of the Chief of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8th, 1948.

Chairman and Members of the
Committee on Safety.

Gentlemen:-

As an objection has been filed with your Committee against the erection of a fire station at the junction of Oxford, North St. and Chebucto Road, I am submitting three plans of fire stations, suitable for the site at Allen and Oxford Street.

It is estimated that the cost of a new station, complete, from any of the three plans would cost \$70,000.00.

I would make the following recommendations;

- 1st. That the City acquire the property at Allen and Oxford Streets.
- 2nd. That the Quinpool Road Fire Station be sold and that the proceeds from the sale be applied to the cost of the new station.
- 3rd. That Legislation be sought to borrow a sum of money, sufficient to make up the difference between the proceeds of the sale of Quinpool Road Station and the \$70,000.00 quoted for the erection of the new station.
- 4th. That the Commissioner of Works be authorized to engage the services of an architect to prepare plans and specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. MacGillivray,
Chief of Department.

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

FIRE ALARM SERVICE CONNECTION 500 OXFORD ST.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

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

January 15, 1948.

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the attached report from the City Electrician respecting the matter of an application from the Royal Print & Litho Ltd. at 500 Oxford Street for a service connection with the City Fire Alarm Telegraph System was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Electrician.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8th, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Safety Committee.

Sirs:-

In connection with attached application for a service connection with the City Fire Alarm Telegraph System from the Royal Print & Litho Ltd., 500 Oxford Street, I recommend the same be granted on the following conditions:

1. All costs connected with same be borne by the applicant.
2. All equipment be supplied by the applicant.
3. That all equipment used and installation of the same be approved by the City Electrician.
4. The applicant to obtain permission from the owners of the Fire Alarm network in the Wartime Housing area to connect to this existing system which is fed from the City's system.
5. The Royal Print & Litho to pay the prevailing service charge of \$36.00 annually to the City, or such service charge that may be determined by the City from time to time, or be subject to disconnection.
6. The City reserves the right to disconnect such service when it may consider it in their best interests to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. Durling,
City Electrician.

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

FLOODLIGHTING BALL DIAMONDS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 12, 1948.

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

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the above date the matter of floodlighting ball diamonds on the Commons was considered.

Your Committee recommends that authority be granted to have floodlights installed on the soft-ball diamond on the North Commons at the foot of Welsford Street for night ball and that the funds for same be provided from the Post War Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

QUESTIONS

Alderman Walker: "Have you (Your Worship) any answers to my questions about the Forum?"

His Worship the Mayor replied yes, here they are and handed them to Alderman Walker.

DRAIN AT UNDERPASS

Alderman Burgess: "The drain at the Underpass; is that done by the City?"

Mr. MacKinnon: "The Federal Government."

Alderman Burgess: "I think it was very poorly handled. They opened the worst part in the worst weather. Things have been tied up the whole winter. Cars have been damaged and citizens can't get in or out. I think something should be done about it. They should fill up the hole if they are not going to finish it."

Alderman Lloyd: "I got stuck there myself the day of the Africville Fire and I burned the clutch out of my car."

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. MacKinnon should look into it."

RESIGNATION ALDERMAN SULLIVAN-SCHOOL BOARD

Alderman Sullivan: "I would like to tender my resignation from the School Board as I find it impossible to attend so many meetings."

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The matter of appointing a successor was discussed and it was decided to defer same for one month. Alderman Sullivan stated that he would act until replaced.

DEATH OF MAYOR MORRISON'S WIFE

Alderman Lloyd referred to the death of Mrs. Morrison, the wife of Mayor Morrison of Glace Bay.

It was then moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Moriarty that the regrets of this Council be expressed to Mayor Morrison in the loss he has sustained by the death of Mrs. Morrison. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

Halifax, N. S.,
January 7th, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

The following accounts amounting to more than \$500.00 were considered by the Committee on Works meeting January 6th, 1948, and were recommended to Council for payment:-

Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow Ltd.	- \$	2,845.89
W. H. Noonan - C. I. Pipe	-	1,764.39
Milton Hersey Co. Ltd.	-	572.49
Hublely Sand & Gravel	-	2,442.00
Canadian General Electric Co.	-	1,472.01
A. A. Burbridge	-	739.86
Archibald Coal Co. Ltd.	-	1,020.60
Union Coal Co. Ltd.	-	1,079.29

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATES

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached final certificate in favor of the Foundation

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Maritime Limited amounting to \$3,021.66 being the amount in full on their contract for the construction of a heating plant at the City Home was considered at a meeting of the Committee on Works, meeting on January 6th, 1948.

The Committee approved and decided to recommend the same to City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on January 6th, 1948, considered the attached certificate re final payment to the Standard Paving Maritime Limited for asphalt paving of various streets in the City of Halifax.

The Committee approved and decided to recommend to Council payment of the certificate amounting to \$99,192.68 subject to the filing of the bond as required by the contract covering asphalt paving in the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting on the above date considered the following final certificates.

Standard Paving Maritime Limited Paving Grand Parade	\$6,832.35
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Standard Paving Maritime Limited Asphalt Repairs City Streets	\$16,010.33
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The Committee approved the certificates and recommend them to Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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

January 15, 1948.

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

TENDERS EQUIPMENT DUKE STREET LIGHTING

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the Commissioner of Works and City Electrician re lighting Duke Street extension was considered at a meeting of the Committee on Works, meeting, January 6th, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and recommended to Council that the tender of the Canadian General Electric amounting to \$3663.61 be accepted for materials necessary for the lighting of Duke Street extension with underground cable and ornamental standards.

Funds to provide for this undertaking are included in Capital Borrowings authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs May 21, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1948.

REPORT QUOTATION OF LIGHT STANDARDS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on December 11th, 1947, quotations were received for standards and lighting equipment, for the Duke Street Extension, or that part which passes over Citadel Hill.

Tenders were received and it was suggested that Halifax contractors be requested to tender on the ornamental standards. Several have been asked to tender but no bids were received.

I would recommend that the report of the City Electrician be approved and sent on to Council and that the tender of Canadian General Electric be accepted.

Yours very truly,

R. M. MacKinnon,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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Halifax, N. S.,
December 8th, 1947.

Mr. R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works,
City Hall, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Attached you will find prices for material in connection with the lighting of Duke Street Extension which is to be done with underground cable and ornamental standards next summer. The prices of both firms are subject to adjustment to Company's prices in effect at time of shipment.

As there is considerable time required for the delivery of certain articles the order should be placed as soon as possible.

A comparison of prices as quoted by both firms on December 4th, 1947 were as follows:

<u>Tenders of Material for Duke St. Ext. Lighting</u>	<u>Northern Electric</u>	<u>Can. Gen. Electric</u>
<u>Item</u>		
1. 13 Standards with light units	1,526.07	1,629.03
2.) 5 K.V.A. Series Transformer with		
3.) protective device	188.00	168.00
4. 2 Primary cutouts	22.50	18.98
5. 5500' #8 single conductor 3000V cable	2,222.00	1,809.50
6. 100 Lbs. bare copper wire #10	33.30	38.10
Northern Electric Co. total for lot -	3,991.87	
Can. General Electric " " " -	3,663.61	
Can. General Elec. tender lower by -	\$ 328.26	

Since their first quotation included above the Northern Electric Co. state their price for Item 1 was without hand holes which are required and Item 4 through an error should have been quoted at \$329.00 per M. feet (see attached letters from the Northern Electric Company.) The compilation on this basis -

Northern Electric Co. price for lot would be	\$ 3,682.33
Can. General Electric " " " " " "	3,663.61
Difference	\$ 18.72

Yours truly,

G. H. Durling,
City Electrician.

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

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ILLUMINATED SIGNS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 9, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on January 6th, 1948, considered the attached report re applications for illuminated signs.

Acadian Cafe - 142 Gottingen Street
Doucette Bros. - 590 Barrington Street
Wilson Fish & Chips - 220 $\frac{1}{2}$ Agricola Street

The Committee approved the applications and recommended to City Council that the leases referred to in the said report be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

EXTENSION OF LEASE TO MISS WARNER

Halifax, N. S.,
January 7, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on January 6th, 1948, considered a request from Miss Florence Warner asking for an extension of lease of the Warner property, located at Quinn and Quinpool Road and expropriated some time ago by the City.

Miss Warner's lease expired December 31, 1947, and she has asked that her lease be extended to January 31, 1948, when she expects to move into her new residence.

The Committee approved the application and recommended to City Council that the lease be extended to January 31, 1948 as requested by Miss Florence Warner.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 15, 1948.

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

O. N. R. PIPE LINE PRIVILEGES

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on January 6th, 1948, considered the attached correspondence from the Canadian National Railways re license covering pipe line privilege between South Street and Oakland Road.

The pipe line is already in place and extends under the railway tracks at mile 1.90 of the Bedford subdivision at an annual rental of \$1.00. The railway company are asking that the license be approved by Council.

The Committee approved the report and recommend to City Council that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the license on behalf of the City and that three copies of the resolution of Council be forwarded to the Canadian National Railways certified correct by the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

SOUTH BARRACKS & AUTO SALES CO., LTD.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on January 6th, 1948, considered an application from Auto Sales Company Limited for an extension of time in which to commence construction of their new building on the former South Barracks.

Under clause #9 of the agreement of February 22, 1947, the Auto Sales Company Limited were to have substantially completed the erection of their new building by December 31, 1947. Although they have taken out a permit, to date, they have not proceeded with construction of the building.

The Committee decided to recommend to City Council that

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a notice of default be sent to Auto Sales Company Limited by the City Clerk and that a new agreement, to be approved by the City Solicitor and to expire on the 31st day of May 1948, be entered into between the Auto Sales Company Limited and the City of Halifax, for the sale of the land allocated to the Auto Sales Company Limited at South Barracks, at the same price as contained in the previous agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, January 6th, 1948, consideration was given to the attached reports re street lighting improvement.

The Committee approved the reports and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 19, 1947.

Mr. R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works,
City Hall, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

As you know Alderman Doyle requested an improvement in the street lighting on Willow Street between Dublin and Windsor; he viewed this lighting with yourself and me and the suggestion to add one 250 C. P. and move one was apparently satisfactory.

I recommend this be done at a cost of approximately \$75.00

The yearly increased maintenance would be approximately \$20.00

Yours truly,

G. H. Durling,
City Electrician.

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Halifax, N. S.,
December 19, 1947.

Mr. R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works,
City Hall, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

The following street lights are required and should be included in the 1948 estimates.

Drummond Court	- One 250 C.P.
Leaman Street, south end	- One 250 C.P.
Installation cost, approximately	- \$132.00
Yearly maintenance	" - 40.00

Yours truly,

G. H. Durling,
City Electrician.

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

COST OF WATER TO CITY

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on January 6th, 1948, considered matters pertaining to payment for water supplied by the Public Service Commission to the City of Halifax.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council that the City Solicitor be requested to make application to the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities whereby the Public Service Commission would be authorized to:-

Supply the City of Halifax with water without charge, or, as an alternative, supply the City with water at a special rate, or as a second alternative, combine all water bills into one account for payment under the six cent rate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

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TOWN PLANNING REGULATIONS HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

Halifax, N. S.,
January 8, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Solicitor re the surrender of control in certain matters by the Halifax Relief Commission in favor of the City of Halifax was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on January 6th, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and decided to recommend the same to Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 6, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

I had a conversation with Mr. Tibbs recently regarding the giving up of control in certain matters by the Relief Commission in favor of the City. It will be necessary to secure legislation to repeal sections 11 to 25 of the Halifax Relief Commission Act and also to transfer the Town Planning Regulations of the Halifax Relief Commission scheme to the authority of the Town Planning Board of the City in order to safe-guard the present control of the so-called "devastated area", pending the completion of the comprehensive Town Planning Scheme for the City of Halifax as a whole.

