

AFTERNOON SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
March 2, 1956,
5:10 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, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Site for Abattoir.
2. Sale of Land to Province Raimie Drive.
3. Brief His Worship the Mayor to Province of Nova Scotia.
4. Legislation.

5:15 P.M. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

6:35 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

SITE FOR ABATTOIR ✓

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

At a meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council held on the above date, the attached report from the City Manager respecting the sale of City-owned land on the shores of the Bedford Basin

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to the Nova Scotia Co-operative Abattoir Ltd. for the construction of a modern abattoir, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved with the following proviso: "it being understood by the purchaser that the price of the land should bear no relation to the assessed value nor should the purchaser seek to take advantage of it; that legislation be obtained authorizing the City to sell the land without calling for tenders and a contract be granted between the City and the purchaser with the Mayor and City Clerk executing the same on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: February 28, 1956.

Subject: Abattoir - Proposal for Site.

At a meeting with the special Council Committee on the Abattoir (Aldermen DeWolf, Macdonald and Greenwood), the Nova Scotia co-operative Abattoir Ltd. submitted the following brief.

SUBMISSION TO HALIFAX CITY COUNCIL

RE

NOVA SCOTIA CO-OPERATIVE ABATTOIR LTD.

An Industry for Nova Scotia

It is generally recognized that a greater degree of industrial expansion is necessary in Nova Scotia, and recent deliberations of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council clearly indicates that the field of agriculture presents the greatest possibilities for this expansion, particularly in livestock production.

There was a time when our livestock production was double its present size; this was the day when unsanitary farm slaughter was acceptable to the general public. This day has passed many years ago, and without the facilities of modern abattoir facilities our livestock industry has declined to its present status.

Through modern abattoir facilities this industry can be revitalized and flourish again. What would a flourishing livestock industry do for the province of Nova Scotia?

In terms of livestock numbers we import 50,000 beef, 37,000 veal and 140,000 hogs. Translated into money, this would have a value at the farm level of \$10 million dollars and at the retail level \$20 million dollars. Give the farmers of this province another \$10 million dollars of purchasing power, and one can visualize the effect it will have on the prosperity of all our towns and cities. It is difficult to imagine any other phase of industrial expansion that could contribute more to the general prosperity of the province.

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An Industry for the City of Halifax.

An industry of this nature would have beneficial results to the City of Halifax. The establishment of abattoir facilities in the City would guarantee a supply of sanitary processed meats a situation that does not exist to any appreciable extent.

Furthermore, a modern custom-killing plant would develop to the point that will give employment to 120 people, and if we consider the packing and processing industry that will spring up due to the advent of this plant, we could conservatively estimate the total labour force required to reach approximately 250 people.

In addition to the aspect of employment, there is the added tax revenue from such an industry; as well as the increased trade that will also be realized by city businesses from the truck trade, which is becoming so popular in the moving of meat in and from cities.

Structure of the Abattoir

A general sketch and floor plan of the plant that will be established has been prepared by an architect. This plant is designed according to the most modern abattoir requirements, and when the building is completed will undoubtedly be the latest in abattoir construction in Eastern Canada. In consultation with the architect, after returning from an inspection tour of modern plants, we find that such a plant will cost in the vicinity of \$375,000. machinery installed.

The farmers of Nova Scotia have subscribed \$150,000 of this amount. Cold storage loans and grants from the provincial and federal governments will amount to \$90,000; and the remaining amount of \$135,000, we are confident will be forthcoming from the provincial government.

A parcel of land on Bedford Basin, now owned by the City of Halifax is considered to be a satisfactory site. It is accessible by rail, road and water, and has all the advantages necessary for the location of this industry. An area has been staked by the architect where it is considered the plant should be placed for efficient operation - an area of 4.5 acres, which is deemed to be the minimum requirements.

Proposal to the City of Halifax

The Nova Scotia Co-operative Abattoir Limited wishes to purchase this parcel of land for the establishment of this industry on 4.5 acres of land described in the foregoing, along with the necessary sewage disposal - the latter to be undertaken and maintained by the City of Halifax.

