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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER
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9 July, 1953.

City Clerk,
City of Halifax,
Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that recently a series of orders-in-council were passed whereby the Crown as represented by this Department waived all clearance rights over the "Commons" area in the City of Halifax.

In view of the foregoing, the agreements, dated 29 December, 1899, 2 January, 1905, 1 January, 1913 and 1 July, 1916, between this Department and your Company may be considered terminated and at an end as of 14 January, 1953.

In order that our records may be completed, I would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this letter, at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. M. Drury".

(C. M. Drury)
Deputy Minister.

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

The matter of the disposition of the Africville School Building was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

As an application has been received from the Jemmott Club for use of the building, your Committee recommends that same be leased to the Jemmott Club of Africville for the sum of \$1.00 per year under the trusteeship of a Board of Trustees to be appointed by His Worship the Mayor and the Jemmott Club of Africville to be responsible for any repairs that may be required to the building from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "For how long will it be leased?"

Alderman Vaughan: "It is for \$1.00 per year and I suppose it would be renewed each year."

His Worship the Mayor: "It should be annually."

The matter of a time limit on the lease was to be decided upon by His Worship the Mayor and City Solicitor.

The motion was then put and passed.

RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE S. P. C. A.

Halifax, N. S.,
July 14, 1953.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that the Agreement between the City of Halifax and the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals respecting the impounding of stray animals, be renewed on the same terms and conditions as last year for a further period of one year and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute same on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

July 16, 1953.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Allen that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Kitz wishing to be recorded against.

TAX WRITE-OFFS \$1,955.21

Halifax, N. S.,
July 14, 1953.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that uncollectible tax accounts totalling the sum of \$1,955.21 be written off under the authority of Section 283, sub-section 2 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER
31, 1952.

Halifax, N. S.,
July 14, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the Financial Statements of the City of Halifax for the year ended December 31, 1952 as prepared by the Independent Auditors, were submitted.

Your Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to have the statements printed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

NATAL DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Halifax, N. S.,
July 14, 1953.

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

After hearing a report from the Deputy Mayor on behalf of the Natal Day Committee the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that a sum not

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exceeding \$3,200.00 be appropriated under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter for the purpose of defraying expenses in connection with the celebration and that the Natal Day Committee be empowered to engage a person to handle the whole Natal Day Program and pay him an honorarium of \$250.00 for his services.

The Committee was assured that the Junior Board of Trade will assist wherever possible in this project.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman MacMillan, Chairman of the Natal Day Committee, reported verbally as follows: "The Committee tried to get together the different organizations in the City. The Junior Board of Trade was enthusiastic to help us but that has subsided as the vacation season is on and a lot of their members are not available. There will be some attractions that I am aware of but I am not very optimistic about the co-operation. I hope to be able to give you something a little more heartening as I hope to have a meeting of the Committee tomorrow evening. The different firms do not feel willing to co-operate by using floats."

Alderman Dunlop felt that many people go out of the City on Venetian Night and it might be done away with.

Alderman MacMillan stated that all you had to do was to look at the shores of the Arm on Venetian Night to assure you that there were many people who enjoy the occasion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE W. E. CONROD TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1953

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

Date: July 15, 1953.

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Further Leave of Absence - Mr. Wm. E. Conrad.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 13th, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works relative to the illness of Mr. Conrad, a member of the Works Department staff at City Hall, was considered.

The Committee recommended that Mr. Conrad be carried on

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leave of absence until September 1st, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman MacMillan
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO TRUCK

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council. Date: July 15th, 1953.

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Payment of Claim for Damage to Truck

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 13th, a cheque in the amount of \$25.00 was submitted by Messrs. G. B. Elliott and Co., in full settlement of a claim against Foundation Maritime Ltd., for damage to G. M. C. Truck in an accident on May 27th, 1953.

The Committee recommended that payment be accepted and a release signed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Macdonald
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO POLICE MOTORCYCLE

Halifax, N. S.,
July 16, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Chief of Police recommending that a cheque from Alfred J. Bell & Co. Ltd. payable to the City of Halifax for the sum of \$27.50 be accepted in full settlement of a claim for damages to a Motorcycle of the Police Department.

Your Committee concurs in this report and recommends that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a release on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Macdonald
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

OVERHANGING SIGNS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council. Date: July 15th, 1953.
From: Clerk of Works
Subject: OVERHANGING SIGNS

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 13th, a report from the Building Inspector recommending that the following signs be allowed to be erected was approved:

#47 Duke Street - Pierce Electric Shop Ltd -	\$ 5.00
120 Isleville Street - Royal Supply Co. Ltd -	5.00
275 Gottingen Street - A. Graham	5.00
216 Gottingen Street - Personal Finance of Canada -	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CONCESSIONS FOR CIRCUS JULY 27, 1953

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council. Date: July 15th, 1953.
From: Clerk of Works
Subject: Concessions for Circus - July 27th - Food and Novelties

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 13th, a report from the City Manager in regard to the granting of concessions to sell food and novelties at the circus on July 27th along North Park Street on that portion between Cornwallis and Cogswell Streets, was considered.

The Committee recommended that concessions be granted at the usual rate, if the Philae Temple has no objections, plus a charge of \$5.00 for cleaning up the grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

July 16, 1953.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CIRCUS SPACE ON COMMONS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council. Date: July 15th, 1953.
From: Clerk of Works
Subject: Circus - Space on Commons

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on July 13th, considered the space to be allotted to the King Bros. and Cristiani Circus on July 27th.

The Committee recommended that the space allotted be approximately 275,000 square feet instead of 8,000 square feet as originally passed at the June meeting of City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

POLICY ON HYDRANT LOCATIONS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council. Date: July 15, 1953.
From: Clerk of Works
Subject: Hydrant Locations

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 13th, the attached report from the City Manager in regard to the matter of hydrant locations was considered.

The Committee recommended that the City co-operate with the Public Service Commission in the establishment of a policy as to where hydrants will be placed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship R. A. Donahoe, Q. C.,
and Members of City Council.
From: A. A. DeBard, Jr., City Manager.
Date: July 9, 1953.
Subject: Hydrant location.

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At a conference on July 8 Public Service Commission officials brought up the matter of hydrant location. The problem arises because after hydrants are placed property owners request that they be relocated. The City sometimes concurs in such requests which causes expense to the Commission.

Attempts to locate the hydrants on the property line so it was shared by two lots obstructs driveways. No matter where a hydrant is located it does not add to the appearance of a lot and it prevents parking within 25 feet. Out of the discussion came the following points.

1. The approximate location of a hydrant depends on the location of other hydrants. The exact location will be at the center point of the street frontage of a lot.
2. Hydrants will not be relocated at Commission or City expense to accommodate walkways, driveways, etc. Owners of lots will have to consider hydrants in planning use of land as they have to consider slope, rock or other natural features.
3. All architects, contractors and builders should be notified if number 2 above is adopted as a policy.
4. Since most new hydrants will be located in developments ownership of the lot has no bearing on the decision of where the hydrant will be placed, the eventual occupier of the premises being unknown at the time the hydrant is placed.
5. The Public Service Commission may find it necessary to have a regulation to this effect passed by the Public Utilities Board. Adoption of these principles would be helpful in solving the problem.

A. A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION Re: ADVERTISING REZONING

Halifax, N. S.,
July 14, 1953.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date recommended for approval the attached legislation respecting the cost of advertising hearings for rezoning.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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1954 Legislation

The Charter is amended by inserting therein immediately following Section 727D thereof, the following Section:

727E. (1) In any case in which the Council has determined to appoint a time and place for the consideration of an application by any person for the amendment or repeal of a zoning by-law or part thereof, such person shall forthwith, upon a request being made therefor by the Clerk, deposit with the Clerk such sum as may be necessary to defray the cost of giving the notice of hearing required by Section 16 of The Nova Scotia Town Planning Act.

(2) Such notice may be in such form as the Council may from time to time approve.

(3) The Council shall, after such hearing has been held, determine at the meeting at which the final decision upon the application has been made whether such sum so deposited to defray the cost of giving the notice of the hearing shall be refunded to the person who deposited the same or retained by the City and applied to such purpose. In the event of the Council determining to refund such sum the City shall itself assume such cost and may pay the same from any appropriation available for such purpose.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the report and legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTIES ALEXANDRA PLACE

Halifax, N. S.,
July 14, 1953.

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

The attached report from the City Assessor respecting the acquisition of properties on Alexandra Place which are required for the purpose of extending the playground of Alexandra School was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was decided to recommend that these properties be expropriated, the parties who have expressed their willingness to sell be notified that the properties are to be expropriated and if

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they still wish to sell at the prices indicated in the attached memorandum their properties will be purchased direct.

It was also agreed that the City Manager should recommend a person to act as appraiser of the properties involved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

June 19, 1953.

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

Re: Alexandra School Grounds

Gentlemen:

As instructed by the City Council at its April meeting I have been in touch with the owners of the properties on Alexandra Place, Cornwallis and Maitland Streets respecting the purchase of the same for the purpose of extending the playground of Alexandra School.

All the owners have indicated, with one exception, the price for which they would sell. These prices vary from \$12,500. to \$1,000. Counter-offers were made by me at which time I advised the owners that if these were accepted by them it would be necessary to have City Council's approval. In three cases the owners insisted on obtaining the original asking price; four were prepared to accept my counter-offer; one reduced the amount of the asking price, which was higher than the counter-offer, and two have failed to reply.

Since over half of the owners have failed to lower their original asking price (one has withdrawn completely) or have failed to reply to my counter-offer it would be unfair to deal with them by way of expropriation and the other in another manner. I would therefore, recommend expropriation in all instances. Thus everyone will be treated on the same footing. Should this recommendation be approved it will be necessary to appoint appraisers to act on the City's behalf and to recommend the amount to be paid into Court.

Attached is a memorandum showing the names of the owners, amount asked, amount of counter-offer and the individual decisions respecting the latter.

It should be pointed out that the great difficulty in this particular project is that of the ten properties involved, six are owner occupied and the purchase of them by the City will require the owners to seek new homes. Of the remaining four properties in the project, three are rented and one is a vacant lot.

Yours truly,

J. F. McManus,
CITY ASSESSOR.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan

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that the report be approved.

The City Assessor advised that Mr. Bissett the owner of #43 Maitland Street was willing to accept the sum of \$1,000.00 for his property.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the recommendation of the Committee be approved provided that the property #43 Maitland Street be not included in the expropriation and that it be purchased for the sum of \$1,000.00 and that application be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for permission to use the Land Sale Account for the purchase of this property. Amendment passed.

The City Solicitor advised that expropriation plans, descriptions of the properties and resolutions would be submitted to the City Council at the next regular meeting.

BEDFORD ROW FIRE STATION RENOVATIONS

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

Date: July 8th, 1953.

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Bedford Row Fire Station - Renovation

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on June 30th, the City Manager submitted the attached list of work it is proposed to do to renovate the Bedford Row Fire Station; the work to be done by City workmen and Fire Department Personnel.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship R. A. Donahoe, Q. C.,
and Members of City Council.

From: A. A. DeBard, Jr., City Manager.

Date: June 29, 1953.

Subject: Bedford Row Fire Station - Renovation.

Below is listed the work we propose to do to renovate this fire station. The work will be done by our own workmen and Fire Department personnel.

When we are finished the building will be structurally sound

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and laid out for greater efficiency.

1. All flashings to be checked, and repaired when necessary.
2. Window sashes and frames to be renewed if found defective.
3. Facing all four walls and hose tower with one (1") reinforced Gunitite.
4. Replacing two wood beams in the rear of the building with steel. This would include levelling up the floor.
5. Building a back stairway.
6. Finishing two rooms formerly used as a workroom and hay-loft. A low ceiling to be constructed, the walls sheathed with wallboard and a new floor laid.
7. Removal of the washroom to the rear of the building. The space now used as a washroom to be used for offices.
8. Enlarge the Fire Chief's office by removing a partition.
9. Remodelling front dormitory for offices. This would include opening up doorway, putting up partitions and finishing.
10. Changing present stairway so that the entrance would be in what is now the washroom.
11. Changing present main doors to overhead doors.
12. Opening up ceiling first floor to check floor joists and replace any damaged joists and to check trusses.
13. To renew brick at windows interior wall where necessary.
14. Repairs to ceilings, floors, wiring, etc. which may be damaged during renovation of the building.

A. A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ORNAMENTAL TREE LIST

A list of trees that have been planted on various City streets this year were submitted.

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Alderman Dunlop stated that he found Acacia trees were being planted and they are not suitable for the City at all.

The matter was referred to Mr. George Power for a report to the next regular meeting of the City Council.

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Alderman O'Malley drew attention to the fact that when trees are planted too close in later years when they are full grown they tend to shut out the street lights and the street becomes rather dark and the lights are ineffective. He suggested that some thought be given to this matter when trees are planted in future.

The matter was also referred to Mr. George Power for a report to be made at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

CONSIDERATION LETTER HALIFAX CIVIC EMPLOYEES FEDERAL UNION #143

Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 7th., 1953.

Mr. A. A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. DeBard:-

Your letter of June 25th., 1953, re- the Prison Guards was considered at a meeting of our Executive on July 8th., 1953.

It was felt that, since our letter to you of June 23rd., 1953, concerning this matter, sufficient time has elapsed to have payment of the proposed increases -- now in the process of being granted on July 15th., -- withheld until such time as the same have been approved by both the City and the Halifax Civic Employees' Federal Union.

Therefore I have been instructed to forward this request -- that you notify City Council that compliance with the terms of its resolution on June 11th., 1953 re- wages of the Prison Guards would constitute a breach of contract.

Trusting this matter will receive your prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

M. MacKenzie, Sect'y.,
Halifax Civic Employees'
Federal Union Local 143.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Kitz that Council confirm its action of June 11, 1953 provided same is agreeable to the Union. Motion passed.

