

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY  
JUNE 17, 1948.

A G E N D A

Prayer.

Minutes.

Motion by Alderman Walker re Reconsideration Salary City Solicitor.

Motion by Alderman Kitz re City Architect.

Official Street Lines High Street.

Accounts.

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Assessment Workmen's Compensation Board.

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Advance Halifax Welfare Bureau.

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Payment to Municipality of the County of Halifax.

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Halifax Natal Day.

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Report Internal Auditor.

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Transfer of Land to Board of School Commissioners.

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Tenders for Printing Amendments to City Charter.

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MacLeod Property Northwest Arm.

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Memorial Public Library.

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Salaries.

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Capital Borrowings.

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

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Account Maritime Tile Company.

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Leave of Absence Miss Colpitt.

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Leave Inspectors.

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Arm Patrol.

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Insurance Police Motor Equipment.

Questions.

Report Committee on Works re Accounts over \$500.00.

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Lease to Sunshine Swimming Club.

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Acting City Electrician.

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Street Markers.

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Contract for Concrete Sidewalks.

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Change of Street Name.

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Sewer Extensions.

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Grading Flinn Street Etc.

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Clarence Street Improvements.

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Sidewalks etc.

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Release Damage to Street Standard.

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Tree Planting.

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Tenders for Coal, etc.

Report Chief Accountant re Appropriations.

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Tax Collections Month of May.

Deferred Items.

1. Sale of Houses Edgewood-Ardmore Area.
2. Sale of Homes to City by Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation.
3. Baseball Games Watershed Property.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17, 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, Hosterman, Abbott, 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.

MOTION ALDERMAN WALKER - RECONSIDERATION SALARY CITY SOLICITOR

Moved by Alderman Walker that the resolution passed at the last regular meeting of the City Council respecting the salary of the City Solicitor be reconsidered.

There being no seconder to the motion His Worship the Mayor called for the next item of business.

MOTION ALDERMAN KITZ - CITY ARCHITECT

Alderman Kitz: "Last month I spoke at some length on the matter of hiring a City Architect. I don't intend to go over the matters I covered again tonight except to say that it is a very opportune time when there is going to be a re-organization of the Works Department. I am very glad indeed and I hope that when they re-organize, if my motion passes, that a place can then be made

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for the City Architect and incorporated into our general Works Department. As we are now there are some four qualified engineers working for the City of Halifax. During the last three years the architect fees on buildings, plus what was paid for the Queen Elizabeth High School was \$77,000.00 and if our ordinary building program for the next 2 or 3 years is proceeded with we will have approximately \$100,000.00 extra. I am well aware that all of that money which is paid out in architect fees do not solely and alone go to the pocket of the consulting architect. I would point out for the knowledge of this Council that there was approximately one quarter of a million dollars worth of buildings supervised by the School Board Architect which have been around \$18,000.00 in architect fees paid out and I am advised that the total outside expenditure did not exceed \$500.00. I do not think that when you get into larger buildings that you will have that good fortune. If we save one-half we will still be to the good. When we considered our legal fees 6 months ago with respect to the C. N. R. case they were covered by our day to day costs of our City Solicitor while St. John, our sister City, was \$32,000.00. We have our own drafting room and facilities which an architect can use without difficulty."

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that this City advertise for the hiring of an architect in our local press and such trade journals as may be recommended by the Commissioner of Works and that applications be made to the Committee on Works and that the time of limiting such applications be 30 days from this date.

Alderman Hosterman: "I feel we should have more information before we take action on such a motion. At the same time I feel that with the staff we have under Mr. MacKinnon and the amount of work performed here; is Mr. MacKinnon going to supply the necessary drafting and clerical staffs to carry along an architect? It seems that we should be supplied with what this is going to cost for

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additional draftsmen."

Alderman Burgess: "This should be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Without any more information I would have to vote against it."

His Worship the Mayor: "How do you feel about that Alderman Kitz?"

Alderman Kitz: "This was put over from last month. If there is sympathy with my motion, it can be mapped out and integrated when the Committee on Works make up their new set up and go into the actual formation of the Works. The place to thrash it out is not the Finance and Executive Committee but the Works Committee, when they re-organize they can go into that."

Alderman Hosterman: "I am sure that Alderman Burgess will go along in sending it back to the Committee on Works. We should get more information from Mr. MacKinnon."

Alderman Sullivan: "I feel there is a lot of merit to it. We sat in Committee the other day and we were hogtied. I thought there was going to be some kind of a joint meeting with the School Board. Is it Alderman Kitz's intention that should the City employ an architect that he would also do the work for the School Board with their sanction?"

Alderman Kitz: "By all means."

Alderman Sullivan: "I would like to know if there is any reaction from the School Board. We should have some costs of setting up another Department of the City of Halifax."

His Worship the Mayor: "We have an architect now who has been doing a lot of work."

Alderman Kitz: "The point that Alderman Sullivan has raised that we should meet with the School Board; we should not lose sight of the fact that the School Board is financed out of money raised by the tax payers."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I will have that meeting July 6th."

Alderman Kitz: "I suggest that the Committee on Works is the proper Committee to meet with the School Board."

Alderman Lloyd: "This kind of debate does stimulate constructive thinking. It focusses our attention on our methods. Alderman Kitz's motion since it has been tabled has aroused a great deal of interest among the Aldermen. First of all with respect to the School Buildings that have been constructed under Mr. Downie. That situation could not continue at the present rate of salary and Mr. Downie made it quite clear that he was satisfied and felt there was sufficient work for him to do as Building Superintendent. To say that we have saved money is a question. The School Board has engaged another gentleman who looks after the maintenance. To bring out your costs you would have to take into consideration all the other costs you incurred while the Building Superintendent was engaged on operations of working out plans and specifications of new buildings. It was also made clear to us that if that arrangement were to continue, the Building Superintendent would expect over 50% of what we are now paying to an architect outside.

The Alderman compared the City's legal fees in the C. N. R. case with St. John. The reason we added to our staff was to enable the Solicitor to explore, more effectively than in the past, more avenues of tax exempt property of the Crown. That job has just begun. To compare the City of Halifax costs with that of St. John is not a true picture. On the surface, yes. We made it quite clear to them that we engaged additional staff so that the Solicitor could be free for this kind of work. St. John felt we should pay some of their costs. The total cost to the City was certainly reasonable considering the problem at hand.

Now our own drafting and engineering Department. What has been our relations in the past with an architect? The Alderman has

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stimulated a great deal of constructive criticism. We must borrow the money before we hire the architect. We should not apply for any capital construction until our own Engineering Department has investigated all the costs and given us a reasonable good figure to work with before we apply for any borrowing. Then the preliminary plans are prepared and we take care of that out of our funds. The Department of Municipal Affairs concurs in that view point. When it comes to architect fees he will charge you a total of 6% for plans, specifications and supervision. It is because of these facts that I join with Alderman Hosterman that we should proceed slowly. All your preliminary plans may be done by your Engineers and Draftsmen and your Town Planning Engineer. Your supervision might be fully undertaken by your Engineering staff. Let us look at the picture presented by Alderman Kitz. We will have to add draftsmen, office space, secretarial staff, blue printing, etc. This might cost the City in the vicinity of \$20,000.00 a year before you get through. Suppose you carry that for 20 years; that would be \$400,000.00. Can the City spend \$8,000,000.00 over the next 20 years. What happens when we no longer require the architect? Is it understood that his staff is to be cut back or are we to find something else for them to do? There may be merit in the Alderman's suggestion but I join with Alderman Hosterman that a great deal of research work should be conducted before we agree. Today it is possible for the City to borrow money at a reasonably low rate. To make a prediction if they are going up would be foolhardy. They cannot go down very much lower than what they are now. The chances are they will rise. That is one reason why we should go ahead with our building and build with a reasonably low rate of interest. The Westmount area should not be delayed because the School Board and the Council has not decided on an architect or not. Gorsebrook also. In view of the matters I have raised tonight, I do not believe the Council will make a quick decision. Your Worship the Alderman has

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certainly focussed attention on our costs. I submit that by exploring the matter further we may be able to work out a new arrangement with an architect and re-organization of the Works Department that will cut the costs to serve the public interest."

Alderman Kitz: "I don't wish to answer Alderman Lloyd item for item but there are several answers to the points he makes. We have had an architect on our staff for the last couple of years and you have an architect on the School Board. To consider that your School architect is a City employee and to realize that such an employee can plan buildings when they are to be planned and look after the supervision, seems to be the way to look at it. I am quite in accord and agreement that the Committee on Works should meet with the School Board and we have a report for the next meeting of Council and the matter can then be considered."

Alderman Breen: "As far as I am concerned, there is great merit in what Alderman Kitz says but I will not support the hiring of a high priced official until the Board of Works is re-organized. That should come first. It has been on the go for 3 years."

His Worship the Mayor: "I have a very long report to submit to the Committee on Works."

Alderman Kitz then agreed to add to his motion "That the Committee on Works, School Board and himself meet on July 8, 1948 to discuss this matter further."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Sullivan provided however that in the meantime the Committee on Works has finalized its re-organization plans of the Board of Works.

His Worship the Mayor: "The re-organization will come before the meeting for the architect."

The amendment was then put and passed.

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OFFICIAL STREET LINES HIGH STREET

The matter of relocating the official street lines of High Street which was deferred from the last regular meeting was again considered and the following reports and resolution were submitted.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on June 17th, 1948, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works re High Street was considered.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council that the property of Mrs. D. Veinotte, at the north west corner of Lady Hammond Road and High Street, be expropriated, if necessary and that the official street lines be those as shown in green on the attached plan #N N -1-10453.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO OFFICIAL STREET LINES - HIGH ST.  
ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES INVOLVED, ETC.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

At a meeting held on June 9th, 1948, the various parties concerned were heard regarding the alterations to the official City Street Lines on High Street at Lady Hammond Road.

The existing official street lines appear to coincide with those of the Bayers Sub-Division of Wellington Park, which sub-division was laid out around 1850. The first proposed alteration, as shown in red lines on Plan NN - 1-10453, was suggested in order to avoid the one-story dwelling owned by Mrs. Veinot. It was found that in avoiding Mrs. Veinot's dwelling, the lines cut in on the fenced land used by Mr. Horne.

After hearing the various objections, the Committee decided to inspect the site and did so on the ground on June 10th, 1948.

When considering all the factors involved, the Committee recommended to purchase the property of Mrs. Veinot and endeavour to find a place for her. Assuming this to be done, the proposed



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alteration to the street line could be made as shown in green on Plan NN - 1-10453.

On June 11th, Mr. M. F. Hubley was contacted to find out if his uncompleted dwelling at 968 Robie Street was available for sale. Mr. Hubley stated that it was and the price asked was \$1900. plus \$116.53, the 1947 sidewalk charge. The estimated cost to complete this dwelling would be about \$2500., making the total cost involved \$4516.53.

On June 12th, it was learned that a one-story five room bungalow was available for sale at #136 Duffus Street for \$2000. This bungalow is located between Isleville Street and Agricola Street and possesses all the advantages of street paving, concrete sidewalk, sewer and water, etc. and was shown to Mrs. Veinot.

On June 14th, Mrs. Veinot replied that this place on Duffus Street would not be suitable, although she lived there some years ago, and stated she would accept \$4000. for her property and vacate it by the end of the month.

Last April, when the properties involved were considered, it was thought that Mr. Horwill was to receive \$350. for that portion of High Street occupied by him. In regard to the Horne Property, at the northeast corner of High Street and Lady Hammond Road, an exchange of land could be made if the street lines shown in green, are adopted.

It is fully realized that it is difficult to make a decision but it is respectfully suggested that these matters be decided; the street lines be altered; and work of extending the sewer and water, be started.

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 City Council has considered the relocation of the official street lines of High Street between Lady Hammond Road and Alma Street;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of section 551A of the City Charter public notice of the intention to vary such street lines 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 13th day of May, 1948, that being the day appointed by the Council to consider the matter;

AND WHEREAS the said notice stated the intention of the Council to vary the said official street lines, and the date of

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the meeting of the Council appointed for the consideration of the matter, and that the plan 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 consideration of the matter.

AND WHEREAS the Council has considered the said matter and has determined to vary the said official street lines in the manner set out on the said plan filed in the office of the Commissioner of Works as plan No. NN-1-10453, and being also filed in the office of the Commissioner of Works as Sheet No. 6A of the Official City Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 official street lines of High Street lying between Lady Hammond Road and Alma Street in the manner shown on the said plan No. NN-1-10453 and on Sheet No. 6A of the Official City Plan;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official street lines of High Street so varied be so indicated on the Official Plan of the City and on 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 official street lines and make a record of the date of the setting up of such bounds or monuments and the location and nature of the same.

Alderman Hosterman wished to know if Mr. Horne was satisfied in this connection and was assured by Alderman Sullivan that he was.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the reports and resolution be approved. Motion passed.

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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 \$37,228.54; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$1,805.48 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$26,597.11 chargeable to Fire Department; \$27,572.79 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$30,307.95 chargeable to Health Department; \$19,436.33 chargeable to City Home and \$3,552.13 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$26,069.33; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$1,419.85; the Recreation Committee amounting to \$777.40 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

Alderman Walker wanted to know if an account was paid for the Miss Halifax Contest and how much it amounted to.

His Worship the Mayor advised that it was in the vicinity of \$324.00.

Alderman Walker wanted to know if the account was before Council for approval as there was no quorum present at the Bicentenary Committee meeting.

His Worship the Mayor requested the Deputy Commissioner of Finance to bring in the account for the information of the Alderman.

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

At this point His Worship the Mayor requested Council to adjourn to his office for a private discussion.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Council adjourn for a brief period. Motion passed.

9:00 P. M. Council adjourned.

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9:10 P. M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Abbott, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

APPEAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 a letter was submitted from Mr. G. W. Tingley, Chairman of the Campaign Committee to raise funds for the Children's Hospital requesting the city to make a substantial contribution to this appeal.