The Nova Scotia Co-operative Abattoir Limited is confident that a price can be negotiated, that will be satisfactory to them, as well as to the City of Halifax.

It will be highly appreciated if this matter can be dealt with speedily by your Committee and by the Halifax City Council. The Company's Solicitor and Architect will be available for consultation and finalization of this purchase.

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The Committee recommends to City Council:

Obligations of Co-operative

1. Build own sewer line to new street line of Barrington Street.
2. Provide own water service at no cost to City of Halifax.
3. Return land to City if not built upon within two years. (To be included in deed).
4. To pay taxes on following basis:
 - a.. Tax free - January 1, 1957 - December 31, 1958.
 - b. Taxes at normal assessment to begin January 1, 1959 at increasing rate of 20% additional each year for 5 years when 100% will have been reached.
5. A price of \$15,000.00 is to be paid for 4½ acres as shown on the diagram.

Obligation of City

1. To relocate Barrington Street at City expense on westerly line of property being sold to the Abattoir.
2. To extend sewer from easterly street line of relocated Barrington Street.

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

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the report be approved and legislation obtained authorizing the City to sell the land without calling for tenders.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Wymen
Hatfield
Greenwood
De-Wolf
Dunlop
Macdonald
Adams
Fox

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Ahern
Vaughan
Lane
O'Malley

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SALE OF LAND ON RAINNIE DRIVE TO PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

The attached report from the City Manager respecting sale of land Rainnie Drive, was considered by the Committee of the Whole Council at a meeting held on the above date.

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To: His Worship, L. A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council,
From: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,
Date: March 2, 1956
Subject: Land Sale - Rainnie Drive

This matter was considered at the Works meeting of February 9, 1956, Finance & Executive Meeting February 13, 1956, and a brief report made to Council at its meeting of February 16, 1956.

The main question was as to whether the Province would accept title to the fifteen-foot strip bordering this land which is reserved for a right of way.

The Province writes as follows:

"Further to our previous correspondence and conversations concerning the 15-foot section of the right-of-way adjoining the partially owned Provincial property at Rainnie Drive and Gottingen Street and also adjoining that section for which we are now negotiating. I have checked with the Deputy Attorney General concerning the clause covering the right of way which you had copied from the L. F. Daley deed. I am advised that such a clause would give the Province a section of the right of way to the Province would not involve the Province beyond allowing access over the strip in question and that the Province would have no obligation to provide or maintain a roadway.

Under the above circumstances the Province have no objection to accepting without cost a 15-foot section of the 30-foot right of way bounding these properties. I trust that this will clear the situation and that we may be able to have the sale finalized.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) T. B. Lusby
Deputy Minister - Public Works.

The price offered for the 19,685 square feet is \$20,500, or slightly over \$1.00 per square foot. The Cleminshaw valuation for land fronting on Gottingen Street is \$1.25 per square foot. This land is cut off from Gottingen Street as shown by the diagram previously circulated and there is a twelve-foot drop to the right-of-way which it borders.

If Council agrees to the sale the proceeds should be credited to the Land Sale Account and authorization to sell without tender sought from the Legislature.

A. A. De Bard
City Manager.

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Your Committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved and legislation obtained authorizing the City to sell the land without calling for tenders.

Motion passed.

LEGISLATION 1956 ✓

The City Solicitor stated that in order to change the Poll Tax this year it would be necessary that new notices be sent out to the employers in the City giving new information.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the increase in Poll Tax be effective as of January 1, 1957.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Hatfield
DeWolf
Dunlop
Lane
Macdonald
Adams
Wyman

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Vaughan
Greenwood
Fox
O'Malley
Ahern

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Alderman O'Malley: "I favor a higher Poll Tax on a higher income. A few years ago we did have a scale for Poll Taxes but in lieu of that we received from the Provincial Government \$33,000.00. If we are making a request to the Provincial Government for increased grants, that matter should be considered too. That should raise \$50,000.00 or \$60,000.00."

