

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday  
February 17, 1955

A G E N D A

Prayer.  
Minutes

1. Motion Alderman Dunlop re Extending the Boundaries of the City.
2. " " " Amending Sections 17 & 18A of the City Charter.
3. " " Vaughan re Industrial Development Commission.
4. " " C'Malley re Shore Patrol.
5. Accounts over \$500.00.
6. Progress Payment J.M. Cleminshaw Co., \$8,925.00.
7. Infectious Diseases Hospital Account.
8. Tenders for Clothing, Police, Fire Departments and City Prison Staff.
9. Fire Alarm Signal Box Buckingham & Granville Streets.
10. Pension Grants.
11. Interest on Betterment Charges Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation
12. Shows on Commons.
13. Fairview Cemetery Lands.
14. Mott Street Change of Name
15. Metropolitan Survey.
16. Consideration of Assessments for Improvements.
17. Request Authority Commissioner of Health.
18. City Hall Union Requests for 1955.
19. Permission to use Available Funds for Fire Capital Purposes.
20. Real Property Tax Change in Legislation.
21. Fleming Glen Subdivision.
22. Hanover Street.
23. Encroachment Compton Avenue and Windsor Street.
24. Permission to build on undersized lot 13 Uniacke Street.
25. " " " " " " 252 Tower Road.
26. Application to build on undersized lot 464 Chebucto Road. (To T.P. Board)
27. Subdivision of Lands Seaborad Investors Ltd. Date for Public Hearing.
28. Resubdivision of K.M. Moore Property Bloomingdale Terrace.
29. " of Lots 9, 10, 15, 16, & 17 Bower Subdivision.
30. " Lands C.M.H.C. property North of Peter Lowe Avenue.
31. Streets and Roads Miller Subdivision.
32. Request for Rezoning S/W Corner of Inglis Street and Young Avenue.
33. Sackville Street Widening.
34. Parking Area N/E Corner Compton Avenue and Windsor Street.
35. Blasting Damages Claim Hemlock Street \$145.00.
36. Dartmouth Ferry Commission Lease.
37. Overhanging Signs.
38. Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission Act.
39. Request for Tax Exemption Maritime Conservatory of Music.
40. " " " " Philae Temple.
41. " " " " I.O.D.E.
42. " " " " Nova Scotia Tartan Ltd.
43. Grant Halifax Welfare Bureau.
44. " " Community Chest
45. " Maritime Conservatory of Music.
46. Resolution re Grants.
47. Lease Manning Pool and Staff Houses.
48. Assignment Prefab Agreement.
49. Halifax Natal Day.
50. Daylight Saving Time (Last Sunday in April to last Sunday in September).
51. Resignation City Treasurer.
52. Questions.

53. Legislation
54. Advertising Voters Lists.
55. Tourist Committee.
56. Legislation Streets and Walks Westmount.
57. Conveyance of Streets and Walks Westmount.
58. Conveyance and Legislation re Bayers Road Housing Dev Report.
59. Legislation re Community Housing.

#### DEFERRED ITEMS

Butler Bros. Property Cedar Street.  
City Field Union 40 Hour Week.  
International Trade Fair.  
Request Co-operative Housing Groups  
Repairs to Building Brunswick Street and Spring Garden Road.

#### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Financial Statement Halifax Forum Commission.  
City Manager's Administrative Report.  
Emergency Shelters Administration Annual Report.  
Tax Collections.  
Statistical Report Prefab Houses.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 17, 1955,  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, O'Malley, Ahern, Allen, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, W.A.G. Snook, L.M. Romkey, G.F. West, C.P. Bethune, Q.C., J.L. Leitch, V.W. Mitchell and Dr. A.R. Morton.

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 Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Lane that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN DUNLOP Re: EXTENDING BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that legislation be sought to extend the boundaries of the City of Halifax as defined by the Commissioner of Works and City Solicitor.

Alderman Dunlop: "Six of the Wards are below low water mark. In view of the fact that we are filling in land that is below low water mark, we should make sure that the land is within the City of Halifax."

The motion was put and passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN DUNLOP Re: AMENDING SECTIONS 17 & 18A OF THE CITY CHARTER

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane that legislation be sought to amend Section 17 of the City Charter by

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adding to subsection (a) the following words: "or a member of the Legislative Assembly Nova Scotia, House of Commons or Senate of Canada" and to Section 18A-1 of the City Charter by adding the following sub-section (c) "accepts a nomination as a candidate for election to the House of Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia or for the House of Commons or is appointed to the Senate of Canada. This amendment not to affect any present member of the City Council or the present Mayor.

Alderman Dunlop: "I believe in making rules before an event occurs and not during the course of the making. My thought is I don't want to see civic politics mixed up with Provincial or Federal politics which I am convinced will follow if we have the Mayor or members of Council members of the House of Assembly or Commons. I think the man who is Mayor of this City, at the present time we pay him a fairly substantial sum of money and it is a full time job. I have no thought of His Worship giving up his office at this time. If he had 2 or 3 years to run, I would not feel the same. I am happy that the present Mayor is in opposition rather than on the Government side."

He then added the following to the motion: "same to come into effect on April 30, 1955."

Alderman Lane: "I do agree that the man or woman who holds the office of Mayor of this City has his hands full."

Alderman Ahern expressed himself as being against the resolution and gave the names of many men who were members of the Government as well as City Council in the past years. He mentioned such names as McGeer, Healey, Hanley and Mason. He felt there was an advantage by having a member of Council a member of the Government.

Alderman Vaughan said that men who go to the House by experience in Council were better men. He felt it would be a better argument if it were in reverse that the members of the House were members of Council. He urged Council to defeat the motion.



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Alderman Kitz: "I feel there is an injustice to civic government if we weigh it against the ebb and flow of party politics. We employ a different technique, and so long as we employ that technique of no parties in civic government, I think we should hue to the line. How can you fail to find better argument when a sitting member enters the field. It is not human nature to divorce the sitting members background, that is civic background, and if the criticism is directed adversely to the candidate how can that fail to conflict in part on the government of the City of Halifax. If a member of this governing body promotes an idea before the other governing body, he must be torn between his duty to the Council and his duty to the political party he represents if the two are in opposition."

Alderman DeWolf: "I will vote for one and against the other. These should be two separate items."

Alderman Dunlop: "Section 17 would prevent a member of the Senate or House of Commons from being a Mayor of the City."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that discussion on this matter be deferred until the October regular meeting of City Council.

Alderman Lloyd: "I for one, long ago, expressed the opinion and I still hold it there is one suggestion I heartily agree with the leader of your ( His Worship the Mayor's ) party and that is men taking an active part in political affairs, if that is not so then all that can happen is a gradual awakening of the two party system of Government. In municipal government today, we have to understand the meaning of Dominion Provincial Tax Agreements and we have to know something about constitutional law and economics of taxation. There is a need for a better appreciation of our position. We have another matter before us. It has been proposed that the Aldermen's terms should not be staggered. Whether we

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agree with that is yet to be decided. It will bring with it a new approach. The civil servant can run for public office and has done so with my endorsement. The civil servant can serve here. Till the term of Mayor is settled it would be unwise to make any change.

Alderman Vaughan: "It might be well to consider the changing complexion of our representative bodies in the Dominion Government today. We find the members are being drawn from a shrinking source. A smaller and smaller group of people are available for public office. This would further reduce the scope whereby a man may work in a democratic system. I think we should go in the opposite direction to broaden the field from which we can bring them in. I hope a deferment will give members of this Council an opportunity to give a little more time for thought to this motion of Alderman Dunlop's which is a very important one."

The amendment was put and passed 8 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Adams  
Lloyd  
O'Malley  
Ahern  
Allen  
Vaughan  
Hatfield  
MacMillan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Kitz  
DeWolf  
Dunlop  
Lane

- 8 -

- 4 -

MOTION ALDERMAN VAUGHAN Re: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Kitz that legislation be sought for the establishment of an Industrial Development Commission and that the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to contribute 50% of the current budget of the Commission.

Alderman Vaughan: "We know that Halifax's prosperity and progress depends primarily on the growth of defence installations

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in the area. That industry does form the backbone of the whole economy of this area. It is therefore wise to do all in our power to develop the area with industries that could locate in Halifax to advantage. There are certain industries that could not locate in Halifax with regard to our geographic position. Unless plans are made and unless we can call in the best brains in this area, we will find ourselves drifting in the same manner as we have over the years. I know of one industry in this area that brings to Nova Scotia one half million dollars of material used in the processing of articles sold in the Halifax area. These articles could be produced in Nova Scotia. I know that condition does exist. I think a Commission such as I am suggesting established for Halifax, drawing to it the best brains in the area, we could attract to this area certain industries that could operate economically. The power produced here could be made available to industrial organizations at a cheaper rate if the Public Utility Board would permit it. There will be a surplus of power at off peak hours on the home owners. We have the rail water and many other things that would attract to the area industry of certain types. I would like to see a Commission established and I would like to see Mr. Norman Smith of the N.S.L. & P. Co., Ltd. and Mr. McNab of the Public Service Commission sit on it to properly plan for the development, not only of Halifax, but the surrounding areas."

His Worship the Mayor: "Do you envisage the scope of the Commission would be broad enough to include the operation of the Port of Halifax Commission?"

Alderman Vaughan: "No."

Alderman Kitz: "There is a crying need for this area to look for industry. Industrially we are built around the armed forces; that is true. This gives us a single industrial community."

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We are at the peak of a new concept in warfare. Atomic and hydrogen power used in warfare might even materially affect the concept of defence as it is known today. If that came about, as a community we would be dealt a very heavy blow. The Department of Economic Affairs serves the end of what the mover has moved. We are in a critical position in our affairs but this can't help be but a step in the right direction. It is a case of seeking out industry to locate here. We brought in Cossar but I say it with a degree of regret, it has not repeated half a dozen times as we had hoped."

Alderman Ahern: "I support Alderman Vaughan's motion. For a great many years I have endeavoured to do something industrially. The City of Halifax brought Cossar & Co. in. They have 250 people. I think we should go out and do something. That is why I agree with Alderman Vaughan. We have to take the leadership. Why depend on the Federal and Provincial Government bodies. We got the ice company on Barrington Street with head office in St. John established here. If we can get 2 or 3 each year we should do well."

Alderman Hatfield: "One City has an Industrial Committee which looks into the figures on the importations into Canada. They check whether they can produce it in their locality at a reasonable price and that is why they brought in so much industry. They say they have reduced the unemployment to nil."

Alderman Lloyd: "I support the motion but with the thought in mind that when a Commission is established that it retain and engage a fully competent person who knows what makes the wheels of industry turn. So long as it is not hog tied the spirit of competition should prevail in this area."

Alderman Vaughan: "The committee appointed on the Trade Fair discussed this matter at some length and we intend to approach the exhibition in a different light. We intend to place before the people who come there, much the same as we have here: the economic status as much as possible. The City of Halifax has the highest

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family income of any area in Canada. We intend to place before them such things as roads, sewer and water. I think if the Commission is formed it can take on the operation of the exhibit in future years."

The motion was then put and passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN O'MALLEY Re: SHORE PATROL

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the City request the Naval Defence Department to establish a permanent Shore Patrol within the bounds of the City of Halifax.

Alderman Dunlop: "I suggest we find out any possible objections from the Navy. I have heard some. I don't think the incidence of crime is any greater than among our own people. I would like to know if the Chief of Police is satisfied with the way the Naval Patrol is carrying out its duties."

Alderman Ahern: "I suggest we handle this very carefully. There are excellent relations between the City and Naval Authorities. I would like to hear from the Chief of Police at the Safety Committee."

Alderman Lane: "I don't think the Chief should be put on the spot and asked to answer at this particular time. It may be possible to supply this Council with the incidents in confidence."

His Worship the Mayor: "In so far as the incidents that are reflected in Court proceedings, there are figures available as to civilian and naval persons."

Alderman Kitz: "I think the proper thing would be negotiation. This is an internal matter for the Navy to cope with."

Alderman O'Malley: "These incidents did not happen with the members of the Naval Department. It came through the Shore Patrol with our own Police. We would have a liaison between the two Departments. Incidents in the press concerning the Stipendiary Magistrate and County Magistrate brought this to my mind."

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Alderman Vaughan: "There are 7,000 young men between the ages of 17 and 35 and we have to guage our reckoning on the incidents. I think it is unfair that one or two incidents involving the members of the Navy should get the publicity. I would say this that if there is a problem and I doubt if it is a serious one, I think it is the responsibility of the Chief of Police to bring to the attention of the Council if he has any difficulties with the Naval Forces."

Alderman Hatfield: "I am against this motion. I spent 6 years as an Officer in the Navy. I think it is good training for them to spend some time on the Naval Patrol. I would be against placing permanent men on the Patrol."

Alderman Lloyd: "If we are wrong we certainly want to know. It maybe that the Navy has something to tell us. Perhaps this question will bring it out."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Chief is of the opinion that the liason would be more effective if the shore patrol were trained as police personnel."

Alderman Ahern suggested a conference be held on the Mayor's Office between the Chief of Police, head of the Naval Police and the Rear Admiral.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that a conference concerning this matter be held between the interested parties. Amendment passed with Alderman Lane wishing to be recorded against.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

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

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

Date: February 15, 1955.

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.

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Finance	C.H. Stuart & Co., Ltd.	Insurance-Hospital liability prem. & Public liab. prem. T.B. Hospital	948.18
Finance	Phillips & Marshall	Approp. Journal Acct. Payable " & Ledgers and Carbon	619.03
Finance	The National Cash Register Company of Canada, Ltd.	Servicing accounting machines	520.50
Finance	Jack & Co., Ltd.	Money & Securities Insurance Policy	1,872.00
Finance	Central Mortgage & Housing	25% share of Expend-- on Fed.-Prov. Project for $\frac{1}{4}$ ending Dec. 31/54	9,811.57
Finance (Stores)	L.E. Shaw, Limited	Concrete Sewer Pipe	700.00
City Home	Darling Brothers, Limited	Heating Section for No. 16 Type "R" Heater	522.72
Works	Department of Highways & Public Works	$\frac{1}{2}$ cost of patching pavement Dutch Village Rd. 1.9 miles Arm Bridge to Fairview Underpass	1,500.00
Works	Municipal Spraying & Contracting Ltd.	Crushed stone	4,171.13
Works	Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow	Caterpillar parts	1,507.44
Works	Standard Paving Maritime	Rental for Shovels	1,170.00
			<u>23,342.77</u>

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

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

PROGRESS PAYMENT J.M. CLEMINSHAW Co., \$8,925.00

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

TABULATION OF TENDERS  
UNIFORMS --- CITY PRISON

ITEM No. 8  
CITY COUNCIL  
FEB. 17/55.

SUPPLIER	UNIFORMS	CAPS	SHIRTS	NECK TIES	OVER COAT	TROUSERS, GRAY
1 Morris Goldberg	-	3.49	3.72	.65	-	12.65
2 Tip Top Tailors	46.75 47.60	4.45	3.40 3.80	.85 -	35.50	#10.00 12.75
3 Laytons Clothing Co.	44.35 42.65	3.70	3.30 3.74	.65	34.95	13.25
4 Simpsons Ltd.	44.50	4.09	3.85	.75	37.91	12.80
Esquire Tailors	54.00	4.00	3.75	#.60	53.00	15.50
Eaton Co. Ltd.	44.53	4.39	3.53	.75	37.44	12.54
Colwell Bros Ltd.	-	#3.63½ Muir 3.63½ Stokes	3.71½ Deacon 3.97½ Tooke 3.42½	.79 - - -	- - -	- - -
8 Gordon B. Isnor	46.25	-	#3.38 Tooke	.80	#34.40	-
9 Stokes Regalia	-	3.25 Plus Tax	-	-	-	-
10 Blumenthal Co. Ltd.	#43.75	4.05	-	-	\$ 37.30	\$12.50

Recommended Bid :

TRAY TROUSERS	-	<u>TIP TOP TAILORS</u>	--	Lowest bid
OVERCOAT	-	<u>GORDON B. ISNOR</u>	--	Lowest bid
NECK TIES	-	<u>ESQUIRE TAILORS</u>	--	Lowest bid
SHIRTS	-	<u>GORDON B. ISNOR</u>	--	Shirt selected is "Tooke Transport" as requested in specifications. Low bid for this shirt.
CAPS	-	<u>COLWELL BROS.</u>	--	// Summer & Winter Hat selected, and preference given to Halifax Dealer over low bid of Stokes Regalia for same hat. Difference is 62¢ and for convenience in fittings worthwhile
UNIFORMS	-	<u>BLUMENTHAL CO. LTD.</u>	--	Second lowest bid. Independent appraisal of Cloth samples placed cloth for lowest bid in separate lower category. All other samples fell into same class with some slightly better than others.

*A. A. DeBard, Jr.*

A. A. DeBARD, JR.,  
CITY MANAGER.

Alderman Macdonald arrives 9:35 P.M.