The sections of the Act above referred to deal with the following matters:

- Section 11: definition of the devastated area.
- Section 12: authority in the Commission to lay out and open, etc., streets in this area.
- Section 13: authority to raise or lower the level of streets.
- Section 14: authority to temporarily close streets.
- Section 15: authority to use steamrollers on the streets.
- Section 16: obstructions on streets prohibited.
- Section 17: authority to open streets.
- Section 18: title to streets.
- Section 19: authority to grade streets.
- Section 20: authority to relocate or close streets.
- Section 21: authority to divert private or public sewers.
- Section 22: same respecting water mains and hydrants.
- Section 23: a general section.
- Section 24: paramount authority to build buildings of material approved by Commission.
- Section 25: authority to amend, repeal or add to Part X of the City Charter.

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Many of these provisions are now in the Halifax City Charter as powers of the City and I think if they are repealed insofar as the Relief Commission is concerned the City's authority will then automatically arise.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

Alderman DeWolf: "That is an agreement whereby the Halifax Relief Commission is to relinquish their rights to the Town Planning Board; is that it? I was just wondering if they would relinquish any cash. I submitted to the members of Council a report on the Halifax Relief Commission and since that I have been going over minutes of the City Council at that time to get some information to see what the City's interests were. I have not been able to find out. I did see minutes of a meeting in January 1918."

Alderman DeWolf then submitted and read the following memo:

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

Supplementary Report by J. G. DeWolf

Since preparing previous report I have been delving further into the matter, more particularly as to the formation of the Commission, but have not found, as yet, any particularly interesting information in this regard.

The Minutes of the City Council at that time do not give any particulars as to formation. I note however, after the Commission was set up (January 1918) that it was suggested by the members of the Commission, T. S. Rogers, Judge Wallace and F. W. Fowke, that an advisory committee to work with the Commission be set up, this advisory committee to consist of the Mayor, two Controllers and one alderman from each ward.

I cannot find whether this committee ever functioned or, if they did function, when their services were dispensed with.

I have, however, discovered data of interest from a report of a hearing held at the County Court House, December 14th, 1926, in regard to finalizing borrowings from the Relief Commission by the City and monies due the City by the Commission.

Trying to briefly summarize the report presented to the Court by the Commission it would appear that the City had submitted a total claim of over \$1,000,000 but it was presented too late, it was claimed, to be properly considered and also there were not sufficient funds to meet the claim.

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(Amount allowed including payment for three schools totally destroyed, \$495,383.)

Clause 13 of this report reads in part - "The settlement of the amount of the City claim and the accounting on both sides are now to be regarded as finalized and there is no further appeal."

In respect to part claim which was considered and not presented too late, there was a deduction made of \$170,256.84 as it was stated there was not sufficient money available to pay all claims.

The City has borrowdd money from the Relief Commission against its claims and gave debentures as security. Six percent interest was charged for this money which amounted to \$70,737.30. A further sum of \$36,694.40 appears to have been advanced to the City, for repairs made to certain civic buildings, but seems to have been disallowed, as claim.

From the above you will note that in addition to claim I have already suggested in respect of taxes, the City has also suffered the loss of a further substantial sum of money.

If you only consider the amounts of \$170,256.84 and \$36,694.40 and add 5% simple interest for 30 years you would have over \$500,000 today.

I would also refer you to paragraph "A", which reads in part - "on the other hand the proposed fixed assessment (\$500,000) is a fair valuation for assessment purposes when it is taken into consideration that the Commission houses represent an investment of a considerable portion of its pension fund and in view of the further fact that it is expected that because of the outlying situation there will continue to be more than average vacancies.

There is no doubt in my mind this was the sincere thought of the Commission at that time, and they were endeavouring to be conservative in their views so as to be able to guarantee pensions, which is commendable and proper.

However, their surmise has not been borne out in actual fact. The houses for at least the last seven years have been 100 percent occupied.

The cash reserve, undoubtedly through efficient and conservative management (and, I must add, cheap taxes) has been so built up that I contend the properties are no longer necessary, in any degree, for securing continuance of payments to pensioners and I submit it is therefore reasonable and fair to ask that the City again be allowed to present its claims.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DeWolf.

Alderman DeWolf: "I would suggest that His Worship the Mayor ask the Commission if they would consider some action on the matter."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would suggest Alderman DeWolf and one or two others."

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Alderman Lloyd: "We have a lawyer who is a member of the Council and he might join with Alderman DeWolf and the Mayor could be a member ex-officio."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that a committee consisting of Aldermen DeWolf and Kitz and His Worship the Mayor be appointed to take such steps as they deem advisable to bring about the objectives sought by Alderman DeWolf and that they be empowered to act and if necessary to travel to Ottawa to pursue the research work to bring about a successful conclusion. Motion passed.

EXPROPRIATION CAVE PROPERTY HIGHLAND AVENUE

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, consideration was given to the request of the Board of School Commissioners re acquisition of land owned by Alfred Cave on the eastern side of Highland Avenue.

The Committee approved the report and recommend to Council that this land be expropriated and the sum of \$300.00 paid into Court. This amount was recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, meeting on December 9th, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 10, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Expropriation - Alfred Cave Lot, Highland Avenue.

The Board of School Commissioners have requested that a lot of land owned by Alfred Cave on the eastern side of Highland Avenue, be expropriated by the City of Halifax for school purposes.

Attached is a plan #MM-7-10333, dated January 10, 1948 and also a description showing the land to be expropriated.

I would therefore recommend that this land be expropriated for the sum of \$300.00, which is the amount recommended by

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the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on December 9th, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

R E S O L U T I O N

W H E R E A S the Commissioner of Works has submitted a report dated January 10, 1948, and also a plan and description covering the expropriation of certain lands situated on the east side of Highland Avenue in the City of Halifax for the purpose of constructing a new school;

AND WHEREAS the Committee deems it necessary that the said lands and interests therein be expropriated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and it is recommended to the City Council that the said lands and interests therein, hereinafter more fully described be expropriated;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the price or compensation to be paid to Alfred Cave, the apparent owner of the said lands or to the person or persons who may be found to be the owner or owners of the said lands herein expropriated, be the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00);

The following is the description of the lands and interests therein hereinbefore referred to to be expropriated by the City;

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the eastern side of Highland Avenue in the City of Halifax, said lot being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the eastern side of Highland Avenue, said point of beginning being distant one hundred and seventy (170) feet, southwardly from the southeast corner of Leeds Street and Highland Avenue;

thence eastwardly and parallel to the southern side of Leeds Street for a distance of one hundred and forty-two feet and seven tenths of a foot (142.7'), more or less, or to the property now or formerly owned by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Halifax;

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thence southwardly along the said western boundary line of the said School Board property thirty-three (33) feet;

thence westwardly and parallel to the southern side of Leeds Street one hundred and forty-two feet and nine tenths of a foot (142.9'), more or less, or to the eastern side of Highland Avenue;

thence northwardly along the eastern side of Highland Avenue thirty-three (33) feet to the place of beginning.

The above description of land being intended to convey to the City all the land alleged to be owned by Alfred Cave, the said land being shown bordered in red on a plan entitled "Expropriation Plan of Certain Land Required by the City of Halifax for School Purposes on the Eastern Side of Highland Avenue," signed by R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works Office, Halifax, Nova Scotia as Plan #MM-7-10333.

RESOLVED that this Council do hereby adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Works for the expropriation of certain lands and interests in lands lying on the east side of Highland Avenue in the City of Halifax, and that the lands and interests in lands set out in the Resolution adopted by the Committee on Works at a meeting held the 15th day of January, A. D. 1948, be and the same are hereby expropriated.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the price or compensation named in the said Resolution for the said lands and interests therein to be paid to the said owner or owners of the said lands be forthwith paid to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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

APPLICATION WIREMAN'S LICENSE

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that a Wireman's License be granted to the Marine Electric Limited. Motion passed.

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PURCHASE OF CHEBUCTO BARRACKS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting on the above date, considered the attached report of the Administrator of Emergency Shelter re purchase of Chebucto Barracks property from War Assets Corporation.

The Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,
December 15, 1947.

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

Gentlemen:-

RE: Chebucto Barracks

Attached are three copies of the lease settlement agreement respecting the buildings which the City are purchasing from War Assets Corporation at Chebucto Barracks property. The cost of these buildings is \$12,464.00.

I would suggest that this agreement be forwarded to the City Council authorizing His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the same on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the City Solicitor.

Yours respectfully,

J. F. McManus,
ADMINISTRATOR, Emergency Shelter.

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

SALE OF HOUSES EDGEWOOD-ARDMORE AREA

Alderman Sullivan: "Mr. Brownell wanted to sell the houses situated from the w/s Oxford Street to the e/s Connolly Street and on Bayers Road but it was proven that the Wartime Housing was not

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swamped by people to buy those houses. Months after they sold the houses west of Connolly Street there have been only 55% of the original lot sold."

Alderman Sullivan: "There are very clever manipulators connected with Wartime Housing Limited. The time is coming when the houses should be taken down and they are getting out from under at a very fair price. The City should investigate if they can buy them."

Alderman DeWolf: "It is worth our while to look into this."

Alderman Burgess: "With respect to the houses on Bayers Road, I raised the question to protect the people there. They either had to buy or move. They are not as good as the houses on Oxford Street."

Alderman Sullivan: "The joker in that agreement is that the Wartime Housing Limited could sell before the five year period was up."

His Worship the Mayor then named the following to comprise a Committee to discuss the matter with the Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation and report back: Aldermen DeWolf, Sullivan and Burgess.

SALE OF LOTS WARTIME HOUSING PROJECT #13

This item was again deferred.

FUNDS BICENTENARY COMMITTEE

Halifax, N. S.,
January 15, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Bicentenary Committee held on the above date the matter of placing the Committee in funds was considered.

Your Committee recommends that City Council be requested to make available the sum of \$5,000.00 as an appropriation towards organizational expenses of the Bicentenary Committee to be incurred as from January 15, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

REPORT FOOD DRIVE FOR PRINCESS ELIZABETH

A report was submitted by A. C. Pettipas, Director of the Campaign for food as a wedding gift to Princess Elizabeth to be sent to the citizens of Halifax, England and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of the report were furnished the members of Council previous to the meeting.

The report advised that there was a deficit of \$1,083.43 being the difference between the total cost of the food and the total of the cash donations sent in.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Donovan that legislation be obtained to contribute the sum of \$1,083.43 towards the food drive. Motion passed.

Alderman Lloyd: "I would like to commend all those engaged in this undertaking for a job of work very well done indeed".

His Worship the Mayor: "It was a remarkable job. In dollars that means \$14,000.00. Sometime soon I should show tangible appreciation to those who worked so hard on this".

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF DECEMBER

1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942
4-45	\$10,299.40	\$ 12,798.72			\$ 971.22
5	22,107.59	60,442.35	Dr. 6.82		5,722.91
6	40,294.27	117,813.03	Dr. 11.50		5,454.39
7	22,141.33	334,900.80	Dr. 258.13		40,001.38
		\$525,954.90	Dr. 276.45		\$ 52,149.90
					\$474,081.45

1 Taxes

3-44	23,690.59			32.00	23,658.59
4-45	5,256.54			30.00	5,226.54
6	5,156.45	Dr. 54.00		747.99	4,462.46
7	9,613.15	Dr. 90.00		1,151.01	8,552.14

	1947	1946
Additional Collections Years 1925-26 to 1943-44 Corresponding Period Last Year	896.76	1,255.80
Collections as per statement above Corresponding Period Last Year	52,149.90	46,685.31
	\$53,046.66	\$44,941.11
Collections Poll Tax Jan.1/47 to Dec.31/47 Corresponding Period Last Year	90,931.72	83,667.93

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Hagell,
Chief Accountant.

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Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that
this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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J. E. Ahern,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
January 27, 1948,
9:00 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, Breen, Moriarty, Hosterman, Donovan, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Doyle, Walker and Sullivan.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Housing.
2. Halifax Airport Property.
3. Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation Proposals.

LETTER C. P. BETHUNE CITY SOLICITOR

Halifax, N. S.,
January 24, 1948.

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

Dear Sirs: Re: Halifax Airport Property - offer of C. D. C.
Construction Company to purchase.

I have been requested to give my opinion as to the status of the above entitled matter. In my opinion, no contract exists between the City and C. D. C. Construction Company Limited for the sale to the Company of the 83 lots shown in the subdivision plan of the Airport property.

If you wish to have a reasoned opinion, setting out complete details, I have prepared such an opinion, but did not consider it in the best interests of the City to make it generally known. However, it is available for the Council if it is so desired.

I would recommend that if the City's counter-offer has not been accepted by the Company that the City immediately put in the mail a withdrawal of this counter-offer, if it is not the desire of the City that the contract should be entered into. This, of course, must be authorized by a proper Resolution of the Council passed at a meeting of the Council called for that purpose.

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

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Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the resolution passed by the City Council on June 10, 1947 respecting the sale of the lots on the Airport Property to the C. D. C. Construction Company Limited be withdrawn and that the C. D. C. Construction Company Limited be so advised immediately. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the Town Planning Board be instructed that it is the desire of this Council that any plan of subdivision with reference to the lands in the previous resolution be abandoned. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the Town Planning Board be asked to favorably consider the approval of this plan of subdivision contained in the map as the so-called Westmount subdivision as a plan of subdivision for the area outlined therein. Motion passed.

Major General Young of Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation was present at the meeting and addressed the Council as follows: "An appropriation of Parliament has been made of \$75,000,000.00 for the construction of houses in 1948 and 1949. Municipalities have been submitting applications and that 75 million dollars could be committed at the present time but we believe that Halifax is most deserving of housing. There is not adequate serviced land in Halifax to permit any large home ownership project. There is an amount of buyer's resistance building up due to heavy cost in construction. We are confined to a project on a rental basis. You have a lot of low rental units in Halifax now and I can appreciate why you don't want any more. We have suggested a scheme that would fit into our legislation and it must be fundamentally a rental scheme but it could be so arranged that ultimately the units could be sold. We have a scheme which is absolutely the best we can give you. You are all aware of the project you have before you. Halifax can well be proud of that subdivision which

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will include 560 units. There will be 200 units for the smaller contractors to take part in. We would take the Army property and two blocks of City Property. We are prepared to put in the Army property at the same price per lot at which we are buying your lots, it is equalized throughout".

Major General Young then gave a short summary of Scheme "B":

"We will pay \$350.00 a lot with services exclusive of water and \$65.00 for water connections. Except for those where the foundations are solid rock there will be basements. We will be paying to the City in cash as soon as the agreement is concluded the sum of \$142,000.00. Having regard to the fact that we have the complete risk we are asking the City to accept in lieu of taxes \$65.00 but the minute we sell they will go on the normal tax rate. We would like to sell back to the City some two acres of park land which is in our area at \$1,000.00 per acre. We would also like with regard to other land on which we have options where part of it is park land, we would ask the City to buy those three acres. I think that is the gist of the proposal. It is much more liberal than any offer made to any other City Council across Canada. The rents may be in the neighbourhood of from \$50.00 to \$55.00 but I am hoping that the rents may run around \$45.00. Costs have increased 12% since September. We will be keeping it at a \$55.00 ceiling. We have in Wartime Housing a number of people who could pay \$50.00 a month instead of the \$22.00 to \$30.00. With your permission we would propose to screen the tenants in Wartime Housing and those that could afford to pay this amount would be moved to the new project and that would create an opening for those in the City who need low rent. The rents will be slightly higher than the monthly debt service so as to encourage the tenant to buy the house instead of renting. I would say that there is room for every contractor great and small in Halifax in the total of 560 units. No contractor need feel that he has not an opportunity. If he can meet the costs he can participate."

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Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Donovan that we approve of the building scheme outlined in Proposal "B" Page 2 of the memorandum which reads as follows:

"PROPOSAL B"

A normal rental scheme with provision for sale.

(A) City to:

1. sell lots to C.M.H.C.
- II. agree to install minimum services.
- III. agree to accept payments in lieu of taxes of \$65 per unit only as long as units are owned by C.M.H.C.

(B) C.M.H.C. to:

- I. purchase lots from city at reasonable cost.
- II. pay normal capital charge for city services.
- III. pay normal capital charge for water connection.
- IV. build moderate priced homes suitable for private ownership.
- V. rent units at about \$50 - \$55 per month.
- VI. sell units at cost to prospective home owners at any time.
- VII. give priority of occupancy to veterans.

(C) Project to be combined rental - home ownership as dictated by need and desire of applicants.

Example:

Land acquisition	\$150
Normal capital charge:	
City services	350
Water Commission	65
Cost of House	7000
Total	\$ 7565.

That the City Solicitor be instructed to incorporate the essential provisions of the aforesaid scheme in a formal agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the City. That the said agreement contain an undertaking that if Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation abandons its building program that the City will have the option to acquire the lands involved at cost to Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation. That the said agreement shall apply to lands in the attached plan of subdivision. That the City undertakes to re-purchase or otherwise acquire any lands contained in the area affected by this proposal at a price not exceeding the cost of acquisition per acre to Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation.

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That the City approval of the said scheme is predicated upon Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation making every possible effort to sell the dwellings constructed as quickly as possible to prospective home owners in the City of Halifax.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Breen
Hosterman
Donovan
Adams
Lloyd
Kitz
Doyle
Walker
Sullivan

His Worship the Mayor: "I would like to express on behalf of the Council our appreciation to Major General Young and Mr. Dudley for making this scheme possible."

Alderman Lloyd: "By our prompt action it is intended to convey the City's wishes to place no barrier in the way of Federal legislation as carried out by the Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation to conduct housing and that you have been given the green light to go ahead. We can expect in turn from you your utmost ability to provide housing as soon as possible."

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

Meeting adjourned.

9:25 P. M.

J. E. Ahern,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 5, 1948,
7:30 P. M.

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

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

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Report Com. on Works re Snow Removal Equipment.
2. " " Cogswell St. Hospital.
3. " Special Committee re Sale of Lands.
4. Offer Halifax Motors Ltd. for Citadel Hill Property.
5. Transfer Citadel Hill.
6. Offer Y. M. C. A. for City Field Property.

// SALE OF LANDS

1. Sale to Public Service Commission.

Read report of the Special Committee as follows:

Halifax, Nova Scotia,
February 3, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

The members of the Council comprising the Forum Commission, who were constituted a Special Committee to report on the sale of portions of the former Provincial Exhibition Property, submit the following report:

It is recommended that the City offer for sale to the Public Service Commission the lot of land and buildings thereon situated at the southeast corner of Windsor Street and West Young Street, measuring approximately 450 feet on Windsor Street and 300 feet on West Young Street and adjoining immediately on the west of the lands and premises recommended to be sold to His Majesty the King for the purpose of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission, for the sum of \$55,000.00, together with the transfer to the City of any rights of the Public Service Commission in the Incinerator Field, possession

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of the said premises to be given immediately upon acceptance of this offer by the Public Service Commission, and payment of the purchase price to be made upon delivery of the conveyance.

Upon the acceptance by the Public Service Commission, signified in writing addressed to the City Solicitor, the Mayor and City Clerk shall be authorized to execute a conveyance of the property prepared by the City Solicitor and the City Solicitor shall be authorized to deliver such conveyance upon receipt of the purchase price as above set out.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the Special Committee

John E. Ahern,
CHAIRMAN.

February 3, 1948.

His Worship Mayor J. E. Ahern,
City Hall,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In reply to your letter of February 2nd, regarding the proposal to sell "the lot of land and buildings thereon situated at the southeast corner of Windsor Street and West Young Street, measuring approximately 450 feet on Windsor Street and 300 feet of West Young Street, for the sum of \$55,000. and the transfer to the City of any rights of the Public Service Commission in the Incinerator Field"; I have discussed this proposal with the members of the Commission and have their authority to accept the same, subject to retaining a small lot of land at the Incinerator Field, surrounded by a fence, on which is presently located the Robie Street Pumping Station.

Yours very truly,

Ira P. Macnab,
GENERAL MANAGER.

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

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Breen
Donovan
Lloyd
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Adams

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2. Sale to Nova Scotia Liquor Commission.

Read report of the Special Committee as follows:-

Halifax, Nova Scotia,
February 3, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:

The members of the Council comprising the Forum Commission, who were constituted a Special Committee to report on the sale of portions of the former Provincial Exhibition Property, submit the following report:

Your Committee recommends that the City sell to His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of Nova Scotia, as represented by the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission, a parcel of land measuring on West Young Street 250 feet and having a depth of 450 feet together with such buildings as may be situated on the said property, on May 15th, 1948, and subject to the following conditions, for the sum of \$40,000.00.

The conditions referred to are as follows:

- (1) The property is to be conveyed in such condition as it may be and with such buildings with their contents as may be upon the said property on May 15th, 1948.
- (2) The City shall have the right to retain upon a portion of the said property a certain building now being used for the purpose of emergency shelter for a period of one year from May 15th, 1948, without charge, and may have access to the said building, if necessary, over the lands proposed to be conveyed herein.
- (3) The Crown must agree to pay real property and business taxes or a sum in lieu thereof upon such lands and such buildings as may be placed upon such lands as and from May 15th, 1948.
- (4) Payment in full of the said purchase price by His Majesty shall be made on May 15th, 1948, upon delivery to His Majesty of the deed to the said lands.
- (5) The said lands shall be substantially in the location as shown on a certain plan of the so-called Exhibition Property which was produced and examined at the meeting of your Committee with representatives of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission held in the office of the Mayor on February 2nd, 1948.

Upon the acceptance by the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission on behalf of His Majesty, signified in writing addressed to the City Solicitor, the Mayor and City Clerk shall be authorized to execute a conveyance of the property prepared by the City Solicitor and the City Solicitor shall be authorized to deliver such conveyance upon receipt of the purchase price as above set out.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the Special Committee

John E. Ahern,
CHAIRMAN.

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

Alderman Kitz arrives at 8:05 P. M.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Breen
Burgess
DeWolf
Donovan
Doyle
Kitz
Lloyd
Walker
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Adams

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His Worship the Mayor stated that Mr. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works, suggested that a strip of land 10 feet wide and 250 feet long be retained by the City for the purpose of widening Young St. He suggested that Mr. MacKinnon confer with the Engineers of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission and Public Service Commission to look after this matter. //

COGSWELL STREET HOSPITAL

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:-

February 4, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting on February 3, 1948, considered the sale of the former Cogswell Street Hospital property, located at the north-east corner of Gottingen and Cogswell Street.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council that the property be sold and that tenders for all or any part thereof be called immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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Alderman Kitz: "I have a point in mind that the purpose the land might be put to should be put in the advertisement. We should find out what buildings might be erected on the sites."

Mr. McManus: "You could mention probable construction."

Alderman Sullivan: "When those tenders come in there should be enough information to acquaint the members of the Committee on Works as to what the ultimate use of that building will be or the probable amount of what the taxes will be."

Alderman DeWolf: "The Engineering staff should make a survey of the buildings now there; the type of construction and value already there."

It was agreed that Messrs. Dumaresq and MacKinnon should make the survey suggested by Alderman DeWolf.

Alderman Lloyd: "In these tenders we are looking for buildings. I hope the press will co-operate in this matter and publicize this fact."

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

OFFERS- HALIFAX MOTORS LTD. & Y. M. C. A. FOR CITY FIELD

His Worship the Mayor stated that there were representatives from the Halifax Motors Ltd. and Y. M. C. A. present who wished to be heard regarding the purchase of the City Field.

Permission was then granted to hear them.

Mr. J. G. Dunlop of the Y. M. C. A. addressed the Council as follows: "Our property on Barrington Street has been sold and we have to vacate in April. We want to locate in another location. The City Field is the most ideal location that we can find. If any portion is going to be available we would like to be considered as a prospect for its purchase. That is about the story. We would like to have about 100,000 sq. ft."

Mr. Duckworth then addressed the Council as follows: "We believe in the interests of the youth in this City. The establishment of the Association in that property would be of strategic value

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as it would be more or less in the area where the growing youth of the City can meet at that point much better than any other place that we can see. We are going to put up a very beautiful type of building. If you saw some of the architectural studies of the buildings, they are very fine products. We have one in Vancouver, Montreal and London."

Alderman DeWolf: "What size building would you have in mind?"

Mr. Duckworth: "150' x 150' at least."

Alderman DeWolf: "There is a sewer running through that land and that is something that can't be moved." He pointed out that it might not be possible to erect a building there.

Alderman Burgess: "Would they consider the Citadel Hill. It would look nicer on the side of the Hill and the other would be for a business. It would offset the Hill."

Mr. Dunlop: "The City Field joins the Wanderers Grounds which would be very adaptable for outdoor activities."

Mr. Arthur Smith of the Halifax Motors Limited then addressed the Council as follows: "We have been interested in part of the City Field. At the present time the City is not collecting any taxes from Spring Garden Road to Quinpool Road. The type of building that we would put up would be of a most modern design and we estimate it would cost around \$200,000.00. We think we would want about 60,000 sq. ft. If the Y. M. C. A. took 100,000 sq. ft. we would take the balance. We would be satisfied to go to the other end if the Y. M. C. A. wants to be by the Wanderers Grounds. Regarding the Citadel Hill; we can only locate in certain parts of the City and actually this is the only place available at the present time that would be suitable for a proper automobile business."

Alderman Kitz requested information as to how soon construction would start and was advised by Mr. Smith that they would start immediately.

His Worship the Mayor: "We will take that into consideration."

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The Council will hold a private conference at which a number of sites will be discussed."

CITADEL HILL

His Worship the Mayor: "You can have the Citadel Hill but the Army wishes to retain a small portion at the top. I can't reveal to you what the terms will be. They are very reasonable. The Government would like us to have the Hill. You can think this over for a week or so and we can advise them what we wish to do about it."

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

Read report of the Committee on Works as follows:

January 24, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held January 23, 1948, consideration was given to the purchase of additional equipment for snow removal for the City of Halifax. The Committee decided to recommend to City Council purchase of six Cyclone Snow Blowers costing \$7,500.00 each, delivered F.O.B. Halifax, tax included from John A. West.

The funds amounting to \$45,000.00 to pay for the same to be taken from the Post War Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

His Worship the Mayor submitted and tabled telegrams, etc. from the following: 1. Edouard Hamel, City Engineer, Quebec. 2. Armand Viau, Industrial Commissioner, Quebec and 3. A newspaper clipping.

Alderman Lloyd submitted and read the following memorandum:

3 February 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

The current efforts of the Board of Works to organize effect-

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ive snow removal operations has provoked considerable comment among taxpayers and others. Editorials in the Halifax press have also reflected public opinion.

It is therefore necessary to clarify the objectives of the Board and the events which promoted same.

On 30 December 1947 the City Council appropriated \$100,000 for the purchase of street cleaning and clearing equipment. This action was taken to provide the City with equipment to meet its increased snow removal service. Under the agreement with the Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd. the City must remove all snow from Trolley Bus routes. This work is now performed by the tramway operators. The new system is due to start in 1948.

The 100,000 appropriation was granted provided.

- (a) That the City Engineer and engineers of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd. jointly study the problem.
- (b) That the City defer any purchase of equipment until the engineers report had been received and,
- (c) That the report of the engineers include a recommended plan of snow removal operations.

The foregoing referred only to street snow removal and did not include sidewalk operations.

On 23 January 1948 the Board of Works received a letter from the agent of the makers of Cyclone snow blowers claiming six units were available and that they would effectively clear snow from sidewalks.

As the equipment could be delivered in a few days some members thought immediate action desirable. Others expressed the desire to further study the question of sidewalk snow removal before making any commitment. To save time it was agreed to recommend the purchase of six units, but to fully investigate the claims of the agent and other details before the next Council Meeting, Mr. MacKinnon at that time approved that procedure in view of the heavy snowfalls that had occurred.

At that same meeting the City Engineer had reported very briefly the equipment he recommended for street clearance. No plan of snow removal was supplied as required by the Council's resolution of 30 December 1947.

Subsequently, my enquiries disclosed the following:

- (a) The City Engineer, other civic officials and private authorities favored machines equipped with tractor treads or crawlers and adjustable blade plows for sidewalk operations.

Their reasons were:

1. No overhead chutes to strike lower limbs of trees, signs, etc.
2. Lower original cost (about 50%).
3. Lower annual operating cost.
4. Blade plows more flexible as they can be placed at angles to avoid jutting banks, steps, curves, etc.
5. More units can be purchased for same capital outlay.
6. Less danger of property damage.

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(b) Any mechanical removal of snow from sidewalks involved a careful study of the legal liability of the City for damages or injuries. City ordinances may have to be revised accordingly. This responsibility may determine the type of equipment.

(c) Before any commitment on sidewalk snow removal is made, the effect on the City payroll should be determined and the use of off-duty firemen for this work considered.

Because of the foregoing, and following a special meeting of City Council on 27 January 1948, the Board of Works met at my suggestion. I urged that before our previous recommendation re Cyclone Blowers, of 23 January 1947, be sent to the Council a Committee of aldermen and the City Engineer and/or the Street Superintendent proceed to Montreal and study snow removal operations and regulations in that City and the surrounding municipalities of Westmount, Outremont, Verdun, Mount Royal, etc.

It was my intention that a small committee would be adequate for the task. While all the members of the Board were included in the proposal, it was clear that not all would be able to go. Two or three aldermen would probably accomplish as much as four or six.

The purpose of the investigation in Montreal was to fill the gaps in the Engineer's information to the Board. It was intended to be an "on the spot" questioning of engineers' experiences with all phases of snow removal problems in other cities.

It was organized to help the City Council select equipment as far as possible that would serve snow removal, street flushing and other civic purposes, thus keeping stand-by units at a minimum. The town planning engineer has been instructed to prepare a suitable map of the City outlining trolley bus routes, sidewalk areas, etc. to aid the study. Records of snow falls in the City are being compiled by the meteorological bureau. It should be clear the Board was preparing for a job of work.

When all the facts are considered, it is apparent that the Board was endeavouring to obtain ample evidence to support its ultimate recommendations to the Council.

I have said all that I believe necessary at this time to convince the Council that a job of research work in other cities is necessary before we expend \$145,000. I still recommend a committee of the Board of Works, together with the City Engineer and/or Street Superintendent, undertake the task.

After the Committee's work is completed and the Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd. views of our snow removal plans are received, we then purchase equipment, and then only after receipt of tenders for units fully and carefully specified to meet the City's needs and to protect the taxpayers' dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lloyd.

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. MacKinnon made that report after a conference with Mr. Sears, Cecil Hayes and Currie Young of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited. Mr. Arthur Harris, Deputy Commissioner of Works, and Mr. Bert Tomkins were there. Mr. MacKinnon

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carried out to the letter your instructions."

Alderman DeWolf: "Did Mr. MacKinnon discuss snow removal with the Department of Highways?"

Mr. MacKinnon: "Their type of removal is different from ours. They just go along blowing it ahead of them. They don't remove the snow. I did not discuss it with them."

Alderman Sullivan: "Did the Engineer recommend snow blowers?"

Mr. MacKinnon: "The Tram Company agree that this equipment would be sufficient with what we have now."

Alderman Sullivan suggested that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Works and that the Commissioner of Works interview the Highway Department for further information.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works and that the Commissioner of Works be requested to interview Engineers of the Highways Department for further information. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned.

8:55 P. M.

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J. E. Ahern,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 12/48.
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- Prayer.
- Minutes.
- Accounts.
- Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.
- " " " Accounts Hospitalization 2 Firemen.
- " " " Tag Days (5).
- " " " Tenders for Book Wrappers.
- " " " Compensation Mrs. Rands.
- " " " Purchase Truck Public Gardens.
- " " " New Westmount Subdivision.
- " " " Sale Land City Home to Provincial Govt.
- " " " Refund Superannuation Contributions.
- " " " Account Public Service Commission.
- " " " Cathedral Barracks.
- " " " Purchase Addressograph Machine.
- " " " Amendment Section 361 City Charter.
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- " " " Interim Payments by Provincial Govt.
- " " " Daylight Saving Time.
- " " " Vocational High School.
- " " " Forum Operating Account.
- " " " Increase Price of Coal.
- Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re Purchase of Mattresses.
- " " " " Accounts over \$200.00.
- " " " " Welfare Legislation.
- Report Safety Committee re Accounts over \$200.00.
- Questions.
- Report Comm. on Works re Accounts over \$500.00.
- " " " Account C. A. Fowler.
- " " " Illuminated Signs.
- " " " Appropriations Public Gardens & Fleming Park.
- " " " Street Lighting.
- " " " Sewer Extension Gladstone St.
- " " " Grading etc., various streets.
- " " " Street Name Horsefield.
- " " " Snow Removal Equipment.
- Application Master Wireman's License.
- Ornamental Tree List.
- Appointment Coal Weigher.
- Report Special Committee re Memorial Public Library.
- " " " " Africville Situation.
- Tax Collections Month of January.
- Deferred Items
- (1) Extension of Water to Africville.
- (2) Refund Superannuation Contributions Late R. Griffiths.
- (3) Sale of Houses Edgewood-Ardmore Area.
- (4) Sale of Lots Wartime Housing Project # 13.
- Appointment to Board School Commissioners.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 12, 1948,
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, Donovan, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, 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 Sullivan, 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 \$10,302.90; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,862.26 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$23,856.02 chargeable to Fire Department; \$23,035.51 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$31,167.78 chargeable to Health Department; \$9,917.44 chargeable to City Home and \$2,645.35 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$34,604.91; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$997.08; the Forum Commission amounting to \$7,147.01 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 approved and recommended for payment the following accounts:

Remington Rand Limited.....	\$ 228.60
B. Newbury.....	2,965.35

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS HOSPITALIZATION TWO FIREMEN

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 following two accounts covering professional services rendered to two firemen who were injured on duty were approved and recommended for payment:

Dr. H. W. Schwartz.....	\$ 3.00
Drs. Doull & Mathers.....	\$ 3.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TAG DAYS

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 it was agreed to recommend that applications for permission to hold tag days be approved as follows:

Jost Mission, Saturday, May 8, 1948.
Sir Samuel Cunard Chapter, I.O.D.E., Saturday, May 15, 1948.
Girl Guides, Saturday, May 22, 1948.
Air Force Ex-Officers' Association, Saturday, May 29, 1948.
The Boy Scouts Association, Saturday, October 16, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR BOOKWRAPPERS

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

Tenders for the supplying of 60,000 Bookwrappers to the Citizen's Free Library were submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date from the following:

The Royal Print & Litho Ltd.....	\$435.00	plus Sales Tax
C. S. Mitchell.....	465.00	Tax included
The Ross Print Limited.....	371.40	plus Sales Tax
Nova Print Limited.....	393.50	" " "

Your Committee recommends that the tender of the Ross Print Limited, being the lowest, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

COMPENSATION MRS. RANDE

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Committee on Works

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recommending that Mrs. Marie Rands be paid the sum of \$75.00 Seventy-Five Dollars as compensation for costs incurred when she was forced to vacate the premises #148 Maynard Street after the City had expropriated certain properties of the Estate of Samuel Gellar.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation; 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 Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PURCHASE TRUCK PUBLIC GARDENS

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending that a 1½ ton truck be purchased at a cost of \$2,500.00 for use at the Public Gardens.

Your Committee recommends that authority be granted to purchase a truck and that the sum of \$2,500.00 be placed in the estimates of the Public Gardens for the civic year 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF LAND CITY HOME TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 Commissioner of Works respecting the sale of a portion of the City Home property to the Provincial Government was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the Provincial Government's cheque for the sum of \$4,300.00 in payment for this property be

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accepted with the understanding that the provisions of the original agreement will be carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 7, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. R. W. McColough, of the Department of Highways and Public Works, with reference to the purchase of land from the City Home property, South Street, in which he states, quote --

"We have filled in the pond a distance of ten feet west of the west line of the lands we expropriated. I regret to have to advise you that there is no further surplus material which we can make available to you.

It was also agreed that we would relocate the overflow drain from the pond and this has been done. We further agreed to erect a chain link fence on our boundary line. This has not yet been done but we undertake to do so as soon as we are able to purchase suitable fencing.

Will you please advise if the City is now prepared to accept our cheque in payment for this property." unquote--

The consideration as approved by the Finance Committee, March 1946, is \$4,300.00.

Yours very truly,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

REFUND SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that Mr. C. F. James had terminated his service with the City after contributing the sum of \$117.90 to the new superannuation plan.

As Mr. James has left the City it is recommended that the sum he contributed to the new superannuation plan be paid to his wife Mrs. Phyllis M. James.

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

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

ACCOUNT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 Commissioner of Finance respecting an account from the Public Service Commission representing deficits in connection with carrying charges for water extensions which have been guaranteed by the City, was considered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 7, 1948.

The Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith an account from the Public Service Commission for \$5505.99 representing deficits in connection with carrying charges for water extension made during the years 1946 and 1947 which was guaranteed by the City of Halifax.

As no appropriation has been provided for this purpose I respectfully suggest that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature that this item and items of a similar nature be included in our yearly budget.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
Commissioner of Finance.

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

CATHEDRAL BARRACKS

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the City Solicitor respecting the matter of the execution of a new lease for the property known as Cathedral Barracks, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the term of the lease as referred to by the City Solicitor be for a period of one year only and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the lease on behalf of the City after same has been approved by the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 7, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with instructions of the City Council at its meeting of November 13th, 1947, I have arranged with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa for the execution of a new lease for the above property for a period of three years. You will recall that at the commencement of the war this property was required for military purposes. Subsequently the buildings were found to be required by the Province of Nova Scotia, Dalhousie University, Children's Hospital and All Saints' Cathedral. The Department of Public Works points out that its only interest in this property is to provide accommodation because of the lack of space elsewhere to the present tenants. They are charged rental on the basis of operating cost only.

Due to the nature of the work of the occupants they desire to remain there for a minimum period of three years.

I would therefore recommend that the City enter into a lease with the Department of Public Works of Canada for this property for a period of three years at a rental of \$350.00 per year, being the rental charged the Department of National Defence under the previous lease, and that the lease contain terms similar to those in the original lease subject to the approval of the City Solicitor. I would also recommend that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute this lease when the same has been so approved.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

PURCHASE ADDRESSOGRAPH MACHINE

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 a report from the City Assessor recommending the purchase of a new Addressograph Machine at a cost of \$1,877.90 F.O.B. Toronto, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that authority be granted to purchase this machine and that a sum covering the cost of same be included in the estimates for the Civic Year 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENT SECTION 361 CITY CHARTER

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 Assessor recommending that legislation be obtained to amend Section 361, subsection 2, clause 8 of the City Charter by adding thereto the words "every deposit company," was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

HALIFAX TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 Board of School Commissioners respecting the matter of amendments to the Regulations of the Halifax Teachers' Pension System, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved subject to reports from the Commissioner of Finance and City Solicitor as to

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the interpretations of the Sections referred to being submitted to this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 16, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor & City Council,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:-

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to submit to you, for your approval, before sending to the Council of Public Instruction, the following Amendments to the Regulations of the Halifax Teachers' Pension System.

These Amendments were passed at a Meeting of the Board of Management of the Halifax Teachers' Pension System, and by them submitted to a Meeting of the contributors, which meeting was held on November 4, 1947, and unanimously passed.

The Amendments are as follows:-

11. A contributor who voluntarily retires from teaching, in the City of Halifax, before being entitled to a Pension, shall be entitled to receive back from the Permanent Fund the total sum paid by him or her, to the fund, after the first six years, without interest. Contributions made to the Fund, during the first six years to be placed to the credit of the Permanent Fund.
12. If a contributor dies before receiving a Pension, his or her personal representatives shall be entitled to receive from the Permanent Fund, the total sum paid by him or her to the fund, after the first six years, without interest. Contributions made to the fund during the first six years to be placed to the credit of the Permanent Fund.
13. (a) Omit the words "one half" in first line, and "of" in the second line.

I am enclosing herewith copy of the Regulations, in order that you may see what changes have been contemplated.

Trusting that you will give this matter your early consideration, I am,

Yours very truly,

H. F. Bezanson,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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

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INTERIM PAYMENTS BY PROVINCIAL GOV'T

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs was submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date and same is forwarded to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, January 23, 1948.

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of the statement made by the Honourable F. R. Davis, Minister of Municipal Affairs, with respect to the study of Provincial-Municipal and inter-municipal relations and also with respect to the temporary aid to municipal governments.

With respect to the interim payments and effective for the year 1948.

1. It will not be necessary for you to make any appropriation in your budget for the current year for the treatment of patients in the Nova Scotia Hospital.

According to the 1946 accounts, your expenditures for the maintenance of such patients was \$15,886.00

2. It will not be necessary for you to make any appropriation in this year's budget for highways tax.

The amount heretofore payable by your City was 51,710.00

3. You may anticipate during the current year a payment from the Provincial Treasury in lieu of income tax assessments.

As advised by the Minister, this amount has been arrived at by reducing to a per capita basis the greatest amount levied by any City or income and then increasing that amount by fifty per cent and paying the sum so determined for the entire population of your City.

The amount of this grant for your City is 107,846.64

4. You may also anticipate from the Province a payment of \$225 in respect of each branch of any bank in your City.

The amount payable to your City in respect of 15 branch banks is

3,375.00
\$178,817.64

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In view of the new method of computing payments in lieu of income tax and bank tax, the payments heretofore made will, of course, be discontinued.

The amount of this payment has been

\$ 31,773.00

Net gain to the City..... \$147,044.64

In determining population, we have used the last census figures and in determining the number of branch banks we have been in communication with the Halifax office but if the number of branch banks shown by us is incorrect, you might be good enough to advise us.

Yours very truly,

G. L. Beazley,
Deputy Minister.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be accepted and filed. Motion passed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the matter of observing Daylight Saving Time in the City of Halifax was considered.

Your Committee recommends that Daylight Saving Time be observed in the City of Halifax from 12:01 A. M. Sunday, April 25, 1948 until 12:01 A. M. Sunday, September 26, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 increasing the contribution in connection with the Vocational High School was considered.

It was pointed out to the Committee that the City's share

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of the increased estimated cost of the building etc., would be \$22,500.00 annually.

Your Committee recommends that the increased expenditure be approved and a supplementary agreement amending the original agreement accordingly be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved and that the City secure from the Department of Municipal Affairs authority to borrow a sum not exceeding \$450,000.00 under the authority of Section 358A of the City Charter and The Municipal Affairs Act for the purpose of providing the City's share of the cost of the erection of the Vocational Training School in accordance with the agreement entered into between the City, the Province of Nova Scotia, the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax dated the 24th day of February, A. D. 1947 as amended.

Alderman Sullivan stated that he had received information that the Technical College would be moved to Studley and if that were so he questioned whether or not the Technical College could serve as the Vocational School.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Council should consider this very carefully. "No effort has been made on the part of the Provincial Government to get together and discuss the financial side with the City of Halifax as to how this amount has increased."

Alderman Moriarty: "Three years ago this building was to have cost around \$850,000.00 and \$150,000.00 for equipment. The Federal Government would pay 30%, the Provincial Government 30%, the City 30% and the Town of Dartmouth and County of Halifax were to make the 300%. Time is essential. The Federal Government has set a deadline which leaves a very small margin to work on. Mr. Ford is here and I am going to ask him to present the case."

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Mr. E. K. Ford: "With the figures presented to you with an increase in the capital amount to put the school in operation is around \$1,200,000.00 as against \$850,000.00. The \$450,000.00 represents the capital amount. What is being asked for is \$67,500.00 a year as against \$45,000.00. We have been faced with a number of uncertainties in the cost of the building."

His Worship the Mayor: "The \$450,000.00; will that release the City from any further obligations?"

Mr. Ford: "That will release the City from any obligation on capital account. We are asking for a supplementary agreement to raise the City's contribution to \$67,500.00 from \$45,000.00."

Alderman Lloyd: "There is an increase of \$22,500.00; due to what?"

Mr. Ford: "Increased estimate on the cost of the building which was originally figures at \$850,000.00 with \$150,000.00 for equipment. The additional amount charged is to cover the extra amount to carry the school."

Alderman Lloyd: "The motion of Alderman Moriarty is to provide us with the money to proceed to make our \$450,000.00 for capital construction available. In future we will have to include in our budget 30% of the cost of operating the building and the cost of the \$450,000.00."

Mr. Ford: "The Ceiling is set and it cannot be more under the terms of the supplementary agreement. The cost of operating cannot exceed \$225,000.00."

Alderman Sullivan: "Who threatened to withdraw their support if this is not done?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The Federal Government; that is the story we heard."

Mr. Ford: "That is not right Your Worship."

Alderman Sullivan: "Is there a time limit? When does it expire?"

His Worship the Mayor: "March 31st."

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City Solicitor: "No resolution was passed by us to borrow the money."

Alderman Sullivan: "Who hung it up then that the costs are so high now? Was it the Federal or Provincial Governments. I am trying to put the responsibility on somebody."

Mr. Ford: "On May 2nd the deed to the property was received and registered. There were various conferences held with the Minister of Public Works, the Premier and the Committee of the Vocational School Board. We tried to get an actual estimate on the building. Sometime in February would be the best time to call for tenders. The figure is closely estimated at \$2,200,000.00. The matter did not entirely come to a head until Monday morning. As far as the responsibility is concerned I think it lies with general conditions over which nobody has any control. It rests outside of any of us."

Alderman Sullivan: "The Dominion Government should be gracious enough to give the City time to think the thing over and extend the time. We had no control over it. The only one who has any control over it is the Dominion Government."

Alderman DeWolf: "Is it necessary that we agree to pay the \$450,000.00 or do we have the privilege of paying \$67,500.00. The resolution could read either way."

City Solicitor: "The Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality are both paying theirs off. If we take that action we will have to change the Legislation as it was drafted to pay the lump sum."

Alderman DeWolf: "When it came up before it runs through my mind that the City was to pay 30% less the cost of the land."

Mr. Ford: "The cost of the land is specifically excluded under the agreement. It was discussed."

His Worship the Mayor: "This property will be the property of the Provincial Government."

Mr. Ford: "It will be registered "The King in Trust" in proportion to which the various municipalities contribute."

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His Worship the Mayor: "We could build our own at that sum \$450,000.00. I know I am all at sea."

Alderman Sullivan: "What is going to happen to the Technical College. I am groping for information."

Alderman Lloyd: "It is not adaptable to the skills which are advocated by the Vocational School. I understand that all people have given the matter their careful consideration. I feel on the face of it that we make a very definite gain. We should share something on the financial cost because the Province has already made an interim grant of funds to us and studies are now being undertaken as to our respective costs of education, health and welfare and it is not inconceivable that we may expect further assistance indirectly in dollars and cents especially in a project of this kind. They will take this into consideration when they arrive at their final decision."

Alderman Moriarty: "There is an aspect that we are losing sight of. This school will house 900 children. We are looking for the future of the City of Halifax and that should be given serious consideration. The building will have at least 35 teachers. It is a very important thing we should decide."

His Worship the Mayor: "We are going into three quarters of a million dollars of the tax payers money. I don't think there is one Alderman here who will say that the City should not have a Vocational School."

Alderman Breen: "What is the value of the site of land donated."

His Worship the Mayor: "A barrister said he had a client who would be willing to pay the City \$110,000.00 and I think he is still interested."

Alderman Sullivan: "As to the proportions of attendance; would that be worked out as to percent of contributions. If we pay 30% are we going to have the privilege of having 30% of the citizens of Halifax attend the School or will there be so many

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from the Province that we will only have 20%?"

Mr. Ford: "There are three questions there: (1) The future of the Technical College (2) The urgency of finalizing this agreement and (3) Percentage of attendance. I will answer them.

1. The Technical College could only accommodate 150 students. The School which we are discussing has a capacity of 900.

2. The urgency of the matter. Between now and the 31st day of March the tenders have to be called for that building and the work started. We have to take this to the other Councils and it will take us until the First of March to clean it up. It leaves us one month to get tenders called.

3. As to enrolment; we have an estimated enrolment.

- A. The City 550 out of 900 by convenience
- B. 275 come in by bus
- C. 75 will have to be boarded.

Out of 900 considerably more than one half of the enrolment comes from the City of Halifax."

Alderman DeWolf: "The yearly contribution; isn't it to be reviewed every 3 to 5 years?"

Mr. Ford: "There is a stipulation that the matter comes up for review in 3 or 4 years."

Alderman Kitz: "We are agreed on the need for a Vocational School. If 500 children are attending the School and our share is \$450,000.00 then that is somewhat cheaper than what we have been getting away with in the past. It would cost more to build one. With regard to the formula worked out 30%, 30%, 30%, 6% and 4%; whose idea was it and where did it spring from. How was it that the City was not interviewed during the last week or so?"

Mr. Ford: "How we arrived at the percentage: Alderman DeWolf was on the Committee at that time. We had one rather complicated algebraic formula. It brought in assessments, enrolments, etc. It was finally agreed upon by the people present. It was arrived at by the process of haggling in the market place.

Why the City was not consulted: It was thought that it was

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not good judgment to come to the Council until we had something to come with and we did not have anything to come with until last Monday morning. The Vocational School Board consists of Alderman Moriarty, Mr. O'Malley and Mrs. O'Neill making 3 from the City of Halifax on a Board of seven."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we should give it more study. I would like to delay it and I will make every effort to delay it by the City Charter. It is for your benefit that we should have six or seven days to deal with it."

Alderman Lloyd: "You Your Worship just want to be sure that all paper work involved is properly nailed down. I understood the City was going to borrow \$450,000.00 and commit themselves to 30% of the annual operating charges. The motion we have is to borrow \$450,000.00. The City is being asked to provide 30% of the cost of the building."

Mr. Ford: "No. The agreement provides that the total annual cost, everything to operate, must not in any one year exceed \$225,000.00. They can borrow a capital sum and pay that amount or \$67,500.00 a year."

Alderman Lloyd: "As seconder to the motion I would suggest that you send it back for further study."

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Walker that the matter be deferred for ten to twelve days and that a Council meeting be called to deal with this question. Motion passed.

NEW WESTMOUNT SUBDIVISION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date reports were submitted from the Commissioner of Works and City Solicitor respecting the New Westmount Sub-Division.

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Your Committee recommends that the reports be approved subject to reports being submitted by the Commissioner of Works and City Solicitor respecting:

- (a) Total cost of land.
- (b) " " services.
- (c) Cost per unit.
- (d) Cost of private sewer connections.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

City Solicitor: "A meeting was held this afternoon at which Messrs. Dudley, MacKinnon, Harris, Dumaresq and a representative of the Legal Department were present. At that meeting an estimate of the costs were gone into. The project can be divided into two phases. This refers to the portion on which buildings will be erected by Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation; that consists of the Halifax Airport and another parcel of land. There will be 305 houses in that area. The cost of the local improvements for 305 units total \$173,600.00. That covers Fire Alarm system, street lighting, sewers, branches into the houses, grading, sidewalks and macadamized roads. In order to lay the sewer in this portion it is necessary to lay an extension to the sewer through other land which it is proposed ultimately will be used for integrated housing by private builders. The \$173,600.00 does not include the total cost of the sewer, only the portion of the sewer in respect of which Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation is building the houses. When the other portion is developed the sewer will have already been laid and the City should make a more substantial recovery from the abutting owners. Leaving the second portion out of the picture we have a total cost of \$173,600.00. We will receive from Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation at the rate of \$350.00 per unit a total of \$106,750.00 which will leave a net capital cost in respect to this portion of \$66,850.00. That is the capital cost which the City must lay out on that portion. The total capital cost for the

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entire project as the work requires it, as the place is developing, will amount to, sewer additional \$78,000.00; water extension \$168,000.00 for everything; water connections to houses \$19,825.00. If the new rates which are proposed to be sought are approved, any extension in the future would be self-supporting.

The total capital expenditure on the entire project is \$439,425.00. We are receiving from Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation \$350.00 per unit or \$106,750.00 plus \$65.00 per unit towards the water connection from the main to the house making a total amount from Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation of \$126,575.00. When you deduct from the total capital cost after getting \$126,575.00 you have \$312,850.00. When you deduct from that the amount the City will receive from the sale of lots to Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation or \$15,750.00, the amount we have to borrow comes to \$297,100.00. Of that the Public Service Commission pays the interest and carrying charges or \$168,000.00 which leaves an amount of \$129,100.00 which the City will have to finance less the \$2,000.00 we have to pay for the park area in one of the portions."

Alderman Kitz: "Did you consider how much it will cost to take the sewer to this land?"

City Solicitor: "It is included in the last figure I gave you."

Alderman Lloyd: "Fire protection, street lights, sewer installations, sewer connections, grading, sidewalks and macadamized roads in the whole subdivision A. B. and C. will cost \$173,600.00 before we start any deductions."

City Solicitor: "In the portion where Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation are building the houses themselves."

Alderman Lloyd: "Then you add sewer connections of \$78,000.00 through other land."

Alderman DeWolf: "Fifteen thousand odd dollars for the land is kind of a fallacy because we did not get the land for nothing."

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We paid out money for land somewhere along the line."

City Solicitor: "There has been no estimate made for the beautifying of the parks."

Alderman Breen: "What will the additional cost be in the event of the water not being laid in the same trench?"

Mr. MacKinnon: "It would cost \$168,000.00 in the same trench and \$200,000.00 for separate trenches."

His Worship the Mayor: "The members of Council were advised that any or all firms, small or large, would be able to take part in this building program."

Mr. Dudley: "That is right Your Worship. We would have enough serviced land to accommodate all builders in town. We have direct control over the remaining 180 units and any builder could build. If they make suitable arrangements they can build."

Alderman Sullivan: "Has the contract been let to any person for any specified number of houses?"

Mr. Dudley: "I have negotiated since last November with a firm for the construction of 305 units."

Alderman Sullivan: "Would you care to state the number of individual builders?"

Mr. Dudley: "One construction firm has or will have the contract for 305 units. We tried to keep the cost of services to a minimum. We discussed the lots with the various Departments and we arrived at a price of \$350.00 which is a fair price. Water connection had to be dealt with separately because it was separate from the City. We asked the Public Service Commission how much they would charge and they told us \$65.00. We arrived at the unit cost and came out at a price of \$350.00 which we considered a fair price for us to pay for a lot in the proposal for 305 units."

Alderman Sullivan: "The Public Service Commission does allow a certain per cent of the branch going to the house."

Mr. Dudley: "To the property line only."

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Alderman Sullivan: "When we discussed this I understood that the Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation was willing to pay the cost of improvements the same as any other person who builds a house. The cost of a branch sewer going into the house is borne by a home owner."

Alderman Kitz: "The understanding was that this was going to be done by stages. Three hundred first and of that number was it going to be divided among them. Was that right?"

Mr. Dudley: "That was back before Christmas."

Alderman Kitz: "Was that changed? I don't remember it being changed."

Mr. Dudley: "We felt we would pay \$2.50 per foot frontage for sewer, \$1.25 for the sidewalks, grading, etc., \$3.50 house connection and about .25¢ would cover per foot fire protection and street lighting. That gave us about \$7.00 and that is how we arrived at \$350.00 for a serviced lot to the City."

Alderman Sullivan: "Some months ago we had an offer from a local firm to buy this property and develop it. We turned it down. They were willing to pay a stated amount plus the cost of improvements."

Alderman Lloyd: "I feel that the problem of housing is a very vexed one. Many people have tried to solve the problem. There are many factors over which either the builder or the City has any control or even the Government itself. I have been most anxious that the so-called small builder would have the opportunity to build. I think he has found that building by private contract is much more profitable for him than attempting to build under the integrated scheme. So long as we are satisfied that if, as and when these houses are sold they will be subject to the usual assessments of the City I don't think we will have any complaint. A good proportion of them will be sold within a reasonable length of time. In any event it is an effort to get more housing in the City. While it is not perfect and nobody claims it to be perfect, the Company is

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ready to start in and for that reason I am strongly in favor of going along with this proposal and saying to Mr. Dudley "you have fathered this project, on the face of it it appears reasonable, we therefore expect the 305 houses up by next fall. Put it to him that way and let him go to it."

Mr. Dudley: "We have had 150 people put in their names at our office wishing to either rent or buy. Seventy-five per cent are willing to buy and twenty-five per cent have stated that they just wish to rent."

Alderman Walker: "What are other tax payers paying in comparison for the same house."

Alderman Sullivan: "\$150.00."

Mr. Dudley: "This joint effort solves the problem in Halifax. We have both got to get together and go to work on it. We are going to keep cost as low as we can. We are going to pay \$65.00 as long as we are going to operate these houses. There are places being built by private enterprise and they are being rented at \$85.00 to \$90.00 per month. When a person purchases a house he moves into the assessment roll for the full amount."

Alderman DeWolf: "Some person might come along with a subdivision and ask for sewer. These figures are not quite proper as it should be so much a foot frontage. We are getting back the normal frontage that we would get from anyone else."

Alderman Breen: "Could Mr. MacKinnon tell us what the difference in cost would be for one of these houses built under the National Building Code and the City Building Code?"

Mr. Dudley: "The National Building Code might contain certain things that are much more stringent."

Alderman Sullivan: "The Plumbing Code of the City of Halifax is one of the finest Codes in the North American Continent. It took years to build up a Code in the City of Halifax for the protection of the City. It is a City Ordinance that must be adhered to. They should not put crock tile in the houses. Soil pipe is

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getting plentiful."

Alderman Breen: "If the National Building Code is used then when an individual buys this house and the time comes for repairs he is subject to the City Building Code. It should be all the way through."

Mr. Dudley: "Where we do find something that will keep the price down we will go to Mr. MacKinnon to discuss it."

Alderman Breen: "The City should adopt the National Building Code then. The man who wants to build a home has to adhere to the City Code."

Alderman Sullivan: "I will never agree to knock down the City Building Code."

Alderman Lloyd: "It may be that the National Building Code is just as practical and just as good as the City's and it may be the only way for Mr. Dudley to get around it is to ask us."

His Worship the Mayor: "What is the difference between the two Codes?"

Mr. MacKinnon: "Their's isn't much different."

Mr. Dudley: "There was a special committee set up of all trades who know what good building was. It was set up for all municipalities in Canada and it is the most up to date code for all buildings."

At this point Mr. Nathan Green was granted permission to ask a few questions. He wished to know what effect would there be in the tax rate in so far as the tax payers were concerned by going into this project with Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation in respect to the houses that go on for years at \$65.00 and also if they were sublet to any more than 3 persons would there be any change with respect to the tax for business.

Mr. McManus: "The first question can't be answered. The second question is 5 or more before they are liable for the business tax."

Alderman Lloyd: "All the City has to do is to buy the balance

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of them and put them on the tax roll at full value."

His Worship the Mayor: "I have received letters from the Liberals, C. C. F., and Progressive Conservatives commending the City for entering into this agreement. I feel we should get a little action and go along with this project."

~~Read~~ letter from the Halifax District Trades & Labor Council advising that at their meeting a resolution was passed urging the City to go ahead with this housing program.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Donovan that subject to obtaining any necessary legislation that the agreement be accepted and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute same on behalf of the City.

The motion was put and passed unanimously the following members of Council being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Adams
Breen
Burgess
DeWolf
Donovan
Doyle
Kitz
Lloyd
Moriarty
Sullivan
Walker

While the vote was being taken Alderman Sullivan remarked as follows: "I will agree provided these houses are built according to the by-laws of the City of Halifax."

Mr. Dudley: "We will see that they are but if we can't get certain materials we will discuss it with the Commissioner of Works."

Alderman Sullivan: "I thank you."

FORUM OPERATING ACCOUNT

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

Union Coal Company

Limited

COAL AND COKE
Oil Equipment - Service - Appliances

118 GOTTINGEN STREET

HALIFAX,
NOVA SCOTIA



February 9, 1948.

His Worship, The Mayor,
City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:

We regret to have to advise receipt of a letter from the Dominion Coal Co., Ltd. setting forth that, effective Feb. 2nd, an increase of forty cents (40) per ton is added to their various grades of coal, Dominion, Old Sydney, Springhill, and Acadia. Their letter explains that this advance is due to wage increases recently granted their mine workers.

Yours very truly,

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CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL

February 12, 1948.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Internal Auditor enclosing statements of the Operating Accounts of the Halifax Forum for the year ending October 31, 1947 and same is forwarded to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

FILED.

INCREASE PRICE OF COAL

Halifax, N. S.,
February 10, 1948.

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 Union Coal Company Limited respecting an advance in the price of certain grades of coal was read and same is forwarded to Council for its information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

FILED.

PURCHASE OF MATTRESSES

Halifax, N. S.,
February 2, 1948.

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 agreed to recommend the purchase of 100 mattresses @ \$2.45 each from the Nova Scotia Storage & Forwarding Company Limited for use at the City Prison.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,
February 2, 1948.

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:

T. Eaton Co. (Maritimes) Ltd.	\$864.50
Cogswell's Mar. Photo Supply House	731.85
R. B. Colwell Limited	352.20
J. H. Leedham	261.95
John Tobin & Co., Ltd.	285.87
" "	307.62
Howards Limited	383.57
Merck & Co., Ltd.	1,050.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
February 12, 1948.

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:

J. A. Leaman & Co. Ltd.....	\$664.72
J. A. Leaman & Co. Ltd.....	743.27

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

WELFARE LEGISLATION

This item was withdrawn from the agenda as there was no report to Council from the Committee on Public Health & Welfare.

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CLOSING CITY HALL OFFICES 12 O'CLOCK NOON SATURDAYS

Alderman DeWolf brought up the matter of closing City Hall Offices at 12 o'clock noon on Saturdays instead of 1 P.M., and then moved that all City Hall Offices be closed at 12 o'clock noon on Saturdays instead of 1 P. M., the motion was seconded by Alderman Burgess and passed.

WIVES OF TAX PAYERS VOTING

Read letter from The Halifax Club of Business and Professional Women requesting the City to obtain legislation permitting the wives of tax payers to have the right to vote.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Walker that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee with the request that the existing legislation be reviewed and bring in a recommendation to Council. Motion passed.

FIRE NORTH END OF CITY

Alderman Sullivan: "Regarding the tragedy in the North End, the Engineer should be asked to give the Committee on Works or the Council some report on conditions in the City of Halifax. This property that was burned, I don't think that practically any part of the construction met with the requirements of the law of the City of Halifax and also the one next door. It was built in a haphazard way and this is the outcome of it. In one building there were 12 stoves and each one had fire in it. I could not get up the back steps and the halls were not wide enough. I went across the street and I saw an outside chimney and you could almost put your finger between the pointings in the bricks. I know it is a bad district."

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that Mr. MacKinnon be immediately authorized to hire a temporary building inspector during the winter season and that a survey of conditions be made. Motion passed.

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ACCOUNTS OVER \$400.00

Halifax, N. S.,
February 5, 1948.

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:

Purdy Motors Limited.....	\$1,845.28
Maritime Accessories Limited.....	241.50

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

Halifax, N. S.,
February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February
3, 1948, the following accounts over \$500.00 were submitted:-

Canadian General Electric,	\$3810.98
Standard Paving - snow removal	618.00
Butler Bros. - snow removal	650.00
R. S. Allen - shovel rental	1660.98
G. H. Wood - water coolers	650.71
W. H. Noonan - pipe	1769.72
Department of Highways & Public Works	2265.82
Cunard Coal	2356.93
Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow-chloride	920.10
Citadel Motors Limited	1028.00

The Committee approved the accounts and recommended
the same to Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

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ACCOUNT C. A. FOWLER

February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on February 3, 1948, considered the attached report re account of G. A. Fowler & Company amounting to \$326.01 being final payment for plans, specifications and supervision of the City Heating Plant at the City Home.

The Committee approved the account and recommended the same to Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

ILLUMINATED SIGNS

February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting February 3, 1948 considered the following applications for the erection of illuminated signs:-

Merchant Seaman's Club - 41 Hollis Street.

Hydro Radio & Appliances - 127 Gottingen Street.

The Committee approved the application and recommended to Council that the lease in connection with the same be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

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APPROPRIATIONS PUBLIC GARDENS & FLEMING PARK

January 24, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 23, 1948, consideration was given to the estimates of the Halifax Public Gardens and Fleming Park.

The Committee decided to recommend to City Council legislation be sought at the coming session of the Nova Scotia Legislature, whereby the limitations placed on the appropriations for the Public Gardens and Fleming Park would be removed or failing this, that authority be sought to authorize the City to borrow an amount of \$10,000.00 for the Halifax Public Gardens and \$5,000.00 to meet needed expenditures at Fleming Park.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

STREET LIGHTING

February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting February 3, 1948 considered the attached reports re street light improvements.

The Committee approved the reports and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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LONDON STREET - STREET LIGHT

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have had a request for an additional street light on London Street between Dublin and Windsor Street.

The estimated cost of the installation of this light is \$69.00 and the yearly maintenance \$20.00.

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I would recommend that a light be placed on London Street in the above location.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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DALHOUSIE STREET - STREET LIGHT

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I have a request for an additional light on Dalhousie Street. The estimated cost of installation is \$69.00, yearly maintenance \$20.00.

I would recommend that this light be installed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

SEWER EXTENSION GLADSTONE STREET

February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

An application for sewer extension on Gladstone Street was considered by the Committee on Works meeting February 3, 1948.

The Committee approved of the attached report of the Commissioner of Works and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

February 3, 1948.

SEWER EXTENSION - GLADSTONE STREET

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Application for sewer extension on Gladstone Street between Summit Street and Windsor Terrace has been received from Percy W. James, who already has a residence under construction at the

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premises known as 62 Gladstone Street.

At the present time the sewer is extended ninety-four feet north of Summit Street and to provide drainage facilities for Mr. James, it will require an extension of forty-six feet or to a point one hundred and forty feet north of Summit Street.

The estimated cost of the extension is \$460.00 and the estimated assessment is \$115.00.

I would recommend this extension.

Yours very truly,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

GRADING ETC. GRANT STREET

February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re Grant Street grading, acceptance and concrete sidewalks was considered at a meeting of the Board of Works held on February 3, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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GRANT STREET - GRADING, ACCEPTANCE AND CONCRETE SIDEWALKS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

A petition has been received from the majority of the property owners on Grant Street requesting local improvements to this street.

The approximate length to be graded is four hundred (400') feet, and the estimated cost about \$200.00; the total length for both sides for curb and gutter and concrete sidewalks and sodding is about eight hundred (800') feet and the estimated cost about \$4,800.00, of which the property owners will be liable for one-half of the cost.

I would therefore recommend that this street be graded

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and accepted as a City street and that concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter be ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

GRADING ETC. COLUMBUS STREET

February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 3, 1948, consideration was given to a petition for the grading and acceptance of Columbus Street between Prescott Street and Kempt Road.

The Committee approved of the attached report of the Commissioner of Works and recommended the same to City Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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PETITION - GRADING AND ACCEPTANCE - COLUMBUS STREET, PRESCOTT TO
KEMPT ROAD

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

A petition dated January 28th. has been received from thirty-five percent (35%) of the assessed frontage of the property owners of Columbus Street, between Prescott Street and Kempt Road, requesting that this portion of Columbus Street be graded and accepted as a City street.

The length to be graded is approximately three hundred and twenty (320') feet and the estimated cost about \$300.00, and I would therefore recommend that this street be graded and accepted as a City street, during the coming summer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

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GRADING ETC. FAIRFIELD ROAD

February 6, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held February 3, 1948, consideration was given to accepting and grading Fairfield Road.

The Committee approved and recommended to Council that Fairfield Road be accepted and graded as a City Street pursuant to Section 524-C of the Halifax City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

February 6, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the acceptance and grading of Fairfield Road for a distance of 375 feet southwardly from Jubilee Road.

The estimated cost of grading the street is \$800.00 and the estimated assessment is \$800.00.

I would also recommend that curb and gutter be laid on both sides of the street for a distance of 375 feet southwardly from Jubilee Road and that sidewalk and sodding be also laid on the east side of this street for a distance of 375 feet all at an estimated cost of \$2,800.00 and Fairfield Road is less than sixty feet wide, the City has authority to accept the same as a City street by virtue of Section 524-C of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

GRADING ETC. CLINTON AVENUE

February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting February 3, 1948, considered

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a petition requesting acceptance and grading of Clinton Avenue as well as the construction of a culvert.

The Committee approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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BRIDGE CLINTON AVENUE

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

A petition has been received from property owners on Clinton Avenue asking for the acceptance and grading of the street and also for the construction of a culvert.

The street has never been accepted on account of its being a dead end street. Several years ago, however, legislation was obtained authorizing the acceptance of the streets used prior to 1945, regardless of having been dead end.

As the grading of the street requires all fill, I would recommend that we extend the present four foot concrete pipe culvert, referred to in the petition, immediately, to a length of not less than 30 feet and the street be filled as the materials are available.

The estimated cost to do this work is \$300.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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

STREET NAME HORSEFIELD

February 5, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting on February 3, 1948, considered the naming of a 60 foot street passing through the so-called "Horsefield" from Jubilee Road to Coburg Road.

The name of "Connrose Avenue" was suggested.

The Committee approved and recommended to Council that the 60 foot street crossing the so-called Horsefield between

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Jubilee Road and Coburg Road be named Connrose Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

February 12, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above
date, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works re Tenders
for Snow Removal Equipment was considered.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council that tenders
be sought for the purchase of snow removal equipment as recommended
by the Commissioner of Works.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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RE SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On January 23rd. after consultation with transportation engineers
of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, an estimate amounting
to \$130,000.00 was submitted for the purchase of sufficient
equipment to maintain the trolley and bus routes during heavy snow
storms. When we made this estimate, we calculated using some of
the present equipment. Probably the estimate was a little too
close as we may be forced to add another unit costing approximately
\$10,000.00.

I would therefore recommend that we call for tenders for the follow-
ing:-

four - 5 ton trucks of the 4 wheel drive type.
one motor maintainer of the same weight and power as that presently
owned by the City and to be equipped with V plough blade and wing.
One diesel tractor, six D or equivalent, equipped with snow plough
and either a bull-dozer or angle dozer.
four snow loaders of either or both the conveyor type or the smaller
blower type.

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Not less than three 3½ ton trucks.

Respectfully submitted,
H. M. MacKinnon
Commissioner of Works.

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

PURCHASE OF SNOW BLOWERS

February 12, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, consideration was given to the purchase of snow removal equipment.

The Committee decided to recommend to City Council that the City purchase 3 Cyclone Snow Blowers from John A. West at a cost of \$7,500.00 each, F. O. B. Halifax tax included.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Motion put and passed ten voting for the same and one against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Breen
Donovan
Adams
Kitz
Doyle
Walker
Burgess
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Lloyd

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APPLICATION MASTER WIREMAN'S LICENSE

A recommendation from the Board of Wiring Examiners that Mr. John L. Phillips be granted a Master Wireman's License was submitted.

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

ORNAMENTAL TREE LIST

A list of trees planted on various streets during the year 1947 was submitted.

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Alderman DeWolf contended that there were not enough trees being planted and suggested that more be planted next year.

Alderman Donovan advised that there was no limit on the number that could be planted as the legislation has already been secured, and the Committee on Works could order as many as it liked.

Alderman Kitz requested that trees be planted along with shrubs on the Ward Four section of Connaught Avenue boulevard.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Burgess that 1,000 trees be planted next season. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHER

A letter was submitted from S. Cunard & Co., Ltd., requesting that Mr. V. J. Hennebury be sworn as a Coal Weigher.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the request be granted. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 12, 1948.

Members, City Council,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Council Library Committee (chosen at the January meeting of the City Council) held Tuesday, February 10th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

THAT city architects be invited to submit sketches for a proposed Memorial Library; cost not to exceed \$300,000.00; preference to be given to sketches which will provide fully needed facilities and attractive architectural design.

The Committee is desirous of moving fast in bringing about the erection of the library, and feels that a start can be made in mid-summer. While the site has not as yet been chosen, the following sites have been suggested: A section of St. Paul's Cemetery, Grafton St. Park, Cor. Grafton St. and Spring Garden Road; Church of England Institute; Art School Building, George St; Corner of Buckingham & Barrington Sts; Ahern Avenue; Park on Windsor Street; site of Quinpool Road Fire Station.

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It is imperative that plans be made immediately. I have on my desk for your perusal a petition which was circulated by the Halifax Memorial Library Committee under the direction of Mrs. Muriel Gibson, Mrs. Jessie Marshall and Donald Crowdis, whose co-operation with your City Council committee has been magnificent.

This petition contains the names of citizens from all walks of life and indicates a desire on the part of our taxpayers to have this library erected without delay.

Therefore, gentlemen, I am asking that you endorse the action of your Committee by supporting the resolution. There should be no delay in meeting the wishes of our people.

Yours very truly,

John E. Ahern,
CHAIRMAN LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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

Alderman Lloyd: "I feel this proposal if it is a Regional Library proposal, that the Provincial Government will pay 50%. If you ask 3 architects to submit plans under the Royal Architectural Society you will have to pay for the designs that you receive. It would seem to me more practical to select an architect and let him meet with your Committee and Library people and together work out a location and recommend to Council and go on from there the type of construction".

Mr. Dumaresq: "You can call for sketches without any charge. When you are calling for sketches the architect must know what you have in mind. There should be a guide to go by".

His Worship the Mayor: "We should have it erected by 1949. This Committee is quite willing to appear before the Council in getting quick action on it".

Alderman Sullivan: "There is a lot of detail work that the Committee itself is not familiar with".

Alderman Lloyd suggested that the following be added to the resolution: "providing their plans comply with the requirements of the Regional Library Scheme".

The seconder to the motion agreed to this addition.

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Alderman Walker: "I am not against the building of a library but I am against it going up in a hurry".

Alderman Kitz: "I assume this building will cost about \$300,000.00 and the architect fees will be about \$18,000.00. It is glaring extravagance when we could hire a man at a per annum figure to do this work. You could hire him for 3 years or nearly that. It would probably take no more than 6 months. The design and specifications mean you are paying \$18,000.00 for what I suggest one man would cost no more than \$500.00 for drawing up the fine work of the plan. Does it occur to this Council that about a month ago I was appointed a Committee with the City Solicitor to investigate the possibility of obtaining the Wright money for the library. I have had discussions with the Deputy Attorney General and the attitude is most favorable to the sum of \$60,000.00. That is the sort of thing if we had a City Architect that I could discuss with him. We are urged to deal with our higher representatives such as the Engineer, Solicitor and Medical Chief; surely the same thing applies to an Architect and much more so. For that reason I am going to vote against this motion".

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

Alderman Adams: "I would like Mr. Dumaresq to compete in this".

It was agreed to permit Mr. J. P. Dumaresq to compete as suggested by Alderman Adams.

The amendment was put and lost, 2 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Kitz
Walker

AGAINST IT

Alderman Adams
Breen
Burgess
DeWolf
Donovan
Doyle
Lloyd
Moriarty
Sullivan

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The motion was then put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Breen
Donovan
Adams
Lloyd
Doyle
Burgess
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Kitz
Walker

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AFRICVILLE SITUATION

Halifax, N. S.,
February 4, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

A special committee consisting of Aldermen Sullivan, Burgess and Lloyd appointed in connection with the Africville situation submits the following report:

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, February 4, 1948 at which a large representation of residents from Africville and others were present. A free discussion took place; all residents expressed a desire to remain in Africville and pledged their co-operation to any move made by the City to improve conditions there and also agreed to appoint a Committee of not more than five persons to meet with a Committee from the City Council for the purpose of working out a definite program.

It was agreed to make the following recommendations to Council:

1. That a Committee be appointed by Council to carry on further negotiations.
2. That both the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to appoint representatives to meet with the Committee from Council and residents of Africville.
3. That the Town Planning Engineer and Sanitary Engineer be requested to make a survey of Africville for the purpose of gathering data respecting:
 - A. The number of dwellings and community buildings there.
 - B. The ownership of the land on which the buildings are located.
 - C. The feasibility of extending sanitary facilities to the area.
 - D. The preparation of a plan showing location of buildings, streets, etc.

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

His Worship the Mayor then nominated the following to comprise the Committee: Aldermen Sullivan, Burgess and Lloyd which was agreed to by Council.

REFUND SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS LATE R. GRIFFITHS

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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 Mrs. Mary Winnifred Griffiths, widow of the late Richard Griffiths, former Superintendent of the Public Gardens, for consideration under the new Superannuation Plan of the City was considered.

On advice from the City Solicitor that there is no Superannuation scheme in effect that would cover this case, your Committee recommends that the claim of Mrs. Griffiths be not considered and the sum contributed to the new Superannuation Plan by her late husband be refunded to her.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF HOUSES EDGEWOOD-ARDMORE AREA AND
SALE OF LOTS WARTIME HOUSING PROJECT #13

Alderman DeWolf: "We have conferred with Mr. Brownell and we are going to advise you later as to the outcome".

APPOINTMENT BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Alderman Sullivan stated that as a result of being contacted by several citizens he was withdrawing his resignation.

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF JANUARY

Service Year	Reserves	O/S Bal. Dec. 31/47.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	January Collect- ions.	O/S Balances Jan. 31/48.
1944-45	\$10,299.40	\$ 11,827.50		\$ 135.69	\$ 11,691.81
1945	22,107.59	54,726.26		1,600.02	53,126.24
1946	40,294.27	112,370.14		4,637.68	107,732.46
1947	21,841.33	295,157.55	Dr. 20,000.00	\$25,652.26	289,505.29
		\$474,081.45	Dr. 20,000.00	\$32,025.65	\$462,055.80

Poll Tax

1943-44	23,658.59	Dr.	3.00	25.50	23,636.09
1944-45	5,226.54	Dr.	2.00	64.12	5,164.42
1946	4,462.46	Cr.	9.00	1,017.84	3,435.62
1947	8,552.14			1,585.04	6,967.10

Additional Collections

Arrears 1925-26 to 1943-44
Corresponding Period Last Year

1948	1947
678.22	1,141.30

Collections as per statement above
Corresponding Period Last Year

\$32,025.65	31,205.06
\$32,703.87	\$32,346.36

Collection Poll Tax January 1948
Corresponding Period Last Year

2,953.24	3,369.29
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Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Hagell,
Chief Accountant.

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EXTENSION OF WATER TO AFRICVILLE

Halifax, N. S.,
January 13, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Public Service Commission respecting the matter of extending the water service to Africville was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the proposal contained in Paragraphs 5 and 6 of this report be approved with the City paying the annual deficit involved.

A formal resolution for authority to borrow the sum of \$20,000.00 required for this purpose is submitted herewith for Council's approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 6, 1948.

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

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with a request of the City Council by resolution dated December 11, 1947 we have made a study of extending the water service to Africville. The matter has been discussed with Fire Chief MacGillivray and Sanitary Engineer Thomas and it is understood that it is essential that fire service be given as well as domestic service. We therefore beg to report as follows:

At the present time there is a 5" pipe line owned by the Canadian National Railways running from the Round House along Barrington Street in the direction of Africville, as far as the Tug Wharf. This line is approximately 4000' long and supplies the Department of Highways Garage, the Irving Oil Company and other customers. The line is an ordinary steel pipe line and therefore its life will be relatively short. It has already been in service a number of years.

From its termination at the Tug Wharf, a 4" line could be installed to Africville, a further distance of about 2300 feet. It would be necessary to construct a special concrete chamber in which to instal a meter to measure the quantity of water used in the Africville district, which would have to be deducted from the C. N. R.'s master meter. The cost of installing this 4" line with a meter, and service to the school with one standpipe service in the community for general use would be from \$16,000.00 to \$18,000.00. On account of the length of the pipe involved, approximately 6500', of which about 4,000 feet of 5" pipe is already installed, it is our opinion that fire protection could not be supplied and therefore no allowance has been made in the estimates for installing hydrants. This line would supply water from the low service system.

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An alternative scheme would be to extend an 8" line north on Gottingen Street from the intersection of Gottingen Street and Hospital Lane (near the Infectious Disease Hospital). This would be on the high service system and on account of the high pressure which would result at Africville, which is practically at sea level, it would be necessary to instal a pressure reducing valve at or near the 100' contour. This scheme would have the advantage of eventually becoming an integral part of the distribution system when the northern slope is developed and the Memorial Driveway is completed. As we have no definite information as to the plans of development in the area, we cannot make a very accurate estimate as to the cost as there are no streets or roads indicated on the existing City Plan.

The scheme would be to carry an 8" line from the present termination on Gottingen Street approximately 1700', and from there instal 375' of 1" or 1½" line to supply domestic service in the village of Africville, with service to the school and a public standpipe service as in the previous scheme. There would also be installed two hydrants which would provide adequate fire protection. As already pointed out, it is difficult to make an exact estimate until further information is available, but this scheme would cost between \$19,000.00 and \$20,000.00.

As there will be very little, if any, revenue to be derived from the project, it is questionable if the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities will permit the Public Service Commission to make this expenditure unless the City is prepared to carry the total cost, which will be in the vicinity of \$1,800.00 per year.

In the long term plan for development of the water system of Halifax it is proposed that a 12" low service line be carried on Barrington Street completely around the north end to tie into a line which must be eventually carried out Dutch Village Road to Fairview thus making a complete loop to provide an adequate service to the whole North End area as it is developed. This would cost in the vicinity of \$150,000.00 but would probably not be completed within ten years. If the scheme as outlined, of extending Gottingen Street north, is carried out, it could eventually be tied in to the proposed 12" circuit and main so that there could be an interconnection at the North end of Gottingen Street between the high and the low service to provide the maximum amount of water for fire service.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira P. Macnab,
GENERAL MANAGER.

W H E R E A S by Section 8, subsection (g) of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1945, Province of Nova Scotia, The Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of the said City such sum or sums of money as the City Council deems necessary for the purpose of constructing

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altering, extending or improving water works or water system for the City, and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor, or for maintaining such water works or water system;

AND WHEREAS by said Section 8 of said The Municipal Affairs Act it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be so borrowed until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

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

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the City Council of the City of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending or improving water works or water system for the City, and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor, or for maintaining such water works or water system, to wit: the water extension from Gottingen Street to Africville;

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) will be necessary to raise that sum;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and that such sums not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) be borrowed by the Public Service Commission of Halifax from any bank, fund, person or account available for the purposes aforesaid, the said sums to be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said The Municipal Affairs Act the said City do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the City the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purposes aforesaid;

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the said amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00);

THAT the issue of said debentures be postponed and that the City do grant its approval to the borrowing by the Public Service Commission of Halifax from the Bank of Montreal of a sum or sums of money not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00);

THAT the said sum or sums be so borrowed for a period not exceeding nine months, with interest thereon to be paid by the Public Service Commission at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per centum, and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank of Montreal from the proceeds of said debentures when sold.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report and resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Donovan, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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