DISCOUNT ON TAXES ✓

The City Solicitor referred to the recent passage of legislation whereby the discount on taxes would be abolished. He said that on a Tax Certificate it made reference to a discount when

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presented for payment. He asked if Council felt the people who have purchased certificates should receive the benefit of a discount if it had been in effect.

His Worship the Mayor: "They are getting the benefit of the pre-payment and they will be in the same position as every other tax payer."

City Manager: "I think that is a contract and we should honor it."

It was agreed to seek legislation to honor the Tax Certificates for 1956 only.

GRANTS TO WIDOWS OF MEMBERS OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ✓

The City Solicitor asked for instructions as to drafting legislation with respect to the above matter.

Alderman Vaughan: "If a man retires he is entitled to 70% of the average earnings from 1945. The widow would get 50% of his pension plus an allowance for each child under the age of 16 of \$150.00 assuming he went to the maximum years of his service at the time he died. Based on the salary he was getting at the time he died assuming he lived to the full maximum service."

ADDITION TO LORD NELSON HOTEL- LEGISLATION ✓

The matter of an addition to the Lord Nelson Hotel being constructed was brought up and referred to the next regular meeting of City Council.

BRIDGE LEGISLATION Re: FINANCING ✓

The City Solicitor submitted legislation respecting the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge.

His Worship the Mayor: "A letter should go forward that we stand by our earlier undertaking that we are responsible for 25% of \$7,000,000.00. We never agreed on anything else."

Alderman Hatfield suggested passing legislation in accordance with what was asked.

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Alderman DeWolf: "The Bill is to take care of the money borrowed from the bank. Why get embroiled in the matter?"

No further action was taken on this matter.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY
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A G E N D A

Prayer.
Minutes.

1. Public Hearing re: Altering Official Street Line North Side of North Street, Brunswick to Gottingen Streets.
2. " " re: Rezoning St. Patrick's Home Property
3. Motions: Overhead Bridge Quinpool Road & Windsor Street.
 - (a) Alderman O'Malley Re: ~~Snow Removal~~
 - (b) Alderman O'Malley Re: Rescinding Resolution Steel Poles Armdale Rotary.
 - (c) Alderman Ahern Re: Increasing Amount Provided in Estimates for Snow Removal.
4. N.S.L.&P. Co.Ltd. Transit Rates.
5. Accounts over \$500.00.
6. Daylight Saving Time. April 29 to September 30.
7. Halifax Airport.
8. Tag Days.
9. Billboards.
10. Proposed Act for the Creation of a Halifax Dartmouth Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.
11. Mobile Radio Costs.
12. Traffic Planning.
13. Modification Lot Area 124 Allen Street.
14. Enlargement Plans L.S. McAvoy - 409 Oxford Street.
15. Resubdivision Geo. Dauphinee Avenue.
16. Naming of Street Westmount Subdivision Lloyd Fox Ave.
17. Change in Ordinance to permit Commissioner of Works to transfer lots in cemeteries.
18. Street Lighting.
19. Lynch's Shows on Commons.
20. Cancellation of Borrowing Authorizations.
21. Emergency Shelter Borrowing.
22. Zoning of Pepperell & Oxford Streets.
23. Rezoning 599 Connaught Ave. (Date for hearing).
24. Overhanging Signs.
25. Taxes Edgewood United Church.
26. " St. Philips Church.
27. Superannuation Hoseman H.C. Fraser \$1,879.00.
28. Widows Allowance Mrs. James E. O'Brien.
29. Halifax Vocational High School.
30. Flouridation of Water.
31. Halifax Natal Day.
32. Sale of Land Falkland St. (Zion B.M.E. Church)
33. Fire Alarm Signal Box Cambridge Library.
34. Applications for reference to T.P. Board.
 1. Modification of Lot Area #3 Cork Street.
 2. Resubdivision 8, 9 & 10 Connaught Avenue.
 3. Rezoning of 415 North Street.
35. Legislation.
36. Questions.
37. Emergency Shelters Insurance.
38. Assessment Lord Nelson Hotel.
39. Brief Financial Arrangement with Province.
40. Amendment to Ordinance #2 (First Reading).
41. Appointment of Coal Weigher (A.T. O'Leary & Co.Ltd.)
42. To be read for Public Notice.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Manager's Administrative Report.
Statistical Report Prefab Houses.
Approvals Minister of Municipal Affairs,
Letter The Shirley Street Hi-Neighbour Group.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
March 19, 1956,
8:30 P.M.

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

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wiman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBorja, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, T.C. Doyle, J.F. Thomson, L.M. Rowley, J.L. Leitch, A.E. Fry, W.A.G. Snook, A.P. Flynn, G.F. West 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 Greenwood that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ALTERING OFFICIAL STREET LINE OF NORTH SIDE OF NORTH STREET, BRUNSWICK TO GOTTINGEN STREETS ✓

A Public Hearing into the matter of altering the Northern Official Street Line of North Street between Brunswick and Gottingen Streets was held at this time.

No persons appeared either for or against the proposal.

A formal resolution was submitted from the City Solicitor and the same is attached to the first part of these minutes.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the resolution be approved. Motion passed.

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PUBLIC HEARING REZONING ST. PATRICK'S HOME PROPERTY MUMFORD ROAD

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: March 13, 1956.

Subject: Rezoning - St. Patrick's Home Property.

The Westmount Home and School Association wrote to Mayor Kitz concerning certain traffic problems in connection with the development of the St. Patrick's Home property (Eaton's).

A combined report from the Traffic Inspector and Town Planning Engineer appears below.

- "1. That there be only two entrances and exits permitted for vehicles to gain access to this property; one entrance-exit opening on Mumford Road and the other entrance-exit opening on Bayers Road. Cook Avenue, of course, would intersect this latter, but it is felt that Cook Avenue would not be used to any great extent.
2. That these entrance-exits be of sufficient width to allow four lanes of traffic.
3. That Isnor Avenue and Ferguson Avenue remain "Dead End" Streets.
4. That Mumford Road be widened its entire length with parking prohibited on both sides.
5. That Mumford Road be widened at the intersection of Chebucto Road and that a building presently situated on the northwest corner of this intersection be removed, with the corners of this intersection rounded off sufficiently to allow merging of traffic. (This intersection has always been considered a traffic hazard due to the narrowness of Mumford Road and the presence of this building which obstructs the view of east-bound traffic on Chebucto Road.)

It is my opinion that the rezoning of this area to "Industrial" would cause a substantial increase in traffic. I feel, however, that if the traffic was funnelled into the main arteries, namely Mumford Road and Bayers Road and they were adapted to take this load, then the possibility of additional traffic hazards in the Westmount Area would at least be minimized."

I would like to comment on the 5th point that this matter was recently considered by the Board of Works and it was decided to do nothing concerning this corner at this time.

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

A Public Hearing into the matter of the rezoning of the St. Patrick's Home Property on Mumford Road from R-1 Zone to C-2 Zone was held at this time.

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Mr. Allan O'Brien submitted and read a brief from the Westmount Home and School Association in connection with this matter. Also read were resolutions from the same Association respecting traffic conditions in and around the area should the proposed rezoning be approved.

Mr. Thomas Sullivan also submitted and read a brief in connection with the traffic problems involved.

Alderman DeWolf: "Was there not an area rezoned in the Westmount for Commercial use?"

Mr. Sullivan: "That is true. In front of the Westmount School. This property Alderman DeWolf mentions was commercial but any development could not compare with Eatons."

Alderman DeWolf: "There is a street coming out from Simpsons Is it hazardous? There has been no accidents has there?"

Mr. Sullivan: "Not to my knowledge."

Alderman DeWolf: "You mention the fact that the properties on Bayers Road are going down. I think they are going up."

Dr. J.E. Merritt: "I prepared a brief and submitted it to the Council which was based on the traffic conditions. I stressed the amount of traffic that would be pouring into the west end and the Westmount Subdivision. I understand the proposal before Council is to widen Mumford Road. I think the proposal to rezone St. Patrick's Home Property would aggravate an already serious condition and I would urge you to defer your action until satisfactory arrangements have been made to accommodate the traffic."

Mr. Donald McInnes, Q.C.: "I am representing the T. Eaton Co. Ltd.,. The Co. wants to make known what it proposes to do. The Company does not yet own the property as it is under agreement of sale and until it is acquired it is impossible to see this plan in vogue but I am authorized to say that the Company has in mind a general retail store. It may take the form of a shopping centre and there may be other stores in the same district

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I have heard people express the concern about traffic and children. The Company has in mind that there will be an entrance on Bayers Road and Mumford Road and the traffic will funnel east and west. If we are to close Isnor Avenue and Johnson Avenue, that is for the City to do. The building will add assessments to our property roll and I would guess there will be about 1,000 people employed. I think this is a move forward. Let the traffic be controlled by the City. I would ask that the application go through and if it does not, the sale will not go through."

Mr. Snook: "The rezoning is from R-1 to C-2 for the purpose of a shopping centre. The property is bounded on three sides by residential use. On Mumford Road directly opposite it a commercial zone. We realize there is going to be a great increase in traffic on this road. Probably three or four times as much as it is now. This will mean widening and improving of the street and will probably be developed into a three or four lane roadway. We believe we can handle the traffic. As far as the shopping centre itself goes, I believe it can be located there in harmony with the surrounding districts. This store will be located in the centre of the lot well back from Mumford Road and the land in front will be used for parking purposes. It will not seriously affect the surrounding properties. I think they will increase in value rather than deteriorate in value. The store itself will create a big demand for housing in the area. The Deputy Chief of Police and myself believe that the store can locate there and the zoning will not affect the adjoining properties."

Alderman Lane: "On Mumford Road is there room with schools on each side to get the four lane road?"

Mr. Snook: "We can widen on either side. There is room to take something off the east side to get our four lanes."

Alderman Vaughan: "In the memo submitted to Council under Mr. DeBard's signature you propose to extend Cook Avenue through the

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whole property to meet up with Edward Arab Avenue. Would it not be possible for Eatons to put a road through from the corner of Bayers Road and George Dauphinee Avenue to Musford Road and not carry Cook Avenue through to Edward Arab Avenue? This would eliminate the greater portion of the traffic problem in the area.

Mr. Snook: "By not extending Cook Avenue we would have a complete block. We do feel with the exit into Bayers Road that very little traffic will peel off and work through Westmount area."

Alderman Vaughan: "My main objection is that it is your proposal to extend Cook Avenue to meet Edward Arab Avenue."

Mr. Snook: "What you suggest is perfectly possible."

Alderman Vaughan: "I would like to see that done."

Alderman Hatfield: "There is necessarily an average of four children per family in each house on Cook Avenue. The tenants object to Cook Avenue being extended. I would certainly object to including Cook Avenue. There is a portion of land at the corner of Bayers Road where George Dauphinee Avenue meets it I would like to be excused from this because I am the managing director of the Community Housing Limited. Eatons have asked if the Company would sell. It is tantamount to the issue of traffic. If it is sold to them they could have a direct and wide entrance onto Bayers Road which is fifty feet from curb to curb."

Alderman Greenwood: "I must agree with Alderman Hatfield. Traffic is the keystone of this reasoning. Any one who has been on Peter Lowe Avenue at 5:00 p.m. will see the traffic going through there to avoid the traffic on Caspary Road. If this goes through people will turn into there. I hope that the Aldermen realize that this area is in the zone of five schools I am against the move especially since the school centre would be located within a block of Westmount School. Reported to have the largest registration in the City."

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Alderman Vaughan: "The matter of traffic is an important part of this issue."

His Worship the Mayor: "Don't be deceived that it can go through and you can curtail the roadways unless you do it specifically."

Alderman Vaughan: "As I understand it we can only accept or reject the motion. We can't lay down any lines. My main concern is if this property is sold what could happen to the proposal by the City to extend Cook Avenue which would tend to create a great flow of traffic into the area?"

City Manager: "We proposed that the street be extended and that the triangle be developed for housing. There would be a row of lots on the Eatons side of the road to serve as a buffer and that no entrances into the Eaton property be made from this area."

Alderman Vaughan: "Surely Eaton's desire to move to this location is based on the premise that they want parking space. Surely they would want the most possible amount of property for the parking of cars. Any suggestion to take it then is an improper one. They have come here with a proposal to rezone to put up a shopping centre. I suggest that it would be advantageous to the citizens to have as much parking on Eatons property to avoid the parking in the area."

His Worship the Mayor: "If you feel certain roads be laid out in such a manner, you should properly ask the Commissioner of Works if it would be his view if they were rezoned would he lay out the roads in that manner. Mr. Snook is that your decided and firm opinion how this should be?"

Mr. Snook: "We feel that would be the best solution but these suggestions by the Alderman would work for work, too".

Alderman Vaughan: "The property owned by the Eaton Company has 4 streets coming from it. Is there anything to prevent the Company using all these streets as exits and entrances?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "No".

Alderman Wyman: "If the Council agrees to the rezoning of this property and it is purchased by the Company does that not preclude the possibility of the extension of Cook Avenue at a later date?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It would not make any difference whether the land is owned by "A", "B" or "C". It would not affect our right to expropriate".

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the application to rezone be granted and the necessary By-Law approved; that the matter of traffic problems entailed be referred to the Committee on Works for study and bring in recommendations as to what should be done.

Alderman Ahern: "When we prepared for the Westmount subdivision a number of years ago we had in mind a shopping centre. However, I think this is a better plan. I was impressed with the brief presented by Mr. O'Brien. I think we should discuss with members of the Association the traffic problem before we make a move. They know what is best for that community. I really believe we could put that in the form of a motion and pass it through Council".

Moved in amendment by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the matter be deferred until the Company brings in a suitable plan of the building so the Council and the public will know where it will be located.

Alderman Dunlop: "We should decide whether we are for or against it. I am going to vote for it. Traffic is here whether it is on Coburg Road or Payers Road. Buses are closed on Sundays and on other days at 6.00 P. M. Our children have to live in traffic. We are in for greatly increased traffic. By 1960 we are supposed to have doubled our cars. If anyone has property abutting on a highway, I think they have access to that highway. I don't think any barrier can be put up. The property is no good if they can only get onto that property through Marston Road. It might

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help Westmount but it would create more hazards to the South of it. We can't rezone it with restrictions. We are concerned with the problem of getting money into this City. There is no possibility of building enough residential houses on these lots to begin to pay perhaps one half the taxes we should get from the Company. They have come to us and not asked for any relief from taxes. It is a very important matter to every citizen of this City. We can't run this City on residential taxes. I am against a deferment. I would like to see the matter settled tonight".

Alderman DeWolf: "These people are under an agreement of sale and it will mean a great deal of time and expense on their part to do the surveying and have architects draw the necessary plans."

Alderman Vaughan: "I seconded the motion to defer to the next meeting of the Committee on Works. I now want to withdraw if I may. "

Permission was granted Alderman Vaughan to withdraw as seconder of the amendment.

The motion was then put on passed 11 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Dunlop
Lane
Macdonald
Adams
Fox
Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern
Wymen
Vaughan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Greenwood

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Alderman Hatfield was excused from voting.

MOTION ALDERMAN O'MALLEY Re: OVERHEAD BRIDGE QUINPOOL ROAD AND WINDSOR STREET

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ahern

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that the matter of the erection of an overhead pedestrian traffic bridge at the corner of Quinpool Road and Windsor Street be considered by the Committee on Works and a report submitted to the City Council with the costs involved.

Alderman O'Malley: "I feel that it would be the first step in relieving the serious traffic problem existing there. I have in mind that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for careful consideration and a report to come to Council without delay. This matter is of such paramount interest and concern that we should bring in someone who has had experience in this type of traffic hazard which exists at this point. We must come up with some solution within the not too distant future. We should be moving a little faster to improve the situation."

The motion was put and passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN O'MALLEY Re: RESCINDING RESOLUTION STEEL POLES
ARMDALE ROTARY

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the resolution passed by the City Council at a meeting held on February 6th, 1956 respecting Steel Poles for the Armdale Rotary be rescinded and that wooden poles be erected.

Alderman O'Malley: "On advice from the City Manager at a Committee of the Whole on March 2, 1956 he advised that the best possible time to obtain the steel would be eighteen weeks and the Province had also advised that they had been waiting for steel for eight or nine months and still had not received it. I think it is advisable that we rescind the resolution of February 6, 1956 and approve of the erection of wooden poles."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Dunlop
O'Malley
Wyman
Vaughan
Hatfield
Greenwood

AGAINST IT

Alderman Lane
MacDonald
Adams
Fox
Ferguson
Allen

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MOTION ALDERMAN AHERN Re: INCREASING AMOUNT PROVIDED IN ESTIMATES
FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Moved by Alderman Ahern that the estimate for snow removal be increased to such an amount that will provide for an adequate amount of snow removal.

His Worship the Mayor: "I will not accept that as a legal motion. If you want further information we will try to get it. If you want to put a money motion I will accept it."

Alderman Ahern: "I was told if we had more money we could do a better job."

His Worship the Mayor: "There is no question about that."

City Manager: "The budget is \$80,000.00. As of February we had spent just under \$60,000.00 and I suspect we have spent better than \$70,000.00 as of now. What I said was that if we did not have too much more snow we might get through on the \$80,000.00 by plowing the streets and doing a lot of salting and moving some snow."

His Worship the Mayor: "You still have March, November and December."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the matter be referred to the Committee on Works for proper study.

Alderman Wyman: "If that is to refer to the recommendation as to the amount of money needed to provide an adequate means of snow removal I seconded it."

The motion was then put and passed.

N.S.L. & P. Co. Ltd. TRANSIT RATES

March 15, 1956.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee of the City Council held on the above date considered a report from the Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd. to join with the Nova Scotia Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for a fare increase.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane that the City join with the Nova Scotia Light & Power Co. Ltd., in an application to the Public Utility Board to fix rates only for the purpose of bringing it to the Board and that the City take no part in it.

Alderman O'Malley: "We were advised that in the last application to the Board they went on their own and were quite successful. I don't see any reason why this Council should be tied into this agreement which was made back in 1947. It looks as though we are endorsing the increases and we are happy about them. If the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited secures the increases they should do it on their own submissions".

Alderman Hatfield: "On the other application did they ask us to go to the Board?"

Mr. Harrington: "They said they would not take any objection. The Solicitor appeared and said the City was not opposing it."

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen O'Malley, Alcorn and Vaughan wishing to be recorded against.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: March 13, 1956.

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	Austen Bros. Limited	Supplies from file	\$1,540.00
Finance	Coleman Machinery Co. Ltd.	Dist Shoes & Runners	634.26
Finance	The Eastern Trust Co.	Surveys & Auction	986.04
Finance	Province of Nova Scotia	Amortization Payment re: City's share re: Halifax Co. Vocational High School	16,876.05
Works	The Gillis Company, Limited	Supply & Erection of Chain Link Fence	1,739.58
Works	Hillis & Sons Ltd.	Chamber Hole frames and covers	515.48
Works	J.D. MacKenzie (Surveyor)	Boundary line survey & plan of lands at Gagetown Rd. re Airport	1,220.00
Works	Municipal Spraying & Contracting Ltd.	Removal of Grasses (Snow Removal)	625.00
City Home	The Wood Brothers Co. Ltd.	B. spreads & Shingles	707.00
			<u>\$24,843.41</u>

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

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - APRIL 29 TO SEPTEMBER 30

March 12, 1956.

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. Sunday, April 29, 1956 to 12:01 A.M. Sunday, September 30, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Pollock,
CITY CLERK.

March 15, 1956.

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

HALIFAX AIRPORT

March 12, 1956.

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 City Solicitor respecting the acquisition of land,
Halifax Airport.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Date: February 23, 1956.

Subject: Re: Acquisition of land, