

CITY OF HALIFAX

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY  
JANUARY 13, 1949.  
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Prayer.

Minutes.

Motion Alderman Walker re Management Forum.

Motion Alderman Lloyd re Forum Facilities.

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"	"	Poll Tax Officer's Report.
"	"	Sale of Lots.
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"	"	Voting Procedure.
"	"	Assistance to Pensioner.
"	"	Maple Leaf Dairy Limited.
"	"	Wellsman Expropriation.
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"	"	Maxwell Properties.
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"	"	Motor Equipment.
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"	"	Account Dr. Jones.
"	"	Maintenance V. D. Cases.
"	"	Purchase Meats City Home & City Prison.
"	"	Insurance T. B. Hospital.
"	"	Halifax Welfare Bureau.

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Deferred Items

(1) Purchase Dilapidated Buildings.

(2) Sale of Houses Edgewood-Ardmore Area.



EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
January 13, 1949,  
8:00 P. M.

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

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

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

DELEGATION CANADIAN SEAMENS' UNION

A delegation from the above Union was present in the Council Chamber and on motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Burgess were granted permission to be heard.

Mr. Davis, President of the Seamens' Union, read a brief to Council on the method used in shipping and suggested that legislation should be obtained which would permit only Canadian vessels to trade between two Canadian Ports. He claimed that ships operated by Dosco were flying the Red Ensign.

Alderman Moriarty: "Aren't the boats employed by Dosco in Halifax for refit and repairs?"

Mr. Davis: "Some, yes."

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Alderman Hosterman: "Just what would you like us to do?"

Mr. Davis: "The Council should take a position that only Canadian ships operate between two Canadian Ports and to press for a strong Canadian Merchant Marine."

Alderman Hosterman: "It is generally accepted by all citizens of Canada that Canadians respect the Red Ensign just as much as they respect their own flag. I think there are several statements made by Mr. Davis that need more information before we go ahead with this tonight."

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that before we take any action we confer with the Committee set up by the Halifax Board of Trade. Motion passed.

NOTION ALDERMAN WALKER Re: MANAGEMENT FORUM

Alderman Walker read the following resolution:

The resolution calls for the return of the Forum to the control of the Council.

I would agree that the present commission remain but it should be increased by two more members from the Council. All members should be confirmed in office annually by the Council.

There should be a monthly report from the Commission showing revenues and expenditures on normal operations. Expenditures on heavy repairs, improved facilities and capital account should first be approved by the Council, but the Commission should have complete control over expenditures concerning normal operations for the reason of their relation to operating policy. I would like to see authority obtained to remunerate the Chairman, provided he is some other person than the mayor.

The changes I have suggested would bring about a big improvement in Forum operations. It would put a stop to the "easy come, easy go" financial policy. It would allow the public full information. It would put a stop to many practises which have caused an unfavorable public opinion, brought about because contracts were handled as they were, money losses were not reported, events were held which involved losses running into thousands, the Council and the public were not kept informed as to the financial position. The fact that the mayor has publicly declared that the public have lost confidence in the Forum management should be enough to guide the Council in making a decision tonight.

The Forum is a fine sports arena for the use and service of the public. There is no good reason why it cannot serve the public and contribute something to taxation.

I am going to move my resolution in order to bring the Forum into the open. If members of Council want it to continue as it is, they have only to vote against it. Those who do will only be subscribing to all that has occurred in the past, which has so much

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aroused the indignation of the public.

When you start deciding how you are going to vote, remember that the Forum belongs to the public. Let us get away from the idea it belongs to anyone else.

I move as follows:

RESOLVED that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to amend the law relating to the Forum Commission in order to introduce the recommendations contained in this statement.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the resolution be approved.

Alderman Burgess: "I always spoke in favor of running the Forum Commission the same as any other Committee. There is only one paragraph which the Alderman read which sounds like a threat therefore I will have to vote against it. I would like to see it come back and our meetings held the same as the other Committees. It looks like a threat and I will have to vote against it."

Alderman Breen requested that the legislation concerning the Forum Commission be read to which the City Solicitor complied.

Alderman Sullivan: "In seconding the motion it doesn't mean I favor the motion as it is on the floor of the Council. I am not in accord with the remuneration for the Chairman and I was always against the 5 year term. I argued that at the end of the 5 years we should have a complete change and no continuity at all. I believe it should be brought back to act the same as the other Committees. I believe that was discussed some time ago. I feel the Forum Commission is doing a good job and any time we ask for information it is forthcoming. I feel we should all get the minutes of the Forum Commission the same as the other Committees."

Alderman Hosterman: "When does the Council intend to replace or re-appoint Alderman Breen?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We have had other pressing matters. All the facts are in the paper tonight. We have to keep hockey going here. The men were appointed on the Commission for particular reasons."

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Aldermen Adams and Burgess were identified with hockey and Alderman Lloyd was the financial man and I have had experience around rinks and hockey. We will make the appointment next Forum Commission meeting on Tuesday. It will be a recommendation from the Commission to this Council."

Alderman Kitz: "The legislation says 'the Council shall'".

Alderman Walker: "Everybody knows it should be back to the Council's hands. If you don't want to do it that is up to the Council."

His Worship the Mayor: "The public is generally in favor of the present system because a great service has been provided."

Alderman Hosterman: "Is there any reason why this appointment can't be made tonight? I don't see why we can't have it made tonight."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would like to see a full Council."

Alderman DeWolf: "I think if we want to go into this matter and the appointment of a Commissioner, we should have a special meeting to deal with this alone."

His Worship the Mayor: "I just wonder if it is so important that we have to have a special meeting."

Alderman DeWolf: "A very good time to have it is after the year's operations at the Forum. It is a bit early as it requires legislation."

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Kitz that Items #1 and #2 on the agenda be considered at a special meeting the first week in March or when we are dealing with the legislation to fully consider all phases of the Forum and to have a statement produced so that we can intelligently deal with the matter.

Alderman DeWolf: "I can't deal with it until I see a statement from the Forum and that time is after the year's activities."

Alderman Walker: "Have we seen anything from the Forum yet?"

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We have seen nothing."

Alderman Kitz: "I look with very grave doubt that hockey which is a big business should be subsidized by the tax payers. The men are getting about \$70.00 or \$80.00 a week."

His Worship the Mayor: "Very few are getting less than \$150.00 a week."

Alderman Burgess: "I think the appointment should be separated from the motion. In connection with the resignation; does the Forum Commission accept that?"

City Solicitor: "The resignation should be to the Council."

Alderman Breen: "The resignation read 'to His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council'."

Alderman Sullivan: "I assume that this will come up in time so that legislation can be prepared. I want to be sure what I am voting for that it will come up in the legislation."

Alderman Walker: "The people are tired of these private meetings."

Alderman Hosterman: "I want it for the next Council in February. I will have to vote against it."

Alderman DeWolf: "I will make it the second week in February."

The amendment was then put and passed.

#### APPOINTMENT FORUM COMMISSIONER

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Adams that Alderman Breen be re-appointed to the Forum Commission.

Alderman Sullivan wanted to know what the Charter had to say with respect to bringing in a motion that was not on the agenda to which the City Solicitor stated that if three members objected it could not be considered but would be tabled as a Notice of Motion.

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As Aldermen Sullivan, Burgess and Walker objected to the motion Alderman Hosterman then submitted the following Notice of Motion.

I hereby give notice of motion that I will at the next regular meeting of Council move that Alderman H. Breen be re-appointed to Halifax Forum Commission.

(Sgd.) C. H. Hosterman

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MOTION ALDERMAN LLOYD Re: FORUM FACILITIES

As this item is included in Alderman DeWolf's motion the matter was deferred.

BRUNSWICK STREET FIRE STATION

January 12th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 11th, 1949, further consideration was given to a tender of W. A. Andrews for the premises known as #69 Brunswick Street and commonly known as the old Brunswick Street Fire Station.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council that legislation be sought at the next session of the Legislature, authorizing the City to sell the above mentioned premises to W. A. Andrews for the sum of \$7,200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

Mr. Donald McInnes was present in the Council Chamber and requested permission to be heard in this connection to which Council agreed.

Mr. McInnes: "I am appearing for the Auto Sales Co., Ltd. who are present tenants in the Brunswick Street Fire Station. If they are dispossessed within a period of 6 months they have no place to go as their plans have been advanced for

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their building on South Barracks. They agree provided there is a stipulation that they have a lease with Mr. Andrews for a period of three years or until they move into their new property."

Alderman Sullivan: "It was my understanding that it was the intention to leave the Auto Sales Company there."

Alderman Breen: "It was my understanding that the present tenant would not be disturbed."

Mr. McInnes: "Mr. Andrews told me tonight a period of 6 months."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Works, so that Mr. Andrews may be consulted as to his intentions. Amendment 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 & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE amounting to \$12,495.13; the COMMITTEE ON SAFETY amounting to \$1,992.27 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$28,024.39 chargeable to Fire Department; \$32,447.14 chargeable to Police Department; the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE amounting to \$35,464.32 chargeable to Health Dept.; \$17,166.77 chargeable to City Home and \$3,260.09 chargeable to City Prison; the COMMITTEE ON WORKS amounting to \$31,843.23; The DIRECTORS OF POINT PLEASANT PARK amounting to \$1,060.17; the FORUM COMMISSION amounting to \$12,516.45 and the RECREATION COMMITTEE amounting to \$3.98 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

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ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the following accounts were approved and recommended for payment:

Murray R. Fillmore.....	\$ 250.00
Provincial Treasurer.....	1,223.16

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TAG DAYS

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date it was agreed to recommend that applications for permission to hold Tag Days be approved as follows:

The Kiwanis Club	Saturday, April 30/49.
Canadian Girl Guides	Saturday, May 7/49.
Zion B. M. E. Church	Saturday, June 4/49.
Hfx.Colored Citizens Improvement League	Saturday, June 25/49.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

POLL TAX OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the Poll Tax Officer for the



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ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the following accounts were approved and recommended for payment:

Murray R. Fillmore.....	\$ 250.00
Provincial Treasurer.....	1,273.16

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TAG DAYS

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January 11, 1949.

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Members of the City Council.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

POLL TAX OFFICER'S REPORT

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the Poll Tax Officer for the

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quarter year ending December 31, 1948 was submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date and it was agreed to forward same to Council for its information and filing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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The Chairman and Members of  
The Finance & Executive Committee,  
City of Halifax,  
City Hall.

Gentlemen:

I beg to report on Poll Tax Collections for Civic Quarter Year ending December 31st, 1948, as per statement attached.

Collections for Civic Year 1948 amount to \$93,652.99, with penalties and interest \$4511.62, a total of \$98,164.51. This is an increase of \$2605.43 over 1947 collections.

Yours respectfully,

R. H. Gass,  
POLL TAX OFFICER.

F I L E D

SALE OF LOT #3 CITY DUMP

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending the sale of lot No. 3 on the City Dump to Mr. John H. Hinch for the sum of \$400.00 was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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It was drawn to the attention of Council that the Public Service Commission was interested in this lot.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Burgess that this matter be deferred and Mr. Dumaresq requested to interview Engineers of the Public Service Commission for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not they require this particular site. Amendment passed.

Alderman DeWolf: "Is there any list available of lots that are City owned. I don't think the public knows what the City has for sale. It should be made available to the public.

His Worship the Mayor: "I would like to add that we place all land that we contemplate selling in the hands of 3 real estate experts to bring in their recommendations."

Alderman DeWolf: "You could have the men appraise the lots and set a price on them." He then suggested that someone be detailed to do this.

Mr. McManus reported that there is a Committee working on this now and a report will be submitted to the Finance & Executive Committee.

SALE OF LOT STRAWBERRY HILL

Halifax N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending the sale of Lot No. 101 of the so-called "Strawberry Hill" subdivision to Mr. Ernest Cameron for the sum of \$250.00 was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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HALIFAX INFIRMARY

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Finance respecting payment of the sum of \$500.00 to the Halifax Infirmary for the year 1948 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that this sum be paid to the Halifax Infirmary under the authority of Section 3, Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

VOTING PROCEDURE

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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 Clerk, City Solicitor and City Collector respecting Voting Procedure was considered and it was agreed to recommend same to Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

December 10, 1948.

J. E. Ahern, Esq.,  
Mayor and Chairman of  
the Finance and Executive Committee,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir: Re: Motion Alderman Walker - re Voting Procedure

This motion was referred to the Finance and Executive Committee by the City Council at its regular September meeting and by your Committee to the undersigned for consideration and report. Your Committee approved of the entire motion in principle with the exception of clause 7, which provided for

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male civic employees acting as Presiding Officers.

The undersigned have discussed all of the clauses and have conferred with Alderman Walker and submits the following report:

1. It is possible to arrange for numbered ballots to be bound in books. These can have two counterfoils, each to be numbered by the printer. One of these counterfoils remains in the book as a stub. The other remains attached to the ballot until it is returned to the presiding officer by the voter, when it is removed and destroyed by the presiding officer just before he deposits the ballot in the box. Since the City Charter requires the City's Seal to be affixed to each ballot, it is not possible to have the ballots bound by the printer. This will have to be done by the City Clerk.

It will be necessary to provide a suitable place for the Clerk to carry on this work as his present office is unsuitable. He will also require some clerical help to accomplish this work.

Since it will take some time to do this it will be necessary to increase the time between Nomination Day and Election Day to twenty-one days instead of the present seven days, which has been found to be too short.

2. "Books of ballots must be exhausted before commencing to use a new book."

This is simply a matter of direction to the Presiding Officer by the City Clerk.

3. "Ballots and Books to be used in numerical order."  
This is also a matter of direction.

4. "All coupons to be retained for audit purposes."  
The coupons which are in the form of a stub from each book of ballots will be retained for a period of 21 days as provided by the Charter.

5. "All ballots must be authenticated by the printer."  
There is no necessity for this because the City Clerk will authenticate each ballot by impressing upon it the City Seal.

6. "Printer to certify number of ballots printed and delivered to the City Clerk and the number destroyed."

This is not necessary in the case of the City as the City does not provide the particular paper for the ballots as is the case of Provincial and Dominion elections.

7. "Male civic employees to act as presiding officers after qualification."

It is the opinion of the undersigned that this should be a voluntary matter for the employees and not obligatory.

The matter of training and instruction applies to

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all presiding officers - but should in the first instance be under the direction of the City Clerk, who may call in such assistance as he may require.

8. "There should be an audit of the ballots used and returned, to be carried out by the Internal Auditor."

In the opinion of the undersigned, since the entire matter of elections is in the hands of the City Clerk and since there is no financial aspect to checking the number of ballots, the matter can well be left to the City Clerk.

Under the provisions of the Charter the ballot boxes remain locked for 21 days after the election, in case there is a demand for a recount. Any audit of the ballots can only take place in the event of a demand for a recount.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that the best check available is that based on the report of the presiding officer, which accounts for the number of ballots used, votes cast and ballots returned.

It is also suggested that the present allowance made to presiding officers and poll clerks of \$10.00 and \$5.00 per day (plus an allowance for meals) be increased to \$15.00 and \$10.00 per day (plus an allowance for meals.) This is recommended for the reason that the time now spent on the matter exceeds the ordinary working day and if extra time is to be taken up with instruction the time spent will of course be increased.

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As advised by the City Solicitor, it does not appear to be necessary to secure legislation except to enlarge the time between Nomination Day and Election Day to twenty-one clear days.

It is the understanding of the undersigned that this matter was referred to them for the purpose of ascertaining how the various clauses in the motion could be implemented - in other words, that the recommendations be studied from the point of view of their mechanical operation. We have endeavored to stay within this field.

Yours very truly,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

A. T. E. Crosby,  
CITY COLLECTOR.

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

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ASSISTANCE TO PENSIONER

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Commissioner of Finance respecting assistance to pensioner William Wells was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Chairman,  
Finance and Executive Committee,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

At the October meeting of your committee I submitted a list of former employees who are now receiving a pension or pension grant and at that time it was agreed to augment these pensions with an additional amount in accordance with legislation obtained at the last session of the Legislature.

The following name has since been submitted to me and should have been included in the previous list:

Former Fireman William Wells

Annual Pension Grant	\$ 800.28
Suggested adjustment	84.00
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	\$ 884.28

In line with the policy adopted in the other cases I would recommend Mr. Wells be paid the sum of \$84.00 for the year 1948.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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

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MAPLE LEAF DAIRY LIMITED

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Solicitor advising that a notice of action has been served on the City on behalf of the Maple Leaf Dairy Limited to protect the interests in the event of legislation authorizing the payment of a claim with respect to the flooding of the basement of its plant, is not approved by the Legislature.

It was agreed to recommend that the City Solicitor be authorized to accept service of the writ and protect the City's interests in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

WELLSMAN EXPROPRIATION

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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 payment an account from O. R. Regan, Esq., K.C., covering taxed costs in the matter of the expropriation of land of the Heirs of George Wellsman.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the  
City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

January 3, 1949.

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

Dear Sirs:-

The costs of Robie Wellsman in the above matter have  
been taxed before the Taxing Master, Mr. J. M. Davison, K. C.,



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at the amount of \$277.90. His solicitor is Mr. O. R. Regan,  
K.C.

I would recommend that a cheque for this amount, payable to Mr. Regan, be issued, chargeable to the account in the above matter. I attach hereto the original Bill of Costs with the certificate of the Taxing Master attached.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD

Halifax, N. S.  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the City Solicitor respecting the National Harbours Board was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to proceed to enforce payment of the tax, to retain such Counsel and Consultants as he considers necessary from time to time and be permitted to confer with such Counsel and Consultants as may be necessary, and that a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 be appropriated in this connection.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

January 8, 1949.

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

Dear Sirs:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from the Secretary of the National Harbours Board respecting the City's assessment and tax on property of the Board in the City of Halifax.

I would be pleased to receive your further instructions in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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Ottawa, January 3, 1949.

J. F. McManus, Esq.,  
City Assessor,  
Halifax,  
N. S.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 28th ultimo addressed to the Board's Chairman, Mr. R. K. Smith.

I have been directed to inform you that the Board has obtained a legal opinion both from its own Legal Branch and from the Department of Justice to the effect that the legislation to which you refer is -- insofar as it purports to tax the Board -- beyond the competence of the Crown Provincial.

In view of the invalidity of the legislation there would appear to be no useful purpose in appealing the assessment and the Board therefore does not propose to take such step.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) C. P. Buckley,  
Secretary.

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

MAXWELL PROPERTIES

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the City Solicitor respecting the sale of properties #32, 34, 36 Cedar Street and #177 Henry Street was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that these properties be disposed of by agreement of sale to the present tenants, payments to be made on a monthly basis to cover principal and interest at the rate of 5% per annum effective as from July 1, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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January 8th, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

On June 12th, 1947, the City Council agreed to sell #32, #34, #36 Cedar Street and #177 Henry Street to the tenants of these properties for the sums of \$4,000.00, \$4,000.00, \$5,200.00 and \$5,500.00 respectively.

In the resolution there was no mention of any agreement of sale, and the legislation also authorizes the City to "sell and convey." If it is the intention of Council to sell these properties by agreement of sale, the resolution of June 12th should be amended as well as the legislation.

I may mention also that Council did not decide on the rate of payments, the amount of interest, if any, and the date when the interest is to commence.

If it is decided to dispose of these properties by agreement of sale, some direction should be given on these points.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per T. C. Doyle.

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

APPOINTMENT INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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 appointing Independent Auditors for the year 1949 was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that H. R. Doane & Company be appointed Independent Auditors for the City of Halifax for the year 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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SUPERANNUATION REFUND

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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. Carl S. MacDonald had resigned his position from the Police Department and requested that the sum of \$127.52 contributed by him to the proposed superannuation fund be refunded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF FIXING TAX RATE

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Commissioner of <sup>Finance</sup> Health respecting the borrowing of sums from the Royal Bank of Canada under the provisions of Section 351 of the City Charter was considered and it was agreed to recommend same to Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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The Chairman,  
Finance and Executive Committee,  
City Hall.

Dear Sirs:

Section 351 of the City Charter provides that:

- \* The City may by resolution of the Council in any civic year, in anticipation of the fixing of the annual rate of such civic year, borrow from any bank, person, fund or account available such

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sums as may be required to pay the salaries of the employees of the City and of the Board of School Commissioners, debt service charges, and to defray usual recurring maintenance charges and such other necessary expenditures as the Council may determine to be required for the carrying out of the ordinary and usual services of the several departments of the said City and the said Board, and may expend the sums so borrowed for such purposes.

For the purpose of providing the funds necessary to meet the expenditures defined in the preceding paragraph, in anticipation of the fixing of the tax rate for the civic year 1949, I recommend that the City Council authorize the borrowing from the Royal Bank of Canada, by Current Account overdraft, such sums as may from time to time be required, in an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000.00.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,  
Commissioner of Finance.

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

Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Adams, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

TOURIST BUREAU

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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 His Worship the Mayor brought to the attention of the Committee the necessity of making an early start on the matter of procuring certain literature to be used in connection with the Tourist Bureau.

It was agreed to recommend that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to call for tenders for the literature he considers necessary in this connection.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

WHEREAS by Section 5 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 as the Council thereof deems necessary for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending and improving public sewers or drains in the City and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor or for maintaining such public sewers or drains;

AND WHEREAS by said Section 5 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for the purpose of constructing, altering, extending and improving public sewers or drains in the City and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor or for maintaining such public sewers or drains;

AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the City to an amount not exceeding Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00)

as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, the said sums to be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said The Municipal Affairs Act the said City do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the City the said sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00);

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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00);

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 13th day of January, A.D. 1949.

GIVEN under the hands of the Mayor and City Clerk and under the corporate seal of the said City, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1949.

John E. Allen  
Mayor

W. P. Buchanan  
City Clerk

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BORROWING SEWER CONSTRUCTION

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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 borrowing of a sum not exceeding \$300,000. for sewer construction was considered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Adams, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

A resolution providing for the borrowing of a sum not exceeding \$300,000.00 was submitted.

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

Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Adams, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

MOTOR EQUIPMENT

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the Committee on Works respecting accounts for Caterpillar Motor Grader and Nelson Snowloader was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.



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It was agreed to recommend that the report be approved with the understanding that the Commissioner of Finance will submit a report to Council as to the source of the funds required for this purpose. Alderman Sullivan wishing to be recorded against.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Works until the Solicitor's Department has time to look into the increased costs. Amendment passed.

SALE OF LAND TO C. C. MITCHELL

Halifax, N. S.  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works respecting the sale of a strip of land at the north-east corner of Tower Road and Inglis Street to Mr. C. C. Mitchell for the sum of \$5.00 was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

January 11th, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the Commissioner of Works re sale of land on the north-east corner of Tower Road and Inglis Street, was considered by the Committee on Works on the above date.

The Committee approved the report and decided to recommend to the Finance & Executive Committee that this strip of land mentioned in the report of the Commissioner of Works, be sold to C. C. Mitchell for the nominal sum of \$5.00, and that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary deed for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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

January 13, 1949.

January 8th, 1949.

APPLICATION FOR LAND - C. C. MITCHELL  
NORTH-EAST CORNER TOWER ROAD AND INGLIS STREET.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

When the official street lines were laid down on Inglis Street, from Tower Road west and confirmed by City Council in 1909, a strip of land on the north side between Tower Road and Wellington Street was left over, and is no longer required for street purposes.

Mr. C. C. Mitchell has requested that the City give him a deed for this strip of land, and since he has received bills amounting to nearly \$500.00 for paving, curb and gutter, he further requests that this land be deeded to him for the nominal sum of \$5.00.

The land involved has a frontage of about nine (9') feet on Tower Road and twenty-two (22') feet on Wellington Street, and has a depth of about two hundred and twenty (220') feet.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

Alderman Kitz: "I suggest that when a man gets 3000 feet his property becomes more valuable. I will object to this."

City Solicitor: "This man was an abutter before. It is liable to abutters charges and I understand that he has paid the charges and would like to own the land. It is of no value to the City."

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

LEEDS STREET EXTENSION

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee

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At a meeting on the above date the attached report respecting the purchase of land necessary for the extension of Leeds Street was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

January 11th, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of a Sub-Committee of the Committee on Works re the purchase of land necessary for the extension of Leeds Street, from Bright Street in a westerly direction, was considered by the Town Planning Board meeting on the above date.

Before Leeds Street is extended, it is necessary that the City purchase an additional twelve (12') feet, approximately, on each side of lot #70 of the "Crowell Subdivision," to provide a street sixty (60') feet in width.

The Board approved the report of the Sub-Committee and decided to recommend to the Finance & Executive Committee for their consideration, that the City purchase the required land for the sum of \$600.00, and further the Board recommended that should the purchase of the land be approved by the Finance & Executive Committee, that City Council approve the Board's recommendation for the cancellation of the "Crowell Subdivision" and the replotting of the same, deleting therefrom lots #69 and 71 and that lots #68 and 72 each be made approximately fifty-eight (58') feet wide.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 10th, 1949.

To: Town Planning Board.  
From: Town Planning Engineer.  
Subject: Leeds Street Extension (Crowell Lots.)

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held some weeks ago, a Sub-Committee was appointed to interview Mrs. Louisa Crowell to work out some method of providing an extension for Leeds Street through the Crowell Property.

On Friday last the Sub-Committee visited the site, discussed the matter with Mrs. Crowell, and came to the following conclusions which are herewith presented as a recommendation.

- 1.) The City purchase approximately 12 feet additional width on each side of lot 70 to provide a 60 foot street.

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- 2.) That lots 69 and 71 be removed from the subdivision plan and lots 68 and 72 each be made approximately 58 feet wide as indicated on the attached plan.

Respectfully submitted,

R. V. Sullivan, Alderman.

C. F. Abbott, Alderman.

J. Philip Dumaresq,  
Town Planning Engineer.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 3, 1949.

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:

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Merck & Co., Ltd.....	1,514.50
J. A. Leaman & Co., Ltd.....	1,323.55
Cogswell's.....	761.05
Howard's Limited.....	905.46

CITY HOME

R. B. Seeton & Co., Ltd.....	1,024.32
J. R. Pineo.....	884.42
J. A. Leaman & Co., Ltd.....	1,124.06
R. B. Colwell Limited.....	451.98
Canada Packers Ltd.....	561.41
B. A. Blakeney Ltd.....	1,405.25

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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ACCOUNT DR. JONES

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 3, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date approved and recommended for payment an account of Dr. R. O. Jones amounting to the sum of Ten Dollars for professional services rendered in the case of Mrs. Leona MacDonald.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

MAINTENANCE V. D. CASES

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 3, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Health respecting a request from the Provincial Convent of the Good Shepherd for an increase in the charge for patients sent there by the City for treatment under the V. D. Control Act was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that the sum of Forty Dollars per month be paid to the Provincial Convent of the Good Shepherd for each patient sent there by the City for treatment under the V. D. Control Act as from December 1, 1948.

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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PURCHASE MEATS CITY HOME AND CITY PRISON

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 3, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration tenders for the supply of meats to the City Home and City Prison and it was agreed to recommend that the meats required by these institutions be purchased on the open market for a period of three months.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

INSURANCE T. B. HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 3, 1949.

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 attached report from the Commissioner of Health respecting the matter of Insurance T. B. Hospital was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that the quotation of C. H. Stuart & Company at \$1,056.30 covering a three year period be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

January 3, 1949.

Chairman and Members,  
Committee on Public Health & Welfare.

Gentlemen:-

Re: Insurance, T. B. Hospital.

At the last meeting of City Council the question of Liability Insurance at the T. B. Hospital was referred back to this Committee because of certain arguments put forward by Mr. Bethune, City Solicitor.

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It is my opinion, as well as that of Mr. Bethune, that this Hospital should be covered with complete malpractice and public liability policy. The Hospital Liability policy with limits of \$5,000 to \$15,000 is \$389.25 per year; and a Public Liability, covering injury to visitors on the premises is \$33.27 per year, making a total of \$422.52 per year. This can be reduced to 2½ times the amount for the policy written for a three year period, which would be a saving of \$211.26.

I recommend that this be recommended to Council and I would further point out that Messrs. C. H. Stuart & Co. whose prices are quoted above, along with Messrs. A. J. Bell & Co., whose quotation was somewhat higher, were the only two companies who had their quotations in at the time requested. Messrs. R. K. Kelley & Co., and Messrs. MacLaren Hope Ltd., who are agents for Canadian General Insurance Company (for whom Messrs. C. H. Stuart & Co. are also agents), sent quotations in, at a later date, which are identical with those of C. H. Stuart & Co. Because of this fact I would recommend that the business be placed with Messrs. C. H. Stuart & Co. or that it be placed through them to be divided between the 3 firms as the Committee wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Norton, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.P.H.A.,  
Commissioner of Public Health & Welfare.

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

HALIFAX WELFARE BUREAU

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 3, 1949.

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 matter of providing funds to assist the Halifax Welfare Bureau to carry on its work until March 1st, 1949 was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be submitted at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to pay a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 to the Halifax Welfare Bureau to assist it to carry on its work to March 1, 1949 and that the good offices of the Premier be sought to assure the passage of same.

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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ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 6, 1949.

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 amounting to \$538.20 payable to Clayton & Sons Ltd. for suits, coats and jackets supplied to the Police Department was approved and recommended for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TAXI STAND #457 GOTTINGEN STREET

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 6, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration a request from Mr. Gordon Fleet for permission to park one or two cars in front of his Taxi Office which is located at 457 Gottingen Street.

After hearing Mr. Richard Donahoe, Solicitor for Mr. Fleet, a resolution to the effect that Mr. Fleet be authorized to park one car in front of his Office on Gottingen Street, on a trial basis, was put and passed on the following vote:

FOR  
Alderman Hosterman  
" DeWolf  
" Moriarty  
" Burgess  
" Adams

AGAINST  
Alderman Walker

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This is referred to Council as a Minority Report at the request of Alderman Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Alderman Walker: "They can't do this Your Worship. That Committee cannot grant permission for them to put a taxi stand up there. They did not know whether they were coming or going. Here it is a big piece in the paper. The only man who can grant it is the Chief and he won't grant it. He has not granted any to anyone and it was all wrong."

Alderman DeWolf: "Who told us?"

Alderman Walker: "I did."

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the recommendation from the Safety Committee be approved.

Alderman Doyle: "Where does he put his cars then. You have other taxis in this City and their cars are parked in front of their doors."

Alderman Walker: "He asked for permission to open an office on Gottingen Street. The Committee agreed to this providing he did not have his cars parked on Gottingen Street. He could put them around the corner of Uniacke Street. It is of no disadvantage to him. Why they want to bring them up there I don't know."

Alderman Burgess: "It is not in a 'no parking' area. I have found that out. I thought it was a 'no parking' area at first."

Alderman Sullivan: "If the Chief can't grant permission why is it granted to other men?"

City Solicitor: "There are no signs at all. That means he can park there for 24 hours under the Motor Vehicle Act subject to the provisions of the Chief of Police with respect to the winter regulations."

Alderman Walker: "What are you going to do with this?"

His Worship the Mayor: "He can park there."

City Solicitor: "I can't see where the City has any power to put conditions on this. I have some doubt as to whether they can put conditions on a taxi office."

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Alderman DeWolf: "I don't think we can stop anyone from opening a business in a Commercial Area."

Alderman Adams rose to a point of order and referred to Section 16 of Ordinance #2 respecting the Rules of Order of Council and requested the City Solicitor to read same which he did.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Chief of Police.

QUESTIONS

Alderman Breen requested information with respect to the menu of meals which were served at the City Home on Christmas Day.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

January 11th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The following accounts amounting to more than \$500.00 were considered by the Committee on Works meeting on January 4th, 1949, and were recommended to Council for payment.

Canadian General Electric Company Ltd.	\$1,629.78
Dominion Building Materials Limited	1,679.85

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 11, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date the following accounts were approved and recommended for payment:

A. A. Burbridge.....	\$ 973.99
Halifax Shipyards Limited.....	2,877.04

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

January 13, 1949.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATES

January 12th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached Final Certificate recommending payment to  
the Royal Bank of Canada for the account of J. H. Leedham Company,  
Limited in the amount of \$23,089.40, being the final payment on  
his contract for the construction of concrete sidewalks, curb and  
gutter, etc., was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on  
January 11th, 1949.

The Committee approved the Certificate and decided to for-  
ward the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 12th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached Certificate recommending payment to the  
Standard Paving (Maritime) Limited of \$80,633.99, being the final  
payment on account of their contract for paving various streets  
in the City of Halifax, was considered by the Committee on Works  
meeting on January 11th, 1949.

The Committee decided to forward the Certificate to Council  
with the recommendation that payment be made when the necessary  
Bond has been filed by the Standard Paving (Maritime) Limited.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 12th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached Certificate recommending payment to the Stand-  
ard Paving (Maritime) Limited, of \$8,396.33, as final payment on

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their contract for patching various streets in the City of Halifax, was considered at the Committee on Works meeting on January 11th, 1949.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

ILLUMINATED SIGNS

Reports were submitted from the Committee on Works recommending that permits be granted to erect illuminated signs at the following locations:

Famous Players (Can.) Corp.....	Barrington St.
Cornill's Fish & Chips.....	Barrington St.
Piercey Supplies Limited.....	736 Robie St.
Garden Taxi.....	27 Lady Hammond Rd.
Garden Taxi.....	86 Cornwallis St.
Art Jones Grocery Store.....	34 Buckingham St.
Oxford Bakery.....	Corner London St.
United Cleaners & Dyers.....	88 Gottingen St.
Keans Fish Market.....	321 Gottingen St.
Bank of Montreal.....	268 Gottingen St.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that the permits be granted. Motion passed.

OFFICIAL STREET LINES MARLBOROUGH AVENUE

January 12th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the Commissioner of Works re removal of the official street line on Marlborough Avenue, from Belmont Road to Oakland Road, was considered by the Town Planning Board meeting January 11th, 1949.

The Board recommended to Council that the necessary publications be ordered, and that a date be set for the Hearing. It is suggested the regular February meeting of Council be set as the date for the Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 13, 1949.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, February 17, 1949 at 8:00 P. M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, as the time and place for the Hearing on the removal of the street lines of Marlborough Avenue. Motion passed.

OFFICIAL STREET LINE FRANCKLYN STREET

January 12th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re the laying down of the official street line on the western side of Francklyn Street, from Miller Street southwardly, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting held on January 11th, 1949.

The Committee approved the report, and decided to forward the same to City Council requesting that the necessary publications be ordered, and fixing the date of February 17th, 1949, as a time for the Public Hearing in connection with the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 8th, 1949.

OFFICIAL STREET LINE - FRANCKLYN STREET

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

It has been found necessary to fix a date for the laying down of the western street line of Francklyn Street, from Miller Street southwardly.

The proposed street line is shown in yellow on Plan #NM-3-10681, and it is suggested that the Committee fix the date of February 17th, 1949, and in the meantime that advertisements be inserted advising the public that this official street line will be considered preparatory to having the same confirmed by City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved and the Council fix Thursday, February 17, 1949 at 8:00 P. M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, as the

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time and place for the hearing on the laying down of the Western Official Street Line of Francklyn Street. Motion passed.

CHANGE OF STREET NAME

January 12th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached petition re change of street name was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on January 11th, 1949.

The petition, signed by fourteen of the rate-payers residing on Owen Street, request the name of Owen Street, between Young Avenue and Tower Road, be changed to Southwood Drive.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved same to be effective as of May 1st, 1949. Motion passed.

ADJUSTMENT STREET LIGHTING ACCOUNT

January 12th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached account of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company in connection with adjustment necessary to the street lighting billings for the year November 1947 to October 1948, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on January 11th, 1949.

The account shows additional amount of \$1,699.74 as due the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company from the City of Halifax.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council that this account be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 13, 1949.

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

TENDERS STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

January 7, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Electrician re tenders for  
new street light fixtures required in connection with the New Street  
Lighting Plan as approved by City Council was considered at a meet-  
ing of the Committee on Works, held on January 4, 1949.

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

Funds to provide for this expenditure were approved by the  
Department of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Nova Scotia on  
November 16, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

December 29th, 1948.

R. M. MacKinnon, Esq.,  
Commissioner of Works,  
City Hall,  
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

Attached herewith you will find tenders I have received  
for new street lighting fixtures according to the "New Street  
Lighting Plan," as approved by the City Council, for which there  
is a Capital Borrowing approved of Sixty-three Thousand Dollars  
(\$63,000.00).

I would recommend that the following tenders be approved:

- |          |   |                        |            |
|----------|---|------------------------|------------|
| Item #1. | - 75 fixtures . . . . .   | \$54.32 each . . . . . | \$4,074.00 |
|          | to be supplied by the Canadian General Electric<br>Company Ltd.   |                        |            |
| Item #2. | - 75 fixtures . . . . .   | \$56.28 each . . . . . | 4,221.00   |
|          | to be supplied by Northern Electric Co. Ltd.  |                        |            |
| Item #3. | - Approximately 320 Ornamental Luminaries<br>to be supplied by the three lowest tenders<br>approximately (107) each, as there is only<br>three cents difference in the tenders of the<br>following firms: |                        |            |

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Canadian General Electric Co. \$44.00 each . . . \$4,708.00  
 Can. Line Material . . . . . 44.03 each . . . 4,711.21  
 Foulis & Bennett . . . . . 44.03 each . . . 4,711.21

Item #4. - 75 fixture Brackets . . . . . 10.13 each . . . 759.75  
 to be supplied by the Canadian Gen. Elec. Co. Ltd.

Item #5. - 75 fixture Brackets . . . . . 10.13 each . . . \$ 759.75  
 to be supplied by the Northern Elec. Co. Ltd.

Item #6. - Approximately 320 fixture brackets  
 10.82 each  
 to be divided between the three firms supplying  
 item No. 3.  
 Canadian General Electric (107) \$10.82 ea. 1,157.74  
 Can. Line Material \$10.82 ea. 1,157.74  
 Foulis & Bennett \$10.82 ea. 1,157.74

Item #7. - 75 Transformers . . . . . \$30.10 each . . .  
 to be divided between the three lowest tenders:

25 Canadian Gen. Elec. 30.10 each . . \$ 752.50  
 25 Can. Line Material 30.10 each . . 752.50  
 25 Foulis & Bennett 30.10 each 752.50

The following is the breakdown of the tenders:

Item No.	Can. Gen. Elec. Co.	Northern Elec. Co.	Can. Line Material	Foulis & Bennett
1.	\$54.32	\$54.32	\$59.22	Could not quote.
2.	\$56.28	\$56.28	\$59.22	do
3.	\$44.00	\$41.23 Not suited	\$44.03	\$44.03
4.	\$10.13	\$13.06	\$12.89	\$13.14
5.	\$10.13	\$10.13	\$10.13	\$ 8.59 Not suited.
6.	\$10.82	\$10.82	\$10.82	\$10.82
7.	\$30.10	\$33.18	\$30.10	\$30.10

Yours very truly,

A. P. Flynn,  
 CITY ELECTRICIAN.

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

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO SIDEWALK

January 7, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
 Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report and cheque amounting to \$13.75 in favor



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of the City of Halifax was considered by the Committee on Works, meeting on January 4, 1949.

The cheque covers the amount of claim sought by the City as the result of damage done to concrete sidewalk by a vehicle owned by George Ashley on October 19th, 1948 in front of No. 3 Drummond Court. The Guarantee Company request that the attached release be signed to relieve them of any further responsibility in connection with this claim.

The Committee approved the request and decided to forward the same to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

REPORT BICENTENARY COMMITTEE

Bicentenary Committee Executive  
Offices  
32 General Trust Bldg.,  
Halifax, N. S.

January 13, 1949.

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

Dear Sirs,

The following is an extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Bicentenary Committee held on December 22, 1948,

"Letter from Secretary of the Young Progressive Conservatives of Nova Scotia was read in which a request for a luncheon to be tendered to members attending their National Convention here during the summer of 1949, was made. Moved by Alderman Kitz and seconded by Alderman Lloyd that a luncheon be tendered to members attending this Convention. Motion carried."

The following are extracts from Minutes of Meeting of the Bicentenary Committee held on January 5, 1949:

"The Secretary read a letter from Mr. R. Jack Conrad, President of the Nova Scotia Lawn Tennis Association with respect to holding the Canadian Tennis Championship tournament in Halifax next summer. Besides Nova Scotia entries it is expected 150 will participate from the rest of Canada as well as entries from the United States and Great Britain. Waegwoltic, South End and Cathedral Courts will be used for the tournament with the finals to take place at Cathedral Courts. Mr. Conrad stated that before championship tournament could be held here a \$500 fee must be paid to the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association by the Nova Scotia Lawn Tennis Association. A further \$500 would also be necessary for the entertainment of

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visitors, etc. Mr. Gastonguay expressed the opinion that the money would be well spent. (1) Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Doyle that \$1000 appropriation in the Bicentenary Budget for Tennis be granted to the Nova Scotia Lawn Tennis Association to enable them to hold the Canadian Lawn Tennis Championship Tournament here next summer. Motion carried."

"The Secretary reviewed the previous correspondence with Sam Snyder in connection with the Water Follies Show and read a further letter from Mr. Snyder dated December 28, 1948, in which Mr. Snyder stated he is willing to accept the new financial proposition put to him by the Secretary, namely \$3,500 for travelling expenses to be advanced a week before the show opens in Halifax, \$7,500 to be paid on the morning of the opening day of the Show, and 30% of the gross receipts of the show after deduction of taxes. (2) Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Mr. Butler, that a contract be entered into with Sam Snyder to bring his Water Follies Show to Halifax next summer in accordance with the above mentioned financial terms. Motion carried with Alderman Breen and Mayor Atern dissenting."

"The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Brett, Chairman of the International Special Race Committee, Royal Yacht Squadron, Halifax, in which he outlined several races including the Marblehead-Halifax race which would take place this summer. Mr. Brett was present at the meeting and stated these races, including the Ladies Bluenose Races would be carried on over a period of three weeks and that the appropriation of \$1000 for yachting was not sufficient and asked for a grant of \$2000. (3) It was moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that grant of \$2000 be made to this Special Race Committee of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. Motion carried."

"The Secretary read a letter from Mr. H. S. Farquhar, Financial Secretary, Halifax Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias, requesting a grant of \$500 to assist them in their annual Convention to be held in Halifax this year. (4) Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that grant of \$500 be made to the Knights of Pythias, Motion carried."

"The Secretary read a letter from Mr. L. L. Rhodenizer, President of the Nova Scotia Guides Association, stating his association estimated cost of \$3,400 to put on a guides meet in the Halifax area next summer. He pointed out that the Provincial Government might also assist them in this respect. The original appropriation for this event was \$1000. The Secretary recommended that the grant be increased to \$1500 and that this feature be held on the North West Arm. (5) Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Mr. Butler that the sum of \$1500 be appropriated for Guides Tournament. Motion carried."

"The Secretary submitted that the Retired Naval Officers Association wish an advance at this time of \$500 on approved grant of \$3,000. (6) Moved by Alderman Walker and seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this sum of \$500 be presently advanced to the Retired Naval Officers Association. Motion carried."

The following are extracts from Minutes of Meeting of the Bicentenary Committee held on January 12, 1949:

"The Secretary read a letter from Dr. T. M. Sieniewicz, Chairman of the Program Committee of the Nova Scotia Rifles Association, requesting a grant of \$300 for the purpose of holding its

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annual prize shoot in Halifax next July, the event to be known as the City of Halifax Bicentenary Match. The Secretary pointed out that \$250 had been appropriated in the bicentenary budget for Skeet Shooting and that this sum could be applied to the grant of \$300 for the Nova Scotia Rifles Association and that he therefore recommended that the grant be made. (7) Moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Alderman Walker that the sum of \$300 be granted to the Nova Scotia Rifles Association, with the \$250 for Skeet Shooting being applied toward the \$300. Motion carried with Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Breen and Alderman Adams dissenting."

"The Secretary reported on conferences he had had re housing with Mr. Troy of the Dalhousie Personal Services Student Employment Agency, Mr. Robinson, Alderman Lloyd and Miss Ward of the Y.W. C.A., and outlined the nature and extent of the housing problem. The Secretary felt that the problem should be approached by three separate steps and that upon completion of these, the whole matter should be the subject of a further decision of the Committee as to what additional steps would be necessary in the light of the information secured by the first steps recommended. He recommended that a two-weeks survey of available housing in the City should be conducted by the Dalhousie Student Employment Agency for a fee of \$300.00. (8) Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the sum of \$300 be granted to the Dalhousie Personal Services Student Employment Agency for the purpose of conducting a two-week housing survey in the City of Halifax. Motion carried."

The Secretary also pointed out that a survey of available housing outside the City in a radius of forty miles should also be conducted. For this purpose (9) It was moved by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Doyle that Mr. George Robinson be employed by the Committee at a salary of \$35.00 per week for a period of four weeks. Motion carried."

"The following accounts were submitted for payment.

(10) R. W. Wright & Co.....	\$ 8.75
Canadian National Telegraphs	46.59
Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd.....	10.63

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that these accounts as submitted be paid. Motion carried."

The secretary recommends the above motions to City Council.

L. W. Fraser,  
Secretary.

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

#### BY-LAWS SUBDIVISIONS

WHEREAS a plan of subdivision known as the Jeremy Subdivision was approved by the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax on the 8th day of October, A. D. 1946 as plan No. LL-2-9869 ;

AND WHEREAS J. R. Lesser has applied to the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax to cancel part of the said subdivision

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and re-plot the same;

AND WHEREAS the said J. R. Lesser is the owner of all the lots in the said subdivision being re-plotted;

AND WHEREAS the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax did on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1948, recommend the said cancellation of part of the subdivision and the re-plotting of the same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Halifax do authorize the preparation of a plan cancelling part of the said subdivision and the re-plotting of the same.

WHEREAS a plan of subdivision known as the Jeremy Subdivision was approved by the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax on the 8th day of October, A. D. 1946 as plan No. LL-2-9869;

AND WHEREAS J. R. Lesser has applied to the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax to cancel part of the said subdivision and re-plot the same;

AND WHEREAS the City Council did on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1949 authorize the preparation of a Plan cancelling part of the said subdivision and the re-plotting of the same;

AND WHEREAS the said plan has now been prepared and was approved by the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED that the said cancellation of part of the said subdivision and the re-plotting of the same as shown on plan No. 00-1-10722 be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, and plan No. LL-2-9869 is hereby amended accordingly.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Walker that the By-Laws as set out above be read and passed a first time. Motion passed.

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HOT MEALS SCHOOL CHILDREN

January 10, 1949.

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

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board, held today, your letter of December 2nd, enclosing copies of petition from the Halifax Housewives and Consumers Association, was duly read. I am directed by the Board to advise you that this matter is not within our power, or our financial resources to deal with, and the letter has been filed.

Yours very truly,

H. F. Bezanson,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

FILED

PENSIONS TO SCHOOL TEACHERS

January 10, 1949.

Mr. W. P. Publicover,  
City Clerk,  
City Hall,  
HALIFAX, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Further to our letter of recent date, in regard to retiring allowance for Miss L. F. J. Mitchell, and Miss M. T. Sullivan, and your reply of December 29th, to the effect that the City Council had recommended the securing of Legislation permitting payment to these two retired teachers of three fifths of their retiring salary.

I beg to advise that at a Meeting of the Board held today this letter was presented, and I am directed by the Board to request that the City Council reconsider this matter, and adhere to the original recommendation of the Board, permitting us to pay them the minimum pension of \$300.00 each.

Yours very truly,

H. F. Bezanson,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Alderman Kitz: "The School Board might bear in mind that these pensioners receive a greater amount than was deducted. They would not have paid in as much as what they were granted. They would have been entitled to about \$600.00 for the next 5 years. They would not have contributed anywhere near that."

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City Solicitor: "You should pass a motion to rescind your previous action."

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Alderman Doyle retires at 9:45 P. M.

APPROPRIATIONS

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1949.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The following is the state of Civic Appropriations on the above date after deducting unpaid Orders:

APPROPRIATIONS	Ledger Balance	Unpaid Orders	Bal. less Unpaid Orders.
City Home	11,774.07 Dr.		\$ 11,774.07 Dr.
Fleming Park	274.09 Cr.		274.09 Cr.
Public Gardens	915.49 Dr.	207.03	1,122.52 Dr.
Library	94.46 Cr.	197.05	102.59 Dr.
Pt. Pleasant Park	11.60 Cr.		11.60 Cr.
T. B. Hospital	12,011.17 Dr.	6,419.98	18,431.15 Dr.
Inf. Disease Hospital	4,658.93 Cr.	1,123.64	3,535.29 Cr.
Pub. Health & Welfare	3,184.18 Cr.	676.22	2,507.96 Cr.
Welfare Department	1,773.76 Cr.		1,773.76 Cr.
Police Department	8,722.13 Cr.	5,547.80	3,174.33 Cr.
City Prison	1,172.11 Cr.		1,172.11 Cr.
Works, Salaries	9,890.69 Dr.		9,890.69 Dr.
Streets	22,308.74 Dr.	3,104.92	25,413.66 Dr.
Office Supplies	230.06 Dr.	94.00	324.06 Dr.
Town Planning	1,178.32 Cr.	558.70	619.62 Cr.
Cleaning Paved Streets	7,381.32 Cr.	784.13	6,597.19 Cr.
Internal Health	521.28 Dr.	3,567.31	4,088.59 Dr.
Sewer	1,874.98 Cr.	5.70	1,869.28 Cr.
St. Lighting	20,158.10 Cr.	506.29	19,651.81 Cr.
Traffic Lights	64.79 Dr.	43.92	108.71 Dr.
Wire Inspection	277.20 Cr.		277.20 Cr.
Market	319.97 Cr.	10.40	309.57 Cr.
Public Baths	1,526.45 Cr.	4.40	1,522.05 Cr.
City Property	14,465.55 Dr.	6,609.76	21,075.31 Dr.
Fuel	3,971.12 Cr.	281.67	3,689.45 Cr.
Insurance	611.45 Dr.		611.45 Dr.
City Hall Light	191.05 Cr.		191.05 Cr.
Telephones	78.40 Cr.		78.40 Cr.
Recreation Committee	8,090.28 Dr.		8,090.28 Dr.
Forum Operation Account	12,648.03 Cr.		12,648.03 Cr.
Fire Department	1,160.03 Cr.	303.00	857.03 Cr.
Fire Alarm	44.69 Cr.		44.69 Cr.
Fairview Cemetery	622.84 Dr.	72.16	695.00 Dr.
Printing & Stationery	3,041.26 Dr.		3,041.26 Dr.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. F. Hagell,  
Chief Accountant  
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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF DECEMBER

Civic Year	Reserves	O/S Balance Nov. 30/48.	New Accounts and Adjust- ments.	December Collections	O/S Balances December 31/48
1946	\$ 38,609.48	\$ 62,579.22	Cr. 223.44	\$ 6,219.60	\$ 56,136.18
1947	49,105.71	158,809.78	Cr. 584.62	10,509.40	147,715.76
1948	90,425.38	438,003.06	Cr. 1,459.46	50,888.68	385,654.92
		\$659,392.06	Cr. 2,267.52	\$ 67,617.68	\$ 589,506.86

Poll Taxes

1943-44	23,265.74	Cr.	10.00	19.74	23,236.00
1944-45	4,464.65			38.25	4,426.40
1948	5,806.37	Dr.	37.00	1,497.56	4,345.81

Additional Collections

Arrears 1925-26 to 1945  
Corresponding Period Last Year

Collections as per statement above  
Corresponding Period Last Year

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>
Arrears 1925-26 to 1945	1,076.26	7,590.89
Collections as per statement above	67,617.68	45,455.77
	<u>\$68,693.94</u>	<u>53,046.66</u>

Collections Poll Tax Jan. 1 to Dec. 31/48.  
Corresponding Period Last Year

1948	93,653.59
1947	90,931.72

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Hagell,  
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

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APPROVAL CAPITAL BORROWINGS

Halifax, January 11, 1949.

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

Dear Sir:

I now enclose for your records copies of resolutions passed by the City Council on December 7, 1948 respecting the following borrowings:

\$735,000 required for the purpose of adding an auditorium and gymnasium to the Queen Elizabeth High School;

\$20,000 required for the purpose of acquiring land for a new school.

The approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs is indicated on each resolution.

Yours very truly,

C. L. Beazley,  
Deputy Minister.

FILED

PURCHASE DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS

This matter was again deferred.

SALE OF HOUSES EDGEWOOD-ARDMORE AREA

Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to have the Assessor's Department interview the people in the adjacent area to see if they would object to putting foundations in these houses. Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation want a decision one way or the other. It means considerable to the City when these houses are put on a tax roll in a different way."

Alderman Sullivan: "Alderman Hosterman made a motion on this that the Council not sell until the residents were interviewed. I think the people should be given an opportunity to express their opinions. We should do something about this matter. Some of the people have fine homes there. Something should be done to get the feeling of those people on Oxford Street."



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Alderman Hosterman: "We gave an undertaking to the residents on Connaught Avenue and we must not break faith with them."

Alderman Kitz: "We should start buying these blocks at the present prices as they are a very good buy. We should try it because they are bargains, we can pass them to the tenants and we are going to get a better tax rate. Further work in interviewing Central Mortgage should be encouraged. They would be willing to be pushed to dispose of a lot more."

Alderman DeWolf: "We did report on the 21 houses and then there are 116 on Connaught Avenue in the area close to the 21."

Alderman Burgess: "There is one lot North of Bayers Road that are cheap. We feel we should get them cheaper. That lot was only to be up for the emergency and then torn down."

BOND MRS. FRANCES MODENA HUPMAN

Halifax, N. S.  
January 13, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report from the City Solicitor respecting the matter of filing a bond in the case of Frances Modena Hupman was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ROSEBANK PARK SUBDIVISION

January 13th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on January

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11th, 1949, consideration was given to an application from Mrs. Elizabeth C. Connor to re-subdivide lots #8, 9, 10 and 11 of the "Rosebank Park Subdivision," which lots were formerly known as the "Dennis Property."

It is the intention to make two lots out of four lots.

A Public Hearing was held on the same date and there were no objections.

The Board decided to recommend to Council that legislation be obtained permitting amendment to the Statutes relating to the "Rosebank Park Subdivision," authorizing the re-subdivision of the above mentioned lots.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

H. FITZPATRICK

Alderman Burgess again requested information concerning the above named and stated that he had been ill for about a year before being retired at \$60.00 per month as of September 1, 1948 and suggested that the retiring date should be retroactive to cover the period of his illness.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Works.

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

Meeting adjourned.

9:55 P. M.

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J. E. Ahern,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
January 27, 1949,  
5:20 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 specially to consider the following items:

1. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re White Property.
2.     "                     "                     Y. M. C. A.
3. Report Comm. on Works re Street Names Westmount Subdivision.
4.     "                     "                     Convention Illuminating Engineers.
5.     "                     "                     Final Certificate Walker & Hall.
6.     "                     "                     Street Lighting Improvements.
7.     "                     "                     Illuminated Signs.

WHITE PROPERTY

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 27, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending ~~that~~ a tender from Mr. W. G. Kelly offering to pay the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty Dollars for the buildings and fixtures on the White property Prospect Road was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation with the understanding that the buildings will be removed from the watershed property within sixty days.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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Y. M. C. A. CONTRIBUTIONS

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 27, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration a request from the President and Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for a donation of \$60,000.00 to the campaign to raise funds for a new building.

It was agreed to forward the matter to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Mr. Duckworth, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was present in the Council Chamber and on motion of Aldermen Lloyd and Sullivan was granted permission to be heard.

He spoke in support of the request for funds and gave a brief outline of the proposed building.

Alderman Lloyd: "I don't believe there was a formula applied to Dalhousie. It is a question of a reasonable sum. I say I have sort of fixed in my mind the same amount as Dalhousie spread over a period of years in \$5,000.00 amounts."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that we seek legislation to authorize the City to pay as a contribution to the Y. M. C. A. the sum of \$5,000.00 a year for a period of 7 years commencing with the year 1949.

Alderman Hosterman: "I fully realize that the Aldermen who are against this motion have an argument that it will react on the tax rate but I feel like expressing myself the same as Alderman Lloyd. When we gave to Dalhousie we didn't think about whether it was going to raise the tax rate. Mr. Duckworth mentioned that he has quite a team of outstanding businessmen on this canvas and I realize that they are very substantial tax payers in this City and they must realize that anything the City gives will react in the tax rate."

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Alderman Sullivan: "I sympathize with the Y. M. C. A. but I feel at the present time the way the costs of civic administration is going up that the City is faced with perhaps an increase in the tax rate. I feel that \$20,000.00 is the figure spread over a period of four years. The City had an equity in the Ladies College of \$25,000.00 and the City wiped that out. That is \$45,000.00 and it is more gracious than the suggestion of the mover and the seconder."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Breen that the City contribute to the Y. M. C. A. the sum of \$5,000.00 a year for a period of four years.

Alderman Breen: "Had this come up a little later on after the tax rate was struck I might have been able to change my views. I really anticipate from what information I have now that I will be greatly surprised if we are not faced with an increase tax rate. The burden has been and still is placed upon the small business man of this City. I don't think I have to plead with anyone. Business is not what it was before."

Mr. Duckworth: "Regarding the Y. M. C. A. Hostel; that was supported by the Auxiliary Services of the National Government."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think we should realize that wherever we can encourage private groups to solicit for capital funds by local contributions that that service is then not burdened by a heavy interest charge. Alderman Breen is perfectly correct with respect to the tax rates."

Alderman Breen: "Whether it is 20, 30 or 40,000 dollars it should not be in the form of a borrowing."

Alderman DeWolf: "We are giving away the tax payers money for the good of most of the tax payers. Unfortunately the way our tax structure is set up is that the residential rate is fixed so that any contribution is made by the business man but also the property owners who are multiple and apartment owners as well. People in single housing do not make any contribution. That is why I feel

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rather hesitant about giving at the present time any more than 20 or 25,000 dollars. If at a later date it is reconsidered, I would be glad to go along with it."

Alderman Sullivan: "I feel again that we are the custodians of the tax payers money and as Alderman DeWolf said we all would like to help and give all we could but again we must only spend what is at our disposal to spend and financially what the persons are able to pay as tax payers. If this had come after the tax rate was struck the picture would have had a chance of being brighter or gloomier. It is a case of letting our conscience be our guide."

Alderman Breen: "Perhaps the parties might consider deferring this matter until after we deal with the estimates and the tax rate."

Alderman Lloyd: "It is a case of coming to an agreement. \$5,000.00 is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points on the rate and that would be there anyway. The campaign is underway and it would help them to reach their objective."

Alderman Breen: "To me personally there can be a difference in my attitude after the estimates are considered. The estimates of one department are going to be called upon for quite a substantial increase and it is along the lines of public welfare work. I would like to see what is going to happen to it."

Alderman Walker: "We have received a lot of money lately. We got \$370,000.00 from the C. N. R. and also from the sale of lots of land. Is that money gone? Why not take it from that."

Alderman DeWolf: "It has to go to legislation anyway."

Alderman Moriarty: "We are all looking to the future and we want improvements in the City of Halifax. In the next 5 years our tax rate will not shrink. I think it would be well to go along with the Y. M. C. A. and give them \$5,000.00 a year until the amount of \$35,000.00 is reached."

The amendment was then put and lost 5 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Breen  
Kitz  
Doyle  
Burgess  
Sullivan

- 5 -

AGAINST IT

Alderman DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Hosterman  
Abbott  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Walker

- 7 -

The motion was then put and resulted in a tie as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Abbott  
Adams  
Hosterman  
Lloyd  
Moriarty  
Walker

- 6 -

AGAINST IT

Alderman Breen  
Burgess  
DeWolf  
Doyle  
Kitz  
Sullivan

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His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favor of the motion and declared it passed.

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

Meeting adjourned. 6 P. M.

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J. E. Ahern,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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



AFTERNOON SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 1, 1949,  
5:00 P. M.

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

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

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following

items:

1. Report Comm. on Works re Street Names New Westmount Subdivision.
2. " " Final Certificate Walker & Hall.
3. " " Convention Illuminating Engineers.
4. " " Street Lighting Improvements.
5. " " Illuminated Signs.
6. " " Master Wireman's License.
7. " " Sewer Right-of-Way C. N. R.
8. " " Sidewalk, etc. Edinburgh St.
9. " " Underground Cable.
10. " " Renewal Gun Club Lease.
11. " " Purchase Brush for Snow Blower.
12. " " Trolley Coach System Leeds St. & No. Barr. St.
13. " " Purchase of Snow Blowers.
14. " " Old Brunswick Street Fire Station.
15. Report Bicentenary Committee re Recommendations.

STREET NAMES NEW WESTMOUNT SUBDIVISION

January 26th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 25th, 1949, consideration was given to naming the streets in the New Westmount Subdivision.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council that the following names be given to the streets as indicated on the attached plan.

William Hunt Avenue  
Robert Murphy Drive  
Dougsmith Avenue

Winston Place  
Peter Lowe Avenue  
Ralph Devlin Drive

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

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His Worship the Mayor,  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on February first, instant, gave consideration to the naming of streets in the New Westmount Subdivision.

The following names were considered and it was agreed to recommend them to Council for approval:

Edward Arab Avenue

George Dauphinee Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE WALKER & HALL

January 21st, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached certificate recommending final payment of the sum of \$898.60 to Walker & Hall in connection with the construction of a retaining wall at the intersection of Duke Street and Brunswick Street, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on January 18th, 1949.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

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CONVENTION ILLUMINATING ENGINEERS

January 21st. 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 18th. 1949, consideration was given to an application of the City Electrician requesting permission to attend the Convention of Illuminating Engineers to be held in Montreal during the last week of January.

The Committee approved the request and decided to recommend that the sum of \$200.00 be provided from the Street Lighting Maintenance Account to defray expenses incurred by the City Electrician while attending the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Reports were submitted from the Committee on Works recommending that lights be installed at the following locations:

Falkland St. between Gottingen and Maitland Streets.  
Lucknow Street near the Corner of Inglis Street.  
Windsor Street between Charles and Willow Streets.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the lights be installed. Motion passed.

ILLUMINATED SIGNS

A report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending that permits be granted to erect illuminated signs at the following locations:

North End Hardware	119 $\frac{1}{2}$ Agricola St.
Bloomfield Men's Wear	217 " "
Parisien Pastry Shop	590 Barrington St.
The Steak House (Nick Pittson)	13 Prince Street.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the permits be granted. Motion passed.

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MASTER WIREMAN'S LICENSE

January 28th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached application of H. L. Lynch for a Master Wireman's License and to operate the business from 253 Young Street, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on January 25th. 1949.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY C. N. R.

January 28th. 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Solicitor re license covering permission from the C. N. R. for the City to lay a sewer pipe along the Railway Right-of-Way, from Mile 3.37 to 3.81, Bedford Subdivision, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting held on January 25th. 1949.

The Committee approved the report and decided to recommend to Council that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the license on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 19, 1949.

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

Dear Sirs:

In September of last year the City requested permission from

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the Canadian National Railways to lay a sewer pipe along the Railway right-of-way from Mile 3.37 to 3.81, Bedford Subdivision, the yearly rental for the same to be \$80.00.

I now enclose herewith in triplicate License covering this permission, and if the same is approved by your Committee I would recommend that the same be forwarded to Council and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute this License on behalf of the City.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

SIDEWALK ETC. EDINBURGH STREET

January 28th. 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the Commissioner of Works re petition-concrete sidewalks, curb, gutter, etc., on the south side of Edinburgh Street from Oxford Street to Connolly Street, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on January 25th. 1949.

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.

January 25th. 1949.

PETITION - Concrete Sidewalk, curb and gutter -  
South Side of Edinburgh St. - Oxford St. to Connolly St.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

A petition was received, signed by six (6) property owners on the south side of Edinburgh Street, between Oxford Street and Connolly Street, requesting the City to construct curb, gutter and concrete sidewalks from Oxford Street to Connolly Street.

The total length of the street is seven-hundred and thirteen feet (713') and the frontage owned by the petitioners is three hundred and fifteen feet (315'), the balance being built of prefabricated houses, owned by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, formerly Wartime Housing Limited.

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If the sidewalk, etc., were constructed for the whole of the block, no revenue could be obtained from the Wartime Housing Property. My suggestion is that the concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk be laid from Oxford Street for three hundred and fifteen feet (315') westwardly and when the balance of the street becomes privately owned, that some thought be given then to finishing the balance of the street. The estimated cost for the three hundred and fifteen feet (315') is about \$2500.00 and the estimated assessment \$1,250.00. The estimated cost for the whole of the block is \$5,200.00 and the amount of assessment is also \$1,250.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

UNDERGROUND CABLE

February 2nd, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re the underground ducts on Granville Street was considered by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on February 1st, 1949.

The Committee approved the report, and decided to recommend to Council that the application of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company, Limited to construct two underground ducts on Granville Street to the former Y. M. C. A. building, be granted, under the usual terms and conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 31st, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Re: UNDERGROUND DUCTS - GRANVILLE STREET

An application has been received from the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited for permission to construct two underground ducts, from a pole on the eastern side of Granville Street to the former Y. M. C. A. building, which has been acquired by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

A plan was attached to their application and it shows the proposed underground cable, and it is recommended that permission be granted, provided the usual terms are complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon, COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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

TROLLEY COACH SYSTEM LEEDS STREET

January 26th, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 25th, 1949, representatives of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company were present at the request of the Committee to discuss a proposal that the trolley coach system be extended westwardly on Leeds Street, from Gottingen Street to Robie Street.

The conference was the result of an application by the Power Company to establish a turning loop on the western side of Gottingen Street on Rockhead Prison Property.

Several members of the Committee were of the opinion that the Gottingen Street and Robie Street routes of the proposed trolley coach system should be connected to provide a better service for the rapidly expanding north west sections of the City, overlooking Bedford Basin. In support of the proposed trolley coach loop, a petition, from the residents of Ward 6 was presented and is hereby attached.

So that there would be as little delay as possible in getting the new trolley coach service underway, the Board recommended to Council that the proposed turning route on Rockhead City Property be approved and further recommended to Council that the City of Halifax apply to the Board of Public Utilities for the Province of Nova Scotia for a hearing, at which time application will be made for the establishment of a trolley coach loop running west on Leeds Street from Gottingen Street to Robie Street, south on Robie Street to Duffus Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

TROLLEY COACH LOOP BARRINGTON ST. AT RICHMOND ST.

February 2nd, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report re the application of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company, Limited requesting the City to install a trolley coach loop on the western side of Barrington Street, north

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of Richmond Street in front of the Manning Pool property, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting on February 1st, 1949.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 18th, 1949.

Re: TROLLEY COACH LOOP.  
BARRINGTON ST. AT RICHMOND ST.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

A letter dated November 18th, 1948 was received from the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company requesting the City to instal a Trolley Coach Loop on the western side of Barrington Street, north of Richmond Street, which would be in front of the Manning Pool property.

To instal this Loop, which would extend beyond the western line of Barrington Street, it is necessary to obtain authority from the owners of the land in front of the Manning Pool.

After making inquiries as to ownership, a letter was dispatched to Mr. J. D. Ritchie, Supervisor of Emergency Shelter at Ottawa, requesting permission to use this land. A reply was received from Mr. Ritchie, who went into the matter with the War Assets Corporation and it will be possible to purchase this land at a price to be established by the War Assets Corporation.

The area of the land required is about seventy-two hundred (7200) square feet, and permission is requested to offer an amount of approximately \$150.00 for this land.

The estimated cost for grading this loop is about \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

PURCHASE CYCLONE SNOW BLOWERS

February 1st, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works considered the attached report from the



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Finance and Executive Committee respecting the purchase of three (3) Cyclone Snow Blowers.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council the resolution passed by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 27th, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

January 27th, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting on January 25th, 1949 gave consideration to the purchase of additional snow removal equipment for the City of Halifax.

The Committee decided to recommend to the Finance & Executive Committee that the City purchase three (3) Cyclone Snow Blowers for the sum of \$6,500.00 each, delivered at the City Field, from John A. West, Manufacturer's agent.

The source of the funds to pay for these machines to be determined by the Finance and Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

Alderman Hosterman: "Unfortunately I was ill last year at the time that the purchase of these snow blowers came up but I understand that you had 3 delivered. I would like for you to advise me just where these additional 3 came in. Were tenders invited for 6 or did we agree to purchase 6 of these as a result of the tenders called?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The Committee on Works voted to take 6. On January 27, 1948 the Committee decided to recommend the purchase of 6 snow blowers."

Alderman Lloyd: "We should before we place the matter before

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the Council, make appropriate investigations of the claims of the agent. The letter from Mr. West contained statements that he was able to deliver immediately 6 machines. Because of the shortage of steel and labor conditions, the inference was that we should act quickly. I recall that at that meeting we would make the appropriate investigation of the claims of the agent. Subsequently, at my request, following a Council meeting we got the Board of Works together the night we were dealing with housing; we met and we decided to withhold their recommendation from Council."

Alderman Sullivan: "Didn't the Board of Works investigate that machine at that time?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Alderman Sullivan: "There was a demonstration of that machine put on on the Commons. The members at that time felt that the machine would do the work. I remember quite plainly the machine doing a job on the area to the North of Cogswell Street. I believe that that afternoon that demonstration proved satisfactory to the members of the Board of Works."

Alderman Hosterman: "I was at that demonstration but I have here a recommendation to purchase 6 blowers. I would take it that on the strength of this motion that Mr. West ordered the additional blowers."

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes; that is correct."

Alderman Kitz: "On a point of order, is this Council competent to discuss this matter? It has not passed the Finance & Executive Committee yet. It was not recommended to Council from the Finance & Executive Committee from my memory. Under the circumstances I don't think we are competent to discuss it or carry it out."

Alderman Hosterman: "From this it shows \$45,000.00."

Alderman Kitz: "That was for 3 machines."

Alderman Lloyd: "My original recommendation was that the equipment be viewed as to its use on sidewalks also."

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Alderman Sullivan: "I did not agree with that Your Worship. I don't believe it is practical."

Alderman Lloyd: "I would like to see a motion before this Council that it be discussed no further."

Alderman Kitz: "Are we competent to discuss this without going to the Finance and Executive Committee first? What is the ruling?"

City Solicitor: "Before any contract can be finalized funds must be made available. Before you can go any further funds must be made available."

Alderman Kitz: "Where are we going to get the funds?"

City Solicitor: "The funds do not have to be in our possession in actual cash. If we pass a borrowing resolution to buy snow removal equipment and approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs, then we can go ahead and make our contract. In this case I don't know if there are any funds available."

Alderman Walker: "What about the Post War Fund?"

City Solicitor: "The Department of Municipal Affairs suggested that it be a borrowing rather than taking it from the Post War Fund."

Alderman Kitz: "Do I understand that after it passes the Committee on Works it has to come before the Finance and Executive Committee?"

City Solicitor: "Yes; it has been the practice right along to send it through the Finance and Executive Committee to make sure that funds are available."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is the resolution in order? Where are the funds coming from?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We can adjourn for a few minutes so that the Finance and Executive Committee can discuss this."

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Burgess that Council adjourn to enable the Finance and Executive Committee to consider the matter of the purchase of Cyclone Snow Blowers. Motion passed.

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5:30 P. M. Council adjourned.

6:05 P. M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Breen, Hostrerman, Abbott, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Doyle, Walker, Burgess and Sullivan.

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 1, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

A report from the Committee on Works recommending the purchase of three Cyclone Snow Blowers at \$6,500.00 each from Mr. John A. West was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the matter be deferred for a period of one week.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Sullivan requested a report from the Commissioner of Works as to the efficiency of the Cyclone Blower when it was tested.

BRUNSWICK STREET FIRE STATION

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1949. *W.P.P.*

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached correspondence in connection with the offer of W. A. Andrews for the purchase of the Old Brunswick Street Fire Station, was considered by the Committee on Works meeting held on February 1st, 1949.

The Committee decided to recommend to City Council that legislation be obtained to permit the City of Halifax to sell the property known as #69 Brunswick Street (Old Brunswick Street Fire Station), to W. A. Andrews for the sum of \$7,200.00.

The property to be sold is the land which has a frontage of 41.5 feet, more or less, on Brunswick Street and a depth of 66 feet, more or less, and the building thereon.

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

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

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Breen  
Hosterman  
Abbott  
Lloyd  
Doyle  
Walker  
Burgess  
Sullivan

AGAINST IT

Alderman DeWolf  
Adams  
Kitz

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Alderman Lloyd: "What about the tenants in this place?"

The Alderman was advised that an arrangement had been worked out between the purchaser and the tenants.

REPORT BICENTENARY COMMITTEE Re: GRANTS, ETC.

February 1, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At meetings of the Bicentenary Committee held on January 12th, and 27th, 1949, the following items were approved and recommended to City Council:

- (1) THAT grant of \$300.00 be made to Nova Scotia Rifle Association.
- (2) THAT \$300.00 be paid to Dalhousie Student Employment Agency for preliminary housing survey.
- (3) THAT \$35.00 per week for 4 weeks be paid to George Robinson for preliminary housing survey.
- (4) THAT payment be made of the following accounts:

R. W. Wright & Co.	\$8.75
Canadian National Telegraphs	46.59
Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd.	10.63
- (5) THAT a grant of \$1,000.00 be made to The Nova Scotia Construction Curling Association for bonspiel.
- (6) THAT \$1,687.00, plus 8% sales tax, be paid to Imperial Advertising Limited for printing of 50,000 copies of the Bicentenary Folder.

Yours very truly,

Leonard W. Fraser,  
Secretary-Manager.

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Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan wishing to be recorded against the grant to the Nova Scotia Rifle Association.

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

Meeting adjourned. 6:10 P. M.

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J. E. Ahern,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

A F T E R N O O N   S E S S I O N  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 8, 1949,  
5:00 P. M.

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

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

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Purchase of Snow Blowers.
2.       "                       "                       Grant Local Council of Women.
3.       "                       "                       Claim Ben Zemel.
4. Report Comm. on Works re Final Certificate Canada Gunito Co.Ltd.
5.       "                       "                       Street Names Westmount Subdivision.
6. Report Bicentenary Comm. re Recommendations.

PURCHASE OF SNOW BLOWERS

Halifax, N. S.  
February 8, 1949.

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 purchase of three Cyclone Snowblowers at \$6,500.00 each from Mr. John A. West was considered.

The following reports were submitted and read by the City Clerk.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works meeting on January 25th, 1949 gave consideration to the purchase of additional snow removal equipment for the City of Halifax.

The Committee decided to recommend to the Finance & Executive Committee that the City purchase three (3) Cyclone Snow Blowers for the sum of \$6,500.00 each, delivered at the City Field, from John A. West, Manufacturer's Agent.

The source of the funds to pay for these machines to be determined by the Finance and Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

Halifax, N. S.,  
January 27, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Committee on Works.

Gentlemen:-

The attached report respecting the purchase of three Cyclone Snow Blowers was submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

The matter was referred back to the Committee on Works for further information regarding advertising for tenders for this equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 1st, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works considered the attached report from the Finance & Executive Committee respecting the purchase of three (3) Cyclone Snow Blowers.

The Committee decided to recommend to Council the resolution passed by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 27th, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

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



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Halifax, N. S.,  
February 1, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

A report from the Committee on Works recommending the purchase of three Cyclone Snow Blowers @ \$6,500.00 each from Mr. John A. West was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the matter be deferred for a period of one week.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 7, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council held on the afternoon of February 1st, I was asked to submit a report at a meeting to be held on February 8th as to the efficiency of the three Cyclone Blowers purchased a year ago.

I have taken into consideration that these Blowers have operated for a very short period on snow removal, only part of two nights, which is entirely too short a period for a performance test. When the work of snow removal from the Trolley Coach routes comes, we will be in a better position to decide on our requirements. In the meantime, there is no change in my recent report.

Yours very truly,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
Commissioner of Works.

Alderman Lloyd then submitted and read the following:

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Your Worship and Aldermen,

Gentlemen:

I oppose the recommendation of the Committee on Works to purchase three Cyclone Snow Blowers from Mr. John A. West.

The Commissioner of Works, Mr. MacKinnon has stated he could not recommend the machines without further knowledge of their performance and further study of the city's needs for such equipment. Despite this fact the Committee recommends the purchase on the grounds that there is a moral obligation upon the City to do so. The Committee on Works on the 23rd of January 1948 recommended to the City Council the purchase of six units. On 27 January 48 the Committee

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decided to withhold its recommendation until studies were made of snow removal operations in other Canadian Cities. On 5 February 48 the original recommendation to purchase was submitted to Council accompanied by telegrams etc. submitted by His Worship commending the equipment. At that meeting I explained at length in a written report the reasons for the Committees action of 27 January 48 to withhold its recommendation and make further studies of the matter. The matter was then referred back to the Works Committee. On 12 February 48 that Committee received a written report from the Commissioner of Works recommending the purchase of a variety of trucks, tractors, plows etc. for snow removal work. On my motion the Committee unanimously approved the report and decided to recommend to the Council that tenders be called for the equipment. Within a very few minutes the Committee departed from the resolution. On motion of Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Doyle the Committee decided to recommend the purchase of three Cyclone Units. I voted against this motion. The Council later approved the purchase and I voted against that motion.

The foregoing summary is obtained from a reading of the official records. One would naturally ask these questions.

- (1) What prompted the Committees action of 23 January 48 to purchase without calling for tenders?
- (2) Why did the Council meeting of 5 February 48 have before it the report of the 23 January 48 committee meeting when on 27 January 48 it decided to withhold its recommendation?
- (3) Why did the Council and Committee purchase equipment from John A. West, and accord him the privilege of a sale without competitive prices being obtained while all other dealers had to submit sealed tenders?

To those questions one adds at this time,

What is the nature of the moral obligation to Mr. West when he already has enjoyed a special privilege in the sale of his equipment?

The average citizen must go beyond official records to find the answer. If he listens to the current news of the gossip grapevine, he will hear this story:

John A. West paid me \$1000.00 to support the sale of his equipment to the City in January 1948. I failed to go through with the deal and West laid a written complaint before the City Council. The Council out of kindness to me hushed up the matter and bought three machines from West to satisfy him.

This story which is a contemptible fabrication by gossip mongers is a downright lie. It is a vicious effort on the part of some person or persons to discredit my integrity.

Suppose the Council now accepts Alderman Doyle's version of British Justice. Suppose it accepts the mysterious moral obligation expressed by other Aldermen and purchases three machines from Mr. West. If such an event took place then the lies which are being circulated would become clothed in an unwarranted atmosphere of truth.

I am therefore compelled to make a statement for the official and public record of this City, of the events which were behind the scenes of meetings in January and February of 1948 which I have described.

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What happened to me at that time might have been the experience of any member of this Council under our Committee system of Civic Government. It could happen to any citizen of integrity, who has a sincere desire to render public service to his community.

On 22 January 1948, Mr. West telephoned me and advised me of his appointment as the agent for Cyclone Snow Blowers. He invited me to the Lord Nelson Hotel to meet a Mr. Van Dell, the Sales Manager for the Cyclone Manufacturers in Quebec City. I accepted the invitation.

During the course of my visit West explained that as he had just been appointed the Agent for "Cyclone" machines, he was most anxious to sell some units to the City. By doing so he would increase his chances of sales elsewhere. He voluntarily produced documents showing the Factory List Price of his Machines. He did so he said, to convince me that his quoted prices were not increased to cover commissions to Aldermen. He declared he was prepared to expend 50% of his commissions if necessary to make a sale.

West questioned me in detail as to the City's procedure in buying equipment. He questioned me as to the best approach to be made to other Aldermen to get their co-operation. He asked me if \$500.00 per machine would be sufficient to cover expenses if I handled the matter for him.

I finally made it clear to West that I was interested only in the utility of his machines and not in his selling expenses. After a lengthy discussion of the merits of the "Cyclone Snow Blower." I was impressed by its possible use on sidewalks. Van Dell and West emphasized this feature of the machine after I questioned them on this point. On being questioned as to his first step in approaching the City on the matter, I told West to set forth in a letter to the Mayor the claims he made for his equipment. He asked me to help him in its composition. I assisted him and Van Dell to do so. I also agreed to speak to Mr. MacKinnon about the matter, and to advise West of the Committee's reaction to his claims.

I finally left the conference with the distinct understanding that I was not interested in, nor expected any compensation from them. I also made it quite clear that I would not support the purchase of the equipment without Mr. MacKinnon's recommendations.

The next morning I contacted Mr. MacKinnon and told him of my conference with West. Mr. MacKinnon stated he heard of the machine and was inclined to recommend one or two for general purposes on a trial basis. He said he would look further into the matter and the claims made as to the use of the machines on sidewalks. The meeting of the Committee on Works of 23 January 48 was held the same day that I spoke to Mr. MacKinnon. Mr. West's letter was placed before the Committee. Mr. MacKinnon had not completed his enquiries and was not in a position to make any positive recommendations. I therefore moved that we recommend the purchase of six units to the City Council, with the distinct understanding that

(a) This procedure was only to save time in having the matter reach the City Council.

(b) Appropriate investigations were made of West's claims before the recommendation was placed before the Council.

On 27 January 1948 after I had again consulted Mr. MacKinnon and other authorities, I asked His Worship to convene a meeting of

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the Board of Works. He did so that evening following a Council meeting. I explained to the members present that my enquiries led to the conclusion that "Cyclone Snow Blowers" were not suitable for sidewalk operations in Halifax. Upon my motion they decided to withhold from the City Council the recommendation of 22 January 1948 until further studies were made. I prepared a written and extensive report of my views and opinions under date of 3 February 1948. This report was read at the Council meeting of 5 February 1948. My report was written without any knowledge that under date of 30 January 1948, Mr. West had written a vicious slanderous letter to His Worship.

In that letter he twisted and distorted the conversation I had with him. He presented it, so as to describe my conduct in the worst possible light. He contrived in his letter to make it appear that I had an unsavory alliance with other Aldermen.

He later withdrew his scandalous letter under circumstances I shall in a moment describe.

Before doing so, I wish to read to you extracts from that letter from notes I made from a copy of Wests letter in possession of the Mayor.

Mr. Wests letter of 30 January 1948 begins:

"I am submitting herewith for your information an outline of my work relating to the selling of my products.

After being appointed agent for this machine as of Thursday, January 22nd, I called on Alderman Burgess along with Mr. Van Dell, Sales Manager for this machine and Thomas Kirk and was informed that since he controlled the three Aldermen in the North End namely Doyle, Walker and Sullivan, I would not have to contact them and I could definitely count on four to support it. Also that I be sure to contact Alderman Lloyd who had control over certain other Aldermen in the South End."

Mr. Wests letter states that I joined him at the Lord Nelson Hotel after the Junior Board of Trade meeting at 9:30 P. M. and stayed until 2:30 A. M. He continues in his letter.

"After talking about himself and his ability to put anything through the Council that was worthwhile working for, I showed him my Commission on the machine and was informed he would be satisfied with \$500.00 each. He immediately dictated a letter which I had typed and delivered to His Worship on Tuesday afternoon (the letter which was read at the Board of Works meeting Friday the 23rd.) Alderman Lloyd said he could pay off some of the Aldermen at a fair price but some could be fixed for a ten dollar bill. Nevertheless he and Mr. Burgess would have the deal fixed.

He said he did all right on a property deal and had a pretty big deal coming up. He said MacKinnon was depending upon him to get enough money to live on since he was ready for pension and that he would recommend any equipment he was told to.

Since he was a politician -- would see that Firemen in their off shifts would run equipment to make extra pay. In his letter, he emphasized sidewalk equipment because Mr. Blackadar was a neighbor of his and wanted him to have the heavy equipment.

He said he had control over Works Committee of six and Burgess was the extra man to put through the deal."

Mr. West then states I called him from the Forum and told him

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of the action taken at the Committee on Works meeting on the 23 January 1948.

In a concluding paragraph Mr. West states: "Saturday morning Alderman Burgess called to tell me he had contacted his men and since he was the seventh man to call the Mayor to get the machines as soon as possible which I did."

I knew nothing of the existence of West's letter of 30 January 48 until several days had elapsed. My first intimation that the Mayor had the letter was a remark by His Worship, during a meeting in his Office. He said he had a letter which I would find embarrassing. I asked him to produce the letter. He refused to do so at that time. A few days later he advised me that he had turned the letter over to the City Solicitor following private meetings on the matter with the Aldermen. At the request of the City Solicitor I visited him accompanied by my Solicitor.

Mr. Bethune said the Council had handed the matter to him to investigate and wished to have my reaction thereto. I gave Mr. Bethune a direct denial of the allegations of Mr. West and requested a meeting with the Council. It was held the next day in the Mayor's Office. Mr. West was present at this meeting. I again denied the allegations. The Mayor then played a recording of a telephone conversation he had with Van Dell in Quebec. The recorded conversation was a confirmation of Mr. West's story.

On my way to that meeting I was informed that six Cyclone Snow Blowers were at the railway siding consigned to the City of Halifax.

The City Council at that date had not taken any action to purchase. After hearing the recording of Mr. Van Dell's phone conversation I asked Mr. West who told him to order the machines. He said His Worship had told him to do so. Mayor Ahern vigorously denied this statement claiming he told West to bring the machines in as soon as the Council approved the Committee's recommendation. I then asked where this conversation took place. "In a taxi I think", said His Worship. Mr. West had no explanation to offer to my final question. Why was no reference made to this conference in his letter of January 30, 1948? Mr. West then indicated that he would sign a retraction of his statement. Alderman Burgess, Mr. West and myself then met with the City Solicitor in the latter's office. Mr. West then signed a letter of retraction, a copy of which is attached.

On 12 February 1948 the Committee on Works met to consider a report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that tenders be called for \$130,000. of snow removal equipment.

On my motion the Committee accepted the recommendation of Mr. MacKinnon to call for tenders.

In the very next motion in direct violation of what had just been passed Alderman Walker moved and Alderman Doyle seconded a motion to recommend to the Council that the City purchase three Cyclone Snow Blowers. I voted against this motion among other reasons because it was not in accord with the Engineer's recommendation which only a few minutes before we had approved. For the same reason I opposed the motion when it passed the next City Council meeting.

Following the events which I have related distorted stories of what had taken place began to circulate in the City. It would have been much better for me if the private meetings had been held

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in public.

Despite these untrue stories I felt certain in view of what had happened the Council would give more favorable consideration to my repeated requests for the elimination of the present Committee methods of managing Civic Affairs.

Instead of consideration being given to this and other equally important matters I am again asked to support a motion to buy three more Cyclone Snow Blowers.

I asked the Council on 16 September 1948 some months ago to take appropriate action if they had any doubts of my integrity in the purchase of snow removal equipment. A copy of that request is attached hereto. No comment was made at that time. In fact no comment was made whatsoever. The President of the Halifax North Civic Association some time ago requested an investigation of the Snow Blower purchases. Following this request, I met with Mr. Robertson and his executive. I found that they knew almost as much about the affair as I did. In fact they had heard a great deal more that I know never took place.

In registered letters to the Mayor and Aldermen they are again requesting an investigation.

There are some other aspects of our actions in the purchase of equipment that time does not permit relating. I believe sufficient information and justification is now before you to require a complete investigation under oath before we accept the view of Alderman Doyle, Walker and Sullivan that a moral obligation is on the City to purchase three units of Cyclone Snow Blowers from John A. West. On the contrary it is more appropriate to say that the Council have already conferred a great favour on Mr. West by not publicly investigating his letter of 30 January 1948.

I now ask you to support a motion. The purpose is to have a complete public investigation under oath. I ask you to support it in the public interest. I ask you to vote for it in order to help erect a barrier against those whose only interest is private gain regardless of the public interest.

I move under Section 136 (1) D of the City Charter:

- (1) That the Judge of the County Court for District Number One be requested to investigate all the circumstances surrounding and pertaining to the purchase by the City of Halifax of three Cyclone Snow Blowers from John A. West of Dartmouth on February 12, 1948 and,
- (2) That in like fashion the Judge of the County Court for District Number One be requested to investigate all the circumstances surrounding and pertaining to the present recommendation of the Board of Works to purchase three additional Cyclone Snow Blowers from John A. West of Dartmouth, and,
- (3) That we defer any action to purchase further Snow Blowers until said investigations have been completed.

(Sgd.) J. E. Lloyd.

The resolution as contained on Page 5 of the report submitted by Alderman Lloyd was unanimously recommended to City Council for

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approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hosterman  
under Section 136 (1) D of the City Charter:

(1) That the Judge of the County Court for District Number One be requested to investigate all the circumstances surrounding and pertaining to the purchase by the City of Halifax of three Cyclone Snow Blowers from John A. West of Dartmouth on February 12, 1948, and,

(2) That in like fashion the Judge of the County Court for District Number One be requested to investigate all the circumstances surrounding and pertaining to the present recommendation of the Board of Works to purchase three additional Cyclone Snow Blowers from John A. West of Dartmouth, and,

(3) That we defer any action to purchase further Snow Blowers until said investigations have been completed.

Alderman Walker: "I want to know what this is all about. Can we have this read to the Council? I was sitting at the back when this was read."

Alderman Hosterman: "Alderman Walker sat beside me while this was read and I heard every word that was said. This is just for another delay."

Alderman Walker: "Can I get a copy of it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Alderman Breen: "Read it in the paper in the morning; you'll have it word for word."

Moved by Alderman Breen, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The motion was put and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Breen, Hosterman, Abbott, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Doyle, Walker and Sullivan.

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CLAIM BEN ZEMEL

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 8, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration a report from the Committee on Works recommending that a claim of Mr. Ben Zemel amounting to the sum of \$265.90 for damages caused by the flooding of his basement at 73 Almon Street due to the backing up of a sewer be settled.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation with Alderman Kitz dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

January 28th, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached reports in connection with the claim of Ben Zemel was considered by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 25th, 1949.

Mr. Zemel is claiming an amount of \$265.90. Mr. Zemel claims that on three occasions his basement was flooded by the backing up of the Almon Street sewer and the amount of the damages is submitted for the last flooding on July 31st, 1948.

The City Solicitor advised the Committee that the amount of the damage claimed is the actual cost of the goods to Mr. Zemel.

The Committee on Works decided to recommend to the Finance & Executive Committee that this claim, amounting to \$265.90 be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

to be recorded against.



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FINAL CERTIFICATE CANADA GUNITE CO. LTD.

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His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works, meeting on the above date considered the attached financial certificate of Canada Gunite Co. Ltd. in connection with their contract for acid cleaning of the outside walls of City Hall Building. The Committee approved the Certificate and decided to forward same to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

December 6th, 1949.

ACID CLEANING OUTSIDE CITY HALL BUILDING - CITY PROPERTY

The Commissioner of Finance and Accounts.

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE NO. 2 (FINAL)

Payment is recommended to THE CANADA GUNITE COMPANY LIMITED of the sum of FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$4,998.00) in full payment for steam and acid cleaning the exterior walls of the City Hall building. Passed City Council June 17, 1948.

Total amount of Contract	-	\$ 8,400.00
Paid on Certificate No. 1	-	<u>3,402.00</u>
Payment in full	-	<u>\$ 4,998.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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

STREET NAMES WESTMOUNT SUBDIVISION

February 8, 1949.

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council,

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date consideration was given to additional names for streets in the New Westmount sub-division.

The Committee approved the attached report and decided to

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recommend same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 8th, 1949.

To: Town Planning Board.

From: Town Planning Engineer.

Subject: Suggested Street Names - New Westmount Subdivision.

Gentlemen:-

I have gathered several more suggested names for the streets at the New Westmount Subdivision and submit them herewith.

The families in question have been contacted and they have indicated their willingness to permit the use of these names.

William Black	- R. C. A. F.
Evatt Merchant	- Canadian Army.
Paul Cook	-
Douglas MacDonald	-

Respectfully submitted,

J. Philip Dumaresq,  
Town Planning Engineer.

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

Alderman DeWolf stated that he could recommend the name of Albert Major, a veteran from the First World War, for one of the streets and Alderman Kitz suggested the name of Morton Heinish who was an Air Observer in the last war.

It was agreed that both these suggestions be approved.

BICENTENARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

32 General Trust Bldg.,  
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To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At Meeting of the Bicentenary Committee held on February 2nd, 1949, the following items were approved and recommended to City Council:

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- (1) That grant of \$1,500 be made to the Halifax Gun Club.
- (2) That grant of \$250 be made to the Nova Scotia provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

Yours very truly,

Leonard W. Fraser,  
Secretary.