REPORT ON WOOD MOTORS CLAIM

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members City Council.

Date: July 8th 1953.

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Re Wood Motors (N.S.) Limited Vs. The City of Halifax

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on June 30th,

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the attached report from the City Solicitor recommending that the City defend any action brought against it for damages arising as a consequence of the collapse of the sewer on Fenwick Street on March 16th 1953, was considered.

The Committee recommended that this be left in the hands of the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

From: Carl P. Bethune, Q. C.,
City Solicitor.

Date June 26, 1953.

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

Re: Wood Motors (N.S.)
Limited vs The City of
Halifax.

Dear Sirs:

I have given careful consideration to the above claim and have reached the conclusion that the City should defend any action brought against it for damages arising as a consequence of the collapse of the sewer on Fenwick Street on March 16th, 1953.

So far as I can learn any acts performed by the City's staff as a result of this sewer break were under all the circumstances existing performed without negligence.

Under date of May 1st, 1953, in a letter addressed to the City Manager, Wood Motors (N.S.) Ltd. stated that on advice of its solicitor a valid claim existed against the City for the damages occasioned by the discharge of the sewer. The Company stated that it was prepared without prejudice to accept an amount of not less than \$5728.30.

Since that date, namely on June 15th, 1953, I have received a formal Notice of Action from Mr. R. A. Ritchie, Q. C., solicitor for the Company, claiming damages to an unspecified amount.

If the City is held fully liable it would appear that the amount stated in the letter of the Company of May 1st, 1953, would represent a fair estimate of the damage, since it was prepared in conjunction with an appraiser appointed by the City, who has stated that in his opinion the total claim of \$5728.30 is a reasonable figure for the damage suffered.

The Notice of Action is based on negligence on the part of the City but in view of all the circumstances it would seem to me that the City employees were not negligent in anything that was done by them in connection with the accident.

For the reasons above set forth I would therefore recommend that the City defend any action brought in this connection so that the Courts will be able to determine whether in fact there is any legal liability upon the City.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune, CITY SOLICITOR.

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Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CONFIRMATORY DEED TO MR. ABRAHAM SHEFFMAN

From: Carl P. Bethune, Q. C.,
City Solicitor

Date July 15, 1953.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Your Worship and Aldermen:

About the year 1943 the City conveyed by Tax Deed to Longley and Longley, a registered partnership, a parcel of land situated in the City of Halifax. This property has changed hands and a search of the title has raised the objection that the deed in 1943 should have been made out to the individual partners and not to the partnership. We have been requested to issue a Confirmatory Deed to the present owner, Abraham Sheffman.

The matter is somewhat urgent due to the fact that some construction has taken place on the lot and it is necessary for the present owner to complete some financing without delay.

I would therefore recommend that the request for the Confirmatory Deed be granted and that I be authorized to prepare the same and have the same executed by the proper officers of the City and delivered to the present owner.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #17 FIRST READING

Halifax, N. S.,
July 16, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date a report from the City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance #17 respecting Junk Dealers was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the amendment to Ordinance #17 as attached hereto be read and passed a first time and referred to the Finance & Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that
the report be approved. Motion passed.

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AMENDMENTS

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

1. Section 10 of Ordinance No. 17 respecting Junk Dealers
is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

10. Every shop or place of business occupied by any
junk dealer shall be closed at 12 noon on every Saturday
and shall be kept closed until 8 o'clock in the forenoon
of the following Monday, and no junk dealer shall purchase
in the way of his business any article whatever from any
person whomsoever or sell any article to any person on any
day between the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon and 8
o'clock in the forenoon of the following day or on any
statutory holiday.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan
that the amendment as set out above be read and passed a first
time and referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion
passed.

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE # 13 TAXIS

Halifax, N. S.,
July 16, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above
date a report from the City Solicitor submitting a redraft of
Section 39 of Ordinance #13 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the amendments to Ordinance
#13 as attached hereto be read and forwarded to the Minister of
Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENTS

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that
the amendments as attached to the original copy of these minutes be
read and passed and referred to the Minister of Municipal Affairs
for approval. Motion passed.



DEPARTMENT
OF
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, June 30, 1953.

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

Dear Mr. Publicover:

Re: Taxi By-Law

I have discussed with the Minister the amendments to your ordinance Number 13 which were passed by the City Council on June 11th, 1953. With the exception of part of clause (14) the Minister could approve the by-law.

In clause (14) which replaces Section 39 of the original by-law it is provided that in event of violation of the by-law a licensee may be punished by the Chief of Police either by cancellation or suspension of his license or by a fine. It is our opinion that punishment for violation of any by-law should be imposed only by the Courts. We feel that perhaps there would be no objection to the by-law providing that the Chief of Police may cancel or suspend a license in event of violation of the by-law but not by way of punishment. If the eleventh or twelfth lines of this clause were about as follows, "cancel or suspend the license of such person, but such person is in addition liable on conviction to the penalties above set out", and if the words relating to a fine in the fourteenth line were removed, the Minister would approve the by-law.

We are aware that this is not very different from Section 39 in the original by-law, except that the authority there was vested in the Board rather than in the Chief of Police. However we feel that it should not be approved by the Minister in its present form.

Yours very truly,


W. E. Moseley
Deputy Minister

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Copy to City Manager
" " Solicitor
" " Chief of Police

Date July 16, 1953.

From: Carl P. Bethune, C.C.
City Solicitor

Re: Amendments to Ordinance
No. 13 - The Taxi Ordinance.

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

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to the letter received by the City Clerk from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated June 30th, 1953, re the above matter, I have re-drafted clause (14), which re-enacts Section 39 of Ordinance No. 13, in accordance with the suggestions made therein, and attach hereto a copy of the redrafted section.

If this revision is satisfactory to your Committee it should be recommended to the City Council for approval.

As Ordinance No. 13 is a regulation made under the authority of Section 228 of the Motor Vehicle Act, this amendment only requires to be passed once by the City Council. It should then be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Yours very truly,


CARL P. BETHUNE
CITY SOLICITOR

/EHJ
Encl.

14. Section 39 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

39. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provisions of this ordinance in respect of which no other penalty is provided shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars and not exceeding twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period of not less than five days and not exceeding twenty days; and in case of any such contravention or failure to comply by any holder of a license under this ordinance or licensed driver the Chief of Police may cancel or suspend the license of such person, but such person shall in addition be liable to the penalties above set out. Any person whose license has been cancelled or suspended may appeal to the Board which may confirm or disallow the action of the Chief of Police.

June 11, 1953.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Halifax, under the authority of Section 228 of the Motor Vehicle Act, as follows:

1. Clauses (e), (f) and (g) of subsection (1) of Section 3 or Ordinance Number 13, respecting the Regulation of Vehicles Transporting Passengers for Hire, are repealed and the following substituted therefor:

- (e) To submit to the Chief of Police applications for licenses or recommendations for the revoking or cancelling of any license, together with his report thereon.
- (f) To keep a register of all licenses granted under the authority of this ordinance, which register shall contain the name or names of the applicants, the residence of the applicants and the date of the license and such further particulars, and to keep other books and records as the Board may from time to time order.
- (g) When authorized by the Chief of Police to cause to be made out all licenses and to sign all licenses under this ordinance, the fees therefor first having been paid as required by this ordinance.

2. Clause (1) of subsection (1) of said Section 3 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) To ascertain by inspection and enquiry from time to time, and also as often as may be required by the Chief of Police and/or the Board, whether the persons holding licenses under this ordinance continue to comply with the provisions of the law and of this ordinance.

3. Subsection (2) of Section 4 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed.

4. Section 5 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

- 5. (a) Every application for a license to transport passengers for hire in a vehicle shall be made to the Chief of Police in writing on a form provided by the Chief of Police by the bona fide owner of the vehicle for which the license is desired. The form of application shall be approved by the Committee on Safety and may require the applicant to supply such information concerning himself as the Committee may determine to be necessary to establish the qualifications of such applicant to receive the license applied for. The applicant shall be recommended in writing by the Inspector and one ratepayer as a fit and proper person to be granted a license and the Inspector shall certify

that such applicant has satisfied him that he is and has been for at least six months preceding the date of such application a resident of the City of Halifax, that he has a sufficient knowledge of the location of the various streets, public buildings and public places within and adjacent to the City and adequate knowledge of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act and of this ordinance as would entitle him to be licensed. The Chief of Police may refuse to grant a license to any applicant who in his judgment is not a fit and proper person to hold a license. No license shall be issued to any owner who is under twenty-one years of age. Any applicant who has been refused a license by the Chief of Police may appeal from such decision to the Board, which may confirm such refusal or may order that such license be granted. If the Board shall determine to grant such license the Chief of Police shall thereupon authorize the Inspector to make out and sign such license.

(b) Every applicant for an owner's or driver's license shall with his application for a license under this ordinance furnish two copies of a photograph of such applicant, which shall be unretouched and shall be 1½ inches square. One copy of such photograph shall be filed in the office of the Inspector together with such information concerning such applicant as shall be deemed necessary by the Chief of Police. The other copy shall be affixed to the license granted to such applicant and shall be conspicuously displayed together with such license in any vehicle while the same is being operated by the holder of such license for the purpose of transporting for hire passengers in the same.

5. Section 6 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

6. (1) The owner of every motor-drawn vehicle to be licensed hereunder, hereinafter called a "licensed vehicle", shall with his application for a license therefor deposit with the Chief of Police a Motor Vehicle Passenger Liability Insurance Policy and a Passenger Property Damage Insurance Policy of standard form as prescribed in the Automobile Insurance Act of the Province of Nova Scotia, (being Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1932), and issued by a company licensed to do business in the City, covering such licensed vehicle, to indemnify the owner of such vehicle and every person who, with the owner's consent, drives, operates or uses such vehicle against liability imposed by law upon the insured named therein and upon any such other person against loss or damage -

- (a) resulting from bodily injury to or death of any passenger other than the insured while being conveyed in such vehicle or while entering or leaving the same; and
- (b) resulting from damage to property of any person other than the insured when such property is being carried in or upon such vehicle.

(2) Such policy shall cover such limits of liability as set out in Schedule "A" of The Motor Carrier Act.

6. Section 7 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

7. Every license issued under this ordinance shall relate to the period May 1st in any year to April 30th in the next succeeding year, shall be dated the day of its issue and shall expire on the 30th day of April next succeeding the issue thereof.

7. Section 8 of said Ordinance Number 13 is amended by adding thereto the following:

All fees shall be paid to the City Collector.

8. Section 9 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

9. If any holder of a license hereunder -

(a) dies, or makes an assignment under the Assignments Act, or the Bankruptcy Act, or leaves the City, or

(b) sells the vehicle for which such license was issued to any other person,

the Chief of Police may permit the issuance to the purchaser of such vehicle of a license for the unexpired term of the original license issued in respect of such vehicle, if the Chief of Police is of the opinion that the purchaser thereof is a fit and proper person to receive such license and if such purchaser otherwise conforms to the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Act and this ordinance; provided, however, that before any license is authorized for the reason set out in clause (b) of this section the person making the application therefor must first deposit with the City Collector a transfer fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

9. Section 11 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

11. Every vehicle licensed under this ordinance shall at all times, when in use, be kept clean and in a sanitary condition and in good repair, and may be inspected at any time by the Board or any person appointed by it, and the Board or such person may, upon breach of this section, notify the owner of such vehicle to cease operating the same as a vehicle licensed under the authority of this ordinance until such time as the same has been put in a clean and sanitary condition and in good repair, and such owner shall thereupon cease to operate the same until permitted to do so by the Board or such person.

10. Section 13 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

13. No person other than the owner thereof shall drive any vehicle licensed hereunder unless licensed as a driver. Every applicant for such license shall apply for the same in writing upon a form provided therefor by the Chief of Police. The form of application shall be approved by the Committee on Safety and may require the applicant to supply such information concerning himself as the Committee may determine to be necessary to establish the qualifications of such applicant to receive the license applied for. A driver's license may be issued by the Chief of Police on payment of two dollars (\$2.00) to the City Collector; but no such license shall be issued to any male person under twenty-one years of age or to any person in the judgment of the Chief of Police not a fit and proper person to be a driver. No license shall be issued to any female driver who is under twenty-five years of age.

11. Section 18 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

18. (1) When any owner or driver of a vehicle licensed under this ordinance has been convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of The Criminal Code of Canada, The Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act, The Motor Vehicle Act, or of this ordinance, which violation in the opinion of the Inspector renders such licensed owner or driver an unfit or improper person to hold such license, or when any such owner or driver has to the knowledge of the Inspector committed any act or acts which in the opinion of the Inspector render such licensed owner or driver an unfit or improper person to hold such license, the Inspector shall have the authority to and may suspend the license of such owner or driver and shall report such suspension to the Chief of Police who shall remove or confirm such suspension or may cancel such license.

(2) Any person whose license has been suspended or cancelled by the Chief of Police under the authority of the preceding subsection may appeal therefrom to the Board, which may review the circumstances and may confirm such suspension or cancellation or may order that such license be restored. Nothing contained herein, however, shall prevent the Inspector from removing such suspension and reinstating the license of such owner or driver prior to reporting the same to the Chief of Police.

12. Subsection (2) of Section 36 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(2) No owner or driver of a licensed vehicle shall refuse or neglect to convey any orderly person or persons upon request in the City unless previously engaged or unable or prohibited by the provisions of this ordinance.

13. Section 37 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

37. The rates set out in the second schedule to this ordinance shall be charged for conveyance in a licensed motor-drawn vehicle used for transporting passengers for hire from point to point within the City limits, and the taximeter shall be so regulated as to register and show the various charges as they accrue. Copies of such schedule shall be furnished by the Inspector to every person holding a license in respect of any such vehicle on application therefor, and a copy of such schedule shall be posted up in a conspicuous position inside the vehicle and protected by glass or cellophane or some transparent substance.

14. Section 39 of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

39. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provisions of this ordinance in respect of which no other penalty is provided shall for each such offence be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars and not exceeding twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period of not less than five days and not exceeding twenty days; and in case of any such contravention or failure to comply by any holder of a license under this ordinance or licensed driver the Chief of Police may punish such offence by cancellation or suspension of the license or by a fine not exceeding five dollars. Any person whose license has been cancelled or suspended or upon whom a fine has been imposed may appeal to the Board which may confirm or disallow the action of the Chief of Police.

15. The "Form of License" set out in the First Schedule of said Ordinance Number 13 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

FORM OF LICENSE

License is hereby granted to
to drive a vehicle to be used for transporting
passengers for hire in the City of Halifax until
the 30th day of April, 19.....
The number of such vehicle shall be
The stand appointed for same shall be Section No.....
The licensee undertakes to comply with the laws and
ordinances of the City of Halifax.

INSPECTOR OF LICENSES

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BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Halifax, N. S.,
July 16, 1953.

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

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered a request from the Canadian Bank of Commerce to have a Hold-up Alarm System connected with the Police Station.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted providing space is available and all expense in connection therewith will be borne by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FIRE CHIEFS' CONVENTION

Halifax, N. S.,
July 16, 1953.

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

A request from the Chief of the Fire Department for permission to attend the Maritime Fire Chiefs' Convention, which is being held at Kentville from July 21 to 23 was considered by the Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your Committee recommends that the Chief be authorized to attend this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CITY DUMP

Alderman Vaughan wanted to know what action had been taken with respect to his letter concerning the City Dump.

His Worship the Mayor: "It was discussed with the City Manager who informs me that the use of the dump and the unsatisfactory incinerator facilities has been under consideration for some time. He is preparing a report for presentation to the Council."

TOUR - GREENHOUSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Alderman Vaughan stated he was in conversation with an official

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of the Greenhouse Growers Association who mentioned that they were holding a tour and wondered if Mr. George Power, Superintendent of the Gardens, would be going on same.

Both Mr. Harris and the City Manager stated they had received no application from Mr. Power to attend.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lane that the sum of \$100.00 be made available to Mr. Power to attend the tour same to be charged to the Officials Fund.

Alderman Lloyd also advised that he had been talking to a prominent business man on Gottingen Street of an electrical firm suggesting that an electrician attend a certain convention. He said he directed the gentleman to the City Manager.

As the Greenhouse Growers Tour was not to be held till September 13-20, it was decided that no action be taken on the matter at this time and the same be referred to the City Manager.

CITY PRISON ON GEORGE'S ISLAND

Alderman DeWolf stated he read in the Press that the Government was not going to use George's Island any longer and it occurred to him that it would be a good place for the City Prison.

The matter was left with the City Manager.

OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS WORKING IN CITY

Alderman DeWolf mentioned the fact that outside contractors have done millions of dollars worth of business in the City of Halifax without paying one cent in taxes. He said in New Brunswick the general contractors pay to the municipality $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the contracts that are let. He suggested that the same procedure could be followed here.

The City Solicitor advised that the matter was declared ultra vires but he would look into it and report.

ROUNDAABOUT AT ARMDALE

As the Traffic Expert hired by the City and Province had completed his report with respect to the Roundabout at Armdale and the main difficulty was that of the trolley coach turn, Alderman Kitz

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asked if the N. S. L. & P. Co., Ltd. had been approached to see if they could handle their coaches satisfactorily and also had the Board of Works investigated the pedestrian traffic.

His Worship the Mayor: "The N. S. L. & P. Co., Ltd. have expressed its opinion that the rotary can successfully be operated to allow passage for its vehicles. With respect to pedestrian traffic, the Chief of Police has been advised of the report and he is gathering further information on that to advise the appropriate committee on the situation. It is being processed."

FAIRVIEW UNDERPASS

Alderman Lloyd asked what action had been taken with respect to the elimination of the Fairview Underpass.

His Worship the Mayor advised that since the Board of Transport Commissioners had just recently held hearings in the City on the matter of the elimination of grade crossings, both the City and the Province felt that they should not proceed until it was known if there would be a change in the law whereby Federal assistance financially might be forthcoming towards the project.

Alderman Lloyd: "Have you outlined any further action we should take?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I can't see anything further that can be done. The decision whether the rotary is feasible is going to rest with the Province and not with us."

Alderman Dunlop stated he did not see where the County was taking any interest in the matter financially or otherwise.

Alderman Kitz said the County would as usual get a free ride.

Alderman Dunlop stated he was against that at the expense of City taxpayers.

PARKING METERS BUCKINGHAM STREET

Alderman Lloyd drew attention to the parking meters at the Buckingham Street Parking lot and stated that they were certainly most unsatisfactory. He suggested cancelling the contract with the firm supplying them.

His Worship the Mayor: "The situation was reported to me and

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also to the Manager."

City Manager: "We have not paid for the meters yet. They have had a service man down here for at least six days."

Alderman Lloyd: "I examined the meters and I say the meters cannot perform properly as they are not a properly constructed meter. I earnestly urge upon you your serious consideration in cancelling the contract if you can get out of it. They are a constant source of trouble and require maintenance."

It was agreed that the City Manager report at the next regular meeting of Council if these meters should be continued or not.

PART TIME TAXI OWNERS

Alderman Lloyd drew attention to the fact that some taxi operators keep supplies of liquor on hand for when an occasion arises and that he had found that it was quite a business. He said the City was licensing part time owners and some of them work in the Dockyard. He said it was the responsibility of the City to see that licenses were not handed out to part time workers. He referred to those who work at night.

Chief of Police: "Did the Alderman hear the objections through owners or drivers."

Alderman Lloyd: "From owners."

The matter was referred to the Chief of Police for a report for the next regular meeting of the City Council.

STREET LINES GREENWOOD AVENUE

R E S O L V E D that under the authority of Section 29 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1951 the City Council hereby declares that portion of Greenwood Avenue lying between the southern line of Oakland Road and the northern line of Belmont Road in the City of Halifax, as shown on Section 19 of the Official City Plan of the City, closed to public use.

RESOLUTION

W H E R E A S the City Council has received a report from the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax recommending the

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the removal from the official City Plan of the street lines of Greenwood Avenue lying between Belmont Street and Oakland Road;

AND WHEREAS the City Council has considered the removal of the official street lines of that portion of Greenwood Avenue lying between Belmont Street and Oakland Road;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 551A of the City Charter, public notice of the intention to remove such street lines has been 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 having been published at least three clear weeks before the 11th day of December, A. D. 1952, that being the day appointed by the Council to consider the matter;

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

AND WHEREAS the Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1952, considered the said matter and determined to remove the said official street lines from Section 19 of the Official City Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority in it vested by Section 551A of the City Charter as aforesaid, the Official City Plan of the City be amended by removing the official street lines of that portion of Greenwood Avenue lying between Belmont Street and Oakland Road from Section 19 of the Official City Plan;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official street lines of Greenwood Avenue lying between Belmont Street and Oakland Road so removed 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.

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Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the resolutions as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

ENGROACHMENT #4 OGILVIE STREET

From: City Manager, A. A. DeBard, Jr.,
To: His Worship, R. A. Donahoe, Q. C.,
and Members of City Council.
Date: July 16, 1953.
Subject: Encroachment # 4 Ogilvie Street.

Application for a building permit for the construction of a wall was made by Brookfield Construction Company on behalf of Mr. Charles Hibbert, #4 Ogilvie Street. The applicant was informed that the wall which had formerly been in front of this property violated the street line and the new wall would have to be further back. Mr. Roper of Brookfield Construction Company called the writer and said he would not erect the wall without City permission. Mr. Hibbert called and said he would move the wall back except for about two feet since to comply with the City request would spoil his property. He was advised that any encroachment was against the law. Alderman Moriarty requested the Mayor and City Manager to inspect the site which was done at a time after the old wall had been removed and before the new wall was built.

The new wall encroaches by approximately 2.3 feet.

A. A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

City Manager: "Mr. Hibbert should be charged for an encroachment on the street."

His Worship the Mayor: "There should be a prosecution because there was a violation. It should be done by the administration."

City Manager: "It was brought into Council by an Alderman."

His Worship the Mayor: "That does not change the responsibility."

Council took no action in this matter for the reason that it was felt to be an administrative matter.

POLL TAX REPORT QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30/53.

From: M. L. Bellew,
Commissioner of Finance.

Date July 9, 1953.

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

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Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith report on Poll Tax collections for the quarter ended June 30, 1953.

This shows a decrease in collections over the same period of the previous year, of \$1,128.78. However, the collections for the six months ended June 30, 1953 of \$38,920.34 Poll Tax and \$4,844.40 Penalty and Interest is an increase over the previous year of \$2,613.02.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Bellew,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

FILED

DEBENTURES MATURED JULY 2, 1953

From: M. L. Bellew, Commissioner of Finance. Date July 10, 1953

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

Dear Sirs:

This is to advise you the following City of Halifax Debentures mated July 2, 1953:

Issue 1919	5 %	\$ 804,100.00
1921	6 %	<u>\$ 120,000.00</u>
		\$ 924,100.00

This is the second and final redemption of Sinking Fund Debentures this year. The previous was in January 1953, as follows:

Issue 1920	5 1/2 %	\$ 547,400.00
1923	5 %	169,800.00
1933	5 %	<u>141,000.00</u>
		\$ 858,200.00

This makes a total for the year of \$1,782,300.00 and is all chargeable to the Consolidated Sinking Fund.

Yours very truly,

M. L. Bellew,
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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APPROVAL OF BORROWINGS, ETC.

The following approvals from the Minister of Municipal Affairs were reported:

1. \$ 4,800.00 Installation of Traffic Lights.
2. 6,000.00 Bathing Houses Point Pleasant Park.
3. 35,000.00 Rehabilitation Bedford Row Fire Station.
4. Sale of Land Account to purchase land from C.N.R. Kempt Rd.
5. By-Law extending third density residential district Inglis St.
6. Amendments Ordinance #34 "Curfew Law."

FILED

ACTIVE BORROWING RESOLUTIONS

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that Capital Expenditures amounted to \$5,151,369.00 of which \$1,187,774.98 has been expended leaving an authorized balance of \$3,963,594.02 as at June 30, 1953.

FILED

EXPENDITURES UNDER SECTION 316 "C" CITY CHARTER

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that expenditures under Section 316 "C" of the City Charter so far amount to \$64,604.25 which can constitute a deficit unless sufficient sums are realized from unexpended balances of appropriations or surplus revenues..

FILED

LETTER ACKNOWLEDGMENT TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Town of Lunenburg,
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia,
June 23rd., 1953.

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

Dear Mr. Publicover:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 12th., 1953 enclosing two copies of a resolution passed by the City Council on the eleventh instant.

Will you please extend to the City Council the sincere thanks of the Mayor, Council and Citizens of the Town of Lunenburg for its kind expression of congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of our Two Hundredth Anniversary.

Your resolution was published in the local newspaper and we greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of your City Council.

Yours very truly,
L. W. Geldert, Town Clerk.

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF JUNE 1953.

Civil Year	Reserves	o/s Balance May 31/1953	New Accounts & Adjustments	June 1953 Collections	o/s Balance June 30/1953.
1951	59,462.83	162,782.27		10,532.19	152,250.08
1952	70,318.61	414,154.39	Dr. 4.62	26,268.02	387,890.99
1953	78,833.27	4,323,776.98	Cr. 50,309.56	2,627,566.13	1,645,901.29
		4,900,713.64	Cr. 50,304.94	2,664,366.34	2,186,042.36
Tax years prior to 1951 (Covered by Reserves)				3,277.82	
TOTAL				2,667,644.16	
ROLL TAXES					
1943 - 44		22,203.05		15.00	22,188.05
1944 - 45		2,527.80		20.25	2,507.55
1952		9,672.04	Dr. 8.00	1,132.65	8,547.39
1953		93,035.20	Cr. 10.00	5,941.45	87,083.75
		127,438.09	Cr. 2.00	7,109.35	120,326.74
Roll Taxes other than listed above				1,841.08	
				8,950.43	
Total Collected in June 1953				2,676,594.59	
Total Collected in June 1952				1,549,186.89	
Current Taxes Collected January 2nd. to June 30/53 Corresponding Period 1952				5,105,421.65	4,721,847.71
Tax Arrears Collected January 2nd. to June 30/53. Corresponding Period 1952.				352,333.21	337,725.55
Roll Tax Collections January 2nd. to June 30/53. Corresponding Period 1952.				38,920.34	36,948.25
				5,496,675.20	5,096,521.51

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. McDonald,
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

To: His Worship, R. A. Donahoe, Q. C.,
and Members of City Council,
From: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,
Date: June 11, 1953
Subject: Monthly Administrative Report

1. City Home Addition.

As can be seen from the percentages this work is rapidly nearing completion. Much of the equipment has arrived with items such as flooring and ventilating progressing rapidly.

Excavation	100%
Masonry	100%
Metal Doors & Frames	100%
Roofing	100%
Lath & Plaster	100%
Cement Enamel	100%
Refrigeration	100%
Sprinkler System	100%
Carpentry	99%
Terrazzo & Tile	99%
Electrical	98%
Painting	95%
Glazing	95%
Heating	95%
Plumbing	90%
Carbon Dioxide System	90%
Hardware	90%
Misc. Items	90%
Linoleum	85%
Acoustic tile	75%
Ventilation	75%

2. Temporary Housing - Tower Road & Atlantic Street

Minister of Resources & Development advises that Garrison Barracks project will not be ready for occupancy until December 31. Removal of housing hinges on completion of Garrison Barracks quarters.

3. Letter of thanks to Council from Mr. Hann for extension of sick leave, from Mr. MacDonald for extension of sick leave, and Mrs. Merrick for granting of pension and payment of salary for six months while on sick leave.

4. Rebate - Nova Scotia Light & Power Co. Ltd.

We have been granted a rebate of \$-.05 cents per K.W.H. on current used for street lighting resulting in a saving of \$1,289.58.

5. Athletic Commission.

Payment of \$1600.00 has been made to the City for 1952 season.

6. Commissioner of Works.

Mr. Arthur C. Harris resigned on May 22, 1952, effective on the appointment of his successor. The resignation was made known in the press in the hope of securing a competent local replacement. As of May 31 there was no inquiry.

7. Sewer Rehabilitation.

Two crews working on Göttingen Street have laid 450 feet of sewer at a cost of \$50.00 a foot for the one-third completed.

Fenwick Street break was repaired and renewed in a northwesterly direction for a total length of 240 feet. Cost was about \$14,000.00. Replacement of a branch sewer, water pipes and repaving of the street and reconstruction of the sidewalk will have to await settling.

8. Rehabilitation of City Home exterior.

Last year we rejected a contract for \$28,000.00 for repointing and replacing exterior brick on this building. The eastern wall of the front section was practically rebuilt with hired labor at a cost of \$2,909.13. This Spring we hired a crew of bricklayers and a master mason as foreman. In addition to the brickwork we are removing the slate on the mansard roof and renewing all wood on the windows and trim where necessary and replacing copper gutters which have been torn loose by ice. From the south-east corner of the front, across the front we have spent \$5,658.25 with 85% of the brick work completed and about 30% of the carpenter work. After completion of the front we will start on the rear.

9. Grafton Street Parking Lot.

#72 Grafton Street was 90% demolished, 7,000 cubic yards of fill were hauled to various parts of the City at our direction (mostly Fenwick Street and St. Stephen's School) a good deal of the grading was done and the banks along Market and George Streets sloped. The lot should be finished by the end of June. Erection of the fence depends on delivery from the supplier.

10. Tourist Bureau Relocation.

This building was moved for \$655.00, the foundation waterproofed and including a 20 x 24 ft. cellar cost \$2,167.83, water and sewer \$416.01, miscellaneous charges and changes \$242.92, and grading (incomplete) \$383.50. A verandah and two windows in the front will add to appearance, the building will be painted and some landscaping done.

11. Street Repair Program

Paved street patching was started on May 26 by the Standard Paving (Maritimes) who were awarded the contract. Weather permitting, patching of paved streets should be completed by June 22. In stoning and oiling, we are using as much competent labor as we can get to reconstruct streets which are scheduled for such work and additional crews for patching. Patching of stone and oiling will extend further into the Summer.

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City Manager.

to: His Worship, R. A. Donahoe, Q. C.,
and Members of City Council,
from: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,
date: July 16, 1953
subject: Monthly Administrative Report for June, 1953

1. City Home Addition.

This construction is rapidly progressing to its conclusion. The following items are 100% completed - excavation, masonry, metal doors and frames, carpentry, roofing, terrazzo and tile, lath and plaster, cement enamel, acoustic tile, painting, glazing, refrigeration, sprinkler system, carbon dioxide system, linoleum, hardware, and miscellaneous items. The following items are incomplete:

Electrical	98%
Plumbing	95%
Heating	95%
Ventilation	80%

The elevator will be completed in two weeks and most of the stainless steel kitchen equipment has arrived.

2. Bayers Road Housing Project

Since September 24, 1952 this project has been moving steadily. It is scheduled for completion September 19, 1953. At present it is estimated to be 60% completed over-all. 175 men are employed on this project. In addition to the 17 single units 44 multiple units have been completed and taken over by the City.

3. Street Lights

19 new street lights were installed and 33 replaced in our program of improving lights.

4. Streets.

During this month although hampered by rain we were able to accomplish the following street maintenance and construction.

a. Square yards of streets stoned and oiled	34,487
b. Square yards of streets seal coated	77,100
c. Square yards of streets graded	46,500
d. Tons of cold patch used on paved streets	2
e. Tons of cold patch used on stone and oiled streets	130
f. Cubic yards of materials used to repair gravel streets	1,019
g. Number of sq.yds. of streets applied with dust layer	9,800
h. Number of sq.yds. of sidewalk repairs	350
i. Lineal feet of curb and gutter repaired	125
j. Lineal feet of curb and gutter replaced	312

The quantity of cold patch used on paved streets at this time of year is very small since the contractor is repairing such streets with hot asphalt.

The cost of the dust layer which is usually only a temporary measure is largely lost unless that particular street is receiving no further attention this year. We are trying to educate taxpayers that dust on newly surfaced streets is unavoidable if the

street is to be properly surfaced.

We have had some complaints about streets "bleeding" in hot weather. Since the streets involved were treated last year we are not pleased and are investigating this condition which should not exist after seasoning for six or eight months.

Our mechanical sweepers cleaned 961 miles of streets and an additional 196 miles were cleaned by hand.

5. City Home Rehabilitation.

The carpentry work on the front of the building is 90% complete, and the brickwork 100%. The brickwork at the rear of the building is 65% complete. To date we have spent \$10,013.49.

6. Duke Street Retaining Wall.

The former well area was filled and two of the three windows closed off with granite paving blocks which match the rest of the building quite well. The third window will be closed with glass block and a ventilator provided. Sidewalk will be laid to the building. A new retaining wall was erected.

7. Street signs.

We have erected 31 signs of 85 received for erection on their iron pipe standards. 22 signs for erection on wooden poles or light standards have been erected of the 54 received.

8. Tourist Bureau.

This project is rapidly moving to completion. The neon sign is now in operation, a Men's Room is being installed. \$6,563.24 was spent up to and including June 30. Total cost is likely to be about \$10,500.00.

9. Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter.

		<u>Completed.</u>			
<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>			
1. Berlin St.	Oxford	Connolly	Both	Sidewalk & Sod	
2. Brunswick	Spring	Sackville	West	Sidewalk	
3. Flinn	Garden MacDonald	Rossevelt	Both	Curb & Gutter	
		<u>Incomplete.</u>			<u>Lacking</u>
1. Kent St.	180 feet			Sod	
2. Chebucto Rd.	Swaine	Connaught		Sod	
3. Point Pleasant Dr.	Tower Rd.	Francklyn		Sod	
4. Robie St.	South	Inglis		Sod	
5. Inglis	Bellevue	Beaufort		40 feet (new house)	
6. Ritchie Dr.	Inglis	Beaufort		25 feet (" ")	
7. MacLean St.	Atlantic	500 ft. south		10% concrete & sod	
8. Micmac	Bayers Rd.	2400 ft. north east	15%	" "	
9. "	"	" "	west	not started	
10. Cunard	Robie	Windsor		15% incomplete	
11. Dalhousie	South	Beaufort		50% plus sod.	

A. A. DeBarde
City Manager.

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To the Board of Transport Commissioners,
Ottawa, Canada.

Gentlemen:-

A. Introduction.

For upwards of thirty years the entrances to the City of Halifax have been a source of concern to the authorities of the City. During World Wars I and II, the prominent place occupied by this City in the wartime economy of Canada caused rapid expansion which did not cease with the cessation of hostilities but continued particularly after the Second World War. This expansion resulted in the spread of population to what was once considered the "suburbs" until now very little open land is left.

Grade crossings, of which there are three crossing main lines, the underpass at Fairview, and thirteen line crossings of sidings in the City of Halifax affect more vehicles and people than they did in these early years. This hazard to life and property brings to the fore the necessity of reexamining the principles embodied in present legislation with regard to responsibility for removing these hazards.

An application dated December 15, 1941 concerning the so-called Fairview Underpass was made on behalf of the City of Halifax to the Board of Transport Commissioners and heard by the Board on January 21, 1942. A brief on behalf of the City of Halifax dated January 17, 1952 was presented to the Commissioners in Ottawa by a group of City Officials at a hearing held a few weeks later.

In both instances the Commissioners were receptive to the City's pleas but found they were bound by the terms of the legislation which was restrictive in its definitions and the degree of aid which could be given to even the most worthy projects. Only by a change in the definitions and more latitude in rendering greater assistance when advisable can this legislation achieve the end for which it was originally enacted—the elimination of grade crossings for greater safety.

Consultation of old maps and panoramic views shows that the intersection of the road and railway at Fairview would have resulted in a normal grade crossing. Wishing to avoid such a crossing, the railroad elected to construct the underpass as a method of eliminating such a crossing even though residents of the City objected at the time of construction not only to the underpass but to the railroad running along the western fringe to arrive at the south end terminal. Had the railroad elected to eliminate the crossing by depressing the tracks somewhat and elevating the roadway, it would have had more scope in which to make a juncture of the Bedford Road outside the City limits and Kempt Road within the City limits.

B. Reasons for this Application.

(1) It is submitted that the construction of the underpass in 1917 at the intersection of Kempt Road and the Bedford Highway on the northern boundary of the City, created a traffic hazard and a source of extreme danger to the inhabitants of the City of Halifax and to the persons using this means to gain entrance or exit from the City. The hazard is the greater because of the fact that the bulk of the traffic entering and leaving the City must pass through this narrow underpass.

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Ottawa, Canada.

(2) This underpass or subway was completed in 1917, as part of the new railway entry to the Ocean Terminals in the City of Halifax, carried out by the Canadian Government Railways under the authority of the Government Railways Act.

(3) The dividing line between the City and Halifax County, at the subway location, is the centre of the Dutch Village Road. The subway is partly in the City and partly in the County.

(4) The width of the subway between abutments is forty-five feet with a sidewalk on each side and a roadway of thirty-three feet in the centre. The subway was built with a clear headway of fourteen feet above the surface of the highway, but as a result of filling in and paving the highway and providing drainage for the same the headway clearance is only about thirteen feet.

(5) Kempt Road, which is within the City, the Bedford Road (a provincial highway) which is outside the City, and the Dutch Village Road, the centre of which forms the dividing line between the City and the County, all converge on this subway. In addition, Barrington Street (formerly Campbell Road) within the City, and which runs along the shore of Bedford Basin, intersects Kempt Road a few feet away from the subway.

The brief of January 17, 1952 gave in considerable detail the geography of the City's various entrances and the volume of traffic which a population of more than 85,000 people must generate with additional thousands living outside the City but working or shopping within its limits. The brief of January 17, 1952 conclusively showed the total inadequacy of the Bedford Road entrance, due mainly to the presence of the extremely narrow underpass of the Railway, its awkward position with relation to both the Bedford Road and Kempt Road, and the barrier imposed on any other exit or entrance at the north end of the City by the tracks of the Canadian National Railways which block the free entrance or exit except through the underpass. Elaborate studies have been made and could be made of the increased automobile traffic from the standpoint of numbers and useage. Such a study is not needed by the 150,000 people in Metropolitan Halifax who frequently meet this problem at the underpass in long lines of stalled traffic and the accidents which can be directly traced to the obsolete and inadequate traffic pattern and facilities.

It has been previously urged on behalf of Canadian National Railways (and the City submits without any grounds therefor) that the City of Halifax and the County of Halifax agreed to the construction of the type of subway which was constructed. This matter has been investigated and absolutely no record exists to show that the proposed subway was ever submitted to the Councils of these municipalities for approval or that any such approval was ever given. Reference is made as to this to a letter from Mr. Fred Condon, Regional Chief Engineer at Moncton, N. B., dated January 15th, 1942, addressed to the City Solicitor of the City of Halifax. Between the years 1916 and 1918 protests as to the inadequacy of the subway were made to the Railway Company by the Halifax County Council in March 1917, by the Halifax Board of Trade in August 1916, and in 1918 by the Halifax Automobile Association- but to no avail.

Section 262 of "The Railway Act", chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927 as amended in 1950 permits participation by The Railway Grade Crossing Fund up to 40% of a project with a limit of \$150,000.00 on any one project, a slight modification in the latter provision respecting the \$100,000.00 limit set out in this 1927 statutes.

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Ottawa, Canada.

For normal grade crossings such as the three in Halifax crossing the Halifax and Southwestern Railway tracks such limitations would not act as a bar but for the most needful projects such as the Fairview Underpass the Grade Crossing Fund might be restricted to provide less than 10% of the total cost. It is submitted that a practical approach to the matter would be an enlargement of the scope of the Fund to provide for adequate participation in the elimination of serious traffic hazards such as that created by the construction of the Fairview Underpass.

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CITY MANAGER'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A report was submitted from the City Manager for the month of June and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of the report were furnished the members of Council for their information.

FILED

BRIEF TO BOARD OF TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERS

The City Manager submitted a brief that had been presented to the Board of Transport Commissioners at recent hearings held at the Court House on the matter of the elimination of Grade Crossings and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of the brief were furnished the members of Council for their information.

FILED

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Allen that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY,
AUGUST 13, 1953

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- Minutes
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7. Navy Thanks to City for Services of Recreation Director - Use of Pool at Stadacona.
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10. " 1248 and 1298 Barrington St.
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16. Resubdivision Highland Park - Normandy Drive Area.
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18. " Grant Property - Gottingen Street.
19. " Ferguson Property - Bayers Road & Howe Ave.
20. " Lots #68-69 & 64A Abbott Drive - Abbott Heights.
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22. Payment Damages to Traffic Signal.
23. Canopy 143 Cunard Street & 180 Gottingen Street.
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27. Coin Operated Radios in Hospitals.
28. Amendment City Hall Union Agreement.
29. Supplementary Appropriation.
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31. Acceptance Offer of 6¢ by City Field Union.
32. Walker & Hall - Amendment to Contract re Wages.
33. Request City Firemen re Increase in Salary.
34. Nomination Vacancy on Job Evaluation Committee.
35. Disposition Quinpool Road School Property.
36. Tag Day.
37. Appointment Delegates Convention Union of N. S. Municipalities.
38. Appropriation 316 C School Board Audit.
39. Application to Public Utility Board by Public Service Commission re Depreciation
40. Leave of Absence Messrs. Wm. C. Conrod & J. D. MacDonald.
41. Agreement between City & Civic Caretakers Union.
42. " to Use Portion of Incinerator Property Whitzman & Sons Ltd.
43. Tenders Equipment for City Field.
44. Sewer Assessment Lots 2 & 3 Webster Terrace.
45. Overhanging Signs.
46. Notice to A. W. Burns, Fleming Park, to Vacate Property.
47. Request for Curb & Gutter Lady Hammond Road by Public Service Commission.
48. Legislation to cover Ogilvie Street Encroachment.
49. Purchase of Back Portion of Alfred Dauphinee Lot - Fairview Cemetery.
50. Exchange of Land - Kempt Road - H. M. the Queen for C.N.R. & City of Halifax
51. Application to Operate Grocery Store.