Your Committee recommends that a representative of the Children's Hospital be permitted to address Council on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Mr. F. M. Covert, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Hospital then addressed the Council as follows: "I want to say first that there are five points that you gentlemen should bear in mind when you consider this appeal. (1) That it is the only Children's Hospital east of Montreal (2) No child has ever been turned away from the doors of that hospital because of the inability of the parents to pay (3) It now admits over 2500 children every year and over 35,000 children have been treated in that hospital (4) It employs over 170 people and (5) It has spent over \$1,000,000.00 in this City. It is true that we serve the whole province but last year over 53.7% of all children were from the City of Halifax. The contributions to date have been extremely generous. We have had three \$10,000.00 subscriptions; four or five \$5,000.00 and we have some \$3,000.00; \$2,500.00 etc. We are still a long way from our

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objective and we need a great deal of assistance yet. I would like you to bear in mind that this is a capital campaign. Today we are breaking all records; there are times that we have to put children in the halls. We have no admitting room. Part of the hospital is nearly 40 years old. You may have heard that the Province has contributed \$10,000.00 and a few weeks ago they gave us \$20,000.00 in addition to that. They have contributed somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000.00 over a period of years. Our patient day costs this year were \$6.40. I have seen the reports of four other Childrens' Hospitals in Canada and they have ranged in 1946 from \$8.70 to over \$12.00 a day. The hospital must be enlarged and that is the purpose of the campaign. \$250,000.00 is for this purpose and \$25,000.00 is for Operating Account. This is not an annual affair and only once in its history has the hospital appealed for funds. A young girl was in the hospital for 200 odd days and the costs for her treatment were \$2,168.00. We recovered \$822.00. There was a deficit of \$1,300.00. They still stay there and get the finest treatment."

Alderman Lloyd: "We could say that this contribution be used for capital purposes only."

City Solicitor: "This will require legislation."

Alderman Adams: "Can we contribute from the Post War Fund without legislation for that purpose?"

City Solicitor: "I don't think so. I don't think the legislation could be used as grants to organizations. It is for Post War Rehabilitation."

Alderman Adams: "It is for building a new wing on the Hospital."

Alderman Walker: "I am against taking money from the Post War Fund. We can get it for them and this is a deserving case."

Alderman Lloyd: "If this is used for capital purposes the Department of Municipal Affairs may not object to a borrowing."

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Alderman Breen: "If you got it for Dalhousie from the Post War Fund I see no reason why we can't get it for this. I would suggest that it come out of current account next year if it is not approved from the Post War Fund."

Alderman Lloyd: "We have financed other undertakings. You can benefit by a long term borrowing."

Alderman Breen: "I do worry about the source. I am definitely 100% in favor of the subscription to the campaign. I have always tried to protect the Post War Fund. Here is one case where I would be pleased to see the money taken from this fund. May I be told when the grant of \$50,000.00 was made to Dalhousie. If the amount can be taken from the Post War Fund and if it was to come from some other source it should come from current and paid in 1949."

Alderman Lloyd: "If it is taken from Current it affect the tax rate."

His Worship the Mayor: "I am not concerned over the source."

Alderman Hosterman: "The Mayor could assure us that he will use his good office to confer with the Premier."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Breen that the City of Halifax contribute the sum of \$25,000.00 to the Children's Hospital Campaign provided however that the money must be used for capital purposes of the hospital; the foregoing amount to be obtained either from the Post War Fund or by way of capital borrowing on receipt of a recommendation with respect to this financing from the Finance & Executive Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

ASSESSMENT WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 a report from the Committee on Works recommending for

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payment accounts of the Workmen's Compensation Board covering Assessments for the year 1948 as follows was considered.

\$1,082.40 payable June 1st, 1948.

\$3,231.25 payable September 1st, 1948.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ADVANCE HALIFAX WELFARE BUREAU

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 a report from the Commissioner of Health recommending that an advance of the sum of \$3,000.00 be made to the Halifax Welfare Bureau under the authority of legislation obtained at the 1948 session of the Legislature, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

PAYMENT WATER ACCOUNT HALIFAX PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 a report from the Halifax Playgrounds Commission requesting financial assistance to defray the cost of supplying water to various swimming and wading pools in the City was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that authority be granted to pay water accounts of the Halifax Playgrounds Commission for the year 1948 up to an amount not exceeding the sum of \$1,050.00 under the provisions of Section 310 C of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

PAYMENT MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 a report from the Deputy Commissioner of Finance requesting authority to pay to the Municipality of the County of Halifax the following items was considered.

Joint Estimates amounting to	\$38,519.04
Municipal School Fund	\$99,504.06

Your Committee recommends that authority be granted to pay these amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

DARTMOUTH NATAL DAY

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 a report from the Town Clerk of Dartmouth requesting the City of Halifax to proclaim a Civic Half Holiday on Wednesday, August 4, 1948 in honor of the Town's Natal Day was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and a Civic Half Holiday proclaimed on Wednesday, August 4, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.



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

HALIFAX NATAL DAY

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 matter of observing Halifax Natal Day was considered.

Your Committee recommends that Monday, August 9, 1948 be proclaimed a Civic Holiday for the observance of Halifax Natal Day.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

REPORT INTERNAL AUDITOR

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 15, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the Internal Auditor was submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your Committee recommends that the report be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

June 10th, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 46 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1944, I am herewith giving you a report of my findings at the completion of my Audit for the period ending December 31st, 1947.

I have made a complete and thorough check of all receipts and expenditures relating to the Board of Works; Board of School Commiss-

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ioners; City Home; Fire Department; Police Department; City Prison; Co-Operative Health; Communicable Diseases Hospital; Tuberculosis Hospital; Camp Hill Cemetery; Fairview Cemetery; City Court; all Victoria General Hospital items relating to the City of Halifax, and all other expenditures authorized by the City Council. I have also checked the Trust Ledger and Security Inventory as at December 31st, 1947.

I have made periodic checks at the Halifax Forum and on two occasions I have checked the actual attendance at the gate with the returns from the ticket takers.

In my routine check of receipts and disbursements I have found certain differences which I have reported in my letter of May 10th, 1948, to the Mayor and Finance and Executive Committee. I have also prepared a financial statement which I have presented to City Council in accordance with Chapter 70, Acts of 1947.

I have made periodic checks in the Cashier's Cage, City Collector's Office and have maintained a continuous check of all daily deposit slips; we have ascertained that all monies received, have been turned over to the Treasurer and deposited by him in the Royal Bank of Canada and we have also reconciled the Bank account with the Treasurer's records.

I have sent out verification notices to all those who were in arrears for Local Improvement Charges and certain tax accounts, as at December 31st, 1947.

The accounts of the Halifax Athletic Commission; Halifax Housing Commission and the Halifax Welfare Bureau have been audited and verified with the receipts and vouchers of such Commission or Bureau.

I have confirmed and verified the cash balances on deposit in the Royal Bank of Canada, on December 31st, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Leitch,  
INTERNAL AUDITOR.

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

TRANSFER OF LAND TO BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 15, 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 considered an application from the Board of School Commissioners for an additional 50 foot strip of land south of the Queen Elizabeth High School, so that the south line of the property will extend a total distance of 125 feet south of the extension of the south line of Shirley Street.

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Your Committee recommends that the land in question be leased to the Board of School Commissioners on the same terms and conditions as the lease to the property on which the school is located with the suggestion that before any steps are taken to grade or excavate the property that the matter be discussed by the Engineer of the School Board with Mr. Fenton, Administrator of Camp Hill Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS PRINTING AMENDMENTS TO CITY CHARTER

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 a report was submitted from the City Solicitor recommending for approval a tender of Imperial Press Limited for the printing of Amendments to the City Charter for the years 1946, 1947 and 1948 at \$6.25 per page, Index pages, 8 point type, \$7.50 per page.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

WARTIME HOUSING PROJECT #13

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 a report from the City Solicitor requesting direction as to what fund the money should be obtained to pay for houses purchased for the purpose of slum clearance from Wartime Housing Limited known as Project #13 for the sum of \$49,942.92 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the funds required for this pur-

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pose be obtained from the Post War Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

MacLEOD PROPERTY NORTH WEST ARM

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 matter of adjusting the taxes on the MacLeod Property recently purchased from Mr. T. J. Wallace was discussed and it was agreed to recommend that the taxes be apportioned on the basis of 50% of the total area from March 11, to December 31, 1948 on one-half of the total taxes and it is estimated that the City's portion will be in the vicinity of from \$5 to \$600.00.

It was also agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to integrate the portion of this property purchased by the City in Sir Sanford Fleming Park.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 Memorial Public Library Committee was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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June 15, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Memorial Public Library Committee held on this date it was agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That Miss F. Jean Lindsay be invited to meet and confer with this Committee as to the type of building needed for a library in the City of Halifax.
2. That Leslie R. Fairn, Architect, be engaged for the purpose of preparing preliminary plans for a library after this Committee has selected a site and he has submitted a fee basis satisfactory to the Committee.
3. That the funds required for costs of preliminary plans be obtained from the Post War Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

SALARIES

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 matter of adjusting the salaries of various civic employees was considered and it was agreed to make the following recommendations:

- (1) That the two City Hall Janitors and the Market Clerk be granted an automatic increase of \$60.00 effective as from May 1, 1948.
- (2) That Miss M. Vaughan, Secretary to the Mayor and Miss E. Jamison, Secretary to the City Solicitor be granted an increase of \$100.00 per annum over their present salary, effective as from May 1, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

June 17, 1948.

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

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June 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 Deputy Commissioner of Finance respecting the scale of salaries approved by the City Council at a meeting held on March 13, 1947 for employees of the Fire Alarm Telegraph Department was considered.

Your Committee agreed that it was the intention to amend the maximum salaries for the classifications mentioned in the resolution of Council under date of March 13, 1947 and recommends that the employees holding the positions referred to be granted an automatic increase as of May 1, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

June 9, 1948.

Chairman,  
Finance and Executive Committee,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

On March 13th, 1947 the City Council approved a report of the Finance and Executive Committee recommending the following scale of salaries be approved, effective as from May 1st next:

Fire Alarm Foreman	\$2,700.00 per year
Deputy Foreman	2,400.00 per year
Electrician	2,250.00 per year
Lineman	2,100.00 per year
Night Trouble man	1,950.00 per year

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the proper interpretation of the minute. Was it the intention of this Committee to make the salary for the above positions a flat rate or merely amending the maximum of the existing scale.

If the existing scale is amended, the employees holding the above positions are entitled to one automatic increase effective May 1st, 1948.

Clarification of the above report is requested.

Yours very truly,

L. M. Romkey,  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

June 17, 1948.

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

CAPITAL BORROWINGS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 resolutions for the borrowing of various capital items were considered and it was agreed to recommend that the resolutions be approved for the following purposes.

- (1) \$65,000. for Improving Street Lighting.
- (2) \$36,000. for the Purchase of a Street Sweeper and Flusher.
- (3) \$55,000. for the Construction of Memorial Drive around Bedford Basin.
- (4) \$70,000. for the Construction of a new Fire Station at the corner of Allen and Oxford Streets.
- (5) \$ 3,500. for Grading, Trimming and Improving Flynn Park.
- (6) \$25,000. for Grading and General Improving Fort Needham.
- (7) \$20,000. for Building Retaining Wall, Bathing Houses, Erection of new Gates and General Improvements Point Pleasant Park.
- (8) \$12,500. for Floodlights Sir Sanford Flemming Park.
- (9) \$ 7,500. for the Erection of a Canteen in Sir Sanford Flemming Park.
- (10) \$15,000. for Rehabilitating Fence around the Public Gardens.
- (11) \$ 700. for Renewing Exercise Yard Fence at the City Home.
- (12) \$ 1,000. for Installing four additional Domestic H. W. Tanks for supply to Laundry and Services City Home.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

It was agreed that the borrowings would be considered item by item. Formal resolutions are attached to the original copy of these minutes.

ITEM # 1

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 2

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

WHEREAS 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 laying out, opening, constructing, making and draining streets, roads, bridges, culverts or retaining walls in the City, and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor or for maintaining, clearing, cleaning or improving such streets, roads, bridges, culverts or retaining walls;

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 One Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) for the purpose of laying out, opening, constructing, making and draining streets, roads, bridges, culverts or retaining walls in the City, and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor or for maintaining, clearing, cleaning or improving such streets, roads, bridges, culverts



or retaining walls, to wit:

Improving street lighting throughout the City .....	\$65,000.00
Purchasing street sweeper and flusher .....	\$36,000.00
Construction of Memorial Drive around Bedford Basin .....	\$55,000.00
	\$156,000.00

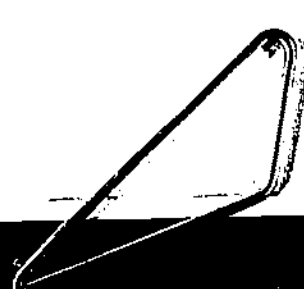
AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to an amount not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) will be necessary to raise that sum;

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 One Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) 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 One Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) 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 One Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00);

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 One Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00);



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.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the resolution of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax held on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1948.

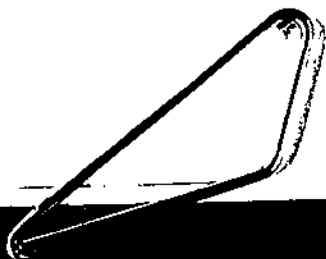
GIVEN under the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk and under the corporate seal of the said City this 17th day of June, A. D. 1948.

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Mayor

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City Clerk




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 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 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing, or equipping buildings 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: the construction of a new fire station at the corner of Allen and Oxford Street in the City of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to an amount not exceeding Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) 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 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) 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 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) 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 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

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 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).


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.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the resolution of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax held on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1948.

GIVEN under the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk and under the corporate seal of the said City this 17th day of June, A. D. 1948.

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Mayor

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City Clerk.



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 buildings and acquiring or purchasing or improving land for any 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 Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$83,500.00) for the purposes set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to an amount not exceeding Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$83,500.00) 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 Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$83,500.00) 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 Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$83,500.00) 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 Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$83,500.00).

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 Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$83,500.00).


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.

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GIVEN under the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk and under the corporate seal of the said City this 17th day of June, A. D. 1948.

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Mayor

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City Clerk.



SCHEDULE    "A"

To: Flynn Park - grading, trimming and improving Park . . . . .	\$ 3,500.00
Fort Needham - grading and general improving for a Park . . . . .	25,000.00
Point Pleasant Park - building retaining wall, bathing houses, erection of new gates and general improvements . . . . .	20,000.00
Sir Sanford Flemming Park - flood lights and the erection of a canteen . . . . .	12,500.00 7,500.00
Public Gardens - rehabilitating fence around the Gardens . . . . .	15,000.00
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	<u>\$ 83,500.00</u>

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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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the following purpose, to wit:

<u>CITY HOME</u>	- Installing 4 additional Domestic H. W. Tanks for supply to Laundry and Services . . . . .	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, the said sums to be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;



B E 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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purpose aforesaid.

THAT under and in accordance with said The Municipal Affairs Act the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the City to the said amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

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.

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GIVEN under the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk and under the corporate seal of the said City this 17th day of June, A.D. 1948.

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Mayor

*W. P. Publicover*  
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City Clerk.

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ITEM # 3

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Walker wishing to be recorded against.

ITEM # 4

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 5

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 6

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 7

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 8

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved.

Alderman Breen: "I assume that this comes from the Committee on Works. I know nothing of the nature of the scheme. It is true that within the last 2 years considerable money has been spent on repointing the Tower?"

Mr. MacKinnon: "About seven years ago."