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

Dear Sir:

The following is an extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Bicentenary held on January 12, 1949, which has reference to grant of \$300 to the Nova Scotia Rifle Association:

"The Secretary read a letter from Dr. T. M. Sieniewicz Chairman of the Program Committee of the Nova Scotia Rifles Association requesting a grant of \$300 for the purpose of holding its annual prize shoot in Halifax next July with a special event to be known as the City of Halifax Bicentenary Match. The Secretary pointed out that \$250 had been appropriated in the bicentenary budget for Skeet Shooting and that this sum could be applied to the grant of \$300, to the Nova Scotia Rifles Association and that he, therefore, recommended that the grant be made. Moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Alderman Walker that the sum of \$300 be granted to the Nova Scotia Rifles Association with the \$250 for Skeet Shooting being applied toward the \$300. Motion carried with Aldermen Sullivan, Breen and Adams dissenting."

Yours very truly,

Leonard W. Fraser,  
Secretary.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

His Worship the Mayor stated that a Committee on Housing would leave for Ottawa in the morning to confer with Mr. Isnor, Mr. Winters and others and that the expenses involved would be advanced from the Contingent Account.

#### DOCUMENTS RE SNOW BLOWER INVESTIGATION

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had in his possession a letter from the City Solicitor giving his opinion and also one from the Attorney-General but that he would hold same until the proper time.

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

Meeting adjourned.

5:40 P. M.

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J. E. Ahern,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 17/49.  
A G E N D A

- Prayer.  
Minutes.  
Accounts.
1. Official Street Line Francklyn St.
  2. " " Lines Marlborough Avenue.
  3. " " " " " "
  4. Motion Alderman Hosterman re Re-Appointment Ald. Breen to Forum Coms.
  5. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Sports Centre.
  6. " " " " " " Accounts over \$200.00 etc.
  7. " " " " " " Tag Days.
  8. " " " " " " Write-Off Hospital Accounts.
  9. " " " " " " Raine Property.
  10. " " " " " " Superannuation H.S. Fitzpatrick & W. Settle.
  11. " " " " " " Fire Protection Charges Dept. Public Works.
  12. " " " " " " Claim G. A. Baxter.
  13. " " " " " " Claim Mrs. Ethel & W. D. Isner.
  14. " " " " " " Public Liability Insurance.
  15. " " " " " " Sale of Land Exhibition Property.
  16. " " " " " " Use of City Crest.
  17. " " " " " " Forum Operating Account.
  18. " " " " " " Sale of Land to Childrens' Hospital.
  19. " " " " " " Daylight Saving Time.
  20. " " " " " " Bargaining Committee.
  21. Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re Accounts over \$200.00.
  22. " " " " " " Leave Absence Dr. Beckwith.
  23. " " " " " " Tenders for Groceries.
  24. " " " " " " Purchase Wood City Home.
  25. Report Safety Committee re Accounts over \$200.00.
  26. " " " " " " Tenders Uniforms Fire Department.
  27. Questions.
  28. Report Town Planning Board re Crowell Subdivision.
  29. " " " " " " Building Permits.
  30. Report Comm. on Works re Accounts over \$500.00 etc.
  31. " " " " " " Illuminated Signs.
  32. " " " " " " Street Lighting.
  33. " " " " " " Traffic Lights.
  34. " " " " " " City Market.
  35. " " " " " " Right of Way Stayner's Wharf.
  36. " " " " " " Trolley Coach Route Leeds Street.
  37. " " " " " " Grafton Park.
  38. Report Bicentenary Committee re Recommendations.
  39. Investigation re Snow Blowers.
  40. By-Laws Jeremy Subdivision (2nd reading).
  41. Ornamental Tree List.
  42. Report Chief Accountant re Tax Collections Month of January.
  43. Deferred Items
    - (1) Sale of Lot City Dump.
    - (2) Motion Ald. Walker re Control of Forum.
    - (3) Motion Ald. Lloyd re Forum Facilities.
    - (4) Purchase Dilapidated Buildings.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 17, 1949,  
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 Burgess that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved.

Alderman Lloyd: "It was my understanding that my statement would be incorporated in the minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 8, 1949, but there seems to be some difference of opinion on that. I want it understood that that was a statement made to the official and public record of the City. It is included in the minutes. Are the minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 1949 being approved tonight?"

City Clerk: "Yes."

Alderman Lloyd: "You approve this as a public record?"

City Solicitor: "The memorandum that was read by Alderman Lloyd was part of the report of the Finance and Executive Committee and was forwarded to Council. I don't know how you could make it any more than an official part of the record."

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Alderman Lloyd: "You are approving the minutes with my statement in it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

The motion was then put and 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 & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE amounting to \$12,137.33; the COMMITTEE ON SAFETY amounting to \$1,692.10 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$26,813.24 chargeable to Fire Department; \$29,149.93 chargeable to Police Department; the COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE amounting to \$35,808.00 chargeable to Health Department; \$14,090.97 chargeable to City Home and \$3,715.35 chargeable to City Prison; the COMMITTEE ON WORKS amounting to \$49,542.90; the DIRECTORS OF POINT PLEASANT PARK amounting to \$868.03; the RECREATION COMMITTEE amounting to \$278.80; the BICENTENARY COMMITTEE amounting to \$64.44 and (the FORUM COMMISSION amounting to \$10,239.76 subject to audit) under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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

Alderman Walker referred to Item 43-2 and stated that there was to be a special meeting held to discuss this but it was not held therefore he wanted the item put on the top of the agenda for discussion.

Alderman Lloyd stated that there also was a motion from himself relative to the Forum and that something should be done about the future operations of same. He suggested that a Committee of the Whole would be the best place to discuss the matters pertaining to the Forum.

He also stated that he noticed in the press that Alderman

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Sullivan had attempted to give the intentions of his motion.

Alderman Lloyd: "For your information, I as a member of this Council have a perfect right to express my views and I do so."

Alderman Sullivan: "I did not at the last meeting make any attempt to interpret Alderman Lloyd's intentions. I said at that time that that was the outcome of a bit of controversy and that it would be better dealt with when Alderman Lloyd came back."

Alderman Lloyd moved that we proceed in an orderly fashion but there was no seconder to the motion.

His Worship the Mayor: "You are out of order."

Alderman Lloyd: "So are you."

His Worship the Mayor: "I want you to apologize. Is there an Officer here? If you don't sit down I will have an Officer escort you from the Council Chamber."

Alderman Burgess: "I was wondering if the Aldermen would agree to a night next week to consider the four items on the agenda, dealing with the Forum and Sports Centre; it would take a whole night."

Alderman Lloyd: "Alderman Walker rises and raises a question that this agenda is not in order. If somebody wishes to change this agenda, it would take a motion."

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that item 43-2 on the agenda be brought up to the top.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Kitz that Items 43-2 and 3; 4, 5 and 17 be considered at a special meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 1949 at 8:00 P. M.

Alderman Lloyd: "There are several matters that have never been attended to. There is the Forum Budget that has not been passed yet for this year. There are some matters concerning the Forum Commission for legislation. In the final analysis we will either compromise our views or there will be a division in the Council. I don't care if I remain on the Forum Commission or get off. The only way we can get on with the job is to have a discussion in a Committee of the Whole. I



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think the amendment should be voted against."

Alderman Hosterman: "My motion can be withdrawn. I understand now that Alderman Breen is desirous of going back only if the Forum Commission is increased by 2 members."

The amendment was then put and resulted in a tie as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Abbott  
Adams  
Kitz  
Burgess

AGAINST IT

Alderman Breen  
Hosterman  
Lloyd  
Doyle  
Walker  
Sullivan

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His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favor of the amendment and declared it passed.

The motion was not put.

OFFICIAL STREET LINE FRANCKLYN STREET

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 17, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

Advertisements were inserted in a Halifax Newspaper in accordance with the provisions of the Halifax City Charter giving notice that it is the intention of the City Council to lay down the Western Official Street Line of Francklyn Street from Miller Street to approximately 600 feet southwardly as shown on Section 23 A of the Official City Plan.

The notice advised that the matter would be submitted to the City Council at a regular meeting to be held in the City Council Chamber on Thursday, February 17, 1949 at 8 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS the City Council has considered the laying down of the western official street line of Franklyn Street from Miller Street to approximately six hundred (600) feet southwardly;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of section 547 of the City Charter public notice of the intention has been given by advertisement inserted at least once a week for two successive weeks in a news-

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paper published in the City, the first of such notices having been published at least three clear weeks before the 17th day of February, A. D. 1949, that being the day appointed by the Council to consider the matter;

AND WHEREAS the said notice stated the intention of the Council to lay the said official street line, and the date of the meeting of the Council appointed for the consideration of the matter, and that the plan showing such street line 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 lay the street line in the manner set out on the said plan filed in the office of the Commissioner of Works and known as Section No. 23A of the Official City Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority in it vested by section 547 of the City Charter as aforesaid, the Official City Plan of the City be amended by laying down the western official street line of Franklyn Street from Miller Street to approximately six hundred (600) feet southwardly in the manner shown on the said plan known as Section No. 23A of the Official City Plan;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the western official street line of Franklyn Street from Miller Street to approximately six hundred (600) feet southwardly so laid down 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.

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

OFFICIAL STREET LINES MARLBOROUGH AVENUE

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 17, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

Advertisements were inserted in a Halifax Newspaper in accordance with the provisions of the Halifax City Charter giving notice that it is the intention of the City Council to remove the official Street Lines of Marlborough Avenue from Belmont Road to Oakland Road as shown on Section 19 of the Official City Plan.

The notice advised that the matter would be submitted to the City Council at a regular meeting to be held in the City Council Chamber on Thursday, February 17, 1949, at 8 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Mr. Henry Muggah was present in the Council Chamber and stated that the proposed lifting of the street lines would have an effect on his lot on the East Side of Marlborough Avenue and would eliminate the side entrance to his garage. He stated that the lot was sold to him from a sub-division plan that showed it as a corner lot and that he had paid more money for this lot for that reason. He further stated that he would have no objection to the removal of the lines if the Council would assure him what he had for a corner lot.

Alderman Sullivan requested that the matter be deferred and Mr. Muggah heard.

Moved by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that consideration of the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of the City Council and in the meantime the Committee on Works be requested to hear Mr. Muggah. Motion passed.

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ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00 ETC.

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY

Barber Ellis Maritime Ltd.                   \$ 252.47

ADVERTISING

The City Press Co.                           \$ 450.00

FORUM

George E. Zinck Limited                   \$3290.58

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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 for payment accounts amounting to \$3,096.62 and \$1,075.16  
of the Workmen's Compensation Board covering provisional adjustment of  
assessments for 1948 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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 for payment accounts of C. W. MacIntosh and G. A. Gladwin

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for the sum of \$100.00 each covering services rendered in connection with the expropriation of the Isner Property on Mumford Road.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Safety Committee recommending for payment accounts for professional services rendered to Sgt. Kenneth Purcell and Walter Clancey, who were injured while in performance of their duties was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends for payment the following accounts.

Dr. W. Alan Curry	\$ 100.00
Dr. F. S. Finlay	35.00
Mr. Kenneth Purcell for account paid to Dr. Baker	15.00
Dr. Gordon Wiswell	9.00
Victoria General Hospital	10.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TAG DAYS

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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:

International Students Service	Feb. 26/49.
Jost Mission	May 28/49.
The Navy League of Canada	June 18/49.
Poppy Day Campaign	Nov. 5/49.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

February 17, 1949.

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

WRITE-OFF HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending that accounts totalling the sum of \$1,981.71 be written off was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 7, 1949.

Chairman and Members,  
Committee on Public Health & Welfare.

Gentlemen:

Re: Hospital Accounts

The following accounts are set-up in the Hospital Accounts Office.

Victoria General Hospital	\$ 1,477.00
in account with the City Home.....	
Infectious Diseases Hospital	203.71
in account with the City Home.....	
Infectious Diseases Hospital	28.00
in account with the City Prison.....	
Infectious Diseases Hospital	240.00
in account with the Tuberculosis Hospital.....	
Infectious Diseases Hospital	33.00
in account with Joan Grier, one of the student nurses at that Hospital.....	
	\$ 1,981.71

I have gone into this with Mr. Bellew, Commissioner of Finance, and we feel that these accounts should be written off.

It was at first thought that the amounts should be placed in the Estimates in order to straighten these accounts out, but if this is done it means increasing the amount required for these institutions this year, thus affecting the tax rate. Whereas these accounts are set up as accounts receivable Mr. Bellew feels that they should be written off, and I so recommend to the Committee; and that they should recommend to the Finance and Executive Committee that these accounts be written off.

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 17, 1949.

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

RAINE PROPERTY

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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 Works respecting betterment charges amounting to the sum of \$131.25 on land sold to Walter Raine at the northwest corner of Churchill Drive and Phillips Street was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to cancel the charges in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

SUPERANNUATION H. S. FITZPATRICK

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending that the superannuation allowance provided for Mr. H. S. Fitzpatrick, a former employee of the Works Department be made retroactive to March 1, 1948 was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ASSISTANCE TO PENSIONER WM. SETTLE

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

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Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Finance recommending that the pension being paid to Mr. William Settle, a former member of the Fire Department be augmented by the sum of \$84.00 for the year 1948 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works respecting contribution in lieu of fire protection charges made by the Department of Public Works of Canada was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

January 28th. 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Solicitor re agreement respecting the contribution in lieu of fire protection charges made by the Department of Public Works of Canada, was considered at a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 25th, 1949.

The City Solicitor reported that the Department proposes to increase the annual amount from \$250.00 to \$300.00 per annum at the most.

The Committee decided to recommend to the Finance & Executive Committee that the additional sum of \$300.00 be accepted for the ensuing year and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement when the same has been prepared to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

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



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

CLAIM G. A. BAXTER

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending that a claim of Mr. G. A. Baxter amounting to the sum of \$56.95 for damages to his car, while passing over a sewer man-hole on the north side of Charles Street at Clifton Street was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 10, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Solicitor re claim of G. A. Baxter for damage to his car near the intersection of Charles and Clifton St. was considered by the Committee on Works meeting at February 8, 1949.

The Committee approved the recommendation of the Solicitor that the account be paid and decided to forward same to the Finance & Executive Committee for their consideration and recommendation to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

February 8, 1949.

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

Dear Sirs:

I have received a report that Mr. G. A. Baxter claimed to have damaged his car while passing over a sewer manhole on the north side of Charles Street at Clifton Street. I have looked into the matter carefully and feel that there is sufficient basis to enable the City to settle this claim.

The actual cost of the repairs to Mr. Baxter's automobile, as

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per the receipted bill attached to the file, is \$56.95. I would recommend that this account be paid.

I would also recommend that where streets have become so rutted and worn that the catchpits project to a considerable degree in the centre of the street that some temporary steps be taken from time to time to make the condition safe.

I attach the file which was sent me by the Commissioner of Works on December 30th, 1948.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

CLAIM MRS. ETHEL AND W. D. ISNER

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending that the sum of \$5,200.00 be paid to Mrs. Ethel Isner and W. D. Isner in full settlement of any claim that they may have against the City in connection with the expropriation of land for an easement across the property on Mumford Road was considered and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

February 10, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

The attached report of the City Solicitor re claim of Mrs. Ethel Isner and W. D. Isner in connection with the expropriation by the City of an easement across the property of Mrs. Isner on Mumford Road was considered by the Committee on Works, at a meeting held on February 8, 1949.

Mrs. Isner is claiming an amount of \$2,665.70 and Mr. Isner an amount of \$2,500.00. Both are willing to accept jointly the sum of \$5,200.00 in full settlement of any claim they may have against the City and in addition, are willing to convey to the City the title to the land on which the City expropriated the easement without further compensation.

The Committee approved the report of the Solicitor and decided

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to recommend to the Finance and Executive Committee, for their consideration and recommendation, that the claims of Mr. and Mrs. Isner, amounting to \$5,200.00, be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per W. G. Todd.