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Questions.
DEFERRED ITEM

- (1) Rezoning East Side Dutch Village Road.

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EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
August 13, 1953,
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 Deputy City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman, Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Lloyd, O'Malley, Ahern, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

Also present were Messrs. A. A. DeBard, Jr., C. P. Bethune, J. F. McManus, A. G. Harris, M. L. Bellew, E. M. Fogo, V. W. Mitchell, F. C. MacGillivray, G. E. Day, W. A. G. Snook and P. E. Peek.

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 Vaughan, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING RE CLOSING SECOND, FOURTH & FIFTH STS.

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

Date: July 8th, 1953.

From: Clerk of Works.

Subject: Progress Report Re 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Streets.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on June 30th, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer relative to closing some of the above named streets was considered.

The Committee recommended that Second, Fourth and Fifth Streets be closed and the land sold.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

per J. B. Sabean,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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A Public Hearing to consider the matter of closing Second, Fourth and Fifth Streets was held at this time.

Alderman Dunlop: "I understand that every abutter will be given ten feet of land of the street?"

His Worship the Mayor: "That is right. Ten feet on each side at no charge to the abutter."

Mr. William Hopewell, 61 Newton Avenue which is the south east corner of Newton Avenue and Fifth Street, appeared before Council protesting the closing of Fifth Street. He spoke as follows: "We bought this property with the understanding that it was a corner property. Now this affair means that the property will be in the middle of the block. That, I consider, is considerable depreciation on the property. The most valuable lots are the corner properties. I would like to know what provision you are making for the depreciation of my property. There will be a 10 ft. driveway. You cannot turn a car in 10 feet. What provision are you making for me getting in and out of my garage. It faces on Fifth Street. The garage has to be turned around and it will cost considerable hundreds of dollars. I would really like to know what or who is back of this move. It came up before about four years ago and the matter was stopped. Now we are up against it again. What is the object in closing the streets. These streets will save a lot of lives in case of fire. I think you will find that you will spend the money you get for the lots to fix up the property owners garages."

Phyllis Blakeley, 88 Connaught Ave. which is the southeast corner of Connaught Avenue and Fifth Street, appeared before Council protesting the closing of Fifth Street. She spoke as follows: "My house was built on the centre of the lot with no driveway on the side. I wanted to build a garage of concrete blocks on the back of my house but I could not get a permit because they told me it might be closed sometime and the City did not own it. I would prefer to have Fifth Street left open and paved. If the street is closed and I get ten feet of land, I don't get land to build a garage because it will cut

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off the light from my den. I have to take down a retaining wall and it will cost me quite a bit of money. If the street remains open I will not have to pay all this money. I bought the building because it was a corner lot. It was said that the street must be closed because the City could not afford to pave any more streets than necessary and that it was too close to Chebucto Road. I will be glad to have the matter definitely settled, so that I can build a garage. We would prefer to have the street left open."

Mrs. E. A. Craig, 23-25 Newton Avenue, which is the southwest corner of Newton Avenue and Second Street appeared before Council protesting the closing of Second Street. She spoke as follows: "I bought the property in 1937 because I was sure that it was a corner lot. It was particularly chosen because it was a corner lot and the building was specially placed on the lot for the maximum amount of light and air." She outlined the correspondence she had written since the matter first came up in 1947 and stated that her views had not changed.

Mr. G. Horner who lives on the southeast corner of Newton Avenue and Second Street appeared before Council protesting the closing of Second Street.

Mr. Walter C. Guest, 80 Connaught Avenue which is the northwest corner of Connaught Avenue and Fourth Street appeared before Council protesting the closing of Fourth Street. He spoke as follows: "I have a double garage and a couple of years ago the City fixed the street up and I swung my garage over to Fourth Street. Now if I am obliged to turn it again, it will cost me a lot of money and inconvenience. I don't want the street closed, I want to have a corner lot."

Mrs. S. A. Goldfarb, 74 Connaught Avenue, which is the southwest corner of Connaught Avenue and Fourth Street appeared before Council protesting the closing of Fourth Street. She stated that if 10 feet were taken from both sides of the lots they would be very small and that she preferred a corner lot.

A petition was then presented by nine property holders living

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on Second, Fourth and Fifth Streets protesting the closing of the above named streets.

Mr. E. J. Gillis, 44 Newton Avenue, appeared before Council and stated that he was representing his mother who does not object to the closing of the streets. He spoke as follows: "This does not interfere with the property my mother owns, but the street has been in very poor condition. It was only last year that legislation was secured to improve them. There is a very bad situation there due to the water. In my instance the property on the corner is of no use and if my mother is given ten feet she has no objection to the street being closed. But we are in sympathy with the people if the City will not help them with their garages."

Mr. G. P. McKenna, 53 Newton Avenue appeared before Council and stated he was in the same position as Mr. Gillis and that he did not protest the closing of the three streets.

Mr. C. P. Soley, who lives on the northeast corner of Connaught Avenue and Second Street appeared before Council and spoke as follows: "This will make some difference to us, but the biggest difference will be the garage. I have been using it for 16 years. The ten feet that the City will allow will not permit me to get into the garage at all and I will lose it. If some area were made available we would have no objection regarding the closing of Second Street, but if it is not we have no way to get into the garage. I am prepared to do anything that is reasonable. We do need a driveway and if we get it the way I suggest, we will be satisfied."

Mr. T. E. Vaughan, 50 Connaught Avenue appeared before Council and said he had no objection to Second Street being closed.

The City Manager: "The decision on which streets to close and which to leave open came from the members of the administrative staff. It was decided purely on the location of the streets with no reference to the people living in the particular houses. Third Street was in the middle and First Street we had to leave open. The reason we thought it advisable was because we know it costs money

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to pave, supply curb and gutter and lights. If they are closed the people will not be on a corner. There is every desire of the City to see that the garages are placed so that they can be used. Mr. Soley has the most serious problem. At no time has the matter been influenced for a proposal to sell these lots. It was to save costs on streets that are not necessary. You have had poor conditions before because we did not have permission to go on them, but now we have. We would have to put in a curb and gutter and it will mean an assessment to the owners. Some day the sidewalk will be demanded and there will be an additional assessment. There has been no wish on behalf of the City to ignore your problems."

Alderman Lloyd: "Would the people against the closing favor taking one-half of the street each at no cost to them? There is a reason for this. It all started with First Street. People had their fences on the half of First Street. If the City did not take it over and the subdivider did not make a claim, it was suggested that the abutters could fence off one-half of the lots. The matter was before the Legislature and it decided that people who buy lots have the privilege to keep them as bought, and the legislation was turned down. Last year the only legislation we obtained was that the City expropriate the land for street purposes. Now if we close them, it will require legislation and I wonder what will happen if some of the people oppose it. I would believe from the feelings of the Legislature before, they will view it with some concern and say 'no, we think you should let the property remain as it is.' Would the abutters be in favor of closing the streets if the City gave them the land to the centre line at no cost to them? If they would consider that I would be happy to defer the consideration of this matter."

Alderman Ahern: "I am prepared to vote against the closing of the streets."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the matter should be finally settled. The owners are in an uncertain state of affairs. I think

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there is more reason to close First Street than the others.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that a committee of three be appointed to further negotiate with the abutters and report back to Council in two months time. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominated Alderman Lloyd and Kitz and one other Alderman of their choosing to comprise the Committee.

It was agreed that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ALTERING STREET LINES BAYERS ROAD

A Public Hearing into the matter of altering the official street lines of Bayers Road from Connaught Avenue to Dutch Village Road as shown on Section 9D of the Official City Plan was held at this time.

No persons appeared either for or against this matter.

The following resolution was then submitted:

W H E R E A S the City Council of the City of Halifax has considered the relocation of the official street lines of that portion of Bayers Road, shown on Sections 9 and 10 of the Official City Plan, which were confirmed by the City Council on April 13th, 1909, and are shown on Section 9D of the said Official City Plan as lying between a black line laid down on said Section 9D and the eastern side line of the Dutch Village Road.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 551A of the City Charter public notice of the intention to vary such street lines has been given by advertisement inserted at least once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the City of Halifax, the first of such notices being published at least three clear weeks prior to the 13th day of August, A. D. 1953, that being the day appointed by the Council to consider the matter;

AND WHEREAS the said notice stated the intention of the said City Council to vary the said official street lines of Bayers Road hereinbefore referred to and the date of the meeting of the City Council.

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appointed for the consideration of the matter and that the plan proposed to be altered and the proposed changes therein may be inspected at the Office of the Commissioner of Works and City Engineer, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., on any day during office hours;

AND WHEREAS the City Council has considered the said matter and has determined to vary or alter the said official street lines of Bayers Road hereinbefore referred to in the manner set out on a plan filed in the Office of the Commissioner of Works as Section 9D of the City Official Plan, whereby the said official street lines as altered are shown in solid blue lines;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority in it vested by Section 551A of the City Charter as aforesaid, the Official Plan of the City be amended by relocating the official street lines of Bayers Road as hereinbefore described in the manner shown on Section 9D of the Official City Plan.

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section 549 of the City Charter the Commissioner of Works do forthwith set up adequate bounds or monuments to mark the said official street lines as varied and make a record of the date of the setting up of such bounds or monuments and the location and nature of the same.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

REZONING EAST SIDE DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had a request from Mr. J. A. Walker, Q. C., for a deferment of this matter again.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that

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the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Alderman Lloyd: "I was quite happy last month to go along with the deferment.. If some substantial progress has been made I would be in a better position to vote. Do you know of any development taking place at the moment that might bring the people in agreement?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No concluded development."

Mr. J. E. Rutledge, M. L. A., Q. C.,: "I talked with Mr. Walker and he intimated to me that the Trustees of the Power Estate had made some overtures about the disposition of the property and he would like a deferment for another month. I told him that the people I represent felt they are being kicked about. We feel if there is a deferment that it should be disposed of next month."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Hearing is concluded. The only thing we are concerned with is an agreement of the Council. If an arrangement is made it will be brought before Council for approval."

Mr. Rutledge: "We would like to hear from the trustees about their proposal before it comes to Council."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that is a reasonable request."

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Dunlop excused from voting because of a personal interest in the matter.

APPEAL RE OCCUPANCY PERMIT 150 KAYE STREET

Read letter from Mr. John A. Walker, Q. C., as follows:

Halifax, Nova Scotia,
Canada

July 31/53.

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

Dear Sir: Re: 150 Kaye St: Joseph Harris
S.739 (a) (4) City Charter

I am enclosing herewith Notice of Appeal to the City Council from the refusal of Charles E. Day, Building Inspector, to grant an occupancy permit in respect to the above premises.

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Will you please advise me time and place at which the Council will hear the appeal as I wish to be present on behalf of Mr. Harris.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Walker.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that Council fix Thursday, September 17, 1953 at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S. as the time and place for the hearing in this matter. Motion passed.

SECTION 23B OFFICIAL CITY PLAN

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Clerk of Works.
Date: August 12, 1953.
Subject: Section 23B - Official City Plan.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on August 11th considered a report from the Commissioner of Works advising that a plan has been prepared and suggesting that it be forwarded to the August 13th meeting of City Council to set a date for a public hearing.

The Committee approved the report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, September 17, 1953 at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S. as the time and place for the hearing in this matter. Motion passed.

OFFICIAL STREET LINE PORTION OF BAYERS ROAD

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Clerk of Works
Date: August 12th 1953
Subject: Alteration of Official Street Line of Bayers Road

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on August 11th agreed to recommend to City Council that the date of September 17th,

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1953, be set as the date for the laying down of official street lines on Bayers Road, 70 feet apart from Connaught Avenue to a distance of 394 feet west of Micmac Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, September 17, 1953 at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., as the time and place for the hearing in this matter. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF STAFF HOUSE #3 MULGRAVE PARK

Halifax, N. S.,
August 13, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Health and Welfare Committee held this date consideration was given to the operation of Staff House #3 as an Emergency Shelter.

The Committee recommends that the City offer the sum of One Dollar for the purchase of the building and that the land be leased for a term of three years at the annual rental of \$1.00 and that the Housing Administration again review their estimate as to the cost of remodelling the building.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

Re: Staff House No. 3, Mulgrave Park

Gentlemen:

Following your instructions as given at the last meeting, I have been in touch with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation re the acquisition of the above building for emergency shelter purposes. The Corporation has been in communication with the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and the latter has agreed to the sale of this building to the City subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the intended use of the Staff House is specifically to facilitate the closing of Chebucto Court and Sackville Street projects.

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(b) A lease, similar to that in existence on the land on which the other Staff Houses are located in this area, is to be entered into with the exception that it would not be for a period in excess of three years.

Regarding the purchase price of this building, no amount has been given as to what would be acceptable. In view of the estimated cost of remodelling the building to suit our purposes, namely \$16,000., the City Manager has suggested that the City offer a nominal sum for the purchase of the same. This is also based on the fact that the land can be leased only for a three year term.

The Corporation is anxious to remove all these buildings from the site as soon as practicable so that the land can be developed.

Attached is a copy of the letter of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Yours truly,

J. F. McManus,
ADMINISTRATOR.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved.

Alderman Vaughan: "I wish to protest the purchase of this additional emergency shelter. It is new to the City Emergency Shelter Roll of property and if we are approaching the housing problem from this avenue, then I cannot go along with it. If we acquire any housing accommodation it should be of a permanent nature and of a longer life than these staff houses. It will cost you a great deal of money to rehabilitate them. The money we will take in will not cover that. We will lose \$300.00 per unit per year. C. M. & H. C. propose that we acquire it for three years only. I don't think it is fair to acquire it and spend \$12,000.00 to rehabilitate it. I am definitely opposed to this move."

Alderman Kitz arrives 9:10 P. M.

His Worship the Mayor: "The amount of money is to be re-examined. The \$16,000.00 was for a longer term. For this short term, we will revise it downward."

Alderman Hatfield: "For the amount of money we are proposing to spend on that old building, we could put up a number of buildings under a Limited Dividend Corporation and we will have a better in-

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vestment in the long run. On the other hand getting rid of Chebucto Barracks will be good. These barracks will be replaced with buildings that will bring \$15,000 to \$20,000 in taxes each year. In one way I would like to support Alderman Vaughan, but in Ward 7 I would like to get rid of the barracks."

Alderman Macdonald: "I believe that the \$16,000 could be cut down to a minimum of \$2,000 to \$3,000 for a short period. I think getting rid of Chebucto Barracks would be very desirable to everybody in the City."

Alderman Lane: "I think you are borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. I can see no point in the world for the City to increase their interests in buildings of this sort. I doubt if any of the buildings are fit to bring up children in. I think it is a great mistake and I would associate myself with Alderman Vaughan in opposing this."

Alderman Lloyd: "The question of rents came up at the Finance Committee and it was understood that this should not be a welfare undertaking. It seems to me that if we charge what it costs, there would soon not be any tenants. If we are going to provide houses to people who can afford to pay as against welfare cases, it seems to me we need to examine the situation again and get it straightened out. I believe nothing but welfare cases should enjoy a low rate. There is no harm in offering \$1.00 at this time for the building. We will consider costs later."

The motion was put and passed 9 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Moriarty
Dunlop
Macdonald
Lloyd
Kitz
O'Malley
Ahern
Hatfield

AGAINST IT

Alderman Lane
Vaughan

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DISPOSITION QUINPOOL ROAD SCHOOL PROPERTY

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee held on the above date the matter of the disposition of the Quinpool Road School Property was considered.

The Committee heard representations from Mr. R. A. Kanigsberg, Q. C. on behalf of the Shaarshalom Congregation who wish to purchase part of the school site for Church purposes.

Your Committee recommends (1) That the Quinpool Road School Property be disposed of.

(2) That an area 100 ft. on Oxford Street and 250 ft. on Pepperell Street running east from Oxford Street be sold to the Shaarshalom Congregation at a price to be fixed by the City Assessor, subject to the subdivision of this land being approved by the Town Planning Board.

(3) That the balance of the land be referred to the Town Planning Engineer, to draw up a plan and make a recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

Read letter from Charles B. Smith, Q. C., representing Sobeys Stores Limited and requesting the opportunity of submitting a tender for the purchase of the property.

Alderman Dunlop: "I think part 2 of the report is very dangerous and one I cannot support. To divide the property will reduce its value and result in a loss to the City. I cannot go along with offering City property to any organization without public tender. If this is passed there is nothing to prevent any other body to come along and say they would like to purchase the other piece of property. All organizations of a similar character should be asked to tender. To ask the City Assessor to take on this duty is far outside his duties. It is not fair to him. I am therefore against the resolution."

Mr. Donald MacInnes, Q. C., appeared before Council and

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addressed it as follows: "I am appearing on behalf of an organization that would be pleased to tender for the whole property and they would erect a building that would cost about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a million dollars. We have not prepared any plans but we have been interested in the property. This is one of the few large properties left in the City. I have every sympathy for a Synagogue here but we have to remember that this is a commercial district and one which under the Town Planning is a business district. If the lot is sold it will leave an "L" shaped lot and will reduce the value as a commercial property. This building will be a source of revenue. The principle of having the City Assessor fix the price is wrong. It may be that he will put a high price on it, or there may be a low price and if so, that is a gift to the Synagogue. My people are anxious and willing to tender. My interests are the Dominion Stores. They have a building in the vicinity, but it is leased and it is not adequate for their needs. If they have this lot they will have a large parking space which would assist the City of Halifax to a great extent. We are not opposed to a Synagogue as such, but we oppose the lot being sold without public tender."

Alderman Allen arrives. 9:30 P. M.

Alderman Macdonald: "Has the property been officially turned over to the City from the School Board. I have not been told officially?"

City Manager: "It has never been officially announced to the Council. We received a letter after the last meeting of the School Board. I have another person who is interested in the property as well as those stated tonight."

Mr. Nathan Green appeared before Council and spoke as follows: "I am spokesman for the newly formed Shaarshalom Congregation which was formed a few weeks ago. It constitutes fifty families. We have looked over the whole city for a suitable site. When we learned that this piece of land was available we were interested because it was very suitable for our uses, as we must pray to the east and

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many of our people live in the same area. The lot is zoned for residential purposes and is not available for commercial uses. There is a petition from the people on Pepperell Street against the rezoning of the land to commercial. We will erect a building that will be a credit to the City, but we cannot compete with Sobey's and the Dominion Stores. I don't think it is right for different religions to bid for a piece of land. I think the method of selling land to a religious association in this manner has been done before. There were no tenders. We feel that the price will be fixed on the basis of a residential area. We ask not to be put in the position as tendering against sister religions or commercial organizations."

Alderman Kitz: "The important point is this, it is not business or commercially zoned land. I remember land being sold before when a man put in a tender and if his price was right the land was sold. I always voted against this procedure with one exception when a religious body wanted land and the Council approved the sale. This organization is not asking for subsidization. They are prepared to pay a going figure. The City Assessor has in the past fixed the value of land many times. It will not be considered as a gift. No matter where this building goes it will not bear taxes. The request is fairly modest."

Alderman O'Malley: "There are three aspects relating to this matter. (1) The procedure by which it came before Council (2) The circumstances by which this property was returned to the City and (3) The subdividing of one parcel of land. The School Board at a recent meeting decided that the building would be turned back to the City. The purpose of that was because the Board realized that the City could get a very handsome price for the property. The School Board has a request for additional Schools in that vicinity and that was the particular reason the property was turned back to the City at this time. To dispose of this lot will very definitely

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reduce the value of the land. If we cannot get every cent that the property is worth the Council is selling the City short. Upon the appointment of the City Manager a policy was determined that no land would be offered for sale except by tender."

His Worship the Mayor: "The City Manager did bring a memo to the Council on the matter of selling land and he took in the policy that was already decided."

Alderman O'Malley: "I think the procedure is all wrong. I think the matter should be gone into thoroughly by the Safety Committee, the Finance and Executive Committee and then to Council. The very most we should do is to refer the matter back to the Town Planning Board and the Board of Works and then decide what we are going to do with the property."

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the matter be referred back to the Town Planning Board and Work Committee to decide what should be done with the property.

Alderman DeWolf: "This has been done before, but I think we should not hasten the matter. I think the Town Planning Board should give consideration to the matter. I have every sympathy with those that made the proposal because they came in early, but it should be studied carefully. It is probably one of the most valuable pieces of vacant land in the City today and we should be careful before we change the zoning."

His Worship the Mayor: "This is only one property. It is not subdivided, but the zoning line runs through it."

Alderman DeWolf: "I think it is only right and proper that the matter go to the Board of Works before it comes here."

His Worship the Mayor: "Council can deal with it directly."

Alderman Vaughan: "I supported the motion in the Committee because it was pointed out by the officials that the land was residential. I think the people on Pepperell Street should be given protection. Supermarkets may be the trend, but I have no concern for

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them. They say they are large taxpayers. I remember one store coming into a district and six small stores went out of business. I don't have too much sympathy with Supermarkets. I think the proposal to set the price is not an unfair one. It was done in the past. For these reasons I am supporting the motion from the Finance Committee to sell the property."

Alderman Ahern: "There will be considerable land left on the Quinpool Road side of the property. There will be plenty of room. I am supporting it."

Alderman Macdonald: "Quinpool Road is a valuable commercial center and I think the citizens should be given an opportunity to tender for the area. I would go along with the request of the Pepperell Street side which is purely residential and I think that in all fairness to the people they are entitled to some thought in the matter."

Alderman Lane: "In the plan submitted to Council I notice the area for the Congregation. The balance of the lot is fairly large. Could a mutual agreement be arrived at. Could the people interested in the property look into the matter in this light. Could the matter be discussed if the motion to defer were passed?"

Alderman Ahern: "I would be against changing the zoning on Pepperell St."

Alderman Lloyd: "We have a request and precedents have been set before. I feel that perhaps some arrangement could be arrived at with the particular people who will tender."

Alderman O'Malley: "I feel very definitely that this should be sold in one parcel. In moving the amendment I thought the very thing suggested by Alderman Lloyd could be fairly decided by the Board. The interested parties will no doubt have their representatives present and we can come to a conclusion."

Mr. McInnes suggested a solution to the problem might be to sell a portion 100 x 132 feet to the Congregation and put up the balance for public tender.

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Mr. Green said his principals had given much thought on the matter of a minimum sized lot and said if they were sold the portion they requested there would still be 137 feet left on Pepperell Street.

Alderman Lloyd: "We have to give consideration to the amount of aid that we as a public body are willing to give to a religious body. I think the reasons given against the motion are very unfounded. The proceeds of the land can only be used on a Capital project. Ten chances to one there will be a grocery building established there. I wonder if we could realize what tax revenue we would get if there were several business properties established in that area. The church will make a good buffer to cut off the commercial area from the residential area on Pepperell Street. The purpose of tenders is to do away with undue pressure that may be made. I must condemn the suggestion that any question of principle is involved here. Any church should be assisted. Many of the people are substantial taxpayers. The question of procedure is that the Finance Committee did in fact pass a resolution to accept the land and then the next resolution was passed. The arguments tonight have failed to change my view on this matter. The arguments fail when examined."

Alderman O'Malley: "In my mind if this matter goes back to the Town Planning Board and Work Committee does not mean that our friends who are seeking the property will not obtain it. I would like to see it properly handled."

Alderman Macdonald: "The resolution that came from the Finance Committee did not recommend what will happen to the rest of the property."

His Worship the Mayor: "That will be studied by the Town Planning Board."

The amendment was put and lost 5 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Moriarty
Dunlop
Lane
O'Malley
DeWolf

- 5 -

AGAINST IT

Alderman Macdonald
Lloyd
Kitz
Ahern
Allen
Vaughan
Hatfield
MacMillan

- 8 -

The motion was then put and passed 9 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Macdonald
Lloyd
Kitz
Ahern
Allen
Vaughan
Hatfield
MacMillan
Moriarty

- 9 -

AGAINST IT

Alderman Dunlop
Lane
O'Malley
DeWolf

- 4 -

Alderman Dunlop gave Notice of Reconsideration and moved for a Stay of Proceedings, which was seconded by Alderman O'Malley.

The motion was put and lost 4 voting for the same and 9 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Lane
O'Malley
DeWolf
Dunlop

- 4 -

AGAINST IT

Alderman Macdonald
Lloyd
Kitz
Ahern
Allen
Vaughan
Hatfield
MacMillan
Moriarty

- 9 -

NAVY THANKS TO CITY FOR SERVICES OF RECREATION DIRECTOR

Department of National Defence
Royal Canadian Navy

Office of Flag Officer Atlantic Coast H.M.C.
Dockyard, Halifax, Nova Scotia

30th July, 1953.

Your Worship,

I take pleasure in inviting your attention to the exemplary

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conduct of Mr. Gregory Donovan of the City Recreation Staff during the recent incident involving chlorine gas in the Gymnasium at H.M.C.S. Stadacona.

The Commander was most impressed by Mr. Donovan's control over the children at all times. His assistance and judgment contributed materially to the safe evacuation of the children and reflects very favourably on the Recreation Staff of the City of Halifax.

Yours truly,

R. E. S. Bidwell
REAR ADMIRAL, R.C.N.

His Worship R. A. Donahoe
Mayor of Halifax
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the letter be filed and a copy forwarded to the Director of Recreation. Motion passed.

PURCHASE AND EXPROPRIATION PROPERTIES FOR ENLARGING
ALEXANDRA SCHOOL GROUNDS

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report was submitted from the City Assessor recommending purchase of the following properties required to enlarge the Alexandra School Playgrounds; funds to be provided from the Land Sale Account:

Eli Legere	4 Alexandra Place	\$ 6,000.
Lottie Glawson	6 " "	4,000.
Lewis C. Zwicker	8 " "	4,000.
J. J. Perry	40 Cornwallis St.	6,500.
Est. Pierce Mullaley	31 Maitland St. (lot)	500.
Anna G. Ross	45 " "	1,500.

and also that the following properties be expropriated:

2 Alexandra Place	- Mr. Wilfred Rafuse
10 " "	- Mr. Charles Goodman
35-7 Maitland St.	- Ina Amyoony

Your Committee recommends (1) That the properties listed be purchased at the selling prices indicated. (2) That the sales be completed only on vacant possession of the properties being given to the City. (3) That application be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs for permission to use the sum of \$22,500.00 from the Land Sale Account to defray the cost of acquiring the said properties and (4) That expropriation proceedings be commenced with respect to the above mentioned properties.

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

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Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved.

Alderman Dunlop: "The Assessor should be given power to continue negotiating with the property owners to try and complete the negotiations. It is quite often that you can negotiate after expropriation proceedings are filed."

The motion was put and passed and it was also agreed that the Alderman's suggestion be approved.

The following resolution was then submitted:

W H E R E A S the City requires money to defray the cost of acquiring land for the purpose of enlarging the playground of Alexandra School;

AND WHEREAS by Section 618E of the Halifax City Charter it is provided in part that any sums received by the City of Halifax from the sale of any vacant land owned by it may be applied by the City to such City purpose as the Minister of Municipal Affairs may approve;

AND WHEREAS the provision of adequate playgrounds for a public school is deemed by the City Council to be a City purpose within the meaning of said Section 618E of the Halifax City Charter.

AND WHEREAS by Section 72 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1946 as amended, it is provided in part that any sums received by the City of Halifax from the sale of the remaining portion of the Airport and from the exchange of land with His Majesty as in that Section referred to may be applied by the City for such City purpose as may be approved by the Minister;

AND WHEREAS the provision of adequate playgrounds for a public school is deemed by the City Council to be a City purpose within the meaning of the said Section;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and under the authority of Section 618E of the Halifax City Charter and under the authority of Section 72 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1946, as amended, the City apply a sum not exceeding Twenty-three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000.00) from

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the monies received by it from time to time from the sale of vacant land owned by it and from the sale of the remaining portion of the Airport and from the exchange of land with Her Majesty, authorized by said Section 72 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1946, for the purpose of acquiring certain lands and premises to be used for the purpose of enlarging the playground of Alexandra School, which lands and premises are as follows:

4 Alexandra Place	Eli Legere	\$ 6,000.00
6 Alexandra Place	Lottie Glawson	\$ 4,000.00
8 Alexandra Place	Lewis C. Zwicker	\$ 4,000.00
40 Cornwallis Street	J. J. Perry	\$ 6,500.00
31 Maitland Street (lot);	Estate Pierce Mullaley	\$ 500.00
45 Maitland Street	Anna G. Ross	\$ 1,500.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his approval.

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

APPOINTMENT APPRAISER EXPROPRIATION ALEXANDRA SCHOOL GROUNDS

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Manager suggesting the name of Mr. Herbert Hemming as the City's Appraiser in connection with the expropriation of properties required for the enlargement of the Alexandra School Playgrounds.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SIDEWALK ARMCRESCENT WEST

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

Date: July 30th, 1953

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Sidewalk - Armcrescent West

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 28th,

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the attached report from the City Manager recommending that sidewalk be ordered this year on the east side of Armorescent West, at a cost of \$650.00, was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

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

SIDEWALK 1298 BARRINGTON STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.
From: Clerk of Works
Date: August 12th, 1953
Subject: Sidewalk - #1298 Barrington Street

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on August 11th, considered the matter of reimbursing Messrs. Russell-Hipwell Engines Limited, for part of the cost of sidewalk they installed at their own expense in front of their premises #1298 Barrington Street.

The difference between the cost of a normal sidewalk and the amount of assessment would be \$68.69.

The Committee recommended that Russell Hipwell Engines Limited be reimbursed in the amount of \$68.69 and that the necessary legislation be secured to pay same. Alderman Dunlop dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the report be approved. Motion passed with Aldermen Dunlop, Kitz and Hatfield wishing to be recorded against.

SIDEWALK 1248 BARRINGTON STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council. Date: July 30th, 1953
From: Clerk of Works
Subject: Sidewalk - #1248 Barrington Street

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on July 28th, considered the question of reimbursing Fairbanks-Morse Company for

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part of the cost of sidewalk they installed at their own expense in front of their premises #1248 Barrington Street. The difference between the cost of a normal sidewalk and the amount of assessment would be \$163.74.

The Committee recommended that Fairbanks-Morse Co., be reimbursed in the amount of \$163.74, and that the necessary legislation be secured to pay same. Alderman Dunlop dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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

STREET LIGHTING RALSTON AVE., ACADIA STREET, LEPPERT STREET,
BALMORAL ROAD AND QUEEN STREET

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

Date: July 30th, 1953

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: STREET LIGHTING - NEW SUBDIVISION

A report from the City Electrician recommending that six 250 C. P. Street Lights be installed on Ralston Avenue, at a cost of \$476.64, to be charged to Capital Borrowing, was approved by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on July 28th, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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

From: Clerk of Works

Date: August 12th 1953

Subject: Street Lighting

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on August 11th, a report from the City Electrician recommending that the following street lights be installed, was approved and recommended to City Council for adoption:

Acadia Street, between Vestry and Rector Street - also on Vestry Street near Gottingen Street - Approximate Cost - \$103.96

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Leppert Street - That the present two street lights on Leppert Street be replaced with new fixtures with one additional near Phillips Street - Approximate Cost -	\$133.32
Balmoral Road - 6-250 C. P. Lights - Approximate Cost -	536.64
Queen Street - 2 -250 C. P. Street Lights, between Spring Garden Road and the Infirmary - Approximate Cost -	178.88

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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

AMENDMENTS ORDINANCE #6 "ELECTRIC WIRING" 2ND READING

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered amendments to Ordinance #6 respecting "Electric Wiring and the use of Electrical Energy" which were read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council.

It was agreed to recommend that the amendments be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENTS

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the amendments as submitted to the last regular meeting of the City Council be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #17 JUNK DEALERS 2ND READING

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

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The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered an amendment to Ordinance #17 respecting "Junk Dealers" which was read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council.

It was agreed to recommend that the amendment be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENT

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

1. Section 10 of Ordinance Number 17, respecting Junk Dealers, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

10. Every shop or place of business occupied by any junk dealer shall be closed at 12 noon on every Saturday and shall be kept closed until 8 o'clock in the forenoon of the following Monday, and no junk dealer shall purchase in the way of his business any article whatever from any person whomsoever or sell any article to any person on any day between the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock in the forenoon of the following day or on any statutory holiday.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the amendment as set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

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AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #33 SECOND READING

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered an amendment to Ordinance #33 respecting "Canvassing for Subscriptions and Orders for Newspapers, Books, Magazines and other Periodicals", which was read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council.

It was agreed to recommend that the amendment be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENT

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

1. Section 7 of Ordinance No. 33 respecting the Canvassing for Subscriptions and Orders for Newspapers, Books, Magazines and other Periodicals, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

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7. It shall be the duty of the Inspector of Licenses or such other person designated by the Council therefor to register in a book to be kept for that purpose the name, age and residence of every applicant for a license, the name of the father and mother of such applicant when the same is under twenty-one years of age, and the name of the publisher or the publisher's agent recommending the same.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the amendment as set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

REPEALING ORDINANCE #24 SECOND READING

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered the repealing of Ordinance #24 respecting "Citizens' Free Library" which was read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council.

It was agreed to recommend that the repealing of Ordinance #24 be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

REPEAL

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

1. Ordinance No. 24, respecting Citizens' Free Library, is repealed.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the Repeal of Ordinance #24 as set out above be read and passed a

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second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

RESUBDIVISION HIGHLAND PARK-NORMANDY DRIVE AREA

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council
Date: July 30th, 1953.

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Resubdivision of Highland Park

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on July 28th considered a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a plan of resubdivision of the Highland Park Area, Normandy Drive, showing the layout of a water easement and several prefab lots.

The Board concurred in the recommendation that this resubdivision be approved without a public hearing, as shown on Plan No. 00-6-12416.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Allen that the report be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be deferred for one month. Amendment passed.

RESUBDIVISION D. F. ROCKWELL - HOWE AVENUE

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.
Date: July 30th, 1953.

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Resubdivision, D. F. Rockwell - Howe Avenue

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on July 28th, considered a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a plan of resubdivision of land of D. F. Rockwell, Howe Avenue, in order to correct errors made in the original survey.

The Board concurred in the recommendation that this resubdivision be approved without a public hearing, as shown on Plan No. 00-6-12505.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that

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the report be approved. Motion passed.

RESUBDIVISION GRANT PROPERTY GOTTINGEN STREET

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

Date: July 30th, 1953.

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Resubdivision of Lands of Grant Property - Gottingen St.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on July 28th, considered a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a plan of resubdivision of the Grant Property, Gottingen Street, in order to correct certain survey errors.

The Board concurred in the recommendation that this resubdivision be approved without a public hearing, as shown on Plan No. 00-6-12504.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

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

RESUBDIVISION FERGUSON PROPERTY BAYERS RD. & HOWE AVE.

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

Date: July 30th 1953

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Resubdivision of Block 1 - Ferguson Subdivision -
Bayers Road and Howe Avenue

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on July 28th, considered a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a plan of resubdivision in order to correct survey errors.

The Board concurred in the recommendation that this resubdivision be approved without a public hearing as shown on Plan No. 00-6-12507.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Allen that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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RESUBDIVISION LOTS 68-69 & 64A ABBOTT DRIVE

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.
From: Clerk of Works
Date: July 30, 1953.
Subject: Resubdivision - Lots 68,69 and 64A - Abbott Drive, Abbott
Heights.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on August 11th, considered a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of Plan No. RR-k-12493, of a resubdivision showing an exchange of land to provide Ashburn Avenue to extend through to Elliott Street and to close off the proposed extension of Hemlock Street through to Elliott Street.

The Board concurred in the recommendation that this resubdivision be approved without a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Allen
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CLAIM HENRY J. AND ALICE M. COUVELL

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.
From: Clerk of Works.
Subject: Claim - Henry John Couvell and Alice May Couvell

The attached report from the City Solicitor recommending that the City defend the action and that he be authorized to accept service of any writ issued in connection with a claim from Henry John Couvell and Alice May Couvell that on February 19th 1953, Mrs. Couvell stepped into a catchpit or hole or depression and fractured her right ankle and leg, was considered by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on July 28th 1953.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Allen

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that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PAYMENT DAMAGES TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL

To: His Worship the Mayor and Date: July 30th, 1953.
Members of City Council.

From: Clerk of Works.

Subject: Payment of Claim for Damage to Traffic Control Signal.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 28th a cheque in the amount of \$75.00 was submitted by Messrs. Lewis & Dunlop, Ltd. in settlement of damage to a traffic control signal at the corner of North and Agricola Streets by a vehicle owned by Thompson Transfer Co. Ltd.

The Committee recommended that payment be accepted and release signed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Allen
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CANOPY 143 CUNARD STREET AND 180 GOTTINGEN ST.

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

From: Clerk of Works

Subject: Canopy - 143 Cunard Street

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 8th, the attached report from the Building Inspector recommending that permission be granted the West End Supplies Ltd., to erect a canopy at #143 Cunard Street, with an annual rental of \$6.00, was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

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

From: Clerk of Works

Date: August 12th, 1953.

Subject: Canopy - #180 Gottingen Street

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on August 11th,

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considered a report from the Bldg. Inspector, in regard to an application from Mr. L. Zifkin, to erect a canopy at #180 Gottingen Street, approximately 2' x 23'.

The Committee approved same with the recommendation that the minimum rental be \$5.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Allen that the reports be approved. Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATES STANDARD PAVING MAR. LTD. & R. S. ALLEN

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council. Date: July 30th, 1953.
From: Clerk of Works
Subject: Final Certificates

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 28th the following final certificates payable to Standard Paving Maritime Ltd., were approved and recommended for payment:-

Sewer Rehabilitation	\$11,578.24
Sewer Capital	14,509.69
Bayers Road Housing Project	581.59

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Clerk of Works
Date: August 12th 1953.
Subject: Final Certificate - Grafton Street Parking Lot

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on August 11th, a certificate in the amount of \$11,870.00 payable to R. S. Allen, for final payment on their contract for the construction of Grafton Street Parking Lot was approved and recommended to City Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

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Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Allen
that the reports be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council,
From: City Manager, A. A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: August 11, 1953
Subject: Accounts over \$500.00

In accordance with Section 119F of the City Charter,
the following accounts are submitted for Council's
approval. These accounts have been certified and
audited.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Works	McConnell Nursery Co.	platanoides & rubrum	\$ 1,020.00
Works	Northern Electric Co.Ltd.	80 ft. poles	2,189.00
Hospital Accounts	V. G. Hospital	maintenance of patients	63,740.47
Library	W. H. Smith & Son(Canada) Ltd.	Books	2,874.01
Works	Stairs, Son & Morrow,Ltd.	Tractor Shoes, Link Assemblies, Bolts, Nuts, Lockwasher,Sprocket	1,608.06
Works	Standard Clay Products, Limited	Sewer Pipe	1,614.77
Advertising	Wallace Advertising Ltd.	Advertising	1,231.20
Police	Alfred J. Bell & Co.Ltd.	Insurance	1,640.25
Finance & Accounting	H. R. Doane & Company	Auditing	4,460.00

A. A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Allen
that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CITY OF HALIFAX ART MUSEUM

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee held on

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the above date a resolution and agreements were submitted by the City Solicitor respecting the transfer of the location of the City of Halifax Art Museum from the Public Archives of Nova Scotia to the Halifax Memorial Library Building.

It was agreed to recommend that the resolution as attached hereto and agreements be approved with the understanding that no staff will be engaged to attend to these pictures and that the Board of Trustees of Public Archives of Nova Scotia be paid two-thirds of the honorarium of \$500.00 covering 8 months in 1953 and that the funds be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter.

Your Committee also recommends that the pictures be sent to Ottawa, Ontario, for cleaning and placed back in the Library Building at an estimated cost of \$700.00 to be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

W H E R E A S by Section 3 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1945, the City was authorized to establish and maintain an Art Museum and to enter into an Agreement with any person, board, committee, corporation or government for that purpose;

AND WHEREAS by Resolution passed at a meeting of the City Council on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1945, the City, pursuant to the authority contained in the above enactment, established an Art Museum, to be known as "The City of Halifax Art Museum", to be controlled by the Corporation of the City of Halifax and to be located in The Public Archives of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS by a certain agreement bearing date the 13th day of December, A. D. 1945, the City entered into an agreement with The Board of Trustees of Public Archives of Nova Scotia, providing for the locating of the said The City of Halifax Art Museum in The Public Archives of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the said agreement provided that the period of the same should be for five years from the date thereof and unless determined by the parties thereto at the expiration of such period by one month's notice in writing previously thereto given by either party to the other terminating the said agreement the same should continue in force and effect thereafter from year to year

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until terminated by either party at the end of any year by one month's notice in writing previously thereto given by one party to the other;

AND WHEREAS The Board of Trustees of Public Archives of Nova Scotia has agreed to terminate the said agreement on the first day of September, A. D. 1953, subject to the passage of a resolution by the City Council to that effect;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax be authorized to enter into an agreement with The Board of Trustees of Public Archives of Nova Scotia terminating on the first day of September, A. D. 1953, the said agreement of December 13th, 1945, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the said agreement on behalf of the City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agreement between the City of Halifax and The Halifax Memorial Library Board, prepared by the City Solicitor, and now submitted to this Council, be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City upon the execution of the agreement between the City and The Board of Trustees of Public Archives of Nova Scotia hereinbefore referred to.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exhibits comprised in The City of Halifax Art Museum be transferred from their present location in The Public Archives of Nova Scotia to the Halifax Memorial Library Building as provided in the agreement hereinbefore referred to between the City and The Halifax Memorial Library Board.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City include in the annual estimates of the City such sum as the City may be required to pay from year to year to carry out the terms and conditions of the said agreement with The Halifax Memorial Library Board imposed upon the said City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City arrange for adequate insurance upon such exhibits as may be displayed in the said The City of Halifax Art Museum after consultation with The Halifax Memorial

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Library Board and include the amount of any such premium in the said estimates.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council express to The Board of Trustees of Public Archives of Nova Scotia and to Dr. D. C. Harvey, Provincial Archivist, its sincere appreciation for the cooperation given by the said Trustees to the City to enable it to carry out the establishment of the said Art Museum and for the interest and assistance given by them in the maintaining of the exhibits while in their custody.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be requested to convey this appreciation to the said The Board of Trustees of Public Archives of Nova Scotia and to Dr. D. C. Harvey.

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Allen that the report and resolution be approved. Motion passed.

Alderman Kitz questioned the type of pictures that should be hung in the Art Museum and it was agreed that the matter be left to the discretion of the Art Committee of the Halifax Memorial Library Board.

COIN OPERATED RADIOS IN HOSPITALS

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

The Finance & Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered a request from the firm of Daley, Phinney, Ritchie and Black whereby legislation would be secured to amend Section 510 D-1 of the City Charter to permit the use of coin operated radios in hospitals.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Allen that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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AMENDMENT CITY HALL UNION AGREEMENT

W H E R E A S the City Council, at the meeting thereof held the 11th day of June, A. D. 1953, approved of a report of the Job Evaluation Committee recommending certain changes in the departmental establishment and salaries for the City Prison Division of the Department of Public Health and Welfare;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the salary scale and departmental establishment for the City Prison Division, approved by the City Council on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1950, and amended at a meeting of the Council held the 14th day of August, A. D. 1952, and further amended at a meeting held the 16th day of October, A. D. 1952, be amended by striking out the titles of the positions included in such establishment and the scales for such positions heretofore approved and substituting the following:

		<u>Salary</u>	
Governor		\$ 3480 -	\$ 3600 Plus H & S
Deputy Governor		\$ 3180 -	\$ 3360
Guards	First class	\$ 2760 -	\$ 2880 - \$ 3000
	Second class	2400 -	\$ 2520 - \$ 2640
Matron		\$ 1380 -	\$ 1500 - \$ 1620

The foregoing are not entitled to receive any cost-of-living bonus or extra pay for over-time work; provided, however, that where any guard, after having worked his regular shift, is required to work an additional shift or shifts he will be entitled to be paid for such additional shift or shifts at the regular shift rate.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Allen that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION RECREATION COMMISSION

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee held on the above date, it was agreed to recommend that a supplementary appropriation amounting to \$2200.00 be provided the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the

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City Charter to complete its program for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that
the report be approved. Motion passed.

WRITE-OFF TAXES 43 MAITLAND STREET

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee held on the
above date a report was submitted by the City Solicitor's Department
recommending that taxes in the amount of \$7.75 be written off under
the authority of Section 434 C of the City Charter chargeable against
#43 Maitland Street, which has been purchased by the City for the
purpose of enlarging the Alexandra School Grounds.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the
report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE OFFER OF 6¢ BY CITY FIELD UNION

July 18th, 1953.

August A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager for City of Halifax,
City Hall, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, in which you informed
us that at a meeting of the City Council held on the 16th of July
1953, Council voted an increase of six cents per hour across the
board, retroactive to January 1st, 1953.

I have been instructed by the negotiating Committee of the Union to
except the offer of Council. We feel that although we did not
receive the amount we felt we were entitled to as this matter is long
drawn out it was thought better to except the six cent offer and retain
the good relations we enjoyed with Council in the past.

Trusting that the agreement will be fixed up as soon as possible on
behalf of the Union I remain,

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cody,
Rec. Secretary & Business Agent.

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Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Allen that the letter be accepted and filed. Motion passed with Alderman Macdonald wishing to be recorded against.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACTS RE WAGES

Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 29th, 1953.

His Worship, R. A. Donahoe, Q. C.,
Mayor of Halifax,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Walker and Hall Limited has asked me to write you concerning its current work for the City of Halifax involving 1953 construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters etc.

The tender of Walker and Hall Limited for this work was submitted on May 11th last, and was based on the then prevailing rate of wage for casual labor of \$1.00 per hour. Since work on the sidewalks was commenced, the City Council has, I understand, increased the prevailing rate for casual labor to \$1.06 per hour.

The request of Walker and Hall Limited is that the contract price be adjusted to reflect the increased rate of wage directed by the City to be paid to workmen.

I shall be pleased to provide you with any further information you may require in this respect.

Yours very truly,

L. W. Fraser, Q. C.

City Manager: "The Standard Paving Maritime Limited contacted me on the same matter. The same provision is in their contract. You may want to consider it at the same time."

His Worship the Mayor: "The City Solicitor is of the opinion that the increase could only be made to the firms as of the present time. It is clear we are obligated to adjust the wage scale as of tonight. That is the motion I would invite at this time."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the contract prices with Walker & Hall Limited and the Standard Paving Maritime Limited be adjusted as of August 13, 1953 to reflect the increased rate of wages granted by City Council to City Field employees. Motion passed.

Alderman Dunlop: "Is there any audit made to see if these men get the \$1.06?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think there will be."

Alderman Lloyd: "I would think it is the City Auditor's job to look into that matter."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should have a letter from the contractors that they will pay from tomorrow on."

City Manager: "We will check that matter. I don't think there will be any trouble."

His Worship the Mayor: "We will advise the contractors about this."

Alderman DeWolf: "We should consider if that clause should be omitted next year."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the Works Department should give some consideration to the matter."

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the matter be drawn to the attention of the Commissioner of Works to study and report back to City Council. Motion passed.

REQUEST CITY FIREMEN & POLICEMEN RE INCREASE IN SALARY

Read letters from the City Fire Fighters Benevolent & Protective Association and the Halifax Police Department Athletic & Social Club respectfully requesting that the salaries paid to Firemen & Policemen be revised upwards due to the new hourly rate of \$1.06 being paid to City Field employees.

Mr. George Robertson appeared before Council representing the Firemen and outlined the reason for their request. He said the firemen's salaries were based on a wage scale for the City Field workers of \$1.00 per hour and since that hourly wage rate has been increased to \$1.06 the firemen are making application for a proportionate increase retroactive to January 1st, 1953.

His Worship the Mayor: "We are obligated to make it retroactive to the City Field because the Union Contract was up on December 31st, but we are not obligated to pay back to the firemen. The scale was made on May 1st."

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Mr. Robertson: "The ratio is the most important matter. The other is not a matter of great importance."

His Worship the Mayor to Alderman Vaughan: "Was the scale that was set for the Policemen and Firemen ever considered by the Job Evaluation Committee or was it fixed before the salaries were referred to the Job Evaluation Committee?"

Alderman Vaughan: "It was fixed."

City Manager: "It was only for the officers. It was before the \$1.03 was arrived at by the Committee."

Alderman Vaughan: "I have to go along with the Policemen and Firemen in their request to be consistent in the matter. You can't pay the policemen and firemen what you are paying a man in the street with a broom."

Alderman Dunlop: "What other people in the City are effected by this. We can't raise one group without raising the whole group."

Alderman Lloyd: "I don't remain convinced that the proposal is the best one. I think these requests should go to the Job Evaluation Committee. If the whole policy has been changed then that is the place for the consideration of these requests."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Lane that the requests be referred to the Job Evaluation Committee for examination and report. Motion passed.

NOMINATION VACANCY ON JOB EVALUATION COMMITTEE

His Worship the Mayor: "At the last meeting of Council Alderman Vaughan very properly construing the action of Council tendered his resignation. I did not accept it at that time. He still feels the same and I have no choice, but to accept it. There is a vacancy on the Committee and I am open to nominations from Council."

Alderman Kitz: "In my case I gave the matter reflection after our action and came to the conclusion that it cast no reflection on Alderman Vaughan. I believe it should have been sent back to the committee when the amount of \$1.06 was suggested since they

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worked so long and hard on the matter. It should have been considered by the Job Evaluation Committee. I wonder if the Alderman would again accept nomination to that committee. I know the Aldermen appreciate the work that went into this job. I would **hesitate** to see it weakened in any way."

Alderman Lane: "I also appreciate the work Alderman Vaughan has done and I would like him to reconsider his decision."

Alderman Hatfield: "I don't believe the committee can exist without Alderman Vaughan. He has done 99% of the work. I want to see him back on the Committee."

Alderman Lloyd: "I would like to see him back on that Committee for reasons I expressed before that a ratio is the best basis. I voted in support of the 6¢ revision, but I gave a reason. The rate in the City had been increased."

Alderman Vaughan: "I recall during the last meeting of Council that Aldermen Lloyd mentioned that the Trades & Labor Council had given a 10¢ increase to the employees. I find that it came to 4¢ an hour for the labor class, which is only 2¢ for the whole year. It is near the amount that we had set at 2.6%. The Library Board also adopted a similar formula. I am prepared to continue on that committee providing that Council will support the Committee in their work to establish scales."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think you should feel you are only serving on the committee if the Council will accept the recommendations of the Committee. I don't want to let it be understood that by accepting a nomination that the Council is bound to accept any recommendation."

Alderman Lloyd: "Any vote against the committees' recommendations, is not to be construed as a vote of confidence against the Committee."

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Lane that Alderman Vaughan be re-appointed to the Job Evaluation Committee. Motion passed.

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TAG DAY

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held
on the above date, it was agreed to recommend that permission
be granted to the Halifax Minor Hookey Association to hold a Tag
Day on Friday night, September 25, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Vaughan: "The bulk of the funds for the Minor
League come from the Recreation Committee."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman
Lane that the matter be referred to the Recreation and Playgrounds
Commission for report.

The amendment was put and passed 11 voting for the same and
2 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Macdonald
Lloyd
Kitz
O'Malley
Allen
Vaughan
MacMillan
DeWolf
Moriarty
Dunlop
Lane

AGAINST IT

Alderman Ahern
Hatfield

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APPOINTMENT DELEGATES CONVENTION UNION OF N. S. MUNICIPALITIES

Alderman Moriarty	nominated	Alderman Hatfield
" Hatfield	"	" Allen
" Ahern	"	" Vaughan
" Kitz	"	" Lloyd
" Ahern	"	His Worship the Mayor
" Dunlop	"	The City Manager.

Alderman Kitz: "I think the matter should be left in the
Mayor's hands. The City Manager and Mayor should be two for sure."

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City Manager: "I will be glad to go, but the City Assessor is Past President of the Body and he can do better for the Institute and for the City. The same for the City Clerk."

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that nominations cease. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Lane that the voting delegates of the City of Halifax be persons selected by the Mayor from the Administrative Staff and the Aldermen of the City. Motion passed with Alderman Ahern wishing to be recorded against.

His Worship the Mayor: "Any member of Council who wishes to attend who is not a voting delegate is welcome to attend and provision will be made for his expenses."

It was agreed that any Alderman who wishes to attend the Convention should notify His Worship the Mayor.

APPROPRIATION 316 "C" SCHOOL BOARD AUDIT

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date it was agreed to recommend that a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$860.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter to cover the balance owing the Independent Auditors, H. R. Doane & Co., for their examination of the School Board Accounts. \$3600.00 has been provided in the Current Estimates and their total bill is \$4,460.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be approved. Motion passed.

APPLICATION TO PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD BY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION Re DEPRECIATION

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

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

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that the Public Service Commission has made an application to the Public Utilities Board to approve of certain changes in the depreciation reserve of the Commission.

He recommended that he be requested to attend the hearing on behalf of the City.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lane that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE MESSRS. W. E. CONRAD AND J. D. MACDONALD

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

From: Clerk of Works

Date: August 12th, 1953

Subject: Leave of Absence - Mr. Wm. E. Conrad

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on August 11th considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works relative to leave of absence extended to Mr. Conrad until September 1st. He suggested that Mr. Conrad be placed on superannuation, which would amount to \$397.47, and that further he be given a grant to bring his yearly income to \$1200.00 per year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Per J. B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N. S.,
August 11, 1953.

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

At a meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee held on the above date it was agreed to recommend that Mr. J. D. MacDonald, Sub-Collector be granted leave of absence for another month.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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