Alderman Breen: "When will pointing work be necessary?"

Mr. MacKinnon: "Now."

Alderman Breen: "Is there any plan for this work. Are you going to spend money for lighting and then tear down for pointing? Are these lights to be used all the year around or summer months? Has there been any thought given to the matter of vandalism?"

His Worship the Mayor in answer to the last question: "Yes."

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Alderman Breen: "I would like to know if it is correct that if one of these lights become broken that it will cost \$200.00 to replace."

His Worship the Mayor: "The same as your City lights."

Alderman Breen: "Has there been any thought given to the cost of maintenance?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes it went through the Council."

Alderman Breen: "We have the grand amount of \$20,000.00 for the maintenance of 60 to 80 miles of paved and oiled streets. Here we are spending \$12,000.00 to light a tower in the woods. It is all tax payers money. I notice \$20,000.00 for improvements to Point Pleasant Park; I know of no such program that will run into that unless plans are coming for that. We have put a limit on the amount for the canteen in Fleming Park."

His Worship the Mayor: "Fleming Park is for the benefit of the children. We have other places for \$3,000.00 cars."

Alderman Breen: "Where is the place for \$3,000.00 cars?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Down at Point Pleasant Park."

Alderman Breen: "I would like to see the City have some decent streets."

His Worship the Mayor: "We are going ahead with this."

Alderman Breen: "The streets are not patched yet. Bearing in mind labor costs today you will have to get funds from other appropriations. Time will tell. I repeat that \$20,000.00 will not adequately repair your paved and oiled streets."

Alderman Lloyd: "Alderman Breen was here when we passed the estimates; that was the time to criticize when the tax rate was struck."

Alderman Breen: "There was \$15,000.00 cut from that."

Alderman Sullivan: "I see \$136,000.00 for streets."

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Alderman Breen: "That is for dirt roads I suppose. The evidence is there for anyone to go over the paved and oiled streets."

Alderman Lloyd: "\$12,500.00 for lighting Fleming Park Tower; there is no more objection to that than could be raised to the \$55,000.00 for the Memorial Drive. It seems the Alderman mentioned that we should not light up something hid in the woods. To light up in Canada would do no harm and light it up well. It would do no harm whatsoever to let the rest of Canada know that we like Responsible Government. We retain what we believe is good and we believe that Responsible Government is good. We Canadians need to learn what Responsible Government means to us. Light it up; certainly light it up. If there is criticism of the way it is planned; that is another matter."

Alderman Breen: "I go along with your Memorial Drive for \$55,000.00. There is probably some justification for that. I am against \$12,500.00 being spent for the illumination of the Tower. I would like that particular item to go back to the Committee on Works to be further discussed to see if some plan cannot be devised for a cheaper cost of illumination. I will have to oppose it. This is the first information I have received on this."

Alderman Sullivan: "Is it necessary to spend a capital borrowing?"

City Solicitor: "No."

Alderman Sullivan: "We will have a chance to voice our question when this comes up."

Alderman Breen: "This is finalized if this goes through."

His Worship the Mayor: "This comes back to the Committee on Works later on."

Alderman Walker: "There was a lot of money put on the Tower years ago and the man over there said it was leaking a year after."

The motion was then put and passed, nine voting for the same

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and three against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Hosterman  
Abbott  
Lloyd  
Kitz  
Doyle  
Burgess  
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Breen  
Adams  
Walker

- 3 -

ITEM # 9

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed with Aldermen Sullivan and Breen wishing to be recorded against the amount.

ITEM # 10

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 11

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this item be referred back to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for the purpose of obtaining the funds from Maintenance. Motion passed.

ITEM # 12

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that this item be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

SALE OF LAND

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 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 matter of the sale of City owned land was discussed and it was the opinion of the Committee that the sale of all City owned land should be under the control of one Committee.

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It was directed that the matter be placed on the agenda for this meeting and that copies of the report submitted by a Special Committee under date of March 17, 1947 be forwarded to all members of Council previous to this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

It was agreed to defer action on this matter until maps had been supplied the members of Council by the City Assessor.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 8, 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:

J. & M. Murphy Limited.....	\$ 531.67
Howards Limited.....	1403.13
Swift Canadian Company Limited.....	1386.70
N. S. Storage & Forwarding Co., Ltd.....	285.00
War Assets Corporation.....	808.35
The Canadian Laundry Machinery Co., Ltd.....	225.50
The Brookfield Construction Co., Ltd.....	227.05
J. H. Leedham.....	465.21
Merck & Co., Ltd.....	1500.00
Swift Canadian Company Limited.....	1049.10
Howards Limited.....	699.81
Cogswells.....	511.65

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT MARITIME TILE COMPANY

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 8, 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 from the Superintendent of Health recom-

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mending for payment an account of the Maritime Tile Company amounting to \$2,418.00 covering the supplying and laying of Tiling in the Tuberculosis Annex was considered.

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

SALARIES

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 8, 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 it was agreed to recommend the following salary increases effective May 1, 1948.

Aubrey Conrad - Carpenter at the City Home  
from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per month.

Miss Florence Harrison - Pastry Cook at the  
Tuberculosis Hospital from \$60.00 to \$70.00  
per month.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

SUB-SOIL OVERFLOW TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 8, 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 from the Superintendent of Health advising that it is necessary to lay a tile drain around one side of the Tuberculosis Hospital, build a sump and install a pump to take care of the overflow of water at an approximate cost of \$300.00 was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the work be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDER FOR PLUMBING

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 8, 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 from the Superintendent of Health recommending for approval a tender from W. H. Walsh for plumbing work at the Tuberculosis Hospital Annex amounting to \$663.80 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TILING TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 8, 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 from the Superintendent of Health recommending for approval a tender from the Maritime Tile Company for the supplying and laying of Tiling on the first and second floors of the Corridors and Wards in the East wing of the Tuberculosis Hospital Annex for the sum of \$3,268.00 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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



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ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 10, 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 an account of the Bickle Seagrave Limited amounting to the sum of \$311.32 covering equipment supplied to the Fire Department was approved and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE MISS COLPITT

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 10, 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 resignation of Miss Marjorie Colpitt from her position as Secretary in the City Electrician's Department was considered.

In view of the fact that Miss Colpitt had over 30 years service with the City, it was decided to recommend that she be granted 3 months leave of absence with pay effective as from June 1, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

LEAVE POLICE INSPECTORS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 10, 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 Chief of Police advising that Inspectors H. J.

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McIsaac and John A. Kinsman have received invitations to attend an investiture to be held at Ottawa on July 5/48 in connection with the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that these 2 Inspectors be granted leave of absence to attend this investiture and granted a sum of \$100.00 each to defray expenses in connection therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ARM PATROL

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 10, 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 Chief of Police recommending that the tender of P. L. Bentley offering to supply the Arm Patrol on the same basis as for the year 1947 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

SALARY CHIEF DETECTIVE

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 10, 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 Chief of Police recommending that the salary of Inspector Baker be increased by the sum of \$300.00 per year was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation same to be effective as from May 1, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

June 17, 1948.

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

INSURANCE POLICE MOTOR EQUIPMENT

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 10, 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 Chief of Police requesting authority to renew the insurance on Police Motor Equipment in the same manner as last year was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the request of the Chief of Police be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

QUESTIONS

Alderman Sullivan brought up the matter of the high mound of earth at the Corner of Trollope and Bell Road piled there by the contractors building the Vocational School and stated that it was now a blind corner and that something should be done about it.

Alderman Hosterman advised that the contractors were taking care of the situation.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN DOYLE

Alderman Doyle gave Notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he would move the following motion.

WHEREAS, there exists widespread dissatisfaction concerning the amounts charged residential users of water in Halifax;

AND WHEREAS, the new rates were not analyzed by independent accounting and technical experts to make certain that they were justified;

AND WHEREAS, the operating expenses of the commission have been greatly increased since the time the water utility has been managed by the Public Service Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the administrative and technical personnel has been greatly enlarged;

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AND WHEREAS, an effort should be made to satisfy ALL consumers of water that the rates imposed are justified; and that the management is both prudent and economical;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the city engage the services of independent accounting and independent technical experts to ascertain all the facts surrounding these matters for the city;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should this report prove unfavorable to the present management by reason of extravagance, inefficiency or otherwise, steps be taken to return control of the water utility to the city.

Alderman Thomas F. Doyle.

#### CITY MARKET

Alderman Breen wanted to know if the City Market had been advertised for sale as yet as he understood that it had passed the Committee on Works.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Crane's Limited would have to vacate before it could be sold as they were on a lease.

Alderman DeWolf suggested that the matter be left till after the re-organization of the Works Department which was agreed to.

#### ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

Alderman Sullivan wanted to know about the appointment of an Assistant to the Director of Recreation as he understood that he was a resident of the Province of Ontario. He wanted to know how long he would be employed to which His Worship the Mayor advised 2 to 3 months. He further wanted to know if applications had been called and was advised in the negative.

#### HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

Alderman Kitz stated that he and Alderman DeWolf had attended a meeting in connection with the operations of the Halifax Relief Commission with a view to foreseeing in the future when they would stop operating with a further view of having several hundred houses sold or put on the tax rolls. "The report that was offered was that as far as they are concerned they shall continue for another 30 or 40 years. We have now come to the time when it behooves us to take some action. Alderman DeWolf is the proper party to conduct the

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inquiry and if need be go to Ottawa to see what can be done."

Alderman DeWolf read certain extracts from the Halifax Relief Commission report and referred to the last paragraph of same which suggested a form of memorial to the citizens of Halifax. The Alderman felt that it would be better if the Commission would pay the taxes in full.

It was moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Doyle that Alderman DeWolf be authorized to explore this matter further and if necessary proceed to Ottawa in this connection. Motion passed.

#### CABS COMMITTEE

Alderman Doyle wanted to know when the Cabs Committee for 1948 would be appointed and was advised by His Worship the Mayor that the Safety Committee would be the Cabs Committee and any person could appear before that body.

#### CORNER OF SOUTH AND SOUTH PARK STREETS

Alderman Breen brought to the attention of the Council the danger existing at the Corner of South and South Park Streets due to cars speeding along South Street and that crossing South Street was a blind corner. He suggested that the Chief of Police might survey the situation and have the stop signs changed to the opposite corners or have the trees cut down with the permission of the School for the Blind.

#### SLUM CLEARANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Breen wanted to know if His Worship the Mayor had appointed the Committee to study Slum Clearance as he was concerned about calling a meeting and asked for assurance that it would be called within 2 weeks to which His Worship the Mayor advised that he would call it for the second week in July.

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MASTER PLAN

Alderman Breen wanted to know if His Worship the Mayor were going to call a meeting of the Committee on Works to deal with the Master Plan proposals with respect to the diagonal streets as he understood that permits had been held up because of the Plan. He stated that he had knowledge of a 100 foot building that would be built in that area if the streets were determined.

Alderman Abbott: "There was a permit held up for a garage of Spencer and Richards. He wants a Committee on Works called to deal with the Master Plan to find out if we are going to have those diagonal streets or not".

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we decided not to have them".

Alderman Lloyd: "I think that matter should be settled by the Council and that matter has not been brought up yet".

PARKING COMMITTEE

Alderman Walker wanted to know when the Parking Committee was going to meet.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Alderman knew why there had been no meeting because one man wanted \$2,000.00 a year for one site chosen by Mr. Dumaresq.

His Worship the Mayor mentioned dates for meetings of the Town Planning Board and Parking Committee but no definite action was taken on same.

ACCOUNT MISS HALIFAX CONTEST

An account amounting to \$352.50 in connection with the Miss Halifax Contest was submitted as follows:

June 15, 1948.

Mayor J. E. Ahern,  
City of Halifax,  
City Hall.

Your Worship:

Attached are bills covering the 1948 "Miss Halifax" contest which you have asked to be passed over to the City.

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The expenses were incurred as follows:

Henry Birks & Sons - for "Miss Halifax" statutes	\$40.00
The Flower Shop - for crown, corsages and bouquet	38.00
McCurdy Print - for posters	21.60
Halifax Herald - advertising	30.80
Halifax Chronicle - advertising	21.00
Cliff Maxwell - prints candidates with judges	27.20
Press Ball Committee - Ball tickets to candidates, judges	58.50
Nova Scotian Hotel - Buffet supper and rooms for judging	72.65
Harry Cochrane - pix candidates	5.25
Robert Norwood - pix crowning	4.50
Out of pocket expenses secretary	33.00
TOTAL	\$352.50

Yours very truly,

Eric R. Dennis,  
(Secretary, Miss Halifax Committee).

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the accounts be approved for payment. Motion passed.

APPROPRIATION MISS HALIFAX - HAMILTON, ONTARIO

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Abbott that a sum not exceeding \$500.00 be placed at the disposal of the Secretary of the Bicentenary Committee for the purpose of meeting the expenses of Miss Halifax if the Bicentenary Committee requires it. Motion passed.

SALARIES EMPLOYEES PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Read letter from the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association requesting that they be supplied with the salaries of the employees of the Public Service Commission.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the information be supplied immediately. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN LLOYD

Alderman Lloyd gave Notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he would introduce a motion designed to accomplish: The delegation of certain administrative responsibilities now discharged by the City Council to an appointed executive who shall become the chief appointed executive officer of the City.

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Copies of the detailed motion shall be placed in the hands of the Council members for their consideration one week before the Council Meeting.

HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH BRIDGE

His Worship the Mayor: "I am going to ask this Council to place at the disposal of this Council the sum of \$3,000.00 for an immediate survey. The Dartmouth Council is ready to fall in line with us."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is there any reason to expect any delay unless we have pretty good evidence that the Provincial Government is not letting down on the job. I would be pleased to support your recommendation at the next meeting of the Council and that this Council ask the Government what progress has been achieved."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Kitz that His Worship the Mayor officially ask the Provincial Government to report to us their progress in the study of the Halifax Dartmouth Bridge and that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting for a discussion of an amount for the City. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948, considered the following accounts amounting to more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00);-

Canadian General Electric	\$ 2,249.99
R. K. Kelly & Co. Ltd.	1,877.56

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.



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

FINAL PAYMENT STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LIMITED

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948, considered the attached report of the Commissioner of Works re final payment to the Standard Paving Maritime Limited, in connection with their contract, ending April 30th, 1948, for sewer construction on various streets in the City of Halifax.

The Committee approved the account and recommended the same to City 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.

STREPTOMYCIN

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 16, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

At the Finance and Executive Committee meeting June 15th, I was asked to report on a request from the Commissioner of Health for an additional appropriation for the amount of \$5,000.00 to provide for the purchase of Streptomycin for the balance of the year 1948.