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

SALE OF LAND EXHIBITION PROPERTY

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Commissioner of Finance advising that a cheque has been received from the Province of Nova Scotia for the sum of \$40,000.00 in payment of the purchase of a piece of property on Young Street, being a portion of the former Exhibition Commission Property, which was sold to it by the City was considered.

Your Committee recommends that this sum be placed in a special fund to be used for further development of the Exhibition Properties, subject to approval of Council and the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Motion put and passed 10 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Abbott  
Adams  
Breen  
Burgess  
Doyle  
Hosterman  
Lloyd  
Moriarty  
Sullivan  
Walker

- 10 -

AGAINST IT

Alderman DeWolf  
Kitz

- 2 -

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USE OF CITY CREST

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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 Riding and Driving Club for permission to use the City Crest on a Flag, which it proposes to use in connection with its club activities was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

SALE OF LAND TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
February 15, 1949.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Committee on Works recommending the sale of a portion of City owned land to the Children's Hospital was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

*Resolution attached*  
Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be approved subject to the approval of the Department of Municipal Affairs..

Motion passed with Alderman Kitz wishing to be recorded against

1949 Legislation

Item 64.

1. Clause (h) of section 17 is amended by adding thereto the following:

unless such person having or being interested in any unsatisfied claim, prior to filing his nomination papers for mayor or alderman, files with the Clerk a declaration under oath setting out the particulars of such claim or claims and declaring that none others exist.

(Explanatory note: It has been suggested that some persons who might wish to run for the office of mayor or alderman may have an outstanding account in their favor due by the City for goods supplied and services rendered which has not been passed for payment due to delay or lack of time. Such a person would be barred from offering although there is no question as to the rightness of his claim. This suggestion provides for a declaration setting out his position so that every one interested can check upon the situation if necessary. A later clause will provide that he is precluded from voting on the matter either in Committee or Council.)

Item 64A.

2. The Charter is amended by inserting therein between section 18A and section 19 thereof the following section:

18B. Any person who has at or prior to filing his nomination paper for mayor or alderman filed a declaration stating that he has or is interested in a claim as set out in clause (h) of section 17 and who debates or votes at a meeting of the Council or of a Committee thereof upon any resolution affecting or dealing with such claim shall by so debating or voting thereby vacate his office as mayor or alderman and render his election null and void.

(Explanatory note: See explanation to amendment to clause (h) of section 17, supra.)

Item 44.

3. (1) Subsection (1) of section 27, as that subsection is enacted by section 2 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1934, is amended by striking out the word "seven" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the words "twenty-one".

(2) This Section shall be read and construed as if the same had been enacted on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1949.

(Explanatory note: At present nomination day for civic elections is fixed at seven clear days before election day. In view

of the amount of detail respecting election booths, officers, ballots, etc., it is considered more practical to enlarge the time between these two days. This legislation will fix "nomination day" at three weeks prior to election day.)

Item 5

(January 17th, 1948).

4. (1) Section 154 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

154. Commencing with the first day of May, A. D. 1948, all allowances so paid by way of superannuation shall be paid monthly in advance.

(2) This Section shall be read and construed and shall be given effect as if it had been enacted on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1948.

(Explanatory note: Last year it was decided to pay superannuation allowances on a monthly basis, instead of quarterly. Several amendments were made to carry this into effect but the above amendment was lost sight of in preparing the Bill.)

Item 35.

5. Subsection (1) of section 107 is amended by adding thereto the following clause:

(c) I. The Committee on Recreation, to consist of six aldermen and the Mayor, who shall be the Chairman.

II. The duties of the Committee on Recreation shall consist of the management and supervision of all recreational projects and facilities undertaken by the City.

(Explanatory note: Heretofore the Recreation Committee has been a "special committee" of the Council. In view of the importance and development of recreational facilities by the City it is considered that this Committee should henceforth be a regular or Standing Committee along with the Finance and Executive Committee, the Works Committee, the Safety Committee and the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Item 36A.

6. Clause (cc) of section 309, as that clause is enacted by section 5 of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1945, is amended by inserting therein between the words "play grounds" and "and" in the second line thereof the words "and other recreational facilities".

(Explanatory note: The present authority for recreational expenditure by the City

is restricted to "skating-rinks and play grounds". This amendment broadens the purpose in view of the proposal to establish the Recreation Committee as a Standing Committee.)

Item 67.

7. Subsection (1) of section 310 is amended by striking out the words "The sum of five hundred dollars" in the fifty-ninth line thereof (being the first line of the last paragraph on page 102 authorizing the inclusion in the annual estimates of a sum to pay the cost of printing the annual report), and substituting therefor the words "Such sum as may be required".

(Explanatory note: The present authorization of \$500.00 is insufficient to pay the cost of printing the annual report.)

Item 8X. 17

8. Subsection (1) of section 310 is further amended by adding thereto the following:

A sum sufficient to defray the cost of operation of a Tourist Information Bureau, including the salaries of the staff therefor and the cost of tourist literature and supplies, which sum or any part thereof, as may be determined by the Council, may be expended for such purpose by the City or may be paid to such persons or organizations as the Council may from time to time determine to be expended for such purpose under such conditions as the Council may provide.

The sum of two hundred dollars for the Local Council of Women.

(Explanatory note: This section permits the City to include in its budget a sum of money for the above purposes.)

Item 8XX 32.

9. (1) Clause (b) of subsection (2) of section 357, as that clause is enacted by subsection (1) of section 10 of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1945, is amended by striking out the words "one hundred" in the twentieth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "fifty".

(2) ~~The City shall repay to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company any sums, paid by it for Business Tax in respect of the assessment for Business Tax made for the civic year 1949, in excess of those payable for Business Tax on an assessment of fifty percent of the value of the real property occupied, used, managed or operated for the purposes or in connection with or as part of the operations of a steam railway.~~

(Explanatory note: In 1945 legislation imposing a Business Tax on railway companies based on 100% valuation of the real property occupied was enacted, where-

as the normal basis for Business Tax is 50% of such valuation. The C.P.R. made a settlement based on 50% and the City feels that the present 100% basis is a discrimination against the C.P.R. This amendment will place both railways on the same basis.)

Item 66.

10. Section 362 is amended by striking out the words "other than the companies provided for in the next three preceding sections" in the fifth and sixth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words "other than the companies provided for in sections 359, 360 and 361".

(Explanatory note: Due to the insertion of additional sections by way of amendment between section 359 and section 362, the meaning of the words above stricken out was altered. The three preceding sections were 359, 360 and 361 and this amendment is to correct this error.)

Item 4

(January 17, 1946)

11. (1) Subsection (1) of section 366A is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(1) Every person who has employed, during any civic year, any other person or persons who, while so employed, resided in the City of Halifax, shall on or before the 15th day of February in the year immediately succeeding such civic year, whether or not such person is at that time employing such other person or persons, furnish the Assessor with a list of all such persons so employed by him during such civic year, excepting such persons employed as domestic servants, together with the residential address of such persons and the amount of any salary, remuneration or other income, inclusive of a household or living allowance paid to such persons, and such list shall be verified by such person under oath.

(2) ~~This section shall be read and construed and shall be given effect as if it had been enacted on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1946.~~

(Explanatory note: This section is re-enacted to clear up some errors in drafting due to several amendments being made. There is absolutely no change in meaning or effect and is made retroactive to the date of the coming into effect of the last amendment - last year.)

Items 27 and 28

12. Section 370 is amended by adding thereto the following:

(h) the real property known as civic number 309 Barrington Street, owned by the



SCOTIA BRANCH #25 Canadian Legion, during such time as it is owned by and to the extent to which the same is used exclusively by the Canadian Legion for its own purpose.

- (1) the real property situated on the site formerly constituting the Cogswell Street Military Hospital and owned by the Canadian Red Cross Society and used by said Society as a Blood Transfusion Depot, during such time as the same is owned by the Canadian Red Cross Society.

(Explanatory note: This amendment is to grant taxation exemption for the Canadian Legion and the Canadian Red Cross Society (Blood Transfusion Service.))

Item 34.

13.

(1) Subsection (1) of section 457 is amended by striking out the words "accountant-general of the Supreme Court" in the seventh and eighth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words "treasurer, to be held by him in trust as hereinafter provided".

(2) Subsection (2) of said section 457 is amended by striking out the words "accountant-general" where the same occur in the first, second and sixth lines thereof and substituting therefor the word "treasurer".

(3) Subsection (3) of said section 457, as that subsection is enacted by section 20 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1932, is amended by striking out the words "Accountant General" in the seventh line thereof and substituting therefor the word "treasurer".

(4) Said section 457 is further amended by adding thereto the following subsections:

(4) All sums so paid to the treasurer as hereinbefore provided shall be by him paid into a separate trust account and shall only be paid out by him in the manner provided by this section.

(5) All sums which have remained in the said trust account for twenty years, shall, upon the expiration of twenty years from the date upon which the same were paid into such account, be paid by the treasurer to the City for the general purposes of the City.

(Explanatory note: Under the present legislation, all surplus moneys from sale of real property for taxes are required to be paid over to the Accountant-General of the Supreme Court to be disposed of as provided by the Charter, section 457. It has been suggested that this money might better be held by the City in trust for the persons entitled to the same for a period of twenty years and then revert to the City for the general purposes of the City. No moneys can be paid out without an order of the Supreme Court.)

Item 22.

739A

14.

Section 422A is amended by inserting therein, immediately following subsection (-) thereof, the following subsection:

(4A) Any owner of real property in the City may appeal to the Council from the granting of any occupancy permit by notice in writing filed with the City Clerk within fifteen days of the granting of the same by the Inspector, stating the grounds for such appeal. A copy of such notice shall also be served on the Inspector. The Council shall hear such appeal at such time and place as it determines and may confirm the granting of such permit or may order that the same be cancelled. If the Council shall order the cancellation of such permit such permit shall thereupon be deemed to have been refused by the Inspector.

(Explanatory note: The Charter requires a permit to enable any building to be occupied. Such permit is issued after consideration of the purpose and effect of the occupancy proposed. There is an appeal provided for the applicant who has been refused but no appeal has been provided for other property owners who may be affected. The above amendment provides this latter appeal.)

Item 3. (January 17, 1943)

15.

The Charter is amended by inserting therein, immediately following section 543 thereof, the following section:

543A. (1) In any case where the Council, under the authority of the preceding section, has established a building line, or where a building line has been established by any statute, regulation, by-law, ordinance or otherwise, the Council, on the recommendation of the Committee, may remove, alter or relocate such building line.

(2) Public notice of the intention to remove, alter or relocate any such building line and of the date of the meeting of the Council at which it is proposed to consider the same shall be given by advertisement inserted at least once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the City, the first of such notices to be published at least three clear weeks before the day appointed for the meeting. The notice shall also state that a plan showing the portion of the street affected and the proposed changes in the building line thereon may be inspected at the office of the Commissioner of Works at any time during office hours up to the date so fixed, and that any citizen may attend such meeting and be heard.

(3) If at the meeting, of which notice has been given as hereinbefore provided, the matter is not completed, the same may be adjourned for consideration at a later meeting and in such case it shall not be necessary to

give any further public notice but the matter may be considered at any such adjourned meeting or adjournments thereof and a decision reached.

(Explanatory note: Building lines, providing the distance of the front of a house from the street, may be laid down by the Council under section 543. No provision is made, however, to alter such lines to care for changing circumstances - such as a residential district becoming commercial or vice versa. This legislation gives the Council power to change such lines after giving notice of intention and after a recommendation therefor from the Committee on Works.)

Item 14A

16. Subsection (1) of section 728 is amended by inserting therein between the words "inspector" and "and" in the ninth line thereof the words "and subject to such conditions as may be then prescribed by the inspector".

(Explanatory note: It is necessary in the case of certain building permits to prescribe certain conditions which must be followed in order to protect the public - such as closing off a portion of the sidewalk, erecting fences, etc. No such power clearly exists now and this amendment is intended to provide the same.)

Item 14.

17. Section 736 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

736. Every permit shall expire six months after the date of its issue, unless a shorter period for such permit is prescribed by the inspector and inserted in such permit, in which case such permit shall expire at the end of such shorter period, provided however, that if active work has been begun under such permit and, in the opinion of the inspector, the same has been reasonably prosecuted, the inspector may renew the same for a further period or periods of such extent as the inspector may determine.

(Explanatory note: It has been found that in many cases the period of six months is too long, resulting in the premises concerned appearing untidy for long periods. The amendment allows the inspector to provide a shorter period when he considers it advisable. The section requires reasonably active work to be carried on to avoid the creation of eyesores.)

Item 54.

18. (1) Subsection (4) of section 739A, as that section is enacted by section 37 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1946, is amended by striking out the word "decided" in the eighth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "decides".

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on, from and after and not before the 19th day of April, A. D. 1946.

(Explanatory note: This amendment is to correct a typographical error).

Item 35.

19. Section 804 is amended by inserting therein, immediately before the word "No" in the first line thereof the following words: "Subject to the provisions of section 804A".

(Explanatory note: As at present enacted there is a possible conflict in the effect of sections 804 and 804A. These sections deal with signs which overhang the street. Illuminated signs are permitted by section 804 while non-illuminated signs are prohibited. Section 804A, however, permits the City to regulate by Ordinance the installation of non-illuminated signs. For this reason the prohibition in section 804 should be subject to any Ordinance the City might make under the authority of section 804A.)

Item 58

20. Clause (b) of subsection (2) of section 809 is amended by striking out the word "clerk" in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "Collector".

(Explanatory note: This section provides that rentals received from bill boards shall be paid to the City Clerk. Since all revenue of the City is by section 283 of the Charter to be paid to the City Collector, this change is desired for the purpose of uniformity and to avoid the conflict.)

Item 21

21. Subsection (6) of section 815, as that subsection is enacted by section 44 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1948, is amended by adding thereto the following clause:

(b) The Council, after receipt of a report from the Town Planning Board, may permit any building or part of any building within the said district to be used by any person residing in such building for the purpose of a beauty parlour or a barber shop, provided that no structural alterations shall be permitted to any such building for the purposes of such beauty parlour or barber shop, nor shall any evidence of the use of such building for such purposes be visible from the exterior of such building, nor shall any sign, placard or other

advertising device respecting such beauty parlour or barber shop be placed on, in or about such building so as to be visible from the exterior thereof unless the same has been submitted to and approved by the Committee on Works.

Item 6.  
(January 17, 1948.)

22. Section 820 is amended by striking out the words "No such private garage or stable, or any part thereof, shall be erected within one hundred feet of Young Avenue", in the last three lines of that section.

(Explanatory note: This amendment is proposed to enable Modern homes to be built in this district having the garage contained in or adjoining the dwelling.)

Item 9.  
(January 17, 1948).

23. From and after the coming into force of this Act the commissioners of schools for the City shall retire on the first day of January instead of on the first day of November as at present and the terms of those commissioners now holding office are hereby respectively extended by two months or until the first day of January next following the expiration of three years from the respective dates of appointment.

Section 896 is amended by striking out the word "November" in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "January".

Subsection (1) of section 897, as that subsection is enacted by section 47 of Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1942, is amended by striking out the word "November" in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "January", and also by striking out the word "October" in the sixth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "December".

Section 903 is amended by striking out the word "November" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the word "January".

Section 904 is amended by striking out the word "November" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the word "January".

(Explanatory note: It is the desire of the School Board to have the appointments to the Board coincide with the financial year (January to January). The foregoing amendments are necessary to have the terms commence January 1st instead of November 1st.)

Item 47.

24. Subsection (2) of section 51 of ~~the~~ Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1946 is amended by adding thereto the following clause:

- (c) Five members of such committee shall constitute a quorum.

(Explanatory note: In setting up the Bicentenary Committee no quorum was fixed. In view of the frequency of meetings...