TABULATION OF TENDERS  
UNIFORMS ----- POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUPPLIER	UNIFORMS	OFFICER UNIFORM	GRAY UNIFORMS	GRAY HATS	RIDING SUIT GRAY	SHIRTS
1. Eaton Co. Ltd.	44.53	44.53	49.09	4.39	49.09	3.53 Tooke
2. Colwell Bros. Ltd.	-	-	-	3.63½ Muir 3.63½ Stokes	-	3.97½ Tooke 3.42½ Tooke Dea- } # 3.71½ con.)
3. Gordon B. Isnor	46.25	49.25	-	-	-	3.38 Tooke
Stokes Regalia	-	-	-	3.25 Plus Tax.	-	-
4. Lumenthal & Co. Ltd.	44.40	44.40	48.75	4.40	48.75	-
5. Tip Top Tailors	49.30 47.10	49.30 47.10	50.80	# 3.60	50.80	3.40 Tip T. 3.80 Deacon
6. Clayton Clothing Co.	45.00 43.25	45.00 43.25	# 47.30	3.70	# 47.30	3.30 Mark 3.74
7. Simpsons Ltd.	# 44.09	# 44.09	49.54	4.44	49.54	3.85 Deacon
8. Quire Tailors	54.00	54.00	57.00	4.00	57.00	3.75 " "
9. Morris Goldberg	-	-	-	-	-	3.72 " "

Recommended Bid #

SHIRTS: Colwell Bros. Ltd. - Lowest bid for Deacon shirts as requested in specifications for Police Department.

GRAY RIDING

SUITS: Clayton Clothing Co.: Lowest bid.

GRAY HATS: Tip Top Tailors: Bid three cents more than tender of Stokes Regalia Co., Toronto. Preference given to Halifax Supplier. Both tender on same hat.

GRAY UNIFORMS - Clayton Clothing Co. Lowest Bid

UNIFORMS: - Simpsons Ltd.: Second lowest bid, independent

appraisal of cloth samples placed cloth for lowest bid in separate lower category. All other samples fell into same class with some slightly better than others.

*A. A. DeBard, Jr.*

A. A. DeBARD, JR.,  
CITY MANAGER.

Alderman Macdonald arrives 9:35 P.M.

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TABULATION OF TENDERS  
UNIFORMS..... FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUPPLIER	UNIFORMS	TROUSERS.	OVER-COATS	SHIRTS	CAPS
1 Morris Goldberg	----	-	-	\$3.72 } Deacon	# \$3.25
2 Eaton Co. Ltd.	\$39.00	\$12.40	\$37.44	\$3.53 } Tooke	\$3.76
3 Top Tailors	39.50 40.40	12.35 12.75	34.50	3.40 } 3.80 } Own D'Con	3.60 3.20
4 Clayton Clothing Co.	39.40 37.90	12.45 11.95	# 32.95	3.30	Work man. 3.50
5 Simpsons Ltd.	# 38.79	12.47	37.92	3.85	D'con. 3.81
6 Quire Tailors Ltd.	45.00	14.50	38.00	3.75	D'con. 4.00
7 Lumenthal & Co. Ltd.	38.90	12.40	37.30	-	3.75
8 Stokes Cap & Regalia	-	-	-	-	3.25 Plus Tax
9 Well Bros. Ltd.	-	-	-	3.97½ } Tooke } 3.71½ } Deacon } 3.42½ } Tooke }	3.63½ } Muir } 3.63½ } Stokes }
10 Gordon B. Isnor	40.00	# 11.45	34.40	# 3.38 Tooke	3.55

RECOMMENDED BID # -

CAPS - Morris Goldberg: Low bid.  
SHIRTS- GORDON B. ISNOR: Shirt selected is "Tooke Transport" as requested in specifications. Low bid for this article.

OVERCOATS- CLAYTON CLOTHING CO. Lowest bid.

TROUSERS - GORDON B. ISNOR Lowest bid.

UNIFORMS - SIMPSONS LTD. Second lowest bid- Independent appraisal of cloth samples placed cloth for lowest bid in separate lower category. All other samples fall into same class with some slightly better than others.

*A. A. DeBarb*  
A.A. DeBARB, JR.,  
CITY MANAGER.

Alderman Macdonald arrives 9:35 P.M.

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above date agreed to recommend for payment an account of The J.M. Cleminshaw Co. amounting to \$8,925.00 for services rendered to January 31, 1955.

Respectfully submitted

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNT INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

Halifax, N.S.,  
February 14, 1955.

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 for acceptance an offer of the Army Benevolent Fund to pay the sum of \$145.00 in full settlement of an account of the Infectious Diseases Hospital amounting to \$218.23 for hospitalization of Harold Wm. Drew.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS CLOTHING - POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND CITY PRISON STAFF

The reports are attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "Who made this appraisal?"

City Manager: "It was somebody in Halifax not connected with any of these companies. The Fire Department took all the samples down to this person."

Alderman Dunlop: "I would like to be satisfied that he is an independent expert."

City Manager: "The Fire Chief told me the person who looked over the cloth is not connected with any of the bidders."

The motion was then put and passed.

Alderman Macdonald arrives 9:35 P.M.

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SALE OF FAIRVIEW CEMETERY LANDS TO CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING GROUPS

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 31st, 1955

Subject: Re: Portion of Fairview Cemetery Lands.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 27th 1955, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer relative to subdividing a portion of Fairview Cemetery land directly behind St. Andrew's School was considered.

The Committee recommended that this piece of land be subdivided into 45' x 100' lots for single dwellings, and that the City lay down the streets and services and advertise the lots for sale.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Halifax, N.S.,  
February 14, 1955.

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

A report from the Committee on Works recommending that a portion of Fairview Cemetery land directly behind St. Andrews School be subdivided into 45' x 100' lots for single family dwellings, and the City lay down streets and services and advertise the lots for sale was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your committee recommends that the land be sold to co-operative groups as raw land at a price to be recommended by the City Assessor.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report of the Finance and Executive Committee be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report of the Committee on Works be approved.

Alderman Vaughan: "In the case of the Kelly Co-operative Housing Group the City sold 2 lots for \$1.00 each to the Relief Commission in order to round out the properties by them and they

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were sold to the group. A few months ago the City voted in favor of selling to the Basinview Co-operative Housing Group, land on Memorial Drive consisting of 11 lots for \$500.00 a lot. This was raw land. The services to be installed and the cost against the abutter. This is one way we have in assisting housing apart from subsidized rental project. If this land is not made available, their plans will cease and they will not have houses. This is a one shot subsidy. We are subsidizing 161 families on Bayers Road at \$8,000.00 or \$9,000.00 a year and that is going to be continued. We are assisting people who would not normally be able to acquire homes for themselves."

Alderman Lane: "I supported the recommendation of the Committee on Works. There were certain things brought out in the discussion by a representative of these groups bidding for the land which did not seem to be democratic. I intend to oppose it tonight. The Manager mentioned there were some people who wanted to get lots in the City. One woman indicated she wanted 11 lots to form a co-operative group. I think it is in the best interests of the City to follow what we have been doing and adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Works. "

Alderman Dunlop: "I did not support this plan the last time and I don't think it is fair to a large number of people who are not members of co-operatives. It is going to take considerable money to do the developing. I think the City should do it and then it will come up for bids. The groups will be able to bid. We are not tying their hands. We can determine after the bids are in what we will do. I think it is wrong in principle to say that the Assessor shall have the say in putting on the value. I don't think that is part of his job. If it is going to be sold to co-operative groups, it should be advertised to any known co-operative groups to put in a tender. There may be a dozen groups who would want to enter into it."

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Alderman Macdonald: "I was against selling this land to co-operative groups at a lower price than actual land values. While I would like to see every citizen of Halifax have the opportunity to acquire a home, I still think it is somewhat unfair to select a group and sell to them land which probably gets half its value. There are many people in Halifax who are in the same circumstances as the people who form these groups. In all fairness to the citizens I do think they should have a chance to bid on any available land in the City of Halifax. We should carry out our policy of calling for tenders when we have land available."

Alderman Vaughan: "We did follow the policy of selling land to special groups. There was the Shaar Shelom Congregation, C.B.C., and City Dump property without tenders. 800 prefab houses were sold to the tenants who had no more right to those houses than the rest of the citizens in Halifax. Nobody raised objection at that time. These people have formed co-operative groups under the Nova Scotia Housing Commission Act. They will not be permitted to buy this land if it is over a certain amount. This land is bounded by the railway on the west and a rental project on the east and on the north by what is to be another Federal Government housing scheme. It is not land that the public are going to seek out too readily. They say give us the land at a reasonable price and we will build the houses. From that point on they become tax payers. It is to be sold as raw land. The people can do their own labor and thereby reduce the costs to themselves."

Alderman Lloyd: "I felt there was some merit in us supporting these people in acquiring the homes. This is the kind of transaction that is open and clear cut. This particular move has the support of all sections of labor. There are some of our policemen who are interested in this type of operation."

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Alderman Lane: "The spokesman mentioned that there was an agreement whereby anyone going into this could only dispose of the house by the consent of the group."

Alderman Vaughan: "The 4 groups are incorporated companies. The company makes the payment to the Provincial Treasurer. If an owner wants to sell, he can only sell with the permission of the Company and to a person agreeable to them. That is the Act."

Alderman Lane: "That is the way I heard it the other night."

Alderman Ahern: "I feel these young men should be encouraged to get their homes built. I am going to support this motion to-night. If the price is \$500.00 a lot, it is enough for that land."

Alderman Dunlop: "This is cemetery land and under the Act the proceeds must go into the cemetery account. It is our duty in this sale to see that the City gets the maximum amount of money for this land."

His Worship the Mayor then read certain sections of the Act for the information of Council.

Alderman Hatfield: "I found I was up against a stone wall unless I could get some consideration from the City of Halifax. That was with the Community Housing Ltd. Three quarters of the money is provided by the Federal Government and that brings in new money to Halifax and stimulates industry."

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman O'Malley  
MacMillan  
Dunlop  
Lane  
Macdonald

AGAINST IT

Alderman Lloyd  
Kitz  
Ahern  
Allen  
Vaughan  
Hatfield  
DeWolf  
Adams

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Alderman Dunlop: "Will this exclude any other co-operative or will the 4 get it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We were advised that the 4 mentioned are in existence."

Alderman Lloyd: "It is these 4 as I understand it."

The motion was put and passed 7 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Kitz  
Ahern  
Allen  
Vaughan  
Hatfield  
DeWolf  
Lloyd

AGAINST IT

Alderman O'Malley  
MacMillan  
Dunlop  
Lane  
Macdonald  
Adams

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GRANT MARITIME CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

February 14, 1955.

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 request from the Maritime Conservatory of Music for financial assistance was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to make an annual grant of \$4,000.00 to the Maritime Conservatory of Music for each of the next five years beginning June 1, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Vaughan: "As much as this grant is to be paid, I think the Council should have some voice on it. The City should have the right to name a Director to this organization so long as the grant is made."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan that the grant be made conditional upon the Act of Incorporation of the Company as a provision that the City of Halifax have the right to name a representative to the Board.



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There was no seconder to the motion.

Alderman Lloyd: "I will include that in the motion."

Mr. H.R. Wyman addressed the Council in support of the request and also advised that there would be no objection by the Board to include a City representative on same.

Alderman DeWolf: "Was the \$5,000.00 from the Provincial Government to be annual?"

Mr. Wyman: "It was for the current year only. I did mention at the time we would probably be approaching them to have it continued in future years."

Alderman DeWolf: "Your capital debt of \$10,000.00 is it not payable over a period of 10 years?"

Mr. Wyman: "We could arrange that."

Alderman Kitz: "Are we fooling ourselves \$4000.00 for 5 years or is this perpetuity?"

Mr. Wyman: "I am hoping with this assistance and similar from the Province in 5 years we may not have to be calling on you again."

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf that an outright grant of \$10,000.00 be made and that legislation be secured to take it from the Post.War Fund.

There was no seconder to this amendment.

Alderman Dunlop: "I would like to see us give this organization \$5,000.00 for this year. Next year they could give us their balance sheet and show us what they got from the Provincial Government. I think if we start \$4,000.00 for this year we are going to keep it up for 50 years."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that legislation be secured at the present session of the Legislature enabling the City to make a grant of \$5,000.00 to the Maritime Conservatory of Music for the year 1955.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Vaughan  
Hatfield  
MacMillan  
DeWolf  
Dunlop  
Lane  
Macdonald  
Kitz

AGAINST IT

Alderman O'Malley  
Ahern  
Allen  
Adams  
Lloyd

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REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION MARITIME CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

February 14, 1955.

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 request from the Maritime Conservatory of Music for exemption from business tax was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to exempt the Maritime Conservatory of Music from business tax on properties occupied by it.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

LEGISLATION

(1) Section 370 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(12) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act, the Maritime Conservatory of Music shall not be liable to be assessed for Business Tax in respect of its occupation of real property while such real property is occupied for the purposes of the said Maritime Conservatory of Music.

(2) The City may write off and cancel any Business Taxes assessed to the Maritime Conservatory of Music in respect of the year 1955.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

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REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION PHILAE TEMPLE

February 14, 1955.

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 request from Philae Temple for tax exemption on their building located on College Street was considered.

It was decided to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to exempt Philae Temple from real property tax on the portion of the building on College Street occupied by it.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

LEGISLATION

(1) Section 370 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(13) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act, the lands and premises known as civic number 73 College Street shall be exempt from real property taxation by the City during such time as the same are owned by E.J. Matheson and R.H. Cordes in trust for Philae Temple and their successors and used by the said Philae Temple for the purpose of the said Philae Temple to the extent that such lands and premises are so used.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act, Philae Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine shall not be liable to be assessed in respect of its occupancy of the portion of the said lands and premises known as civic number 73 College Street occupied by the said Philae Temple for the purposes of the said Philae Temple.

(2) The City may write off and cancel any real property taxes and taxes in respect of the occupation of real property assessed for the year 1955 against Philae Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine in respect of the ownership and occupation of the lands and premises known as civic number 73 College Street.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

SHOWS ON COMMONS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 31st, 1955.  
Subject: Shows on Commons.

February 17, 1955.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 27th, 1955, the City Manager submitted the following applications for permission to hold shows on the Commons:-

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Name of Show</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Walter Callow	Bill Lynch	2 wks. May 24 - June 24-1955 1 week in August
Scotia Branch Canadian Legion	Model Shows	July 25- August 6
Kiwanis	Celtin and Wilson	July 11- July 16

The Committee recommended that the applications of W.P. Lynch and Model Shows be approved and that the Chief of Police make enquiries about the Celtin and Wilson Show.

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: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Shows on Common - Celtin and Wilson

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 10th 1955, the Kiwanis Club's application for a permit for the Celtin and Wilson Show to show on the Commons the week of July 11th 1955 was considered.

The Committee recommended that this be referred to City Council with the recommendation that the Kiwanis Club be asked to have their representative appear and present their reasons why this particular show should be here from July 11th to July 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the applications of Lynch Shows, Model Shows and Celtin & Wilson Shows be approved.

Alderman Vaughan stated the Recreation Commission did not want any shows on the Commons and he was against the Celtin & Wilson application but was in favor of the Lynch Shows as it was a local concern.

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He felt that shows should not be on the canal all summer as it was a drain on the Göttingen Street merchants.

Alderman O'Malley stated that the recreation commission suggested that the City may find it feasible to establish the shows on the Forum Commission property.

Alderman Allen retires 10:55 P.M.

His Worship the Mayor: "Does your show have supervision by members of the Kiwanis Club?"

Mr. Gawley: "Yes. There will be certain members of the Club at each performance."

Alderman DeWolf: "I am sure the Forum Commission would like to be the host of these shows. It is well worth considering when the applications are made. The Forum Commission will gladly open the doors. I think next year we should consider suggesting that."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the applications be considered separately.

The amendment was put and lost 4 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Ahern  
Vaughan  
Lane  
Lloyd

AGAINST IT

Alderman Allen  
Hatfield  
MacMillan  
DeWolf  
Dunlop  
Macdonald  
Kitz  
O'Malley

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

FLEMING GLEN SUBDIVISION

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Wallace Subdivision - Fleming Glen.

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At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 10th, 1955, the matter of the electric railway right-of-way in the Wallace Subdivision, was considered.

The Board recommended that legislation be obtained to close the right-of-way and vest the title in the City to sell it or any portion of it.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.P. Sabeau,  
Clerk of Works

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

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

Date: February 15, 1955.

Subject: Fleming Glen Subdivision.

This item has been under consideration for some time and the proposed subdivision resubmitted at least once.

In the resubmission certain modifications were made, eliminating dead ends and it was last suggested that it be ascertained how much the developers would pay for the City relinquishing the right-of-way. The letter reproduced below contains such an offer.

C O P Y

MARTIN H. BUSHELL, LL.B.

Barrister - Solicitor - Notary

February 1st, 1955

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Fleming Glen Subdivision and Right-of-way  
for Road and Electric Railway.

Further to my letter of January 4th, 1955. regarding the above, I am instructed by my principals, Messrs. Rex Burgess and John Wallace, to offer to the Corporation of the City of Halifax the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in full payment for the Corporation's right title and interest in the above right-of-way.

My principals' purpose would be served by delivery to them of a Deed to the right-of-way and a Resolution of City Council directed to the Honourable R.M. Fielding in support of a Bill for its extinguishment.

My principals request an opportunity of being heard when this offer is considered by City Council.

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Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Martin H. Bushell.

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

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the reports be approved and legislation be sought to accept the sum of \$3,000.00 and close the right of way to public use and also convey any rights the City may have in it. Motion passed.

CITY HALL UNION REQUEST FOR 1955

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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 letter from the Halifax Civic Employees Federal Union #143 and a report from the City Manager respecting a new contract were considered.

Your committee is forwarding same to Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Date: February 14, 1955.

Subject: City Hall Union - Requests for 1955.

On November 30, 1954 the Halifax Civic Employees' Federal Union - No. 143 requested negotiation for the 1955 agreement on the following points:-

1. That the Union Secretary receive a copy of all promotions and appointments monthly.
2. That the Rand Formula be incorporated in our Agreement.
3. That the revised Salary scale attached hereto, be adopted.

The salary scale is not duplicated at this time as it seems the principal involved should be first decided. The salary demand is the same as the one not granted in 1954 where \$420.00 was asked as an addition to the maximum with the minimum to stay the same. Had this request been granted the effect would have been:-

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1. To raise most employees \$420.00 since most of them were at their maximum.
2. To institute very large ranges between the minimum and the maximum.
3. To scrap to a considerable degree job evaluation efforts of the City Council.

City Hall Union employees feel City Field employees have received increases of 33 1/3% plus 10%, Police and Fire received 23% plus 9% since 1950, and the 5 grades of clerks have received only 9% at most. They estimate the cost to the City to grant their requests will be approximately \$30,930.00 annually.

The request for a list of promotions and appointments has been granted by the Manager.

The Rand formula was devised by a Canadian judge. The justification for the formula which compels the payment of dues by all eligible employees but does not compel them to belong to the Union, is based on the fact that all employees benefit from Union negotiations. Aside from the argument that the Rand formula interferes with an individual's choice, it may also operate to keep a Union as a bargaining unit after the employees have ceased to desire such representation. Granting of this request is not recommended.

In my conferences with union representatives, I have stated salaries paid by the City of Halifax compare favourably with those being paid by other employers in Halifax. No evidence has been presented to me by the Union that this statement is incorrect. I do not know if taxpayers have made the same representations to Aldermen as to the level of our salaries but many feel we are 'leading the parade'.

Having advised the Union, I cannot recommend the Rand formula and further increases, they are appealing to Council.

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

February 8th, 1955.

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

In recent discussions with the City Manager regarding the negotiations of a new contract between the City of Halifax and the members of the Halifax Civic Employees Federal Union Local #143, we were unable to reach an agreement on two important issues, the Rand Formula and a new salary scale.

The Union in requesting the Rand Formula feels that it is only fair that all employees who may be bargained for by the Union should pay dues. This in no way forces any employee who is not presently in the Union to join, but we feel they should be obliged to pay for the benefits they may be deriving as a result of the Union bargaining for their positions.



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The salary scale that we are seeking to have adopted is the difference between what we were seeking and what we received in 1954. We realize the difficulty the City Council has in trying to meet a higher budget each year, but we feel the City Hall employees are not being fairly treated as far as salaries are concerned in comparison with other city employees. For example, the City Field employees have received increases amount to 61% of their 1950 salary scale whereas the graded clerks in the City Hall have not received more than 9% of their 1950 salary scale.

We wish to have this matter brought before your next meeting of the City Council and that this letter be read to the members. Also we would like to have our representative heard on our behalf at this Council meeting.

Enclosed is a copy of the requested salary scale.

Yours very truly,

Carl Simmons, President  
Halifax Civic Employees Federal  
Union  
Local 143.

It was agreed that Mr. Simmons be heard as the Union spokesman.

He then addressed Council as follows: "In 1950 all employees were given salary increases or salary scales and we took a 3 year contract. When we started our original negotiations we had agreed to a 3 year contract along with Police and Fire Departments. We were forced to a 5 year salary scale while the other departments were not. While we were held to the 3 year contract the Police, Fire and City Field employees obtained increases. The Police and Fire Departments have obtained increases of 23% plus an increase to start in July due to the shorter working hours. The City Field has received increases 61% which greatly exceeds the City Hall. Our clerks have received increases of 9%. There are some employees who have received no increase whatsoever. The maintenance at the City Field are paid more money than some of the members of our Union. The Federal clerk grade three is comparable to our clerk grade four. Their grade three gets \$360.00 more than our grade four. It would appear that the City Manager is going away with Deputies and Divisional Heads. In time it will only leave the Department Heads and Clerks. In time you will have no one trained to step up to the position of a Department Head. There will be no

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incentive to work harder and longer for a promotion. It just appears that way at this time."

Alderman Lane: "We asked Mr. Simmons or we did request some figures for salaries in industry in the City with which we might compare our own. I have not received figures like that. I feel that we should know what private industry is paying their clerks who are doing the same type of work."

Alderman Vaughan: "Efforts have been made to draft proposals for salaries of employees. It is difficult to make a comparison of the clerks grade 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The time has arrived when we must seek some special advice on the matter of salaries. I would suggest that someone undertake this job. The function of a Manager is to manage and it is his responsibility to see that the City progresses in an orderly manner. A study and review of salary scales as they apply to positions is a matter of technical advice. It would be much easier on this Council if something were done to rate the employees on a base factor. I think to do justice to our civic employees and be fair to the taxpayers, we should engage the services of some person qualified to do this work and report back to the Council when the survey is completed. I am sure the employees would be better satisfied if an independent person were engaged to make an appraisal."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the City Manager be instructed to produce to the next regular meeting of Council the name of a competent person or persons to undertake a survey of the civic salaries as paid in the City of Halifax and propose salary scales; together with an estimate of the cost.

City Manager: "This is not a cheap job it would cost from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. I would suggest that it be done by agencies not in the City of Halifax such places as Montreal or Toronto."

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Alderman Lane: "It should be related to local industry."

City Manager: "The people will come in and do this. They would not take what is paid in Vancouver and then relate it to our scale."

Alderman Kitz: "I don't know but I wonder if the N.S.L. & P. Co. Ltd. and Shipyards Ltd. employ assistance of this kind. I am not too pleased with an expenditure of \$10,000.00 for this purpose. After you get this report you will have to come to grips with a salary scale. It may help your classifications. The City Manager is our bargaining agent and I think he should be able to do the job."

Alderman Lloyd: "If the Union expressed itself as in favor of such a matter it certainly would be the proper course to follow. Under the Manager system the civil servants would operate under Civil Service Regulations and pay established by the Council. I have never been satisfied with the job specifications that were reduced to simple descriptions that go with the job. This is long over due. I am sure this would go a long way to remove step ladder comparisons."

Alderman Dunlop: "We turned down their increases last year because we felt there should be no increase at all. After that there were raises for the Police, Fire and City Field Employees. I would like to see the \$10,000.00 spread among them. I think the Union bargains for everyone. They do not approve of picking out the man who is missed. I think they are entitled to some increase but not \$120.00 by any manner of means."

His Worship the Mayor: "They have had an increase by shorter hours which is 8%."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the Rand formula should be granted. I think the other man should be prepared to pay for it if he gets the benefit."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't agree with that."

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Alderman DeWolf: "How many employees are involved?"

Mr. Simmons: "Roughly over 100."

Alderman DeWolf: "I can't see the City paying \$8,000.00 or \$10,000.00 for an expert to come in and set up a scale for 100 employees. There must be enough professional men in Halifax some of whom could start to be experts themselves. There are plenty of chartered accountants and solicitors. They could get the information and assemble it and provide us with the data we require. I don't believe we need to go outside the City they can go to other firms who have engaged officials for the same job. I would be very much against getting an outside firm to set that up for less than 100 employees."

City Manager: "That would cover Police, Fire and City Field Employees."

Alderman Vaughan: "Only technically qualified persons can come in and assess your staff. It would be of great value to the City Manager. The matter of the understudy in some departments would be gone into also. I don't think it is a wrong suggestion at this time."

His Worship the Mayor: "Their request was in as far back as last August."

Mr. Simmons: "That is right."

Alderman Vaughan: "What person in Council is going to say that a certified inspector in the Health Department should receive X dollars more than the machine operator working in the accounting department? Nobody. I think an injustice is being done to some employees. The job specifications could have been biased by Department Heads."

Alderman DeWolf: "Is there any one man who is qualified to assess value of employees? I don't think so. I think you will have to get another Cleminshaw in here."

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Alderman Lloyd: "Despite every attempt to do so it has been avoided. If Alderman Vaughan had not made this proposal, I certainly would have made it. I believe you would never get down to brass tacks for the job to be done unless such analysis was done. They must know that the functions are correlated to other jobs. There have been some things the Manager recommended in the past that the opposition to the recommendation has not come on the merits of the matter but because there was resentment to the Manager. This particular matter is of paramount importance to the success of our whole re-organization. You know it is possible for us to bring about improvements to the internal organization in the City Hall. The job analysis will certainly put us in the position to give a fair rate of pay to employees for jobs existing in the City. It is for their sense of happiness and contentment and chance of promotion that we all agree on."

Alderman DeWolf: "I like the idea but don't go so far away."

City Manager: "I will see if there is anyone in Halifax but I don't believe there is."

Alderman Ahern: "I think it is a waste of money and I will vote against it. Why should we have to go outside and make a decision. I think it is the responsibility of some high paid officials with the City at the present time."

Alderman Lloyd: "I am going from the top down and I am sure the Manager is perfectly willing to go through the mill too."

Alderman Hatfield: "If we don't get someone competent to do it we won't accept the recommendation when it is through. If we can get someone who has been doing that work we will be more inclined to accept his recommendations when they are brought forward."

His Worship the Mayor: "As long as he is qualified, I think you should do the whole job or none at all."

The motion was put and passed 10 voting for the same and 2 against it as follows:

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Allen  
Vaughan  
Hatfield  
MacMillan  
DeWolf  
Dunlop  
Lane  
Macdonald  
Lloyd  
O'Malley

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Kitz  
Ahern

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the request of the Union be deferred until the next regular meeting of the City Council when the City Manager's report will be submitted. Motion passed.

PERMISSION TO BUILD ON UNDERSIZED LOT #252 TOWER ROAD

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Permission to build on undersize lot #252 Tower Road.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 10th, 1955, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer relating to a request from Mr. Fletcher Smith for permission to vary the sideyard requirements to permit him to erect a new fourteen unit apartment building on a lot 50' x 125' at #252 Tower Road, was considered.

The Committee recommended that this be referred to City Council for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the permission requested be granted. Motion passed.

INTEREST ON BETTERMENT CHARGES CENTRAL MORTGAGE & HOUSING CORP.

A report was submitted from the City Manager advising that the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation had written to the City Collector under date of January 14, 1955 respecting Betterment Charges-Projects 19 and 19H and advising that they had not paid

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any interest charges because of the fact that the original bills had never been received at their office and requesting that the City waive the charges taking into consideration the manner in which the original bills were addressed. The interest charges to January 31, 1955 amounted to \$845.41.

City Manager: "I would like to ask Council if they would consider waiving this interest. They have been generous in selling the Army land in exchange for the School on Regent Road."

City Solicitor: "The C.M. & H.C. is a Crown Corporation and we can't compel them to pay it if they say they will not pay it."

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation be relieved of the interest charged amounting to \$845.41 as of January 31, 1955.

Alderman Lane suggested that in future it would be wise to register these bills as they are rendered.

The motion was put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that Council adjourn for 10 minutes. Motion passed.

12:00 o'clock midnight Council adjourned.

12:12 A.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Lloyd, Kitz, O'Malley, Ahern, Allen, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

ADVERTISING VOTERS' LIST

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

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

Date: February 16, 1955

Subject: Voters List Advertising.

At Council meeting of December 16, 1954 the City Collector was directed to advertise during February and March that "any person wishing to do so may appear at the City Collector's Office and ascertain their eligibility to vote."

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Since the lists are not ready until after the end of March, permission is requested to advertise in April instead of February and March.

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

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

ADVERTISING PROPERTY LIST - LEGISLATION ITEM #36

Section 449 is amended by adding the following subsection:

(5) The amount of expenses set out in the list so prepared shall be paid by any person paying the said rates and taxes previous to the time appointed for sale whether or not the advertisement containing such list has actually appeared in a newspaper as hereinbefore provided.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOX BUCKINGHAM AND GRANVILLE STREETS

February 9, 1955.

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 City Electrician recommending that permission be granted without yearly charge to the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission to have their Master Fire Alarm Signal Box connected to the City Fire Alarm System which in turn will be connected to the sprinkler system in their building at the corner of Buckingham and Granville Streets.

All costs to be borne by the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission, the equipment to be approved by the City Electrician and the City reserving the right to disconnect the service at any time it may be in its interest to do so.

Your committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

RETIREMENT HOSEMEN BASSETT, PEATON AND WILLIAMS

February 14, 1955.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the



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above date reconsidered the matter of supplementary grants for Hosemen William L. Bassett, Daniel A. Beaton and Walter Williams.

Your committee re-affirms its recommendation made on January 10, 1955 that supplementary grants be not considered for these three.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Ahern suggested a supplementary grant of \$150.00 to the 3 retired firemen.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT CONSTABLE WALLACE FERGUSON

February 14, 1955.

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 matter of a supplementary grant for Mr. Wallace Ferguson who has been retired at an annual allowance of \$830.01.

Your committee recommends that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to pay Mr. Ferguson an annual allowance of \$960.29 in addition to the amount he is receiving from the Superannuation Plan effective as from January 1, 1955.

Your committee also recommends that Mr. Ferguson be carried on the pay roll at the amount of the supplementary grant until such time as legislation referred to above is obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

LEGISLATION

The City shall pay to Wallace Ferguson, retired constable of the Police Department of the City, as and from the first day of January, 1955, for the remainder of his life, an annual allowance of nine hundred and sixty dollars and twenty-nine cents, the said allowance to be in addition to the allowance of eight hundred and thirty dollars and one cent which he is entitled to receive from the City of Halifax Superannuation Plan, and which shall be paid to him in monthly instalments, in advance, on the first day of each month.

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

PENSION GRANTS

February 14, 1955.

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

The attached report from the City Manager respecting Pension Grants was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the recommendations of the City Manager be favourably considered and the firm of Wm. Mercer Ltd. requested to make the necessary calculations.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Date: January 14, 1955

Subject: Pension Grants.

There has been considerable discussion concerning the inadequacy of pensions brought about primarily by the increase in cost of living over the years, the non-contribution of members when no plan was available, and the fact that the past service contribution is only 1½% instead of 2%.

I have two recommendations to make. The first involves adjustments in the pension plan itself as follows:-

- a. Change in the legislation providing for immediate pension deductions instead of waiting one year.
- b. Change in the base of computation from total earnings to an average of the last three or five years.
- c. Until all employees having past service credit have been retired or leave the employ of the city:-
  1. A maximum pension of 60% of (b) above for 30 years or more of service (2% a year).
  2. For service of less than 30 years, 2% a year for the years served, based on salary of last 3 or 5 years.
  3. These benefits to be financed directly by increased contributions to the fund by the City.

The second proposal would be to provide the same benefits but to finance by supplementary grants of the difference between the benefits and whatever is provided by the pension fund.

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I would recommend modification of the plan rather than the supplementary grants as the cost is approximately the same.

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

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

EMPLOYEES RECEIVING PENSION GRANT AND RETURN OF SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS

The matter of an employee retiring from the City on a grant and at the same time being refunded his or her superannuation contributions was discussed.

Alderman Dunlop: "A person who gets a grant from the City should not be entitled to both the grant and the return of the contributions to the fund. Some people are better off with a grant than people who are paying."

Alderman Vaughan: "They would get nothing from the City by way of grant until the contributions were used up."

Alderman Dunlop: "Suppose a person gets superannuation now and they only take one payment, what happens?"

His Worship the Mayor: "They are guaranteed 60 payments. Let us say the person paid in \$500.00 and we decide we will give a grant of \$200.00, what the Alderman is saying is that 2½ years will elapse before we make the payment."

Alderman Vaughan: "That is right."

His Worship the Mayor: "The payment of the grant shall be deferred until the refund of the superannuation contributions will have been used up."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that legislation be prepared to defer payment of a grant to an employee until such time as the superannuation contributions will have been used up based on the same rate as the grant. Motion passed.

It was agreed that the legislation be general.

MOTT STREET - CHANGE OF NAME

Deferred.

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METROPOLITAN SURVEY

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

A report from the City Manager respecting Metropolitan Survey was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your committee recommends that the report be approved and a formal agreement entered into.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Date: February 9, 1955.

Subject: Metropolitan Survey.

The full minutes of four meetings on this matter are attached to give members of Council a full account of the development to the present stage which is summarized on page 9.

If Council agrees, the City would be obligated up to 20% of \$150,000 for a survey with a return of funds for the portion of the survey chargeable to specific projects.

The 20% sharing of the survey bears no relation to what the City's share might be in specific projects - each project would have City participation to the degree the City benefits, and in the case of each project, to be decided by the City Council.

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

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

ASSESSMENTS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

February 14, 1955.

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 a report from the City Manager respecting Improvements, Assessments and City Contribution be deferred until such time as the Capital Budget is being considered.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Alderman Hatfield: "I would be against it."

Alderman Kitz: "You should lay it down as a general principle."

Alderman DeWolf: "I think it is fair to say that Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are pretty well served. When you come to Wards 6 and 7 they will pay about 3 times as much, that is why I say it is unfair."

Alderman Hatfield: "Those people had it done when costs were low."

Alderman Kitz: "In other places the lots were selling for \$300.00 or \$400.00. Lots where services are applicable are selling for 3 or 4 times the figure."

Alderman Lloyd: "I am doubtful about the principle being applied at this late date."

City Manager: "You will have this problem 10 years from now."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the proposed assessments as recommended by the City Manager under date of January 11, 1954 be approved.

Alderman Lloyd: "When the curb and gutter and sidewalks are laid that does improve the value of the properties and you do get an increase in the assessment."

Alderman Dunlop: "This proposed assessment does not take care of all the costs. It is only an attempt to raise the level from a few years ago."

His Worship the Mayor: "What would the total cost of sidewalks be in our budget this year?"

City Manager: "We get a recovery of 30% at the present rate."

His Worship the Mayor: "If you double the rate you will get back 60%."

City Manager: "Yes. Unless you get money from sources such as these, you will have to get it from sewer charges like other cities have done."

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Alderman Macdonald: "It should be increased along with increases in everything else."

Alderman Hatfield: "We must change our formula."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee to consider another formula.

Alderman Dunlop, with the consent of his seconder, withdrew his motion.

The amendment became the motion and on being put was passed.

REQUEST AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

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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 agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the Commissioner of Health respecting "Authority of the Commissioner of Health".

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

Re: Authority of the Commissioner of Health

At the October Meeting of the Health and Welfare Committee when the question came up of the authority the Commissioner of Health has, to order landlords to turn water supplies on, it was pointed out that the full-time Provincial Officers of Health have the same authority as a local Board of Health and could order a landlord to turn on a water supply.

It was felt by the Committee, at that time, that the Commissioner of Health have the same authority, but that other authorities granted under the Health Act to a local Board of Health would not be required by the Commissioner of Health.

I was instructed to discuss this with the Deputy Minister of Health and if necessary, to seek Legislation. I took this matter up with the Deputy Minister of Health who was contacted again recently, and he advises me that this would be more easy for administration and also easier for operations and prosecutions under the Health Act; if this authority were granted by an amendment to the Health Act, rather than by an amendment to the City Charter, which defines the duties and authority of the Commissioner of Health.

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He has suggested that City Council request Legislation through the Legislative Counsel for amendment to the Health Act. This would be under Section LX, Subsection II, the Powers of Divisional Medical Health Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

PERMISSION TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR FIRE CAPITAL PURPOSES

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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 Commissioner of Finance requesting permission to use available funds from the sale of the Quinpool Road Fire Station for the following purposes:

1. \$5,000.00 to complete the main floor of the Bedford Row Fire Station.
2. \$2,500.00 to effect repairs to the Tower of the West St. Fire Station.

Your committee recommends that the request be granted subject to approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

REAL PROPERTY TAX - CHANGE IN LEGISLATION

February 14, 1955.

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 a report from the City Manager respecting Real Property Tax be deferred until such time as the General Legislation is being considered.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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



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SALE OF UNDEVELOPED SECTION OF HANOVER STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Clerk of Works.  
Date: January 31st, 1955.  
Subject: Re: Hanover Street.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 27th 1955, a report from the City Manager in regard to the disposition of the undeveloped section of Hanover Street between Union Street and Albert Street, was considered.

The Committee approved same with the understanding that the land offered to the abutting owners is not to be resold.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

To: His Worship, R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., and  
Members of City Council.  
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,  
Date: January 24, 1955  
Subject: Hanover Street.

There is a section of Hanover Street between Union Street and Devonshire Avenue (Albert Street) which is undeveloped. It is very steep (estimated grade 24%), and cannot even be developed with a footpath, as we did Richmond Street, further north.

Construction of steps would be the only way to use it as a thoroughfare and this would be very costly. There is no sewer laid in this section and, therefore no reason for the City to retain the land.

The distance from one end to the other is 140 feet and the land could be subdivided into two lots 70 x 70 feet, one fronting on Union Street, the other on Devonshire Avenue. Although these would be slightly undersized, I do not believe this would be a serious problem.

The difficulty with the above solution is that the house at 68 Albert Street needs land for a garage because the high bank in front of this house has an expensive retaining wall which makes the cost of a garage under the house prohibitive. On the other corner (62 Albert Street) the owner has a frontage of 85 feet and enough room for a garage. Garages for the houses on Union Street are no problem so far as space is concerned.

It is recommended that:

1. This section of Hanover Street be closed to traffic by legislation.



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2. A lot 40 x 100 on Union Street be sold by tender.
3. The remaining portion 40 x 50 be offered to the abutters at 62 and 68 Albert Street in any proportion agreed on by the present owners at the rate per square foot established by sale of the other lot.

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

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

ENCROACHMENT COMPTON AVENUE AND WINDSOR STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 31st, 1955  
Subject: Encroachment - Building - Corner of Compton Avenue and Windsor Street.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 27th 1955 the attached report from the Commissioner of Works relative to the encroachment of a new building recently constructed for Mr. Charles Arron on the north-east corner of Compton Avenue and Windsor Street was considered.

The Committee recommended that legislation be obtained to legalize this encroachment.

Respectfully submitted.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK

Per. J.B. Seban,  
Clerk of Works.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Committee on Works.  
G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.

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Encroachment - Corner Compton Avenue and Windsor Street - Mr. Charles Arron. owner.

A new building was recently constructed for Mr. Charles Arron on the northeast corner of Compton Avenue and Windsor Street, which we subsequently discovered was encroaching over the northern official street line of Compton Avenue. Re - attached Plan No. RR-2-12948.

This encroachment is due to the street line information given to the building Contractor by the City, and is not the responsibility of the owner.

Before the street line information was given out, our official plan for this section of the City was checked, and it was found that the

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street line at the northeast corner of Robie Street and Compton Avenue was 15' from the face of the curb on Compton Avenue at that corner. On the other hand, the official plan did not show a building on the northeast corner of Compton Avenue and Windsor Street, but survey notes of J. Lorne Allen, then an employee with the City, dated May 20, 1932, showed that the building on this corner was 14.95 feet from the face of the curb on Compton Avenue. Since this building was not shown on the official plan, it was assumed to be correct. It was later discovered however, that the curb on Compton Avenue was not installed parallel to the street line, and although it was the usual 15' from the street line at Robie Street, it was 18' from the street line at Windsor Street.

The building which originally occupied this site was destroyed by fire a few years ago, and the new building was placed in exactly the same position relative to the northern street line of Compton Avenue.

The fact that the curb was not installed parallel to the street line of Compton Avenue in 1932 and the original building encroached over the street line the same amount as the existing building, accounts for the erroneous information given to the Building Contractor.

It is recommended that legislation be requested to permit the existing encroachment.

G.F. West,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

PERMISSION TO BUILD ON UNDERSIZED LOT 13 UNIACKE STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: January 31st, 1955.  
Subject: Request to build on undersize lot #13 Uniacke Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on January 27th, 1955, recommended approval of an application from Mrs. C.L. MacDonald for a permit to erect a dwelling on a lot 33' x 103' at Civic No. 13 Uniacke Street.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

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

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APPLICATION TO BUILD ON UNDERSIZED LOT 464 CHEBUCTO ROAD

An application was submitted from Mr. Maxwell E. Kirby requesting permission to build on an undersized lot at 464 Chebucto Road.

Moved by Alderman Vaushen, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the application be referred to the Town Planning Board for a report. Motion passed.

SUBDIVISION OF LANDS SEABOARD INVESTORS LIMITED

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: January 31st, 1955  
Subject: Re Tentative Subdivision of lands of Seaboard Investors Ltd. Göttingen Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on January 27th 1955 the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer, and a tentative plan of subdivision of the land formerly known as St. Paul Glebe Lands, were considered.

The Board recommended that a public hearing be held to vary the Official Town Plan to permit the type of subdivision shown on tentative plan submitted by Seaboard Investors Ltd.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, March 17, 1955 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for the hearing. Motion passed.

RESUBDIVISION OF K.M. MOORE PROPERTY BLOOMINGDALE TERRACE

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: January 31, 1955.  
Subject: Resubdivision - K.M. Moore - Bloomingdale Terrace.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on January 27th 1955 the Town Planning Engineer submitted a plan of resubdivision

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to add an additional foot to lands of L.F. Daley in order to correct a survey error.

He recommended that a report of approval be referred to City Council and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-7-12951

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

PER. J.B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

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

RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 9, 10, 15, 16 & 17 BOWER SUBDIVISION

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Resubdivision- Lots 9-10-15-16 and 17- Bower  
Subdivision.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 10th, 1955, a plan of resubdivision of the above lots of the Bower Subdivision was considered.

The Town Planning Engineer recommended that the resubdivision be approved and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-7-12973.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

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

RESUBDIVISION LANDS C.M.H.C. NORTH OF PETER LOWE AVENUE

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Resubdivision of Lands of C.M. H.C., North of Peter  
Lowe Avenue.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on February 10th 1955, considered a plan of resubdivision of four lots; lot 1 to

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be deeded to the City for open space, lot 4 to be deeded to the City for street purposes, and lots 2 and 3 to be sold by C.M.H.C. as building lots.

The Town Planning Engineer recommended that the resubdivision be approved and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. RR-2-12943

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

STREETS AND ROADS MILLER SUBDIVISION

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 15th, 1955

Subject: Re Basinview Housing Company - Expropriation (Streets in Miller Subdivision)

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on February 10th, 1955 considered the attached report from the City Solicitor relative to securing legislation to vest certain streets in the old Miller Subdivision in the City, as shown on Plan No, RR-2-12966

The Committee recommended that Legislation be obtained to close these streets or portions thereof and vest the title in the City, and to ratify and confirm any deed or those streets, or portion thereof, that the City may have already given.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

(1) The Council may be resolution close to public use those certain streets and portions of streets laid down in the plan of the Miller subdivision which are shown cross-hatched on Plan No. RR-2-12966 entitled "Plan showing streets to be closed in Miller Subdivision", signed by George F. West, Commissioner of Works, and dated February 10th, 1955, and filed in the office of the Commissioner of Works, and upon the passage of such resolution the right of the public to use the said streets and portions of streets shall be terminated and extinguished.

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2. Upon the passage of the said resolution, the legal title to the lands comprising such streets and portions of streets is hereby declared to have been and be vested in the City and the City may sell and convey such land or portions thereof for such sum or sums as it may determine and give a good and sufficient deed therefor.

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

REZONING S/W CORNER INGLIS STREET AND YOUNG AVENUE

An application was submitted from Mr. E.F. Cragg on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Reuben J. Cluett to rezone the above corner property so as to permit the erection of a first class fire proof apartment building.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the application be referred to the Town Planning Board for a report. Motion passed.

SACKVILLE STREET WIDENING

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Sackville Street Widening.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 10th 1955, letters were read from-

Atlantic Chevrolet- Oldsmobile Ltd  
United Services Corporation Ltd  
Halifax Board of Trade  
Dept. of National Defence

Atlantic Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Ltd., and United Service Corporation Ltd., favored Proposal No. 1, Namely - the Widening of Sackville Street to approximately 45 feet.

The Board of Trade favored Plan No. 3, which would provide a boulevarded street between Brunswick Street and Bell Road.

Major General E.C. Plow advised that none of the plans proposed for Sackville Street will affect any plans which Headquarters now visualizes, provided suitable facilities for entrance and exit for D.N.D., property are available.

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The Committee recommended that Plan No. 1 be approved, namely the Widening of Sackville Street roadway from its present width of 30 feet to 45 feet, at an estimated cost of \$44,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that Sackville Street be widened to 40 feet rather than 45 feet.

Alderman Ahern: "I think it should go back to the Committee on Works."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration. Amendment passed.

PARKING AREA N/E CORNER COMPTON AVENUE & WINDSOR ST.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Re Building - Northeast corner Compton Ave. and Windsor Street - Parking Area.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 10th, 1955 the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that permission be granted to continue the non-conforming use at the above location was considered.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.

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Building -north-east corner Compton Avenue and Windsor Street-  
Parking Lot.

At the January 27th meeting, the Works Committee requested the Commissioner of Works to submit a complete report on the reason

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why the above building was permitted if the required parking area for four apartments was not available.

The building which occupied this site immediately prior to the existing building contained retail stores with apartments over. This building occupied the entire lot with no parking area and, even though it was in existence before the Zoning By-Law came into effect, it was since 1950 technically non-conforming use. This building was destroyed by fire on March 25th, 1952.

A building permit was issued for the existing building with the thought in mind that it was a continuation of the non-conforming use of this site hence the absence of a parking area as such. The legal Department concurs in this theory.

In accordance with Part XV paragraph (d) of the Zoning By-Law it is necessary for City Council to approve the continuation of a non-conforming use and it was an error to issue the building permit before such permission was obtained.

It is recommended that this matter be forwarded to City Council for permission to continue the non-conforming use at the above location.

G.F. West,  
Commissioner of Works

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

BLASTING DAMAGES CLAIM HEMLOCK STREET \$145.00

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 15th, 1955.

Subject: Blasting Damage Claim - #30 Hemlock Street - \$145.00

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on February 10th, 1955 considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works relative to a claim from Messrs. Lewis and Dunlop Ltd., for reimbursement of \$145.00 paid to Squadron Leader P.W.A. Hamilton #30 Hemlock Street, on account of damage caused by blasting.

The Committee recommended that Legislation be obtained to pay this claim.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works.

Alderman Dunlop: "I think that is a dangerous precedent to pay a claim that is not binding on the City. That was a matter for the Insurance Company. The Insurance Company has plenty of lawyers to advise them."



February 17, 1955.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Aldermen Dunlop that the claim not be paid.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Hatfield  
MacMillan  
Dunlop  
Kitz  
Allen

AGAINST IT

Alderman Vaughan  
DeWolf  
Lane  
Macdonald  
Lloyd  
O'Malley  
Ahern

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

LEGISLATION

The City may pay to P.W.A. Hamilton or his assignee alleged the sum of one hundred and forty-five dollars as compensation for alleged damages to property No. 30 Hemlock Street, owned by the said P.W.A. Hamilton, as a result of blasting operations by the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

LEASE DARTMOUTH FERRY COMMISSION

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 15th, 1955.  
Subject: Dartmouth Ferry Commission Lease.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 10th 1955 the City Solicitor submitted a draft of a new lease between the City and the Dartmouth Ferry Commission, to run year to year with a maximum limit of three years ending December 31st, 1958.

The Committee recommended that the lease be renewed for one year with the right of renewing for two additional years with the consent of both parties, and that in addition to the one dollar per year rental the Commission would also pay real property tax of \$3980.00 and a business tax of \$1990.00, and that legislation be secured confirming this term of the lease.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. J.B. Salmon,  
Clerk of Works.

February 17, 1955.

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

LEGISLATION

(1) For the purpose of assessment and taxation, the Dartmouth Ferry Commission in each year, beginning on the first day of January 1956, as part of the consideration for the agreement hereinafter referred to, and during the term of such agreement and any extension thereof, shall pay a real property tax to the City of Halifax of the sum of three thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars and a business tax in respect of the real property in the City occupied by the Commission for the purposes of the trade or other calling of the Commission of the sum of one thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars.

(2) The Memorandum of Agreement entered into between the City of Halifax and The Dartmouth Ferry Commission and dated the 21st day of February, A.D. 1955 is hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to be binding upon both parties thereto.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Lane that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

OVERHANGING SIGNS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Overhanging Signs.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 10th 1955, a report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that permission be granted to erect the following overhanging signs was approved and recommended to City Council:-

# 13 Barrington Street - The Green Lantern Ltd.	\$5.00	Illuminated
#210 Spring Garden Road Terry and Lee	5.00	"
#13 Barrington Street Economy Shoe Store	5.00	"
#9 Inglis Street M.B. Campbell	5.00	"
#175 Gortington Street Rock City Tobacco Co.	5.00	"
#270 Agricola Street K.J. McGrath and Sons	12.00	"

Respectfully submitted.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per..J.B. Sabean,  
Clerk of Works



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It was decided to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to exempt the I.O.D.E. from occupancy tax on any premises occupied by it for the purpose of headquarters of the Provincial Chapter of Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

#### LEGISLATION

Section 370 is amended by adding thereto the following:

(14) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act, The Provincial Chapter of Nova Scotia, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, shall not be liable to be assessed in respect of its occupancy of certain real property situated at civic number 27 College Street or in respect of any other real property occupied by the said Provincial Chapter for the purposes of its headquarters.

The City may write off and cancel any tax assessed against The Provincial Chapter of Nova Scotia, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, in respect of its occupation of certain real property situated at civic number 27 College Street for the civic year 1955.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

#### TAX EXEMPTION NOVA SCOTIA TARTAN LIMITED

February 14, 1955.

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 request from Nova Scotia Tartan Ltd. for reduction in assessment on their shop located in the Clayton building was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature to fix the assessment on this particular industry at \$1,350.00 for business occupancy.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

February 17, 1955.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act, Nova Scotia Tartan Limited shall be assessed and rated in respect of the civic year 1955 for Business Tax at an assessment of one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

(2) The Council may by resolution extend the assessment upon Nova Scotia Tartan Limited, as fixed by the preceding subsection, to include the civic year 1956.

Moved by Alderman Vaushan, seconded by Alderman Lane that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

GRANT HALIFAX WELFARE BUREAU

February 17, 1955.

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 a request from the Halifax Welfare Bureau for an increased grant.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the forthcoming session of the Legislature enabling the City to pay an annual grant of \$4,000.00 to the Halifax Welfare Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

GRANT HALIFAX COMMUNITY CHEST

February 17, 1955.

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 matter of a request from the Halifax Community Chest for an additional grant due to the fact that the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society has joined the Chest was considered.

In a previous letter from the Halifax Community Chest an additional sum of \$500.00 was requested but it was recommended that the annual grant made by the City to the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society was \$1,500.00.

Your committee therefore recommends that legislation be obtained enabling the City to contribute the sum of \$1,500.00 annually to the Halifax Community Chest for the year 1955 and 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

February 17, 1955.

RESOLUTION Re: GRANTS

February 14, 1955.

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 for approval the attached resolu-  
tion respecting grants.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax at the Session of the  
the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia next to be  
held following the passage of this resolution submit a Bill  
authorizing the City to expend the following sums for the  
respective purposes as hereinafter set forth:

To pay as a grant to the Salvation Army (Red Shield Campaign) the sum of.....	\$2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Cancer Society the sum of.....	1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Community Chest the sum of.....	5,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Red Cross Society (Nova Scotia Division) the sum of.....	5,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Red Cross Society (Home Makers Service) the sum of.....	2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the St. John Ambulance Association the sum of.....	750.00
To pay as a grant to the Children's Hospital (Halifax) the sum of.....	30,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Junior General Lancers the sum of.....	1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Musical Festival Association the sum of.....	750.00
To pay as a grant to the Walter C. Brown Wheel-chair Coach Fund the sum of.....	550.00
To pay as a grant to the Board of the Maritime Museum (Citadel Hill) the sum of.....	3,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Board of the Army Museum (Citadel Hill) the sum of.....	3,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Nova Scotia Opera Association the sum of.....	500.00

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To pay as a grant to the Maritime School of Social Work the sum of.....	500.00
To pay as a grant to the John Howard Society the sum of.....	1,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Paraplegic Association the sum of.....	500.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Symphony Society the sum of.....	500.00
To pay as a grant to the Salvation Army (Grace Hospital) for capital purposes the sum of.....	32,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Nova Scotia College of Art as a supplementary grant the sum of.....	1,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Dominion Drama Festival the sum of.....	1,000.00
To pay as a grant to defray expenses for contestants at the British Empire Games in Vancouver (1954) a sum not exceeding.....	600.00

To pay pensions as follows:

Mark Manuel	\$720.00 per annum
Albert White	720.00 " "
Peter Shortell	720.00 " "
Samuel Kempt	720.00 " "
John Henneberry	201.24 " "
Henry Rising	1,125.00 " "
George H. German	388.28 " "
Milton L. Bellew	1,966.55 " "
John Ross Hall	386.17 " "

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

LEASE MANNING POOL AND STAFF HOUSES

February 14, 1955.

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 matter of the lease with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation respecting the Manning Pool and Staff Houses.

Your committee recommends that the lease be renewed for a three year period and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute same on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
City Clerk.

February 17, 1955.

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

ASSIGNMENT PREFAB AGREEMENT

February 14, 1955.

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 attached report from the City Solicitor respecting Prefab #34 Berlin Street.

Your committee recommends that an assignment be accepted as suggested and a new agreement entered into between the City and Mrs. Johnson in payment of the balance and conveyance to her of the property when it has been fully paid for.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Date: February 14th, 1955

Subject: Re Prefab #34 Berlin Street - William H. Refuse.

In 1951 an Agreement of Sale was entered into between the City and one William H. Refuse for the sale of #34 Berlin Street. Later in the year Mr. Refuse and Mrs. Refuse were divorced. Subsequently both re-married. Mrs. Refuse being now known as Mrs. Marjorie L. Johnson. Apparently Mrs. Johnson remained in possession of the said premises and has made all payments on it.

Mr. Refuse is prepared to make an assignment of any of his rights under the agreement to his former wife Mrs. Marjorie L. Johnson. Since he has at most an equitable estate, his second wife would have no dower rights in regard to this particular property.

If your Committee approves I would suggest that such an assignment be accepted by the City, and that a new agreement be entered into between the City and Mrs. Johnson in payment of the balance, and the conveyance to her of the property when it has been fully paid for.

I am attaching copy of a letter received from Mr. C.C. Keyes, Solicitor for Mrs. Johnson.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per. T.C. Doyle

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



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HALIFAX NATAL DAY

February 14, 1955.

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 Tuesday June 21, 1955 be  
proclaimed a Civic Holiday in observance of Halifax Natal Day.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman  
Vaughan that Halifax Natal Day be observed as a Civic Holiday on  
August 8, 1955.

Alderman O'Malley: "I would go along with the June date. I  
would not mind August if we did not have Dartmouth to deal with."

Alderman Macdonald: "75% of the people in Halifax prefer  
August."

Alderman O'Malley: "Did we have any other protest to the  
June holiday other than the Board of Trade?"

City Manager: "No".

The amendment was put and passed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

February 14, 1955.

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 Daylight Saving Time be  
observed in the City of Halifax from 12:01 A.M. on Sunday April  
24, 1955 to 12:01 A.M. on Sunday September 25, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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RESIGNATION CITY TREASURER

A report was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee recommending that Mr. George J. Allen's resignation be accepted as at September 30, 1955 and he be granted six months retiring leave as from April 30, 1955.

His Worship the Mayor stated he was unable to attend the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee just prior to City Council and suggested that the resignation of the City Treasurer be accepted but that the matter of a supplementary grant be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the resignation of the City Treasurer be accepted and the matter of a supplementary grant referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN HATFIELD Re: SALE OF CITY PROPERTY

Alderman Hatfield gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he would move that no land be offered for sale by the City of Halifax other than by tender except in such cases where the land is not sufficient in size for the construction of a building unit unless legislative authority therefor has been obtained.

LOADING OF EXPLOSIVES

Alderman DeWolf: "I am advised by people in the South end of the City that there is a great risk particularly in that area. I would like to have a report from somebody who is qualified as to the danger that we are taking weekly on the loading of explosives. That area or any area. I want it from someone who is familiar with explosives."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would suggest the head of the C.I.L. Explosive Division."

Alderman Vaughan: "Mr. Wyman would be an excellent authority on that."

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Alderman Lloyd: "Explosives loading operations are very important to the Port. If we can minimize the hazards we should be sure we are on solid ground."

His Worship the Mayor: "Some qualified Naval person."

Alderman DeWolf: "In as many quarters as possible where qualified persons are."

Alderman Lloyd: "It is the movement of ships that we are concerned with mostly. The other is the question of the handling at the dockside."

Alderman DeWolf: "We have ships coming from all over the world here and some don't take a pilot when they should."

His Worship the Mayor: "I shall attend to this immediately."

#### LEGISLATION 1955

It was agreed that the Legislation would be considered at a special meeting of Council.

#### TOURIST COMMITTEE

The Mayor and Members of City Council,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.

#### Re: City Tourist Committee

For several months the Halifax Boards of Trade, Junior and Senior, have been giving careful consideration to the promotion of the tourist industry in Halifax with a view to improving the service to the tourist on arrival here and encouraging more of them to vacation in our City.

This matter has been discussed with you and with a Committee of three Aldermen named by you - Mrs Lane and Messrs. Ahern and Hatfield. At a meeting of our Tourist Committee at which the above were present, it was unanimously decided to recommend to you that a City Tourist Committee be set up for the purpose of co-ordinating and promoting the City's tourist program. We further recommend that this committee consist of either two or three representatives - a total of 6 or 9 persons, from each of the three interested bodies, namely, the City Council, the Halifax Junior Board of Trade and the Halifax Board of Trade.

We shall appreciate your consideration of this suggestion and hope that a Tourist Promotion Committee will be set up at the earliest moment and that together we may bring more visitors to Halifax and provide them with even better services and facilities.

Yours very sincerely,

KENNETH A. ROSS,  
Secretary.

February 17, 1955.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that a committee be appointed consisting of 9 members.

Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor: "I will select 3 members from Council who would be interested to serve."

LEGISLATION STREETS AND WALKS WESTMOUNT

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: C.P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Re New Westmount Subdivision.

Attached hereto is a plan showing walks, lanes and dead-end streets in the new Westmount Sub-division.

Legislation is required to enable the City to accept these lanes, walks and dead-end streets as City streets, because the lanes and walks are less than 60 feet in width and the streets are dead-end.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per..T.C. Doyle.

P.S. The Plan referred to above is Plan No. #RR-2-12960

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

CONVEYANCE STREETS AND WALKS WESTMOUNT

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: C.P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Re Conveyance Streets and Lanes in New Westmount.

Attached hereto is a plan showing streets and lanes in that portion of Westmount which was owned by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

I am requesting that authority be given to accept a deed of the streets and lanes showing on the attached plan so that they may be vested in the City.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per..T.C. Doyle.

P.S. The Plan referred to above is Plan #RR-2-12957.

February 17, 1955

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

CONVEYANCE AND LEGISLATION BAYERS ROAD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: C.P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.  
Date: February 15th, 1955  
Subject: Re Streets and Lanes - Bayers Road Housing Development

Attached hereto is a plan showing the streets and lanes in the Bayers Road Housing Development.

The title to this property is in the City and the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

These streets and lanes should be conveyed to the City and I am requesting that the authority be given to accept a deed of both streets and lanes. As the lane is less than 60 feet in width, legislation will have to be obtained to permit the City to take it over as a City street.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE  
CITY SOLICITOR

Per.. T.C. Doyle.

P.S. The Plan referred to above is Plan #RR-2-12975

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

LEGISLATION WALKS AND DEAD-END STREETS COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: C.P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.  
Date: February 15th, 1955.  
Subject: Re Legislation - Walks and Dead-end Streets, Community Housing Development.

Attached herewith is a plan showing dead-end streets and walks in the Community Housing Development.

Legislation should be secured to enable the City to accept these dean-end streets and walks in this Subdivision.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per. T.C. Doyle.

February 22, 1934.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the report be approved. Motion carried.

BUTLER BROS. PROPERTY ON DEAR STREET

This matter was again deferred.

REPAIRS TO BUILDING BRUNSWICK STREET AND SPRING GARDEN ROAD

This matter was again deferred.

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that when the City Solicitor is in Montreal that he be requested to visit one or two other cities in Ontario to obtain information on assessments and that the City pay a portion of the expenses.

His Worship the Mayor: "A great deal of the information we would want would be available in the Office of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities or Montreal. We do not need with the approval of Council."

The suggestion of His Worship the Mayor was then approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT HALIFAX FURM COMMISSION

The Financial Statement of the Furm Commission for the year ending December 31, 1933 was submitted and read to the members of Council for their information.

Alderman Lloyd: "We should note that the Commission is doing an excellent job with a limited budget. It seems to me that it is the time for us to consider some of their efforts."

FILED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1933

A report was submitted from the City Clerk for the year of January and same is attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Copies of the report were distributed to the members of Council for their information.

FILED.

**To:** His Worship, R. A. Donahoe, Q. C., and  
Members of City Council,  
**From:** City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,  
**Date:** February 11, 1955  
**Subject:** Administrative report for January, 1955

1. Snow removal.

330 miles of streets were salted using 6,604 bags of salt. 1,940 miles of snow plowing was done. Expenditures were as follows with costs for December charged against last year's budget and January against the new budget.

	<u>December 1954</u>	<u>January 1955</u>
1. Filling sand boxes	152.58	96.64
2. Painting snow signs	81.34	30.96
3. Erecting snow fences	-	25.97
4. Repairs to sand boxes	129.74	65.71
5. Stores	86.69	4.23
6. Clearing City Property & Catchpits	43.18	2,099.78
7. Plowing Snow	-	1,913.99
8. Salt Purchased	1,237.50	6,207.76
9. Salting Streets	581.61	2,222.71
10. City Equipment Rental	-	1,093.60
11. Equipment Maintained	527.46	-
12. Instructing Relief Operators	51.52	-
	<u>\$ 2,891.62</u>	<u>\$ 14,561.35</u>

2. Revaluation

The first, second, third, fourth and fifth wards have been measured with the measurers currently working in the sixth ward. Approximately 70% of all properties have been measured.

Residential and commercial listers are currently inspecting properties in the first, second and third wards. Listers have completed field inspections of the fourth and fifth ward properties. Approximately 50% of all properties have been inspected.

Overall job progress, including field and office work as of January 31, 1955 is 50% complete.

3. Electrician's Department.

231 wiring inspections made, permit income	\$749.81
8 broken glasses replaced	
10 broken sockets replaced	
6 porcelain heads replaced.	

4. Streets and Sewers

Square yards of streets graded	20,819
Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	29.3
" " cold " " stoned & oiled streets	27.3
Cubic yards of material used on streets	349
Number of catchpits repaired	5
Number of catchpits constructed	4
Number of manholes constructed	6
Miles of streets swept by hand	20
Number of catchpits cleaned	378

5. Garbage and Refuse

2,757 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 870 tons were burned together with 1,817 tons of privately collected materials. Total amount processed, 2,687 tons with the incinerator in operation 336 hours.

6. Christmas Decorations.

The Quinpool Road Merchants' Association thank the Mayor and Council for the Christmas tree on the former Quinpool Road School grounds where 2,300 bags of candy were distributed.

7. Insurance claims settled.

Tree in front of 197 Inglis Street. \$8.00.

*A. A. LeeBard*  
City Manager.



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

From: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,

Date: February 11, 1955

Subject: Emergency Shelter Administration - Annual Report

Attached is a report of the operation of the Emergency Shelters for 1954 compared to 1953. There has been a reduction in maintenance of \$17,725.91. As of January 1, 1953 we had 355 units rented, January 1, 1954, 326 units, and January 1, 1955 306 units. While the number of units has decreased, very little was spent on maintenance of some properties since we knew they were to be demolished. The difference is mostly a saving which has been accomplished without permitting the properties to deteriorate. There are certain conditions concerning the exterior of some buildings which will be called to Council's attention later.

The increase in administrative costs is primarily in office salaries because we operated one clerk short during much of 1953 resulting in the work falling behind.

The profit of \$4,715.11 reflects increased rents only since March 1, 1954.

The properties show the following group records.

Property	Year 1954			Profit or <u>Loss</u>
	Rental Charges	Receipts	Expenses	
1430, 1446 & 1460 Barrington St.	\$32,743.66	\$29,878.72	\$26,786.88	\$ 3,091.84
Wellington Ct.	70,830.18	67,418.45	49,710.13	17,708.32
1420 Barrington	32,259.74	27,860.44	37,375.35	<u>9,514.91</u>
Chebucto Court	-	437.44	47.38	390.06
Pavillion & Glacis Barracks	10,962.00	10,614.00	4,873.14	5,740.86
General Expenses (undistributed)	-	-	12,701.06	<u>12,701.06</u>
	\$ 146,795.58	\$ 136,209.05	\$131,493.94	\$ 4,715.11

1420 Barrington Street shows a heavy loss due to excessive maintenance costs in spite of the fact we cannot maintain this project in as presentable a condition as Wellington Court, for instance.

*A. A. De Bard, Jr.*

City Manager.

CITY OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA  
EMERGENCY SHELTER ADMINISTRATION

Comparative Analysis of Expenditures - 1953 & 1954

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1954 under 1953</u>
al	29,237.10	25,556.96	3,680.14
ter	6,765.68	5,378.74	1,386.94
ght	15,844.20	15,596.68	247.52
umbing	12,650.25	5,874.29	5,775.96
rpenter Repairs'	14,310.23	10,580.89	3,729.34
electric Repairs	1,621.44	1,187.97	433.47
itary Supplies	1,551.48	548.95	1,002.53
rdware	1,251.55	1,065.44	186.11
ty Works	1,625.73	3,823.09	(2,197.36)
ges	49,074.34	45,095.55	3,978.79
urance	883.64	-	883.64
ores	1,703.15	3,084.32	(1,381.17)
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>136,518.79</b>	<b>118,792.88</b>	<b>17,725.91</b>
ationery	30.04	330.19	(300.15)
ansportation & Car Expense	866.06	743.68	122.38
stage	126.44	159.16	(32.72)
scellaneous	237.21	42.60	194.61
lephone	206.38	222.83	(16.45)
office Salaries	3,353.30	5,899.50	(2,546.20)
terest	4,775.74	5,289.48	(513.74)
	146,113.96	131,480.32	14,633.64
ental Charges	136,182.07	146,795.58	(10,613.51)
ceipts	132,359.35	136,195.45	3,836.08
penditures	146,113.96	131,480.32	14,633.64
rofit		\$ 4,715.11	
ross	\$ 13,754.61		

Emergency Shelter Administration

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EMERGENCY SHELTER ADMINISTRATION ANNUAL REPORT

A report was submitted from the City Manager on the administration of Emergency Shelters for the year 1954 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

REPORT PREFAB HOUSES MONTH OF JANUARY

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1955

CASH SALES 232 - Four purchasers borrowed from us for foundation purposes and two have been repaid.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 582 of which 162 are @ the rate of 5% interest and 420 @ 5 1/2%.

BANK OVERDRAFT Balance as @ December 31, 1954 - \$606,308.11  
Balance as @ January 31, 1955 - \$590,236.94

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INSTALMENT PAYMENTS IN ARREARS TWO MONTHS OR MORE:

55 Accounts totalling - \$5,654.86

The previous month we reported 53 Accounts totalling - \$5,503.15

L.G. Fraser,  
ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

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

Meeting adjourned. 1:20 A.M. February 18, 1955.

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R.A. Donahoe, C.C.,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

EVENING SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Jalisco, N.S.,  
February 23, 1955,  
8.00 P.M.

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

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Ahern, Allen, Vaughan and Hatfield.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, C.P. Bethune, Q.C., A.J. Yeadon, L.M. Romkey, G.F. West, J.L. Leitch, F.C. MacGillivray, V.W. Mitchell and Dr. A.R. Morton.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Legislation
2. Estimates
3. Fixing Tax Rate

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that Council adjourn and meet as a Committee of the Whole.

Motion passed.

8:05 P.M. Council adjourned.

11:30 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Moriarty, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Lloyd, Kitz, O'Malley, Ahern, Allen, Vaughan and Hatfield.

ESTIMATES

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

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The Finance and Executive Committees and Council of the Whole Council at a regular meeting held on the above date considered estimates for the year 1955 prepared by the various committees commissions etc. and after deliberation and the Council approval the enclosed figures totaling the sum of \$10,063,921.91 and submits the following resolution:

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

SCHOOL REBATE \$2,000.00

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the sum of \$2,000.00 be included in the 1955 Estimates to cover the School Rebate. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION RE: 1955 ESTIMATES

RESOLVED that the General and Ordinary Assessment amounting to \$10,063,921.91 less probable income \$2,503,145.22 making a total \$7,560,776.69 plus for all collections \$70,000.00 making \$7,630,776.69 less estimated poll tax \$10,000.00 and \$474,000.00 being the portion of the Current Surplus Account making a total of \$7,046,776.69 be confirmed and do not raise and that the inhabitants and property within the City be assessed and rated for the said sum of \$7,046,776.69.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit the said estimates, together with a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts on or before the 1st day of March next and to instruct him to fix the rate of taxation for the year ending December 31, 1955 on the basis of the said amount of \$7,046,776.69.

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

RESOLUTION RE: SCHOOL SHARE ESTIMATES

RESOLVED that the estimates as submitted by the Board of School Commissioners for the 1955 Year be amounting to \$7,500,776.97 be confirmed and do not raise. The Council hereby records the estimate and directs the City Clerk to transmit

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Salaries \$ ,000.00

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the estimates as amended be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners for their information.

Moved by Alderman Vaughn, seconded by Alderman Kitt that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

#### TRANSFER OF CURRENT SURPLUS

Moved by Alderman Lingo, seconded by Alderman Vaughn that a sufficient amount of money be transferred from the Current Surplus Account to the 1955 Estimates so as to produce a Business Tax Rate of \$1.00 for the City Year 1955. Motion passed.

#### FIRE PROTECTION RATE

To: His Worshipful Mayor, Chairman and Members of City Council.  
From: G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.  
Date: February 23, 1955.  
Subject: Fire Protection Rate.

Based on the amount as calculated by the Public Service Commission for Fire Protection, and on the valuation of properties assessed for this taxation, I would recommend that the rate be Twenty-three (23) Cents per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the year 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

G.F. West,  
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Kitt, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

#### LEGISLATION

##### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The City Solicitor has prepared legislation covering the establishment of an Industrial Commission and same is attached to the original copy of the report. Copies of the same were furnished to members of Council at this meeting.

The legislation is as follows:



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Paragraph #9 sub-section "A" after the word "Chairman" insert the words "and about". These words to be inserted in the various paragraphs wherever applicable.

Moved by Alderman Moriarty, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the membership of the Commission consist of the Mayor and 6 persons.

The motion was put and passed 9 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Dunlop  
Lane  
Macdonald  
Lloyd  
Allen  
Vaughan  
Hatfield  
DeWolf  
Moriarty

AGAINST IT

Alderman Kitz  
O'Malley  
Ahern

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The terms of the members were established as follows: 3 for 3 years and 3 for 2 years with indefinite re-election.

11:50 P.M. the Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair.

ITEM # 44

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the item be approved and that such records be considered as prima facie evidence. Motion passed.

ITEM #87

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that this item be approved. Motion passed.

EXTENDING BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY

Alderman Dunlop requested that legislation be drafted to extend the City's boundaries as follows: "Beginning at Fairview and going out in the Bedford Basin to a point 1,000 feet; thence in an easterly direction to the centre of the Narrows; thence southerly by the centre of the Harbour to the western side of George's Island; continuing by the centre of the Harbour past Point Pleasant Point to the centre of the North West Arm; thence northerly by the centre of the North West Arm up to the place of beginning."

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ITEM #74

Alderman DeWolf: "If we are going to change it why not make it 1955 rather than 1957?"

12:05 A.M. His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Alderman O'Malley: "I agree with Alderman DeWolf that it should start in 1955".

Alderman Ahern: "Let the people make the change. They did it in Toronto. If the Mayor is doing a good job, he will remain. I am opposed to it."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think it is only reasonable that when a person is elected, it seems to me that you will accomplish more over a longer period of time. I have always advocated a longer term for the Mayor of Halifax and I would only be consistent in supporting this."

Alderman Dunlop: "I feel that the Mayor and all the Aldermen should be elected at one time. The proposal for the Mayor is in 1957. I am in favor of all legislation being started in 1957. I am in favor of the 3 year term if the 3 year term of Aldermen is hooked along with it. I think it should be put into effect in 1957 when the terms are changed. That would give the public a chance to consider the matter as Alderman Ahern said."

Alderman Kitz: "It was my understanding that the term was starting April this year. I am led to believe that this was turned down by the House before. I have a hunch that it will not be turned down this time."

His Worship the Mayor: "If you make it in 1955 the man shall hold office until 1956 and then till October 1957."

Alderman Kitz: "You would have to say that he is not eligible for another 3 year term."

Alderman Ahern: "I have great pleasure in opposing it here."

Alderman Lane: "Don't you think the 3 year term would be good for the voter as they will realize they are electing a person for 3 years. It will keep them on their toes."

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Alderman Lloyd: "I think the Mayor being elected for 3 years should go along with the Aldermen for 3 years as well. I felt the two third vote to remove the Manager from office was not right. I felt and I still feel that a majority vote is all that is required for the appointment, dismissal or acceptance of a resignation of the City Manager. The reason I say that is this; that man has the power to dispose of all staff below the Head of a Department without recommendation from the Head. It seems to me you should not tie the Council's hands. I think that power should be reviewed and should coincide with these other changes. It might be that the public would like to express their opinion at the polls. I think this legislation in the long run is the best."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the matter be deferred for 3 months.

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't think anyone will be hurt by it."

Alderman Kitz: "It was debated last year and this year. I feel it should be voted on now."

Alderman Ahern: "You had a plebiscite on taverns and City Manager. I would say give the people an opportunity to have their say."

Alderman Vaughan: "I think the term should be 1 year; 1½ years and then 3 years."

The motion was put and passed 8 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Lane  
Macdonald  
Lloyd  
Ahern  
Vaughan  
Hatfield  
Morianty  
Dunlop

AGAINST IT

Alderman Kitz  
O'Malley  
Allen  
DeWolf

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ITEM 75

Read resolution from the Board of Trade as follows:

1. The Council of the Halifax Board of Trade believes that the Halifax City Council should seek legislation enabling City Council to set an interim tax rate or rates for residential or business properties during the transitional period following the receipt of full information on the Cleminshaw re-assessment survey.

2. Pending the completion and application of the re-assessment survey the Council of the Board of Trade opposes any change in the method of taxing rented residential properties or any other change in the tax structure.

3. The Council of the Board of Trade also believes that the establishment of any new permanent tax structure based on the information obtained from the re-assessment survey is a matter which should receive the approval of the Legislature.

Alderman Lloyd: "We could meet the Board's wishes by the establishment of the basic rate as well as the uniform rate. I have talked to people in the Board of Trade and it seems that the universal opinion was a basic rate."

Alderman Hatfield: "We suggested that the Board of Trade should come here when we were considering legislation instead of going down to the House when the legislation was submitted."

His Worship the Mayor: "They are making representations to you now."

Alderman O'Malley: "I am satisfied that my expression on the tax changes coincide with paragraph #2 in the letter of the Board of Trade. I don't think we should disturb any part of our tax structure until the completion of the re-assessment and no change should be made in the method of taxing residential and commercial properties."

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Alderman Kitz: "I don't think we should tie our hands to any formula until we have the assessment results. I think it is dangerous if indeed not folly to pin our hopes on future income that may not come to us. From August 1955 to March 1956 would be ample time to study this problem and then set tax rates according to the information we have at hand."

Alderman Dunlop: "I am in favor of the first draft of legislation as prepared by the City Solicitor. It gives the Council a free hand. The way I look at it is that we should have one basis of assessment in this Province."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Kitz that the first draft of legislation prepared by the City Solicitor be submitted to the House.

Alderman Vaughan: "Council has already voted on this and we can't change it. This is just the legal phraseology."

His Worship the Mayor: "I am still unable to satisfy myself to what happens to the revenue from that block of property. If you followed your formula and you fixed two rates and you applied them to the assessments you would get the same revenue."

Alderman Lloyd: "Except for the difference between the amount produced at \$9.95 and the amount produced at \$3.50 and that difference would fall into the surtax. It is only for one year and it meets with the approval of the first paragraph of the Board of Trade's letter."

His Worship the Mayor: "What rate will apply to that body of assessments?"

Alderman Lloyd: "The residential rate."

His Worship the Mayor: "What happens to the loss in revenue?"

Alderman Lloyd: "The difference will fall on the uniform tax rate."

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His Worship the Mayor: "The loss in revenue must be found in the surtax?"

Alderman Lloyd: "That is right."

Alderman Kitz: "The other part is also paid by the business tax payers as well as the \$9.95 rate. We should wait for the assessment figures. It is proper to deal with the whole matter when we get the figures before us. In 1956 we can get the necessary legislation."

Alderman Lloyd: "I am trying to point out that if you don't vote for this resolution, immediately. You have to figure out what exemptions you are going to grant. It is going to have an effect on a large number of property owners, particularly multiple owners. I was assured that capitalized values would be one of the factors to be used in assessments."

Alderman O'Malley: "We don't have to make the Cleminshaw figures apply to 1956."

His Worship the Mayor: "Once the Cleminshaw results are in we are in the hands of the Assessor."

Alderman O'Malley: "If the Assessor does not apply the figures until 1957 we will be no further ahead."

Alderman Lloyd: "The surtax would be distributed."

Alderman O'Malley: "The surtax is not going to be received by the tax payers too favorably for one year. If it is only the tax dollars we are interested in, why not defer it till 1957 rather than apply it to 1956."

Alderman DeWolfe: "Would not Alderman Dunlop's motion have the effect of wiping out the \$3.60 rate. We should have many meetings on this and we could discuss what rate could be charged."

Alderman Lloyd: "If the Aldermen are not clear on what basic rates are, don't vote on it tonight."

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Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ahern that  
this meeting do not adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. 1:15 A.M.

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R.A. Donahoe, Q.C., M.L.A.,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

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

EVENING SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
March 1, 1955,  
8.05 P.M.

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

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

There were present Her Worship the Deputy Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Macdonald, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Ahern, Allen, Vaughan and MacMillan.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, T.C. Doyle, A.J. Yendon, L.M. Romkey, G.F. West, V.W. Mitchell and Dr. A.R. Morton.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Report His Worship the Mayor Re: Airport.
2. Legislation.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Allen that Council adjourn and meet as a Committee of the Whole.

Motion passed.

8:10 P.M. Council adjourn.

10:30 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Lloyd, Kitz, Ahern, Allen, Vaughan, Hatfield and MacMillan.

REPORT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

March 1, 1955.

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

A committee of the Whole Council at a meeting held on the above date agreed to make the following recommendations to Council.



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1. that legislation items 76,68,69,62,13,82 and 75 and attached to the original copy of these minutes be approved.
2. that sections 375B of the City Charter be repealed.
3. that legislation be secured enabling the City to pay as a grant to the Maritime Conservatory of Music the sum of \$5,000.00 for the year 1955.
4. that Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, and Hatfield confer with the City Solicitor in order to draft legislation for submission to City Council for the re-organization of the Tax Appeal Board.
5. that legislation item #88 be approved with a maximum of \$5,000.00 and the power of the Council to grant it be written into the Bill.
6. that Section 889 of the City Charter be amended to include an authority to the Commissioner of Health by adding a further subsection to read as follows: "The Commissioner of Public Health and Welfare shall require each owner to provide an abundant supply of wholesome drinking water for the occupants of all houses, either on the premises of each householder or tenant by a public water supply or otherwise and the Commissioner of Public Health and Welfare may order the owner of any property to provide a well suitably situated, where feasible and necessary."
7. that legislation item #90 be approved after adding the following words "until the property is subdivided and developed."
8. that the boundaries of the City of Halifax be extended as shown on a sketch prepared by the Works Department.
9. that legislation designated as Proposal #1 as prepared by the City Solicitor be approved after deleting the reference to Section 375C.
10. that legislation be obtained to empower the City of Halifax to expend sums of money in co-operation with the Province of Nova Scotia and or any other governmental bodies or agencies thereof to defray a portion of the costs for improvements to the entrances and

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exits of the City of Halifax and to enter into agreement in connection with the same.

11. that His Worship the Mayor with the assistance of the City Solicitor prepare the necessary steps towards expropriation of the lands for the Halifax Airport as indicated in a resolution of the City Council as passed January 13, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

PICTURE FROM BOARD OF TRADE

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Board of Trade had sent over a picture of a City Council in 1903 suitably framed.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the Board of Trade be thanked for the picture and that it be displayed in the City Hall. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN LLOYD Re: AIRPORT

Alderman Lloyd gave Notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he would move that the resolution passed by the City Council on January 13, 1955 respecting the acquisition of land for the Halifax Airport be rescinded.

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

Meeting adjourned. 10:30 P.M.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday  
March 17, 1955

A G E N D A

Prayer .  
Minutes.

1. Public Hearing Subdivision of Lands Seaboard Investors Ltd.
2. Motion Alderman Hatfield re Sale of City Property.
3. " " Lloyd Rescinding Resolution of Council re Airport.
4. Sale of Soft Drinks by Vending Machines.
5. Accounts over \$500.00.
6. Tree List - Spring Planting- 1955
7. Official Street Lines Irving Oil Co. Property Cunard & Robie Streets.
8. Building Line Falkland Street
9. Overhanging Signs.
10. Bayers Road Housing Project Terms of Reference
11. Emergency Shelters.
12. City Field Union Agreement.
13. Improvements of City Exits and Adjoining Areas.
14. Conveyance of Open Spaces Community Housing
15. Heating Licenses.
16. Navy Benevolent Fund Account.
17. Rehabilitation Centre I.D. Hospital.
18. C.P.A.C. request on National Building Code.
19. Requests for Sewer Assessment Exemptions.
20. Sackville Street Widening.
21. Clinton Avenue Pumping Station.
22. Land Expropriation - Bedford Basin (Imperial Oil Ltd.)
23. Fees for Permits
24. Street lighting Bloomingdale Terrace
25. Service Lane between Gottingen and Brunswick Streets for Rainnie Drive
26. Sewer and Water Extension.
27. Garbage Collection T.B. Hospital.
28. Purchase of Electrocardioscribe T.B. Hospital.
29. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment Fire Department
30. Amendment to Section 243 City Charter re Titles Police Department
31. Application to Rezone 592 Robie Street.
32. Application to Rezone N/E Corner of Bayers Road & Connaught Avenue.
33. Application to Build on Undersized lot 32 Vestry Street.
34. Subdivision of C.F. Abbott Lots 1 & 2 First Street.
35. Appointment of Coal Weigher.
36. Grant Halifax Choral Society.
37. Tag Days.
38. Fairview Cemetery Land.
39. Retirement City Treasurer.
40. " Miss Joan E.G. Hunt.
41. " Constable F.G. Webb.
42. Re fund Superannuation Contributions & Grants Mrs. Cormier & Mrs. Hillman
43. Borrowing \$1,500,000.00 Section 318B City Charter
44. " Resolution re Airport \$100,000.00
45. Resolution Halifax Board of Trade re Council-Manager Form of Government
46. Knights of Columbus Request for Tax Exemption
47. Claim for Injuries Ralph J. Stoneman.
48. Expropriation of First St. Harry Simon.
49. Authority under Section 316C for Funds S.P.C.A.
50. Financing Vocational High School.
51. Bellevue Property.

1. Town of Yarmouth Transportation Commission re Transportation.
2. Request for Permit to Build a Duplex Dwelling 108 Lady Hammond Road.
3. Leave of Absence R.L. Rooney.
4. Legislation.
5. Questions.
6. County Court House Capital Expenditures.
7. Appointment of Committee City Field Union Relations.
8. Report Job Evaluation.
9. Resignations from Council.

#### DEFERRED ITEMS

Repairs to Building Brunswick Street and Spring Garden Road.  
Motion Alderman Kitz re St. Lawrence Seaway.  
Butler Property Cedar Street.

#### FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Manager's Administrative Report  
Tree List # 2 - 1954.  
Letter Halifax North Civic Improvement Association Re Economy in Expenditures.  
Tax Rate.  
Statistical Report Prefab Houses.  
Annual Report City Assessor.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
March 17, 1955,  
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Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBaró, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, C.P. Bethune, C.C., A.J. Yeadon, L.M. Romkey, G.F. West, W.A.G. Snook, J.L. Leitch, V.W. Mitchell and Dr. A.R. Morton.

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 Lane, seconded by Alderman MacMillan that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.  
PUBLIC HEARING Re: SUBDIVISION OF LANDS SEABOARD INVESTORS LIMITED

A Public Hearing into the matter of a subdivision of lands known as the St. Paul Glebe Lands by the Seaboard Investors Ltd. was held at this time.

Letters of objection were read by the City Clerk from the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association and the Nova Scotia Division of the Community Planning Association of Canada.

Mr. A.A. Robertson of the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association: "I believe a great deal of time was spent by those making the Master Plan and the Council felt it was a good plan or

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else they would not have approved of it. It is one of the last areas in the City to plan. I don't think the proposed plan is a better one than the one you have already approved of. I don't think you would be doing any injustice to the present owners if you did not approve of it. The people who sold the property were aware of the existing plan. The proposed plan is going to increase the industrial area and decrease the residential area. It is going to make a much narrower street than the one that was planned for that area. If we narrow our streets I think we are making a mistake. I think the Council would be well advised to stick to the plan they have already approved of."

Mr. Urcuhart of the Seaboard Investments Limited addressed the Council as follows: "The industrial area as laid out on the proposed plan would certainly be advantageous to the City. This plan would provide for 5 separate railway sidings and these would be sold to wholesale firms and people who would want to landscape their property. As far as the present plan is concerned there is room on the east for an industrial area. It is our proposal that perhaps the Memorial Drive might be located in such a manner that it might come in in its present route at the end of Gottingen Street. It would be a saving to the City in obtaining land for the Memorial Drive. There would have to be an additional purchase made as it is now. With this now it gives approximately 93 lots. I would ask this Council to approve this plan."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that this matter be referred to the Town Planning Board for further consideration.

Alderman Vaughan: "The Solicitor for the owners of the property failed to put across his best selling point in that he failed to mention that when the Memorial Drive was laid down the condition of the land was substantially different than what it is today. Cuts and excavations were made in that hill. If the

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Memorial Drive as proposed in 1946 is carried through at some later date you will not have the same height of land as in 1946. A scenic thing is a nice thing but I believe in first things first. The Memorial Drive did propose a wide street with park lands on both sides. What the Community Planning Association wants to achieve no longer exists as houses have been built on one part of it. I would suggest the Seaboard people consult with the Town Planning Engineer."

Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to know what it would cost the City in dollars if the original plan was followed?"

Alderman Dunlop: "When the matter comes to the Town Planning Board the people who have objection should make them before that Board. What we are interested in is the development of the City and not the owners of the land. As a member of that Board there is some advantage to the City in having some of that area set aside for industrial areas. I would suggest Mr. Robertson's organization give some consideration to that thought."

The motion was put and passed.

CITY FIELD UNION AGREEMENT

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

A report from the City Manager submitting a copy of a proposed agreement with the City Field Union was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the agreement be approved after amending clause 9 (c) to overcome objections of the Union with respect to time and one half.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the report be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

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JOB EVALUATION

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

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

Date: March 17, 1955

Subject: Job Evaluation.

City Council at its meeting of February 17, 1955 requested the City Manager to recommend a firm to do a job evaluation for all city positions.

Nine companies were written, of which six acknowledge the inquiry. Three have submitted estimates and another three are preparing one. We may hear from the other three.

Such estimates are lengthy to prepare and more time will be needed to permit those written to reply.

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

Mr. Carl Simmons addressed Council on behalf of Union #143 as follows: "We have had time to consider this matter. The thought has come to us that it is a job evaluation for all civic employees and in so doing we might have to wait another 6 or 8 months to get any results. This has happened to us before. We think the job evaluation is needed. The Police, Fire and City Field are going to get theirs. It might be 6 or 8 months before the Company reports. The cost might run to 10 -20-30 thousand dollars. It is our hope that when the job evaluation is done it will be handed to all Unions at one time. We feel we are not going to be considered for this year. We won't have any agreement to work on except the one we have now. What we are asking for would cost the City about \$31,000.00; we would be willing to accept this on July 1st at \$15,000.00. There is quite a substantial sum in the Surplus Account of last year and the year before. It could also come from 316"C" as a 1956 item. We also get no Rand Formula."

Alderman Kitz: "There is considerable logic in what the speaker says. I would be just as happy to see negotiations recommenced."



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Moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Ahern that negotiations with the City Hall Union be re-commenced by and through a committee of Council appointed by the Chair.

Alderman Lloyd: "I am all in favor of a review with the emphasis on the lower paid employees. I think it could be done by a special committee or the Finance and Executive Committee."

Alderman Dunlop: "The Union bargains for all employees and not any one particular group."

Alderman Vaughan: "The Union wants a balance of \$420.00 from last year. I believe there are some in the lower salary groups where a temporary adjustment may be necessary that Council could go along with until the job evaluation is done."

The motion was put and passed.

His Worship the Mayor then named the following to comprise the Committee Aldermen DeWolf, Lane and Macdonald.

Council agreed to these nominations.

SALE OF SOFT DRINKS BY VENDING MACHINES

March 15, 1955.

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

A request from Messrs. McInnes, Cooper and Robertson on behalf of Coca-Cola Ltd. seeking to have the City Charter amended to provide for the sale of soft drinks by vending machines was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

After hearing representations for and against the request it was agreed to forward same to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Mr. Donald McInnes, Q.C. addressed the Council on behalf of Coca-Cola Ltd. and submitted a brief in support of the application for vending machines.

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Mr. T.H. Coffin, Q.C., addressed Council on behalf of the Tobacco Distributors who opposed the application. He urged considerable study on the matter.

Alderman Vaughan said he would go along with the application if the machines were confined to places not available to the general public, such places would be office buildings and plants where the beverage would be available to the staff. He did not go along with the general approval of the machines because they did not necessarily mean progress.

Alderman Macdonald said he was opposed to any type of vending machines which vends edible merchandise and cigarettes. He felt the machines would hurt the small merchants because they were depending on the smaller sales. He stated he was not against the Coca-Cola Company but just the machine.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that no action be taken on the request.

Alderman Lloyd said he checked small restaurants and drug stores in his Ward and there was a good deal of fear as to where the machines would go. He felt the City was getting close to Federal Government operation in the field of trade and commerce. What Alderman Macdonald had said about the small merchant applied in Ward 4 Alderman Lloyd said.

Alderman Lane said pinball machines were licensed which in her opinion led to vice with the young people. She would not support the motion as she felt this kind of a machine would not do any harm.

Alderman Hatfield said he had not heard of anyone against these machines except those in the tobacco interests. He felt the introduction of the machines would cause more employment.

Alderman DeWolf requested an opinion from the City Solicitor with respect to Item 25 on the submission made by the Company to see if the resolution recited might be accepted as he wished to make an amendment.

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City Solicitor: "If it is decided they will pay a license fee then it should only be necessary to include the class of auto-matic machine in the clause §10 D. The wording that is there would be quite satisfactory. If you wish to provide that no license fee be charged I suggest an additional sub-section be added to §10D to provide that the machines which are permitted to vend articles shall not require to be licensed."

Alderman DeWolf moved that the vending of soft drinks in machines be permitted.

There was no seconder to the motion.

Alderman DeWolf: "In Item #6 it is suggested that Halifax is the only City in the world that has restrictive legislation. The people on the other side of the Arm can sell soft drinks by machines. I don't believe the small merchants are so greatly affected because it is necessary for Coca-Cola to keep the good will of the small merchants as they sell coke. I am sure they would not take a chance in asking for this if they had not canvassed the small merchants. The tobacco people are against the possible creeping in of cigarette machines. The two machines in the Railway Station were given to a man who came here from Winnipeg. We never saw him before and he does not pay any taxes."

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't think these machines are quite as bad as has been said. Any other company can put in machines and they would have to do it to meet competition."

Alderman Macdonald: "The cost of these machines would be around \$100.00. That is going to shut out the small merchants. This would be another step towards pushing them out of business."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan that this matter be deferred until the October meeting of Council in order to give the members of Council an opportunity to thrash out the problems of the license fee.

There was no seconder to the amendment.

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Alderman Vaughan: "In fairness to this Council we should have the opportunity to discuss this properly and not have it come up piecemeal."

Alderman Lloyd: "Does this present any problem to the Health Department? You have Health regulations."

Dr. Morton: "We allow the sale of milk in individual bottles that are capped. There is no restriction on the sale of carbonated beverages."

Alderman Vaughan: "Is it necessary to have a license for machines vending foods? Isn't this machine vending a commodity which is called a food?"

Dr. Morton: "It has certain calories. Yes."

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Sharer can you tell us what the average weekly take is from these machines in areas where they are generally operated?"

Mr. Poulson: "12 cases a week; 48¢ profit per case."

His Worship the Mayor: "Any difference in profit to the merchant for the same volume sold through the machine and over the counter?"

Mr. Poulson: "None."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is there any difference to the public in the cost of the drink per bottle?"

Mr. Poulson: "No."

His Worship the Mayor: "I used a vending machine in a City in the West and it was 10%."

Mr. Poulson: "They are vended for 7%."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Vaughan  
Macdonald  
Adams  
Lloyd

AGAINST IT

Alderman Kitz  
Ahern  
Allen  
Hatfield  
MacMillan  
DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Dunlop  
Lane

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Moved by Alderman DeWolf that Council instruct the Solicitor to seek legislation to permit vending machines for soft drinks and carbonated beverages and to abolish the license fee as applied to soft drink machines.

There was no seconder to this motion.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Allen that the sale of soft drinks and beverages be permitted when the machine is installed within the premises of a permanent business establishment or social organization and the license fee per year for each machine shall be the amount as determined by the City Council.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this matter be deferred for one month.

Alderman Vaughan: "There is some doubt as to whether the Health Regulations should be changed."

Alderman Lloyd: "There is some kind of confusion as to the control you will have to exercise. I believe there are hundreds of retailers against this. I am not making any idle talk. I suggest you are ignoring a large part of the taxpaying public."

Alderman Kitz: "Let us face up to this matter and get it off the boards."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Vaughan  
Macdonald  
Adams  
Lloyd

AGAINST IT

Alderman Alern  
Allen  
Hatfield  
MacMillan  
DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Dunlop  
Lane  
Kitz

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10:40 P.M. Alderman Lane retires.

The motion was put and carried 3 for the same and 3 against it as follows:

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FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Allen  
Vaughan  
Hatfield  
MacMillan  
DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Dunlop  
Macdonald  
Ahern

AGAINST IT

Alderman Adams  
Lloyd  
Kitz

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SALE OF LAND FAIRVIEW CEMETERY - CO-OPERATIVES

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

The attached report from the City Assessor respecting Fairview Cemetery Land was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the report be approved with the understanding that the co-operative groups concerned will advise as to whether or not the price of \$1,000.00 per lot is acceptable to them.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members Finance & Executive  
Committee.  
From: A.J. Yeadon, City Assessor.  
Date: February 24, 1955.  
Subject: Proposed Subdivision Fairview Cemetery Land.

In accordance with the Resolution of Council of February 17th in reference to the above, I wish to state the said land contains approximately 369,830 square feet or 8.5 acres. Of this it would be essential for the subdivider to reconvey back to the City approximately 72,100 square feet for streets. This would leave a balance of 297,730 square feet or 6.83 acres out of which the subdivider could obtain 45 lots of approximately 45' x 158' in size or 1,522 square feet. I would, therefore, recommend the amount of twenty cents (0.20) per square foot for this land to a depth of 100 feet and five cents (0.05) per square foot for the rear, amounting to \$1,000. per lot or approximately \$6,500. per acre without any rough grade or sewer, as a fair and reasonable amount for this land.

In arriving at this amount I have given consideration to the approximate cost of services, sewer, rough grade and survey submitted by Mr. Snook, Town Planning Engineer, and after consultation with Mr. Stairs, Superintendent of Fairview Cemetery and Mr. Philip Dumasq, Architect for St. Andrew's School, in reference to a rock formation in the area and the approximate cost for excavation.

Respectfully submitted,

A.J. Yeadon,  
CITY ASSESSOR.

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

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

Date: March 17, 1955.

Subject: Sale of Land to Cooperatives.

City Council is considering the sale of land to certain cooperatives without knowing details concerning those applying except that they have or will have approval of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission.

It may be the City has, or should have, other standards before concluding arrangements with these groups. There should be much information concerning occupation, level of income, present place of residence, etc., which should be factors in deciding the arrangements with cooperatives.

I notice from a list of members of one cooperative that four of the members live outside the City which means that non-resident members of cooperatives are being given preference over individuals who reside in the City.

I bring this matter to your attention since we have had instances of people asking for sewers so "they could build a home" and a for sale sign is on the house before it is completed. Others who owned houses and sold them, presumably at a profit, thought they should have a priority on the Bayers Road houses, and others in process of selling their homes have called asking they be taken in the Emergency Shelters.

None of these are entitled to special consideration and if land is sold to cooperatives at a special price, Council may wish to impose some protective limitations.

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

Alderman Ahern: "I think the price is excessive".

Moved by Alderman Ahern that the price be set at \$500.00 per lot.

There was no seconder to the motion.

Alderman Vaughan: "All we require now is that the Companies get in touch with the City Manager. We agreed to sell it at the price fixed by the City Assessor. We don't have to do anything".

City Manager: "I would suggest that it be offered to them for \$45,000.00 and they submit a plan of subdivision providing for the streets. As filers of the plan they are responsible for the streets. I wonder if there are any conditions you want to put on before you sell the land".

Alderman MacDonald: "There may be applicants who already own land in the City. There should be a check on it".

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Alderman Vaughan: "Most of those living outside the City were forced outside to find a place to live. They are seeking City land in order to build themselves a home. No members of the group are property owners at the present time".

Alderman Dunlop: "The resolution that passed Council is clear. There is nothing in it which said the man had to live in the City. It is simply a matter of whether the 4 co-operatives want to take it".

His Worship the Mayor: "I believe they should be named and you put a time limit on it".

Mr. N. E. MacLean: "We would accept the \$1,000.00 but we would have to check on the amendments".

His Worship the Mayor: "This land was to be sold as raw land".

Alderman Lloyd: "The Town Planning Board has to approve of a plan of subdivision."

His Worship the Mayor: "The \$45,000.00 is arrived at on an estimate that 45 lots can be made out of this subdivision and streets can be provided."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that these 4 co-operative groups be notified of the price fixed by the City Assessor and asked to advise this Council whether they accept the offer or not by the next regular meeting of the City Council and if so they should be required to complete the matter by the May regular meeting of the City Council. Motion passed.

RAYERS ROAD HOUSING PROJECT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Halifax, N. S.,  
March 15, 1955.

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

A report from the City Manager respecting Bayers Road Housing Project - Terms of Reference was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that a committee be appointed from Council to discuss the matter with Central Mortgage and Home Loan Corporation and the Bayers Road Housing Association and report back to Council at the regular meeting in April next.



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Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Kitz: "I have been in communication with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as far back as January and there are some 17 groups across Canada enjoying such privileges with different arrangements".

The motion was put and passed.

REHABILITATION CENTRE I. D. HOSPITAL

Halifax, N. S.,  
March 15, 1955.

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

The attached report from the City Manager respecting Rehabilitation Centre was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your committee recommends that the proposal be approved in principle and that the City Manager submit a report on the final costs to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Date: March 15, 1955

Subject: Rehabilitation Centre

A group of organizations in the City of Halifax, is interested in operating a rehabilitation centre in the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Their plan is to use the first floor and the City would retain use of the second floor.

The cost of operation in the first year is estimated at \$27,000.00 plus \$5,000.00 toward expenses of operation of the building which total \$10,350.00 as shown below. Projected expansion would raise this amount of \$52,300.00 the second year if six beds were provided. Capital costs for alterations to the building and equipment would be \$60,000.00.

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The sponsors feel they can finance this program with the assistance of certain Federal funds which are available.

Whether this program is followed, or we continue to use the whole building ourselves, it would be advisable to construct a ramp from the T.B. hospital to obviate a separate staff for kitchen, etc., in the Infectious Diseases Hospital. This matter has been under consideration for some time and the estimated cost of this ramp is \$7,500.00.

The estimated saving in salaries per year is as follows:

Charge Nurse	\$2,340.00	
Practical Nurse	1,850.00	
Receptionist	1,020.00	
Cook	1,200.00	
Assistant Cook	660.00	
2 Maids	1,200.00	<u>\$8,280.00</u>

In addition, there will be some saving in food.

The costs of operation are:

Fuel	4,500.00	
Repairs	1,500.00	
Light	750.00	
Water	200.00	
Coal for kitchen	300.00	
Electrical supplies	250.00	
Plumbing Repairs	800.00	
Roof Repair	1,000.00	
Dry Goods	300.00	
Sanitary supplies	550.00	<u>10,350.00</u>

Any agreement with an organization operating a Rehabilitation Centre should provide:-

1. That the City may cancel the agreement should the space occupied by the centre be required for a City purpose.
2. That the City not be required at any time in the future to subsidize or take over financial responsibility for operation of the centre.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "I would like to know whether we require the Infectious Diseases Hospital at the present time. In some cities in Canada such hospitals are being closed and the patients go to the general hospital. Could some study be given to closing the whole of this hospital and making the whole building available for the organization as the one proposed. It could go over until the next regular meeting and the Public Health and Welfare Committee could go into it."

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that his matter be referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee and the Commissioner of Health report to the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Alderman Hatfield: "I don't know whether the Medical Society has given any thought to it at all. They should at least be consulted and a report received from them. Perhaps they did. I don't know."

Alderman Ahern: "I was going to give notice of motion to spend \$500,000.00 for a proper building. They are doing it all over the U.S.A. I am all for this project."

Alderman Vaughan: "I think the problem is a much greater one than proposed here. We must know how many hospital beds are available to the citizens of Halifax per thousand population. I understand that one section of this province has an over burden of hospital beds in Cape Breton. This area of Halifax has had very little increase for hospital beds in proportion to the increase in population. It is a matter where the Council must watch out clearing out of hospital space for T.B. cure to make a rehabilitation centre. I think it is dangerous without the Council having all the information necessary. This ties in with our request to the province that they take over the maintenance of the T.B. Hospital. The Commissioner of Health should advise the Council the number of hospital beds needed to take care of the citizens of Halifax, and what possible continued use may be made of the T.B. Hospital. There might be a possibility that the whole building might be sold to such an organization rather than selling a portion. It may be possible to put the I.D. work in the wing of the T.B. Hospital."

Alderman Ahern: "I think Drs. Peckwith and Woodbury are qualified. The Drs. are in favour of this. I suggest we proceed."

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Alderman Kitz: "The larger program may need a new and larger building but who will pay for it? The one point I am concerned with is; I have been opposed to expenditures to other hospitals because of the responsibility of the Province. This calls for an annual contribution of \$5,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is the amount they propose to contribute towards the maintenance of the building."

Alderman Kitz: "I would like some advice from the Commissioner of Health. Is \$5,000.00 a fair estimation for the services which we will give? If it is not, I am concerned on a matter of policy. We are stepping into the Provincial camp and paying part of theirs."

Dr. Morton: "The items listed in the memo are items passed in the estimates for that hospital for maintenance for this year."

Alderman Kitz: "Do I understand you that the food cost will be borne by the City for them?"

Dr. Morton: "No."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think there is a lot of merit in contributing to an effort providing the province comes in and contributes as well. This is not a hospitalization program. This is rehabilitation."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is an out patient operation."

Alderman Lloyd: "We should be willing to make a fair and reasonable contribution on the basis of our population. I suggest that somebody make a motion to place ourselves on record that we are agreed in principle to do something of this type."

Read letter from Alban M. Murphy, President of the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis suggesting that until more information is available, a "go slow" policy would be better at this time.

Dr. C.J.W. Beckwith stated that this was a matter of agreeing in principle and that his council would come back to City Council for approval and an agreement.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Hatfield  
MacMillan  
DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Dunlop  
Macdonald  
Adams  
Lloyd  
Allen

AGAINST IT

Alderman Kitz  
Ahern

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CLAIM FOR INJURIES RALPH J. STONEMAN

To: Mr. A.A. DeBard, Jr., City Manager.  
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.  
Date: March 16, 1955.  
Subject: Re: Stoneman claim, School Board.

Dear Sir:

At last night's meeting of the Finance Committee I was requested to secure the following information:

- (a) When was case first reported to the Board;
- (b) How long has the position of the insurance company as to non-liability been known;
- (c) did the supervisor advise the School Board;
- (d) the terms and conditions of the policy.

I have spoken today to Mr. R.E. Marshall, the Supervisor of Schools, and he advises me as follows:

(1) As to (a) above, the matter was never reported to a meeting of the School Board, but on January 14 he reported verbally on the matter to the Committee on Estimates and the Committee asked if the matter had been reported to the insurance company and was told it had. No details of the accident were given to the Committee nor were any requested. The report to the Committee was probably as a result of a letter from Mr. Stoneman, received January 13, in which Mr. Stoneman claimed damages.

(2) As to (b) above, Mr. Marshall was notified on December 1, 1954, by Maclaren, Hope & Company that liability would be denied.

(3) The School Board itself was never officially advised of the accident.

(4) As to (d) above, the policy in question is attached hereto. It may be that the Mayor is interested in seeing this

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policy in view of his statement that unless otherwise prohibited he would make the terms of the policy available to Mr. Kanigsberg.

I think this covers the information desired.

CARL P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR

10:45 P.M. Alderman Vaughan retires.

Alderman Dunlop: "Insurance was put on so the City would be protected. The matter should be dealt with. The policy should be put in the paper. If the coverage is not sufficient it can be taken up. It should go back to the School Board."

City Solicitor: "May I suggest in a matter of this kind the normal proceeding would be for an action to be brought against the School Board. If the school Board were found liable, the insurance company would pay the claim. If the Board were found not liable, then the Council might consider a grant. I think it is here away out of time."

Alderman Lloyd: "It seems to me that when a child is injured in the school grounds, we should be prepared to pay immediate medical expenses involved. It is a matter of policy of what you might want to do in regards to school children injured on school property."

Alderman Kitz: "The policy is going to become part of the minutes?"

Alderman DeWolf: "It was my assumption that the Board put on a policy that would cover such an accident."

#### SUMMARY OF POLICY

Comprehensive General Liability

Policy covers Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax in respect of;

Claims for bodily injury -----

One person---- limit \$50,000.00

One accident, two or more persons \$100,000.00

Total liability in any one year --- \$100,000.00

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Liability is defined to cover liability imposed by law upon Board or assumed by Board under any agreement (as defined in the policy) for damages, including damages for care and loss of services because of bodily injuries, sickness or disease, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person caused by accident or assault and battery occurring during the policy period.

The company is also bound by the policy to re-imburse the Board for its outlay for such medical or surgical aid as may be immediately necessary at the time of the accident.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the matter be referred to the School Board for examination as to the facts and details and the Board make such recommendations in the matter as it deems appropriate and report back to City Council.

Motion passed.

GRANT HALIFAX CHORAL SOCIETY

March 15, 1955.

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

A request from the Halifax Choral Society for a grant of \$500.00 was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature enabling the City to pay the Halifax Choral Society for the year 1955 the sum of Two Hundred Dollars per concert with a maximum of two concerts.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Dunlop asked if the Nova Scotia Opera Association and the Halifax Symphony Society received grants to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the affirmative.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the Halifax Choral Society be granted the sum of \$500.00 for the year 1955. Amendment passed with Alderman DeWolf wishing to be recorded against.

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LEGISLATION

BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY

The City Solicitor submitted a plan and draft legislation respecting the boundaries of the City and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the plan and legislation as submitted be approved after inserting in paragraph 8, line 5, between the words "which" and "the", the words "a portion of". Motion passed.

TAX APPEAL COURT

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation respecting the constitution of the Court of Tax Appeals and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

The following changes were made:

Paragraph 3, Sub-section 3, line 3, the word "tenth" deleted and the word "fifteenth" substituted therefor.

Paragraph 13, Section 407B, line 2, the words "fifty cents" deleted and the words "three dollars" substituted therefor.

11:15 P.M. Alderman Vaughan resumes his seat.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the legislation as amended be approved. Motion passed.

TITLES DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT

The City Solicitor submitted the following legislation:

Subsection (1) of Section 243, as that subsection is enacted by Section 6 of Chapter 16 of the Acts of 1943, is amended by striking out the words "Inspector of Detectives, Assistant Inspector of Detectives" in the fifth and sixth lines thereof, and substituting therefor the words, "Superintendent, Detective Inspector".

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Adams that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION Re: GRANT HALIFAX CHORAL SOCIETY

The City Solicitor submitted the following legislation:

The City may, in the year 1955, pay as a grant to the Halifax Choral Society the sum of five hundred dollars. Any sums so expended for the foregoing purpose shall be shown as an expenditure made by the City in the year 1955.



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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed with Alderman DeWolf wishing to be recorded against.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION

March 15, 1955.

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

A request from the Knights of Columbus for Tax Exemption on their premises at 9 Cogswell Street was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the request be granted and the necessary legislation obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

LEGISLATION

Section 370 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(15)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act, the lands and premises known as civic number 9-11 Cogswell Street shall be exempt from real property taxation by the City during such time as the same are owned by Columbus Holding Association of Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, and its successors, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Halifax Council 1097, and used by the said Knights of Columbus for the purposes of the said Knights of Columbus to the extent that such lands and premises are so used.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act, the Knights of Columbus Halifax Council 1097 shall not be liable to be assessed in respect of their occupancy of the portion of the said lands and premises known as civic number 9-11 Cogswell Street, occupied by the said Knights of Columbus for the purposes of the said Knights of Columbus.

The City may write off and cancel such portion of the real property taxes and taxes assessed in respect of the occupancy of real property assessed for the civic year 1955 in respect of the lands and premises known as civic number 9-11 Cogswell Street against Columbus Holding Association of Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, and the Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, as relates to the portion of the said lands and premises occupied by the said Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097 for the purpose of that Council.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

March 17, 1955.

RETIREMENT CITY TREASURER

Halifax, N. S.,  
March 15, 1955.

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 resignation of Mr. George J. Allen, City Treasurer, was considered.

It was agreed to recommend:

- A. That the resignation be accepted effective as from March 31, 1955.
- B. That Mr. Allen be granted one month's leave of absence with full pay to April 30, 1955.
- C. That Mr. Allen be superannuated at an annual allowance of \$2,787.50 effective as from May 1, 1955 under the authority of Section 147 of the City Charter.
- D. That legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature enabling the City to pay to Mr. Allen for the remainder of his life an annual allowance of \$464.58 in addition to the amount he is entitled to receive under Clause "C" above, effective as from May 1, 1955.
- E. That Mr. Allen be continued on the payroll for the additional amount referred to in Clause "D" above until such time as the legislation is obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Dunlop: "Is this grant on the same basis as the one given to the late Commissioner of Finance?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Not exactly. It is a higher percentage and a considerably less sum of money".

Alderman Dunlop: "I think everyone should be dealt with alike from the top paid man to the lowest paid clerk".

Alderman Vaughan: "If you want to make provision for his long service and overtime, you can do it by way of retiring leave".

His Worship the Mayor: "He has contributed to the fund 4% for over 34 years. In the case of the present plan, the City has paid in for the back services and in the case of the grants, they paid nothing".

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the report be approved after amending Clause "D" to read the sum of \$712.50. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION

The City shall pay to George J. Allen, retired Treasurer, of the City, as and from the first day of May, 1955, for the remainder of his life, an annual allowance of Seven Hundred and Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents, the said allowance to be in addition to the allowance of two thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents which he is entitled to receive from the Halifax Officials Superannuation Fund, and which shall be paid to him in monthly instalments, in advance, on the first day of each month.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

RETIREMENT MISS JOAN E. G. HUNT

Halifax, N. S.,  
March 15, 1955.

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 matter of retiring Miss Joan E. G. Hunt, an employee of the Works Department for 33 years, was considered.

As Miss Hunt is entitled to receive the sum of \$741.39 annually from the Superannuation Plan, it was agreed to recommend that she be retired at this amount effective as from April 30, 1955 and that legislation be obtained enabling the City to pay her an additional allowance of \$788.55 annually.

It was also agreed to recommend that Miss Hunt be carried on the payroll at the supplementary amount until such time as the legislation is obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.  
March 16th, 1955.

Mr. George West,  
Commissioner of Works.  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. West:

In reply to your letter of March 11th, 1955, in connection with my retirement, and your recommendation therewith, I understand that the Finance and Executive Committee have reduced your figure of \$1600.00 to \$1500.00.

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This I definitely consider not adequate considering the long service I have had with the City of Halifax and the position which I now hold. I feel I am entitled to at least a livable pension of around \$1300.00, and I would request you to convey my request to the City Council along with the report from the Finance and Executive Committee on my retirement.

Yours very truly,

Jean E.G. Hunt .

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

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

Date: March 17, 1955.

Subject: Employee Relationships

Council has before it the matter of a supplementary grant to an employee who is being retired. The supplementary grant was considered by the Finance & Executive Committee who recommend a total of \$1,500.00.

You have before you a letter from the employee concerned who petitions that her opinion on the adequacy of grant be presented along with the Finance & Executive Committee's report.

I would like to point out that this is very bad practice in any organization, business or municipal, especially since Aldermen have been embarrassed by importunities over the telephone on a matter which was considered by a committee of which they are not members and with which they were not familiar.

Employee appeals over the decisions of department heads and the City Manager should be very rare and confined to matters of deliberate discrimination. If employees do not abide by administrative decisions, especially where they have been accepted by a Council committee, an Alderman's time will be devoted to anything but the major policy decisions which are his special responsibility.

Members of Council may have some thoughts in this matter which would guide all of us.

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

Alderman Ahern felt that Miss Hunt was entitled to a larger grant than recommended. He moved that she received a total pension of \$1800.00.

There was no seconder to this motion.

Alderman Dunlop: "She said she was being compulsorily retired."

His Worship the Mayor: "Her retirement was postponed for one year."

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Alderman Dunlop: "I commend the Manager for his report. We should say this is established policy that the people will get grants but they will be at a certain percentage."

Alderman Kitz: "I join with the Alderman's view. The letter is a cry of despair. If we have a retirement scheme we should not deviate from it".

City Manager: "We said we would pay 2% for a year with 60% as a maximum".

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

Alderman Lloyd: "Make it 2% per year for the years of service."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that Miss Hunt be paid an annual grant of \$941.54.

The amendment was put and lost 2 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Lloyd  
Ahern

AGAINST IT

Alderman Hatfield  
MacMillan  
DeWolf  
Moriarty  
Dunlop  
Macdonald  
Adams  
Kitz  
Allen  
Vaughan

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The motion was then put and passed.

LEGISLATION

The City shall pay to Miss Joan E.G. Hunt, retired employee of the Department of Works of the City, as and from the thirtieth day of April, 1955, for the remainder of her life, an annual allowance of seven hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty-five cents. The said allowance to be in addition to the allowance of seven hundred and forty-one dollars and thirty-nine cents which she is entitled to receive from the City of Halifax Superannuation Plan and which shall be paid to her in monthly instalments, in advance, on the first day of each month.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.