Under Section 314, Sub-section 6 of the City Charter, the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts, after the same has been approved by the Finance and Executive Committee and the Council, may supplement such appropriation by transferring to it, funds from any other appropriation provided for such year in respect of any other purpose, work or service in which it is apparent that a surplus will occur in respect of such year but the amount so transferred shall not exceed the amount of such apparent surplus, provided that no such transfer shall in any civic year be made prior to the first day of July in such year.

It is very difficult to estimate the apparent surplus of any

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appropriation that may exist at December 31st, 1948, and we cannot at the present time operate under Section 314, Sub-Section 6 as this is prior to July 1st. I therefore recommend that we provide the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of Streptomycin as requested by the Commissioner of Health and show the same as an expenditure made by the City in the civic year 1948 according to Chapter 316 B of the City Charter which reads as follows:

" 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."

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Romkey,  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

LEASE TO SUNSHINE SWIMMING CLUB

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re leasing and repairs to Bathing House on the North West Arm, between St. Mary's Boat House and Jubilee Boat House, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948.

The Sunshine Swimming Club have requested renewal of the lease for this property.

The Committee decided to recommend to City Council that the Sunshine Swimming Club be granted a renewal of the lease for this property under the usual terms and conditions.

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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ILLUMINATED SIGNS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The attached report, re Illuminated Signs, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and decided to forward same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 4th, 1948.

APPLICATIONS - ILLUMINATED SIGNS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Application to erect illuminated signs in front of their places of business have been received from the following:-

Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow Ltd.	-	Sackville St.
Democracy Grill	-	30 Sackville St.
United Taxi Service Ltd.	-	94 Cornwallis St.
Withrow's Drug Store	-	89 Gottingen St.
Please U Bakery	-	8 Cunard St.
Kinley's Drug Stores	-	7 Hollis St.
Joudrey's Snack Bar	-	688 Robie St.

If the Committee grants these permits it would be necessary to have the attached leases approved by City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re Illuminated signs was considered at the Committee on Works meeting held on June 17th, 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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Halifax, N. S.,  
June 16th, 1948.

APPLICATIONS - ILLUMINATED SIGNS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Application to erect illuminated signs in front of their places of business have been received from the following:-

Goldberg Bros.	- 703 Barrington St.
E. L. Ruddy Co. Ltd.	- 129 Hollis St.
Sidney J. Simon	- 103 Upper Water St.
Super Tire Treaders Limited	- 104 Dresden Row.

If the Committee grants these permits, it would be necessary to have the attached leases approved by City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

ACTING CITY ELECTRICIAN

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the Commissioner of Works re City Electrician, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and recommended to Council that Arthur Flinn be appointed acting City Electrician, during the absence of City Electrician, presently ill in hospital.

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.

STREET MARKERS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 12th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on June 8th, 1948, consideration was given to the purchase of traffic markers.

The Committee decided to ask Council for the necessary authority, to expend a sum not exceeding \$1000. covering purchase of the markers.

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.

CONTRACT CONCRETE SIDEWALKS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the Commissioner of Works, re Concrete Sidewalk Contract, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
May 25th, 1948.

CONCRETE SIDEWALK CONTRACT

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In awarding the contract for sidewalks the name of J. H. Leedham was given as the successful tenderer, this should have read J. H. Leedham Co., Ltd., J. H. Leedham, President.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that

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the report be approved. Motion passed.

CHANGE OF STREET NAME

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948, considered a request for the changing of the name of Clarence Street, west from Tower Road.

It was recommended to Council that the name of Clarence Street, west of Tower Road, be changed to Pine Hill Drive.

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.

SEWER EXTENSIONS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At the meeting on June 8th, 1948 the Committee on Works considered the reports of the Commissioner of Works re Sewer Extension on Cabot and Sebastian Streets and Dutch Village Road.

The reports were approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 2nd, 1948.

APPLICATION FROM ROY NOONAN FOR SEWER EXTENSION  
CABOT AND SEBASTIAN STREETS.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

An application dated May 21st, 1948, has been received from

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Roy Noonan requesting sewer extensions on Cabot and Sebastian Streets.

Cabot Street from Dead End approximately two hundred and sixty (260') feet west of Agricola Street to one hundred (100') feet further westwardly.

Mr. Noonan proposes four lots fronting on Cabot Street and the estimated cost for the proposed sewer extension of one hundred (100') feet is \$1,000.00, and the estimated assessment \$500.00.

Sebastian Street from Agricola Street to approximately three Hundred and sixty (360') feet westwardly.

Mr. Noonan also proposed to provide four lots fronting on Sebastian Street, and the total length of sewer required is about four hundred and fifty-six (456') feet, (this length includes the sewer angle at Agricola Street), at an estimated cost of \$4,500.00, and the estimated assessment of \$1,800.00.

I would therefore recommend that providing Mr. Noonan's subdivision is presented and approved, that the sewers be extended on these two streets.

Yours very truly,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

PROPOSED SEWER EXTENSION - DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I was requested to submit a report on a proposed sewer extension on Dutch Village Road, from Mumford Road to about five hundred (500') feet northwardly.

There are several houses along this Road now and it is proposed to erect more but the Health Board have refused permission for Cess Pools.

The sewer is now being constructed on Mumford Road and I would recommend that the sewer on Dutch Village Road be ordered. The estimated cost to do this work is about \$5,000.00 and the estimated assessment about \$1,200.00.

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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WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re water and sewer extension on Fairfield Road and Sebastian Street was considered at Board of Works meeting on June 17th, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and decided to recommend the same to City Council and that the City guarantee any deficits involved in the water extensions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 15th, 1948.

Proposed Water and Sewer Extensions -  
Fairfield Road and Sebastian Street

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

FAIRFIELD ROAD: The Public Service Commission have received approval from their Commission and also the Public Utilities Board for the extension of a water-main from Jubilee Road, southward on Fairfield Road, to service four houses and also St. Mary's Boat Club.

The estimated cost of this extension is \$3100. and it is recommended that this extension be ordered, and before its construction that a sewermain be also ordered. The estimated length for this sewermain is approximately 350 feet, at an estimated cost of \$3500.00

SEBASTIAN STREET: - ISLEVILLE STREET TO AGRICOLA ST.

Mr. B. D. Stevens has made application to have the Sewer and water extended from Sebastian Street to service five houses he proposes to build, between Isleville Street and Agricola Street.

The estimated cost for water extension, for which approval has been granted, for a length of 450 feet, is approximately \$3500. The estimated cost for sewer, for a length of 280 feet, is approximately \$2800. It is recommended that the sewer and water be ordered for this street.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that



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the report be approved. Motion passed.

GRADING FLYNN STREET ETC.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The attached report re Street Grading Flynn Street and Roosevelt Drive, was considered by the Committee on Works, meeting on June 8th, 1948.

The Committee approved the reports and decided to forward same to City Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 2, 1948.

STREET GRADING - FLYNN STREET AND ROOSEVELT DRIVE

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

A petition was received for the grading and acceptance by the City of Roosevelt Drive from Flynn Street to Churchill Drive. The length of the street to be graded is approximately 1100 feet, and the estimated cost is \$3000.00. On the western side of this street is the C. N. R. right-of-way, and is not assessable for grading charges. The approximate assessment will then be about \$1500.00.

FLYNN STREET

In order to make Roosevelt Drive accessible at its southern end, it will also be necessary to grade that portion of Flynn Street from Churchill Drive to Roosevelt Drive, a length of about 250 feet. The estimated cost to grade this very rough and uneven land will be about \$1000.00. The estimated assessment will be only \$250.00, since the south side of this street is owned by the City of Halifax.

I would therefore recommend that the petitioners' request be granted and that these streets be graded and accepted as City streets.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

June 17, 1948.

CLARENCE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on June 8th, 1948, a report of the Commissioner of Works, re Improvement to Clarence Street, west of Tower Road, was considered.

The Committee approved the report and decided to recommend the same to City Council for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

June 8th, 1948.

Re: Petition Concrete Sidewalks, Trees, Etc.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

A petition was received in this office on June 3rd, from the owners on the south side of Clarence Street, west of Tower Road, requesting:-

1. The name of the street be changed to "Pine Hill Road" or "Pine Hill Drive." At the intersection of Tower Road, this portion of Clarence Street is about 120 feet, north of its extension, eastwardly to Young Avenue. The petitioners suggest that if the name were changed, a lot of confusion would be eliminated.
2. The petitioners request that concrete sidewalks, curb, gutters and trees be installed on the south side, west of Tower Road. The estimated cost for a concrete sidewalk, curb, gutters and sodding would be \$2400. and the estimated assessment about \$1140. The estimated cost for approximately ten trees is \$40.00. It is recommended that this sidewalk, curb, gutters and trees be ordered.
3. The petitioners further requested that the street be paved. The plan of the street shows that the northern side of the street is nearly all abutting of the C. N. R. right-of-way, and that on the southern side about 600 feet fronts property of His Majesty The King. The balance required prior to paving would be 733 feet and the estimated cost \$4200. The estimate cost for paving would be about \$7500.

I would suggest that the paving, curb and gutters as requested in Paragraph No. 3 be deferred.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

June 17, 1948.

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

SIDEWALKS, ETC.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on June 8th, 1948, consideration was given to construction of curb and gutters on St. Alban's Street and Clifton Street, concrete curb and gutters, etc., on Leeds and Cogswell Street.

The Committee approved the reports and decided to recommend the same to City Council for their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 1st, 1948.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, CURB AND GUTTER, ETC.  
LEEDS STREET AND COGSWELL STREET.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Leeds Street - Robie to Bright Streets.

A petition has been received from 38% of the property owners on Leeds Street, between Robie and Bright Streets. The length of this Street is four hundred and ninety-two (492') feet and the estimated cost for curb and gutter, sidewalk and sodding is \$6,000.00 and the estimated assessment \$3,000.00.

Although there are a number of houses on this portion of Leeds Street, there are some vacant lots and I would recommend that this Street be ordered, but the work not begun until the Street is more fully developed.

Cogswell Street - South Side - Across Commons from Ahern Avenue  
to Bell Road.

I was requested to submit a report and estimate of cost for this Street. The length of the Street is fifteen hundred and fifty (1550') feet, the estimated cost for sidewalk and sodding (curb being already laid), is \$6,200.00, for which the City would have to bear the full cost.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

June 17, 1948.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 3rd, 1948.

CURB AND GUTTERS - CLIFTON STREET

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

In order that Clifton Street, between North Street and St. Alban's Street, may be improved, it is recommended that curb and gutters be laid on the west side of the street.

The length of the street is approximately 900 feet and the estimated cost for curb and gutters is \$2242. and the estimated assessment is \$780.00. Approximately 273 feet of the proposed curb would front on property owned by His Majesty the King.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 4th, 1948.

CURB AND GUTTERS - ST. ALBAN'S STREET

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

I was requested to submit a report on a proposal to construct curb and gutters on both sides of St. Alban's Street, from Robie Street to Clifton Street.

The total length of the street is about 500 feet and the amount of curb and gutters required is about 900 feet for both sides. The estimated cost is \$2,250.00 and the City's share will be one-half.

Since this is a very flat street, in my opinion, the construction of curb and gutters and the stoning and oiling of this street, would be a decided improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

RELEASE DAMAGE TO STREET STANDARD

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The attached letter from G. B. Elliott and Company Ltd.,

June 17, 1948.

requesting release from further claims in connection with damage to a light standard, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948.

The Committee decided to forward the same to Council with a recommendation that G. B. Elliott and Company be released from further claims in connection with this claim.

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.

TREE PLANTING

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 10th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on June 8th, 1948, a request was received for the planting of trees on both sides of Seldon Street, from Mott Street to Pepperell Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 10th, 1948.

RE: TREE PLANTING - SELDON STREET

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

At a Committee on Works meeting, held on June 8th, 1948, I was requested to submit a report for the planting of trees on both sides of Seldon Street, from Mott Street to Pepperell Street.

I requested the Superintendent of the Public Gardens to make a survey and he reports that approximately seventeen trees would be required and the estimate cost would be about \$70.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

June 17, 1948.

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

UNDERGROUND CABLE HIGHLAND PARK AREA

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 9th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The attached report of the Commissioner of Works, releasing the Crown from all obligations in connection with an under-ground cable in the Highland Park Area, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 8th, 1948.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
May 20th, 1948.

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

Dear Sir:

The War Assets Corporation have requested that the City release the Crown from all obligations in connection with an underground cable in the Highland Park Area. This cable was installed at the end of the war and has been abandoned, and from information received from the Building Engineers of the School Board, part of this cable has been removed, and in their opinion, has no salvage value.

It is therefore recommended that the Crown be released from all obligations in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

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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TENDERS CLEANING & REPAIRING OUTSIDE WALLS CITY HALL

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The attached report re tenders for cleaning and repairing the exterior walls of the City Hall building was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 17th, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council, that the tender of Canada Gunitite Company Limited be accepted at an amount of \$8400.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

TENDERS CLEANING AND REPAIRING OUTSIDE WALLS - CITY HALL

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

As requested by the Committee on Works, tenders were called for in the Halifax newspapers for cleaning and repairing the exterior walls of the City Hall building.

Two tenders were received as follows:

1. Creaghan & Archibald Ltd. - Montreal to do the job as described in the full specifications for the sum of - \$23,900.00
2. The Canada Gunitite Co. Ltd. - Halifax - cleaning the exterior walls of City Hall for the sum of - \$ 8,400.00

It is recommended that the tender of the Canada Gunitite Company, Limited be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report be approved. Motion passed with Aldermen Kitz and Moriarty wishing to be recorded against.

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TENDERS PAINTING CIVIC BUILDINGS

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re tenders for painting Civic Buildings was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 17th, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and recommended the same to City Council and the tender of Charles Reardon Paint & Wallpaper Company of \$1,500. be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 16th, 1948.

RE TENDERS FOR PAINTING VARIOUS CIVIC BUILDINGS

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Attached is a list showing a summary of the tenders received for painting the buildings in the Public Gardens, Town Clock, Horseshoe Island Public Bathing Building, and the Police Garage on the corner of Sackville and Brunswick Streets.

From a comparison of tenders, the figure of \$1500.00 for the entire work of Charles Reardon Paint and Wallpaper Company, is the lowest.

I would therefore recommend that the lowest tender be accepted and the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a contract for this work.

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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TENDERS FOR COAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

The attached report re tenders for Coal was considered  
at a Committee on Works meeting held on June 17th, 1948.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 15th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In response to an advertisement in the Daily Papers, we have received  
tenders for coal to be supplied to the different Civic Departments  
for 1948 and 1949, and I would recommend that the following be awarded  
the contract for coal of various types.

ARCHIBALD COAL COMPANY LIMITED

American Anthracite	-	\$ 23.25	Price subject to change.				
Welsh	-	25.75	"	"	"	"	"
Welsh Blower	-	21.50	"	"	"	"	"
Dominion Blower Coke	-	18.25	"	"	"	"	"
Dominion Coke	-	19.50	"	"	"	"	"
Inverness Slack	-	10.50	"	"	"	"	"

S. CUNARD & COMPANY LIMITED

American Blower	-	18.00	"	"	"	"	"
Acadia Forge	-	14.20	"	"	"	"	"
Bras d'or Screened	-	13.40	"	"	"	"	"
of Mine-Acadia Coal, Albion or Allen Shaft	-	13.00	"	"	"	"	"
" -Bras d'or	-	12.00	"	"	"	"	"
" -Inverness Imperial	-	12.80	"	"	"	"	"
" -Inverness Screened	-	13.90	"	"	"	"	"
" -Dominion of Run of Mine	-	13.05	"	"	"	"	"

UNION COAL COMPANY LIMITED

Dominion Screened	-	13.54	"	"	"	"	"
Dominion Slack Coal	-	10.99	"	"	"	"	"
Emery Slack Coal	-	10.99	"	"	"	"	"
Royal Nut Stoker Slack (Bras d'or)	-	13.20	"	"	"	"	"
Dominion Run of Mine	-	13.05	"	"	"	"	"

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MATTHEWS COAL COMPANY

Run of Mine	-	Drummond Westville	-	\$ 12.00	Price subject to change.
"	"	"	-	12.65	" " " "
"	"	"	-	11.50	" " " "
"	"	"	-	12.10	" " " "
"	"	"	-	10.75	" " " "

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

TENDERS FOR RAISING BUILDINGS MacDONALD STREET

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re tenders raising buildings on MacDonald Street was considered at the Committee on Works meeting on June 17th, 1948.

The Committee approved the report and recommended the same to City Council that the tender of M. R. Fillmore be accepted at \$10,900.00 as according to report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

RE TENDERS - RAISING BUILDINGS - MacDONALD STREET

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

As requested by the Committee on Works, an advertisement was inserted in the local papers, calling for tenders for the raising of seven dwellings on the west side of MacDonald Street.

Specifications were prepared, and shown on the specification, was the approximate height that the various buildings were to be raised. Only one tender for this work was received and that was from M. R. Fillmore, amounting to the sum of \$10,900.00 and approximately eight (8) weeks to complete.

For some years an attempt has been made to properly grade this

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street and in order to speed up this work of grading, I would therefore, recommend that the tender of Mr. M. R. Fillmore at the above mentioned price be accepted, provided that the owners of the properties involved agree to have their respective dwellings raised in accordance with the specifications and that they release the City from all liability; Mr. Fillmore to sign a contract prepared by the City Solicitor, containing such terms and conditions that are necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

PAVING TROLLEY BUS LOOP MILLER STREET

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on June 17th, 1948, the attached reports of the Commissioner of Works and the Directors of Point Pleasant Park was considered.

The Committee approved the reports and decided to forward the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

PROPOSED TROLLEY BUS LOOP ON MILLER ST. AND TOWER ROAD

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:

An application and plan have been received from the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited, requesting consideration of a proposed trolley bus loop at the corner of Miller Street and Tower Road.

The plan shows the loop having an outside radius of approximately 55 feet, extending south of the southern line on Miller Street to Point Pleasant Park by a distance of approximately 100 ft.

The area that would require paving is about 1353 square yards and the estimated cost to lay the paving and remove a portion of a granite bolder, and other incidental work, would be about \$4000.00. The total amount of this cost to be borne by the City.

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I would recommend that this loop be considered, providing permission is obtained from the Directors of Point Pleasant Park and providing that the City would have the legal right to construct this on what is considered a portion of Point Pleasant Park.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 15, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Directors of Point Pleasant Park held on the above date the matter of the proposed Trolley Bus Loop on Miller Street at Tower Road was considered.

After hearing reports read from the Committee on Works under date of June 9, 1948 and the Commissioner of Works under date of June 8, 1948 respecting this matter, a resolution was unanimously approved recommending that the required space be made available for the purpose of the proposed Trolley Bus Loop and that the area be paved in accordance with the report of the Commissioner of Works.

The matter of providing parking space in this area was discussed and it was agreed to recommend that ample parking space be provided at such location as the Committee on Works may determine.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

PLAYGROUND FLYNN PARK

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the Recreation Committee re Flynn Park was considered at a Committee on Works meeting held on June 17th, 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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Halifax, N. S.,  
June 14, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works was read referring a letter from Mr. A. M. James 19 Churchill Drive requesting that a playground be established on Flynn Park.

It is recommended that this work be carried out; funds for same are provided in the Capital Budget in the amount of \$3500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

RAINE PROPERTY CHURCHILL DRIVE

Halifax, N. S.,  
June 17th, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re the "Raine" property, Churchill Drive, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on June 17th, 1948.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

Re- W. W. RAINE - CORNER OF CHURCHILL DRIVE AND PHILIP ST.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In March 1946 an exchange of land was made between W. W. Raine and the City of Halifax, at the north west corner of Churchill Drive and Philip Street. At that time Mr. Raine owned a small triangular strip of land required by the City for Churchill Drive, and he offered to exchange this, together with \$100.00, for the City-owned lot on the north west corner of Churchill Drive and Philip

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Street, with the understanding that this lot purchased by Mr. Raine would not be built upon except for an addition to his present house #12 Philip Street.

Recently Mr. Raine has sold his property #12 Philip Street, which adjoins the former city-owned lot to the northward. He has requested that he be given permission to deed the former City-owned lot back to the City, provided the City release him from the sewer charges on Churchill Drive. After the exchange had gone through and the deed of the land given to Mr. Raine, a sewer was constructed on Churchill Drive and consequently Mr. Raine was charged for his net frontage (52'6"), and amounting to \$131.25.

At the time the land was sold to Mr. Raine, the idea was the proposed transaction was to prevent any building on this intersection lot and Mr. Raine would care for the land.

It would perhaps be better to have this land deeded back and the City undertake to care for the lot itself.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

APPROPRIATIONS

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS

AS AT APRIL 30, 1948.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The following is the state of Civic Appropriations on the above date after deducting unpaid orders.

APPROPRIATIONS		FREE BALANCE
City Home	Salaries & Maintenance	\$ 95,478.61
Fleming Park	Salaries & Maintenance	3,738.54
Public Gardens	Salaries & Maintenance	24,219.06
Library	Salaries & Maintenance	4,782.89
T. B. Hospital	Salaries & Maintenance	115,828.53
Inf. Disease Hosp.	Salaries & Maintenance	31,038.99
Pub. Health & Welfare	Salaries & Maintenance	98,786.86
Police Dept.	Salaries & Maintenance	230,063.05
Welfare Dept.	Salaries & Maintenance	5,774.85
City Prison	Salaries & Maintenance	30,797.53
Works Dept.	Salaries & Bonus	61,493.45
Streets	Salaries & Maintenance	125,348.05
Office Supplies	Maintenance	2,302.14
Town Planning	Maintenance	5,980.17
Cleaning Paved Sts.	Maintenance	27,584.49
Internal Health	Maintenance	128,598.26
Sewer	Maintenance	8,893.64
St. Lighting	Maintenance	58,003.83

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Traffic Lights	Maintenance	\$ 660.35
Wiring Inspection	Maintenance	638.80
Market	Maintenance	2,245.60
Public Baths	Maintenance	3,930.11
City Property	Maintenance	15,950.10
Fuel	Maintenance	5,757.33
Insurance	Maintenance	11,282.49
City Hall Light	Maintenance	2,849.75
Telephones	Maintenance	3,511.78
Recreation Committee		15,295.72
Forum Operating Account		18,753.79
Fire Department	Salaries & Maintenance	222,264.18
Fire Alarm	Salaries & Maintenance	13,831.18
Printing & Stationery		10,900.09

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Hagell,  
Chief Accountant.

FILED.

SALE OF HOUSES EDGEWOOD-ARDMORE AREA

This matter was again deferred.

SALE OF HOMES TO CITY BY CENTRAL MORTGAGE & HOUSING CORPT.

This matter was referred to the Special Committee consisting of Aldermen Sullivan, Burgess and DeWolf to report back.

APPOINTMENT PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Alderman Burgess asked if the man who was appointed as Plumbing Inspector was overage. He said he heard that he was 65 year old.

Alderman Sullivan stated that he would be perfectly satisfied to employ that man anytime and that he was below the age of 60. He has been on the Board of Plumbing Examiners for years and is quite capable.

BASEBALL GAMES WATERSHED PROPERTY

This matter was again deferred.

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

Meeting adjourned.

11:05 P. M.

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF MAY 1948

Service Year	Reserves	O/S Bal. Apr. 30/48.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	May Collect- ions.	O/S Balances May 31/48.
44-45	\$ 9,965.43	9,546.80		\$ 19.35	9,527.45
45	21,269.69	25,358.25	Dr. 5.00	3,104.25	22,259.00
46	39,279.58	83,778.98		4,648.82	79,130.16
47	78,541.80	278,359.17	Dr. 201.02	46,273.44	232,286.75
48	90,417.38	3,317,942.65		1,526,752.01	1,791,190.64
		<u>\$3,714,985.85</u>	Dr. 206.02	<u>\$1,580,797.87</u>	<u>\$2,134,394.00</u>

POLL TAX

43-44	23,497.62			48.59	23,449.03
44-45	4,883.42	Dr. 10.00		79.55	4,813.87
46	1,273.74	Dr. 27.10		452.95	847.89
47	3,744.88	Dr. 61.00		1,123.26	2,682.62
48	74,743.00			8,784.00	65,959.00

Additional Collections		1948	1947
arrears 1925-26 to 1943-44		493.06	
Corresponding Period Last Year			1,140.04
Collections as per statement above		1,580,797.87	
Corresponding Period Last Year			1,760,585.74
		<u>\$1,581,290.93</u>	<u>\$1,761,725.78</u>

Collections Poll Tax from Jan. 1/48 to May 31/48.	\$21,305.48
Corresponding Period Last Year	\$23,017.50

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Hagell,  
Chief Accountant.

FILED



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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY  
JULY 15, 1948.  
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" " Water Extension Basinview Drive.  
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" " Halifax Home Builders Association.  
" " Conference World Affairs.  
" " Food Collection Halifax England.  
" " Mayors' Conference.  
6. Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.  
" " " " Donations to T. B. Hospital.  
7. Report Safety Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.  
" " Tenders for Scrap Metal Fire Department.  
" " Tenders for Firemen's Overcoats.  
" " Tenders for Fire Hose.  
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" " Wages Laborer's Helper F. A. T. Department.  
" " Insurance Arm Patrol.  
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9. Report Comm. on Works re Accounts over \$500.00,  
" " Illuminated Signs,  
" " Official Street Line Connaught Ave.  
" " Concrete Sidewalks etc.  
" " Tenders for Repairs West St. Fire Station,  
" " Conference Cemetery Superintendents.  
" " Expropriation Property Seaforth St.  
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" " New Westmount Sub-Division.  
10. Accounts Bicentenary Committee.  
11. Letter Halifax & District Trades & Labor Council re Pedlars.  
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(1) Appointment of Architect.  
(2) Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge.  
(3) Sale of Houses Edgewood-Ardmore Area.  
(4) Baseball Games Watershed Property.  
(5) Sale of City-Owned Land.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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, Breen, Hosterman, Abbott, 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 Breen that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN DOYLE Re: WATER UTILITY

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Burgess that:

WHEREAS, there exists widespread dissatisfaction concerning the amounts charged residential users of water in Halifax;

AND WHEREAS, the new rates were not analyzed by independent accounting and technical experts to make certain that they were justified;

AND WHEREAS, the operating expenses of the commission have been greatly increased since the time the water utility has been managed by the Public Service Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the administrative and technical personnel has been greatly enlarged;

AND WHEREAS, an effort should be made to satisfy ALL consumers of water that the rates imposed are justified; and that the management is both prudent and economical;

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the city engage the services of independent accounting and independent technical experts to ascertain all the facts surrounding these matters for the city;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should this report prove unfavorable to the present management by reason of extravagance, inefficiency or otherwise, steps be taken to return control of the water utility to the city.

After discussion on the matter it was moved in amendment by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that a Public Hearing be held with the Public Service Commission, the Council as a Committee of the Whole and interested Taxpayers.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Breen  
Hosterman  
Adams  
Kitz  
Walker  
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Abbott  
Lloyd  
Doyle  
Burgess

- 4 -

Before considering Item #2 on the Agenda His Worship the Mayor suggested Items from #3 to #35 be dealt with.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor 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 \$46,963.62; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$2,851.38 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$27,265.66 chargeable to Fire Department; \$27,229.42 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$35,511.18 chargeable to Health Department; \$11,791.65 chargeable to City Home and \$4,083.04

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chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$19,661.03; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$2,142.29; the Recreation Committee amounting to \$490.81 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00 ETC.

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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:

Baldwin-Beckwith Ltd.	\$ 243.25
McCurdy Printing Co., Ltd.	466.56
Maritime Merchant Ltd.	300.00
Wallace Advertising Ltd.	474.80
Moore Business Forms Ltd.	329.42
Geo. E. Zinck Ltd.	3,401.93
Standard Paving Maritime Ltd.	3,300.00
Skyway Hydraulics Company	1,050.00
J. A. Moulton	1,607.43
J. A. Moulton	299.00
Maritime Engineering Consultants	1,432.61
T. P. Lusby & Co., Ltd.	4,888.00
James Donohue Ltd.	870.00
The Canada Gunitite Co., Ltd.	12,483.16
Arthur & Conn Limited	5,759.85
Halifax Junior Board of Trade	377.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Safety Committee recommending for payment an account of the Victoria General Hospital amounting to the sum of \$8.00 covering hospitalization of Captain George Docks, who was injured while on duty.

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Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TAG DAYS

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 agreed to recommend that applications for permission to hold Tag Days be approved as follows:

Scotia Branch No. 25 Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. Saturday, July 17/48.

The Kinsmen Club, Saturday, September 18/48.

Sectional Library Fund, Saturday, September 4/48.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

REFUND SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Commissioner of Finance advising that Mr. John M. Griffin had resigned from the staff of the City Home on June 18, 1948 and has requested a refund of his contributions to the New Superannuation Fund in the amount of \$129.61.

Your Committee recommends that this sum be refunded to Mr. Griffin.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

July 15, 1948.

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

SUPERANNUATION CONSTABLE RYAN

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Safety Committee recommending that Constable Charles Ryan of the Police Department be granted three months leave of absence effective July 1, 1948 and superannuated at the end of that period at an annual allowance of \$1,414.28 under the provisions of Section 270 of the City Charter was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

APPOINTMENT ACTING CITY ELECTRICIAN

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Safety Committee recommending that Mr. A. P. Flynn be appointed Acting City Electrician.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that Mr. Flynn be paid at the rate of \$3,000. per annum effective June 8, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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



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POLL TAX OFFICER'S REPORT

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 was submitted from the Poll Tax Officer for the period ending June 30, 1948.

Your Committee recommends that the report be filed with the Council Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

CITY OF HALIFAX

CITY HALL

POLL TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CIVIC QUARTER YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1948.

<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>ARREARS</u>	<u>PEN. &amp; INT.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$ 13,549.25	\$6906.79	\$1229.01	\$ 21,685.05

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>PEN. &amp; INT. 1948</u>
April	\$ 2826.03	\$ 2,706.12	\$ 498.28
May	10950.42	10,834.87	325.98
June	5863.85	6,915.05	404.75
	<u>\$19640.30</u>	<u>\$20,456.04</u>	<u>\$1229.01</u>
TOTAL			\$21,685.05
TOTAL SAME PERIOD 1947			<u>20,839.76</u>
INCREASE			<u>\$ 845.29</u>

COLLECTED BY STREET COLLECTORS

Mr. Rockwell		\$1881.00
Mr. Durant		1252.00
Mr. Foley		998.00
Mr. Frawley	(Part Time)	287.00
Mr. Barrett	" "	209.00
Mr. Yates	" "	197.00
Mr. Phillips	" "	188.00
Mr. McDonald	" "	177.00
Mr. Rising	" "	177.00
Mr. Poirrier	" "	72.00
	TOTAL	<u>5438.00</u>
	PAID AT OFFICE	<u>16247.05</u>
		<u>21685.05</u>

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

AGREEMENT MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 13, 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 of a report from the Memorial Public  
Library Committee recommending that Mr. Leslie R. Fairn be engaged  
to prepare preliminary plans for the erection of a Library on a  
site to be selected by the Committee in accordance with the terms  
of an agreement approved of by the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS JUNK DEALER

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 agreed to recommend that an application  
from Mr. Sidney J. Simon to have his place of business, appearing  
on his Junk Dealers License, changed from #57 to #103 Upper Water  
Street be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

CONFERENCE ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 a request from Mr. J. F. McManus, City Assessor for permission to attend the National Conference on Assessment Administration, which will be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 27 to 30th was considered.

Your Committee recommends that Mr. McManus be authorized to attend this Conference under the usual conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

PURCHASE VENIOTTE PROPERTY HIGH STREET

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Committee on Works recommending the purchase of the property No. 53 Lady Hammond Road from Mrs. Daisy M. Veniotte for the sum of \$1,000.00.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation with the proviso that the taxes be apportioned from the date of the delivery of the deed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 15, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached voucher a re payment to Daisy Mae Veniotte of the sum of \$1000.00 for land taken for street widening purposes was approved by the Committee on Works, meeting on the above date, and recommended to Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd

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that the reports be approved.

PURCHASE DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS SLUM CLEARANCE

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Committee on Works recommending the purchase of several dilapidated buildings under the scheme of Slum Clearance was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 12, 1948.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Meeting on the above date, the Committee on Works considered a report of the Commissioner of Works asking for an order for the removal of several dilapidated buildings under section 757 of the Charter on the grounds these premises were no longer suitable for habitation or business purposes.

After considering the report the Committee decided to recommend to City Council purchase of the premises numbered 121 Gerrish Street and premises numbered 146, 148 and 150 Grafton Street in accordance with the plan of slum clearance whereby the Federal Government contribute 50% of the cost, the Provincial Government 25% and the City the remainder for the removal of the buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the matter be deferred.

His Worship the Mayor: "We can defer action on this and not give the permits."

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The amendment was put and passed.

STORAGE SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Committee on Works respecting the purchase from All-Steel Buildings Limited of a Quonsit Hut 40' x 100' for the storage of equipment required for Snow Removal and other Civic Services at the Incinerator Field was considered.

Your Committee recommends the purchase of this building at an approximate cost of \$7,500.00, and the funds be obtained from the Post War Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Lloyd: "This building will have to be heated and it doesn't seem practical to add additional heating units if we are going to keep the City Field in its present location. It would not seem practical to have 3 heating units when 2 would suffice."

Alderman Sullivan: "The Council passed a motion that certain snow removal equipment would be stationed in the north end of the City to facilitate snow removal. The Incinerator Field was thought to be the best location."

Alderman Lloyd: "I just wanted to know if circumstances warranted going ahead with this cost."

Alderman DeWolf: "I wonder if the heat could be tapped from the Incinerator itself. You don't need a great heat."

Alderman Sullivan: "55 degrees is enough."

Alderman Kitz: "Is it proposed to put this building on the flat ground. I feel it should go up the ramp of the present building. Is it going on the higher ground?"

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Alderman Sullivan: "The Deputy Commissioner of Works, the Town Planning Engineer and myself were up there and we looked over the site and the building will be more on the Robie Street side."

The motion was then put and passed.

ROADS GARRISON BARRACKS

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Committee on Works respecting the transfer of Streets in Garrison Barracks formerly "Peregrine", formerly "Y Depot" was considered.

Your Committee recommends that these streets be conveyed to the Crown for the consideration of \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 6, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on the above date, considered the attached report of the City Solicitor re roads Garrison Barracks, formerly Peregrine, formerly "Y Depot."

The Committee decided to forward the report to the Finance and Executive Committee for their consideration and recommendation to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

July 6, 1948.

Re: Department of National  
Defence

From: Carl P. Bethune  
City Solicitor.

To: His Worship the Mayor.

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MEMO

(1) Roads across Garrison Barracks, formerly Peregrine, formerly "Y" Depot. This property was expropriated by the Crown from its existing owners. Included in the boundaries of this property were certain streets which had not been opened but which had been reserved by the City in its conveyance of the balance of the property to the purchasers from the City. Upon the expropriation the Crown surrounded the property with a fence and constructed buildings in various locations in such a way as to block any possible development of the streets without removal of the buildings. It is apparently the intention of the Department of National Defence to continue these barracks in use and I believe plans have been made to erect further buildings which will encroach upon the location of these streets. It is therefore quite unlikely that these streets will be put through in the near future. The Crown is desirous of obtaining title to the streets and the only matter to be considered is that of authorization and the amount to be charged. It was suggested by Colonel Campbell that the City should not make any charge for these streets for the reason that the Crown had conveyed to the City a much more valuable piece of property for the purpose of the construction of a diagonal road across the northeast corner of Citadel Hill. This property when appraised had a value, based on surrounding value, of some \$25,000.00. On the basis therefore a quid pro quo it would seem reasonable that the request of the Crown for the conveyance of the streets, in the Garrison Barracks for \$1.00 should be favourably considered.

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

CONTRIBUTION CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 payment of a contribution of the sum of \$25,000.00 to the Children's Hospital Campaign was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$25,000.00 be contributed to the Children's Hospital Campaign provided that same is used for capital purposes of the Hospital, this amount to be obtained from the Post War Fund and the necessary legislation secured at the next session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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ADVANCE HALIFAX WELFARE BUREAU

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 agreed to recommend that the sum of \$3,000. be advanced to the Halifax Welfare Bureau under the authority of legislation obtained at the 1948 session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES WHO SERVED IN ARMED SERVICES

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Finance respecting employees who have returned to various city staffs after completing terms of service in the Armed Forces of Canada was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to pay to these employees the difference between the service pay and allowances received by them during their service in the Armed Forces and what they would have received had they remained in the employ of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 12, 1948.

Chairman,  
Finance and Executive Committee,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to a request from several civic employees, who have returned to various city staffs after completing terms of service in the Armed Forces of Canada, I was instructed by your



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committee to obtain pertinent information relative to their difference in pay for the purpose of enabling the City to make a decision concerning an adjustment.

As a result of information furnished by three of these employees the attached sheet indicates in detail the amount each received while in the Armed Services as well as the amount each would have received had he remained in the employ of the City. The difference in each case is also indicated on the attached sheet.

In addition to the above applications have been received from two other members of the staff. One to whom it did not apply as we found on examination he received an amount from the Armed Services in excess of what he would have normally received had he remained in the City service and the other was from a member of the staff who resigned after making the application.

There may be other members of the staff to whom this applies but as these are the only cases that have been reported to me, I am submitting them to you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Bellew,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

WATER EXTENSION BASINVIEW DRIVE

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 the water extension to Basinview Drive was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and the payment of the annual deficit of \$140.00 guaranteed by the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 13, 1948.

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

Gentlemen:-

I attach hereto a letter from the Public Service Commission

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to the Commissioner of Works and the Commissioner of Finance. The matter was submitted to me for the preparation of a borrowing resolution but on taking the matter up with the Commission it was found that sufficient capital funds were now on hand and it was not necessary to make any further borrowing.

The approval of the City, however, to the extension and authorization for the payment of the annual deficit of \$140.00 is required and the matter is now placed before you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

CONVENTION UNION OF N. S. MUNICIPALITIES

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 President and Secretary of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities respecting the Annual Convention of the Union, which is to be held at Annapolis Royal, September 8, 9 and 10 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the City make the same arrangements as were made last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

HALIFAX HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 letter from the Halifax Home Builders Association respecting the matter of sewer charges on land purchased by them from the City on Connaught Avenue for the purpose of integrated Housing was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that the letter be acknowledged

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and copies of the Council Minutes with reference to this matter accompany same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

The City Clerk then read extracts from the minutes of City Council in connection with this matter which contained no mention of sewerage.

Alderman DeWolf: "I think we should agree to give them the sewer free of cost in fairness to these people."

Alderman Lloyd: "It appears that we did not grant any concessions with respect to the sewer. It doesn't seem fair that these people should be put to any greater costs than that enjoyed by the Brookfield Construction Company who are building houses for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation on the Airport. You may not feel that you can go back and adjust something. The only way you can approach it is on the grounds of equity that there was an oversight here."

Alderman Hosterman: "Would someone inform me whether Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation are refunding to the City sewer charges?"

City Solicitor: "The cost of a unit is \$350.00 which takes in the cost of the sewer, grading, etc. Central Mortgage pays that to the City. We expressly reserve liability for the sewer in the deed. There was no authority to include it in the minutes."

Alderman Sullivan: "They were passed at \$350.00 a lot but when it was proven that the sewer had to go on the other side of the street I think some concession was made but not at the time of the sale."

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be deferred for further information. Motion passed.

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CONFERENCE WORLD TRADE

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 13, 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 agreed to recommend that the sum of \$250.00 expended to defray the costs of a Delegate who attended the Conference on World Trade held at Toronto recently, be obtained from the appropriation for an Industrial Survey in the current years estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

FOOD COLLECTION HALIFAX ENGLAND

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Food Collection for Halifax, England was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the suggestion of the City Solicitor be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

MAYORS' CONFERENCE

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 13, 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 agreed to recommend for payment accounts totalling the sum of \$3,706.71 for expenses in connection with the Mayor's

Date July 13, 1948.

From: Carl P. Bethune  
City Solicitor

Re: Food Collection, Halifax,  
England.

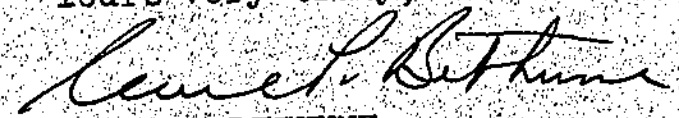
To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the Finance and  
Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Council held January 15th, 1948, it was decided to obtain legislation to contribute the sum of \$1083.43 to make up the difference between the total cost of food and transportation costs and the cash donations made. Unfortunately in the usual rush to get the legislation drafted this matter did not come to my attention and was therefore not included in the legislation this year.

It is now found that the amount is something less than \$1000.00 and I would suggest that the Council take steps to supplement the appropriation for the Contingent Fund by an amount not exceeding \$1000.00 for the purpose of meeting these charges and that legislation be obtained to ratify this act. I have discussed the problem with the Legislative Council and am assured that there will be no difficulty in securing ratifying legislation. By adopting this course these accounts can be paid.

Yours very truly,

  
CARL P. BETHUNE  
CITY SOLICITOR.

CPB/EHJ

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Conference held during the month of June last.

It was also agreed to recommend that any funds required for this purpose over the amount appropriated in the estimates for the current civic year be obtained under the provisions of section 316C of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 13, 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 agreed to recommend that letters of appreciation be sent from the City Council to all persons who assisted in any way to make the Mayor's Conference held in Halifax during the month of June 1948 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Abbott  
Adams  
Breen  
Burgess  
DeWolf  
Doyle  
Hosterman  
Kitz  
Lloyd  
Moriarty  
Sullivan

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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

July 15, 1948.

on the above date the following accounts were approved and recommended for payment:

Merck & Co. Ltd.	\$ 1388.00
Howards Limited	1321.61
Atlantic Drug Co. Ltd.	237.11
McCurdy Printing Co. Ltd.	244.35
Cogswell's	357.45
Howards Limited	847.02
J. A. Leaman & Co. Ltd.	1030.37
J. & M. Murphy Limited	470.56
Union Coal Co. Ltd.	2276.08
Robert Thompson	160.87
Dalhousie Clinic	2500.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

DONATIONS TO TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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, the Commissioner of Health reported that certain patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital and on discharge show their appreciation of the services rendered to them by donating cheques to the Medical Superintendent with the intention of having same used for the comfort of other patients there or for the purchase of some specific piece of machinery or equipment to further the work of the Hospital.

Your Committee recommends that donations of this nature be deposited with the City Treasurer to be placed in a special fund and that withdrawals from said fund be on the recommendation of the Medical Superintendent and the Commissioner of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 following accounts were approved and recommended for payment:

P. L. Bentley - Arm Patrol - \$ 572.50  
Alfred J. Bell & Co. Ltd. - Insurance - \$ 1,477.63  
Clayton & Sons Ltd. - Clothing - \$ 894.95

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR SCRAP METAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 was submitted from the Chief of the Fire Department recommending that a tender of Francis E. Blackburn offering to pay the sum of \$40.00 for a quantity of brass and cast iron which is of no further use to the department be approved.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR FIREMEN'S OVERCOATS

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 letter was submitted from T. M. Vaughan & Co., Ltd., advising that, due to illness of Mr. Vaughan, they will be unable to supply the Firemen's overcoats for which their tender was accepted by the City Council some time ago.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the next lowest tender, that of Clayton & Sons Limited at \$33.75, including tax,



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be accepted for the supply of overcoats to members of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR FIRE HOSE

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 tenders for the supply of 2½" fire hose at \$1.75 per foot, were submitted from the following:

Gutta Percha & Rubber Ltd.  
Dunlop Tire & Rubber Goods Co., Ltd.  
Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd.  
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada Ltd.  
Wm. Robertson & Son Ltd.

Your Committee recommends that 200 feet of 2½" hose be purchased from each of the above tenderers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

FIRE CHIEFS' CONVENTION

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 was submitted from the Chief of the Fire Department requesting permission to attend the Maritime Fire Chiefs' Convention which is being held at Fredericton from July 19 to 21.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

WAGES LABORER'S HELPER F. A. T. DEPARTMENT

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 Mr. A. P. Flynn recommending that Mr. George K.  
Meagher, an employee of the Fire Alarm Telegraph Department be  
paid at the rate of .70¢ per hour effective as from May 1, 1948,  
was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

INSURANCE ARM PATROL

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 was submitted from the Chief of Police advising that the  
Company that insured the Arm Patrol last year will insure it again  
this year for the sum of \$425.00.

Your Committee recommends that the Chief of Police be author-  
ized to have the Arm Patrol insured in the same manner as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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TENDERS RADIO EQUIPMENT

Halifax, N. S.,  
July 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 tenders for supplying the Police Department with radios and radio equipment were submitted from the following:

Canadian Marconi Company -	\$ 7,620.00
Northern Electric Co., Ltd. -	7,836.30
R. C. A. Victor Co., Ltd. -	10,650.00

Your Committee recommends that the tender of the Canadian Marconi Company at \$7,620.00, including tax, f. o. b. Halifax, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

RE-ORGANIZATION OF CIVIC ADMINISTRATION

A Brief as submitted by Deputy Mayor Lloyd is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION BY ALDERMAN J. E. LLOYD RE: RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

RESOLVED: -

That the powers and responsibilities now vested under the City Charter and the Finance & Executive Committee, the Safety Committee, the Committee on Works and the Public Health and Welfare Committee be rescinded and that the said powers and responsibilities be vested in the City Council for the purposes of re-organization of the civic administrative procedures.

That the City Council establish as of May 1st., 1949 the following civic departments to carry out the policies and services of the City Council in accordance with civic ordinances defining the departmental duties and powers to be approved and adopted by the City Council:

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The Public Works Department  
The Public Health & Welfare Department  
The Police Department  
The Fire Department  
The Law Department  
Tax and Assessment Department  
The Finance and Accounts Department

That the City Council appoint on or before the 1st day of May, 1949, a Chief Executive Officer to be designated the Director of Departments who shall be responsible to the Council in accordance with civic ordinances and the City Charter for:

- A. Enforcement of all laws and ordinances of the City.
- B. Supervision, control, co-ordination and direction of all civic departments.
- C. The preparation of and submission to the City Council of the annual current and capital budgets.
- D. The preparation and submission to the Council of all reports required by the Council.
- E. The appointment of all civic employees other than heads of departments in accordance with civil service regulations prescribed by City Ordinance.
- F. The promotion of all civic employees in accordance with a merit system prescribed by City Ordinance.
- G. The informing of the public through reports to the Council of the operations of the civic government.
- H. The supervision and control of expenditures made from the annual current and capital budget appropriations.
- I. Such duties and responsibilities as the Council may by ordinance or resolution prescribe.

That the City shall on or before May 1st, 1949, by ordinance, establish civil service regulations governing the appointment of all employees in the civic departments and promotions of employees based upon a merit system provided however, that such regulations shall not apply to the heads of departments and provided further that such appointments and promotions shall be made by the Director of Departments upon recommendation of the head of the department.

That the City shall effective May 1st, 1949, rescind the present two-thirds vote of the Council required for dismissal of heads of Departments and certain other officials employed by the City.

That effective as from May 1st, 1949, the Director of Departments and the heads of departments shall be protected in their tenure of office by a "dismissal for cause after hearing" provision in the City Charter.

That as from May 1st, 1949, all new appointments as heads of departments shall be made by the Council upon receipt of a recommendation from the Director of Departments.

That as from May 1st, 1949, the following heads of departments shall be designated as follows:

Public Works Dept. - Director of Public Works.  
Public Health & Welfare Dept. - Director of Public Health and Welfare.  
Police Department - Chief of Police Dept.  
Fire Department - Chief of Fire Dept.  
Law Department - Director of Law.  
Finance & Accounts Dept. - Director of Finance & Accounts.

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Tax and Assessment Dept. - Director of Taxation & Assessment.

That effective as from May 1st, 1949, the City Council shall hold regular meetings of the Council every Monday afternoon of each week.

That as from May 1st, 1949, the City Clerk shall be appointed by the City Council and shall enjoy the same rights with respect to tenure of office as that accorded the heads of departments, and that he shall be directly responsible to the City Council for the performance of his duties in accordance with a civic ordinance prescribing same.

That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation for enactment at the next session of the legislature to make the provisions of this resolution effective and mandatory under the City Charter.

That the City Solicitor submit his draft legislation to the Council for approval as to its conformity with the intent of this resolution.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the resolution as set out above be approved.

Alderman Walker submitted and read a brief in reply to the Deputy Mayor and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of the brief were distributed to members of the City Council at this meeting.

His Worship the Mayor then submitted and read the following brief:

July 15, 1948.

Members, City Council,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Aldermen:

A Brief prepared by Deputy Mayor J. E. Lloyd, relating to the City Manager form of Government appeared in the local press recently, and no doubt, members of the Council also received copies, which I understand, were prepared for distribution.

While I do not intend to enter into a lengthy discussion on such a drastic change in the form of Civic Government, I feel it is my duty to take issue with Deputy Mayor Lloyd on several matters outlined in his Brief, because we have had a sort of City Manager-Mayor during the past two years.

Many of the things Deputy Mayor Lloyd says the City should have, have been in operation for more than two years, and I must bring to the attention of the Council members what has been done to improve the services at City Hall during the two years of my stewardship.

I regret exceedingly that Deputy Mayor Lloyd's Brief should have

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been so widely publicized, because I have in mind the effect the suggestion that we need to drastically re-organize our affairs, might have on our forthcoming bond issue. It is my duty to keep this City in a favorable position with other cities in Canada. I feel I have not failed you in this. Therefore, I have striven to place Halifax's financial standing high in the markets where our bonds are usually quickly purchased. I could tell you confidentially of some of the things I have had to do to retain our high standing, but for the present, we must not divulge our well-organized procedure, to those who might misunderstand us.

1. I think we have a dignified Council, whose responsibilities each and every Alderman realizes.
  2. The Capital City of Nova Scotia has long given clean, efficient and exemplary form of Civic Government.
  3. When a new service is suggested, I feel that it is the democratic right of all members of the Council to be given all facts concerning such a service. It has been our practice for the past two years to provide such information.
  4. All reports now submitted to the Council come via expert hands.
  5. The Deputy Mayor points out we should have Council meetings each week. If he will check the records, he will find we have had many, many meetings during the year, at which our problems were ironed out.
  6. No matter has been dealt with without full information being available, although quite often a matter was brought in "cold", and it was deferred until information could be provided.
  7. As to his reference to information or guidance on some matters involving contracts with several departments, this information is always available.
  8. His reference to appointments is misleading because there is a suggestion that many office holders have been appointed despite their lack of qualifications. He must agree that during the past few years, no such procedure has taken place at City Hall, and that those who receive promotions and those who sought positions were carefully screened before they were considered.
  9. In answer to Deputy Mayor Lloyd's reference to our Budget Policy and also other financial matters, I wish to point out that during the past few years, drastic changes have taken place in our financial setup, so much so we were able to command a splendid price on our last bond issue.
  10. In his reference to supervision and coordination of the work of department heads, I wish to point out to all members of Council, that I have, during the past few years personally investigated all our major projects such as Streets, Sidewalks, Etc. Etc.
- My reason for so doing is that I feel your Mayor should be in a position at all times to advise the Council with first hand information.
11. During the past two years, we have had many confidential conferences which have been highly satisfactory in conducting the affairs of this City.
  12. A progressive Mayor should at all times be ready to take off

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his coat and go to work as I have done, which involves personal inspection of all departments daily.

13. During the past two years, you have had calls weekly regarding matters trivial and major, and I think you have been informed of everything that has gone on at City Hall.

14. It is not unusual to find a ward not represented on a certain committee, although Deputy Mayor Lloyd refers to the fact that neither he nor Alderman Kitz is on the Works Committee. Unfortunately, since the adoption of the Brittain Report, only four major committees have been in operation, and it would be impossible to give full representation to all the wards on all the committees. I do not think the services of Ward four have been neglected, because I have personally inspected the ward, after which I advised the two Aldermen representing that ward of what was needed, and what would be done for the taxpayers.

15. Under your City Charter, your Mayor is virtually a City Manager, that is, if he carries out his duties in a true spirit, and he must look into all departments almost daily. I think that is a good law--a democratic law, and has worked to the advantage of the taxpayers.

16. When I became Mayor, I felt it was my duty to immediately look into the position of our Sinking Funds, and changes were made on the advice of some of the best financial men in Canada. Naturally, the nature of these changes could not be made public, in view of our friendly relations with other sections of Canada.

17. Your Mayor has coordinated all the Departments into a smooth working civic organization. My experience as an organizer and administrator enabled me, without great difficulty to build up at City Hall one of the finest civic organizations in Canada, and I feel, on behalf of many of our employees, that our organization is equal to any in similar business in this Dominion.

Yours very truly,

John E. Ahern,  
M A Y O R

After discussion on the matter the following resolution was moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Kitz that this report be tabled and referred to a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council before the next regular meeting of the City Council. Motion passed.

#### QUESTIONS

Alderman Sullivan wanted to know when the Superannuation Committee would meet and was advised by His Worship the Mayor that he would convene a meeting next week.

The Alderman also wanted to know when there would be the re-organization of the Works Department to which His Worship the

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

Gentlemen: RE: RE-ORGANIZATION OF CIVIC ADMINISTRATION

At the last meeting of the City Council held on Thursday,  
17 June 1948, I gave notice of motion as follows:-

"At the next regular meeting of the City Council I shall introduce a motion designed to accomplish the delegation of certain administrative responsibilities now discharged by the City Council to an appointed executive who shall become the chief appointed executive officer of the city."

A copy of the resolution whereof the above notice was given is attached hereto. The resolution when adopted will result in a form of civic administration generally described as "The Council-Manager plan of organization."

Also attached hereto are organization charts showing:-

(a) The form of civic organization after the attached resolution becomes effective.

(b) The present form of civic organization.

From the above mentioned charts you will observe that the proposed re-organization results in:-

(a) The discontinuance of the four major or standing committees of the City Council.

(b) The delegation of responsibility for the carrying out of council policies and services to an appointed chief executive to whom all department heads, with the exception of the City Clerk, will be responsible for the administration of their departments.

The re-organization is designed to attain the following objectives:

(1) Unification of the powers and duties of the City Council members.

(2) Concentration of the activities of council members on matters of policy.

(3) Stricter control of current and capital expenditures.

(4) The compilation and publication of comprehensive reports on the activities, results and trends in the various branches of civic government.

(5) The establishment of civil service regulations to govern appointment.

(6) The establishment of a civil service merit system to govern promotions of civic employees.

(7) To keep within reasonable limits the demands upon the time of council members and thus maintain an appeal to citizens to offer for service in the council.



(8) To maintain the position of council members as one of dignity, responsibility and honor.

(9) To provide in the Capital city of the Province of Nova Scotia a real example of clean, efficient, modern and exemplary form of civic government.

A prompt attainment of those objectives is a matter of urgent necessity. Needs that must be met before we can rightfully claim that our city is efficiently managed. Efficiently managed, yet controlled in its direction by democratic methods.

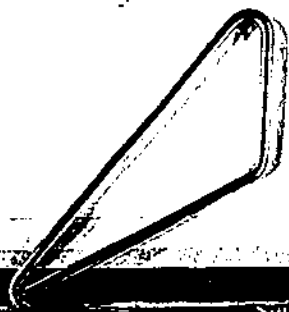
My authority for the foregoing declaration is in the first instance your own experiences in meeting the responsibilities you have undertaken. You recall your feeling of frustration on many occasions when you have not had at hand the required information on which to base decisions. This is not the fault of any civic employee nor any unwillingness to do his best. It is the shortcomings of an organization which requires the heads of seven departments to report to thirteen bosses.

Under our present system official exchange of views and opinions between department heads in anticipation of council needs is not encouraged. Regular department head meetings to exchange technical information and to co-ordinate the work of civic services are unknown in the City of Halifax. For example, the city requires a new street lighting system. Under the present arrangements the city electrician would usually wait until some interested alderman requests action be taken. The electrician later brings his plans to the Works Committee. After the pros and cons have been considered the plan then goes to the Finance & Executive Committee. The pros and cons of the proposal are again discussed in detail and the financial and legal details discussed. The proposal then goes to the City Council. Because some alderman may not serve on either of the foregoing committees, the pros and cons of the proposal are again discussed in detail. Because of no regular staff meetings and the council - committee system the electrician must explain his proposal in detail on separate occasions to:-

- (1) His Worship the Mayor.
- (2) The Commissioner of Works.
- (3) The City Solicitor.
- (4) The Commissioner of Finance.
- (5) The Committee on Works.
- (6) The Finance and Executive Committee.
- (7) The City Council.

Seven times the electrician has to be available to explain his plans. He is lucky if his explanations stop there.

Having run the gauntlet of civic official committees many proposals have been turned down at the council meeting and at some later date the aforementioned process of explanations must be repeated. We have witnessed similar events on many occasions. It is obvious that under existing circumstances staff initiative and enterprise is stifled and eventually becomes non-existent.



The Mayor or Alderman who may wish to establish a new service must travel the same road as the electrician. The proposed re-organization provides the machinery whereby:

(1) Action on improvements or extension of existing services would be initiated as the result of regular staff meetings. The need for such action in many cases would be prompted by the day-to-day study of reports submitted to the chief executive officer.

(2) Explanations to the Council members by the heads of departments or the Chief Executive Officer in the majority of cases would only be required at one Council meeting.

(3) The Mayor or an Alderman desiring factual information or assistance on any civic matter involving more than one department will be saved considerable time. He can obtain his requirements from one source, the chief executive officer. He may also attend staff meetings to obtain guidance on his problem.

(4) Any citizen or group of citizens desiring information or guidance on some matter involving contracts with several departments, would be saved valuable time in obtaining action from the city.

Other illustrations from our experiences as council members are available to justify our action in undertaking an immediate adoption of the attached resolution.

There is also ample evidence available from the experiences of other cities to prove the soundness of the "Council-Manager plan."

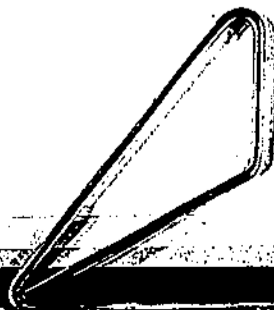
Extensive studies of well managed cities in Great Britain, United States and Canada have been made by competent authorities. These studies reveal in practically all instances the existence of a chief executive officer who performs supervisory duties over the various civic departments. The Council, in most cases, delegates the carrying out of its policies to the appointed civic staff through a chief executive.

It is officially reported that over 600 cities in Canada and the United States have adopted the approved or standard form of council-manager form of government. If those cities that follow the main principles of organization proposed herein were tabulated, thousands of cities would be added to the official list.

The town or city clerk of Great Britain who is usually a solicitor skilled in Municipal Administration is the chief executive officer. The City of Montreal has its Director of Departments, a lawyer. Quebec City has its Director of Services, the City Treasurer. The City of Toronto has an executive assistant to the Mayor. That city is considering the appointment of an executive director. The City of St. John, N. B., recently appointed its Assessor as its Chief Executive Officer to supervise and direct its heads of civic departments. You will note two characteristics.

(1) The appointment, as against election, of a chief executive officer.

(2) A wide variety of names to describe officials performing identical duties.



My final reference to the experience and practices of other cities is found in this following quotation. It is taken from a comprehensive, impartial authoritative appraisal conducted over a three-year period (1937-40) by the Committee of Public Administration of the Social Science Research Council of the U. S. A. The Committee found with respect to the manager-plan that it - "by comparison with the preceding forms of government... brought a diminution of partisan or factional influence over the government....furthered long-range planning....raising the standards of public employment....improving the methods of financial management.... The great contribution of the new form of government was to make a single small governing body collectively responsible to the voters for all aspects of the city government."

May I further explain the objectives outlined earlier in this report. The present powers and duties of the individual council members are not uniform. Powers and duties are delegated to the Mayor and Aldermen as Committee members. Each Alderman, however, usually serves on only two committees. For example, neither Alderman Kitz nor myself, representing Ward 4, are members of the important Works Committee. In many instances the non-representation of an alderman on a Committee results in services for a ward being neglected.

By transferring under proper control full responsibility for carrying out our policies to a chief executive officer most of the work of the present committees is eliminated. Thus, we meet to consider and decide all civic problems as a single unit, the Council. We all receive the same information at the same time. We are able to represent our taxpayers with equal opportunity to meet their needs.

We differ from senior governments in that we are not responsible for the economic conditions of the community although we should strive to influence its progress. We do not, for example, have to decide tariff policy or educational curriculum. We are chiefly responsible for the appointment of competent civil staff to conduct police, fire, health, welfare and waste disposal and other direct services to taxpayers. Our responsibility is more like the undertakings of private business than those responsibilities of national or provincial governments. Because of this direct service responsibility our civic affairs should be organized, supervised and managed in the same manner as the Board of Directors of a large corporation handles its affairs, through a General Manager. The taxpayers occupy a position similar to shareholders. Instead of cash dividends, however, they expect and demand services at the minimum unit cost of operation.

Stricter control of current and capital expenditures is another objective requiring further explanation. At the present time, the City is spending on current operations over \$4,000,000 annually. Such a large amount must be expended under standard and formal procedures if funds are not to be wasted or mishandled. We have made considerable progress in setting up the accounting control for the budget. Conscious control of that spending is actually left to the head of each division making the expenditures. While the committees are legally responsible for the commitment of funds, this duty is not performed as it should be.

In Halifax we have assumed that the approval of the annual detailed budget estimates, on which the tax rate is based, automatically becomes an appropriation of funds. The question of the limitation on each object class of expenditure has never been clearly defined. We should appropriate by resolution the sums required for

each department of the City. This resolution would clearly direct the maximum amount that could be spent for example on:

- (a) Personal services.
- (b) Contractual services.
- (c) Materials and supplies.
- (d) Equipment.
- (e) Fixed charges.

With an orderly and standard arrangement of budgeting procedures the supervision and control of the annual current expenditures is delegated entirely to the chief executive officer. He is required to make all purchases of materials and supplies on a competitive tender basis.

We often overlook the effect on our current tax rate of the carrying charges of capital expenditures. We have recently attempted to control capital spending on a budget basis. To date, we cannot say we have a firm and orderly procedure. While we can justify our present capital commitments, it would be sheer folly to continue planning capital projects without exhaustive study of every new proposal. The maintenance costs, unit costs of construction, rates of interest and principal repayment and their effect on future budgets require a great deal more consideration than we accorded such items in the past.

Two and one-half million dollars spent on capital account in 1947 and a similar sum facing us for 1948 brings us close to that point where our capital borrowings will exceed over a five year period our rate of bond repayments. We are faced in 1952, despite retirements of capital debt, with an increase in our outstanding funded debt. It is therefore imperative that we equip ourselves immediately with the civic machinery which undertakes for the council full and detailed studies of all matters pertaining to capital expenditures. We cannot substantially increase our net civic debt without sound and justifiable reasons therefor.

The extent and variety of our civic services in common with other cities in recent years have become exceedingly complex. Part-time aldermen must receive many explanatory and statistical reports from civic departments on which to base policy decisions. Under our present system, well prepared informative written reports are the exception rather than the general rule. Report writing and statistical studies have not been a feature of our civic government. The major and only report prepared for public information and distribution is the important annual financial statement. No explanatory interpretation is attached to this report for the information of council members and taxpayers. Graphic presentations and other comparative tables showing the trend in civic finances etc. are notable by their absence. The informative and often required statistics available from our Assessment Department are not available to the public in published form. This Department might well become a source of valuable information for the business community. Too little attention has been paid to this important revenue producing department and its potential value in the production of reports on housing, population, business and industrial conditions, etc. We can never hope to sell the advantages to business men of locating their plants and undertakings in this metropolitan area until all the facts concerning local conditions are readily avail-

able for that purpose. The maintenance of streets, waste disposal equipment, public buildings, unit costs of public works operations, have never been the subject of regular reports to the City Council. They should be readily available, and at least published once a year for general distribution. The lack of interesting descriptive information and required written reports on civic affairs has been one of the major reasons for the continuance of the time-wasting committee system.

The proposed re-organization requires the regular production of written reports and statistics for the operations of the Chief Executive Officer. Thus the major function of the present committees time consuming search for many facts on which to base decisions will be unnecessary. The Council can then concentrate their efforts on studies of reports and supporting data from which their policies will be formulated.

We live at a time in history when our democratic forms of government are challenged by those who favor a centralized authoritarian state. We hear much talk about subversive activities of Communism. It is necessary for us to openly condemn this insidious destruction of confidence in our methods of organizing a society of free men. It is most important that we do not give those enemies of our society ammunition to achieve their ends. We must be constantly on the alert to maintain confidence in efficient responsible government. We easily maintain that confidence if the public is kept informed of our problems.- If they receive honest, straight forward reports of our methods. If we show that we have the determination and the courage to keep our government bodies free of the infection of unsavory politics. If we give tangible evidence as elected representatives that our sole interest is responsible efficient government. Municipal government must meet the challenge squarely. There is no logical reason in the municipal field to tolerate the existence of partisan politics. There is no justification for election funds, the result of a municipal spoils system. Log rolling in the purchase of supplies and equipment, aldermanic influence in the appointment and promotion of employees are the inevitable result of our committee system of meddling in administrative details. We erect strong barriers against these abuses of public office in the municipal field by delegating to a competent executive responsibility for:

(a) Appointment of civic employees in accordance with council approved civil service regulations.

(b) Promotion of civic employees in accordance with a council approved merit system.

(c) Expenditure of current funds in accordance with council approved ordinances or administrative orders.

(d) Supervision and co-ordination of the work of department heads under council approved written instructions as to duties and responsibilities.

It is of interest to note that many civic employees holding responsible positions have not had the scope of their duties and the extent of their powers defined by city ordinances as required by the present city charter.

With respect to the effect of the reorganization upon the present duties of the Mayor, the following is quoted from the National Municipal League of the United States. The quotation

refers to the Council-Manager form of civic government.

"Paradoxically, the plan gives a mayor a better chance for really important service to the voters than does the strong mayor plan. This is so because the mayor is freed from technical administrative duties for which he may not be fitted and in which he frequently has no real interest. And, above all, he is freed from the usual procession of job and favor seekers. So the mayor can concentrate on leadership of the council while it shapes the all-important policies which determine the course of city government, the kinds of services it renders, and the amount of the people's money it spends.

It is the mayor's job also to preside over council meetings, to act in emergencies, to interpret to the voters the work of the city, to take the spotlight on all occasions on which the city must be officially represented, and to defend the administration in elections. The mayor becomes in the finest sense of the word, the city's political leader."

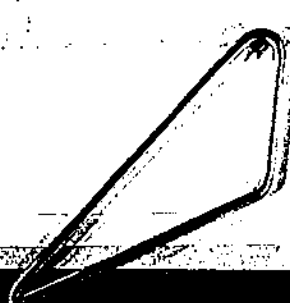
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There may be further information you require not contained herein or obvious from the resolution itself. I shall be pleased to answer any questions you care to ask either before or during the next council meeting.

This report is not intended to belittle or detract from the many major progressive steps we have taken in recent years to make Halifax a better governed and a better city. It is intended to assure that our progress shall continue and be maintained into the future. You will note that the effective date of the proposal is 1 May 1949. This date is suggested because of the necessary legislative enactments to legalize the re-organization. It is also a fitting date, just preceding our 200th birthday, to erect another milestone of progress, marking the pathway of responsible government in this historic Capital City of Nova Scotia.

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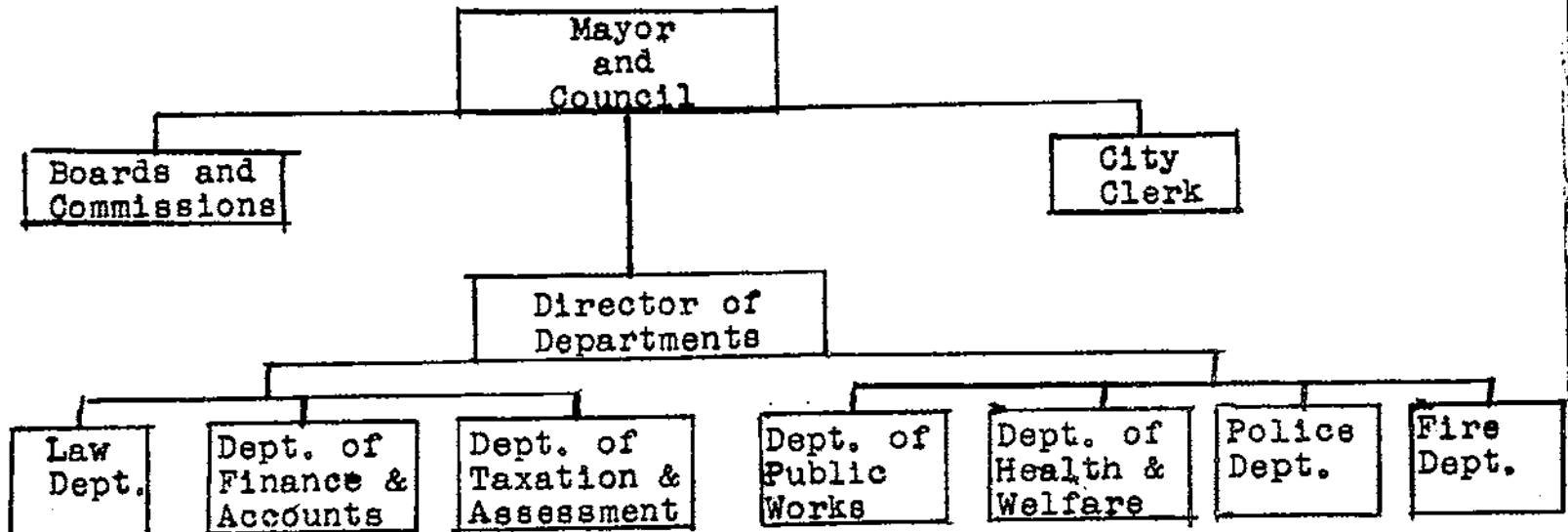
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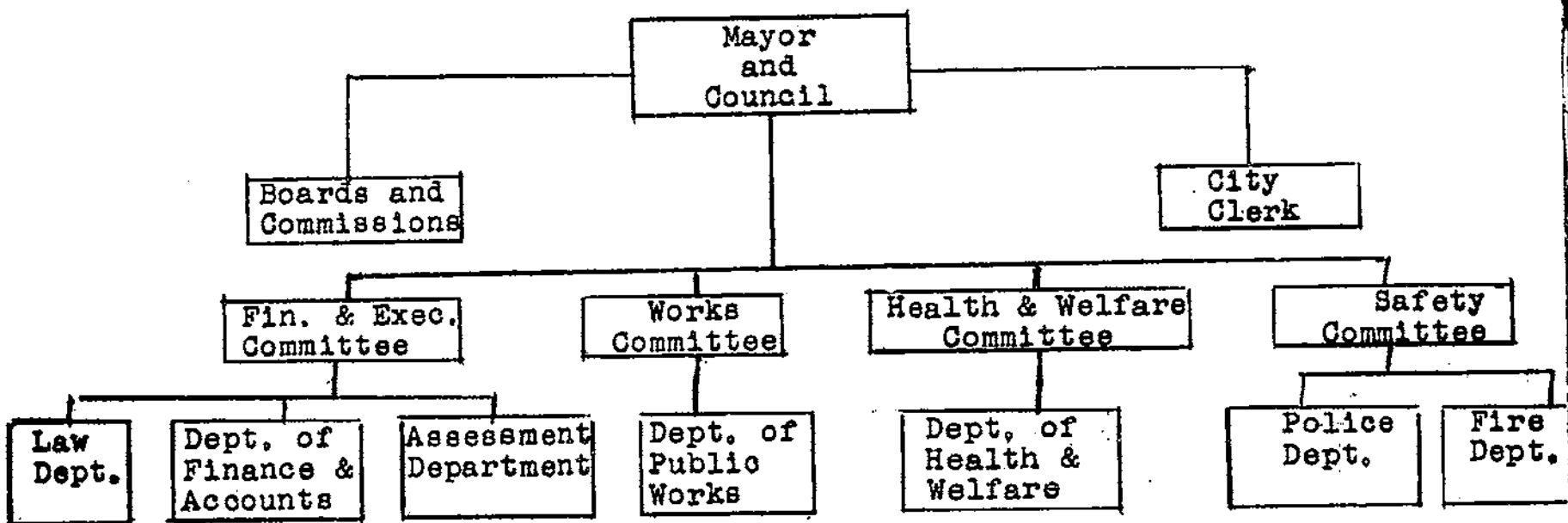
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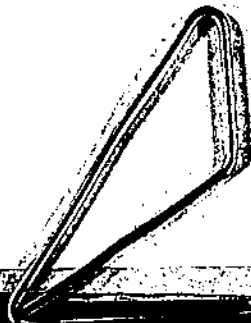


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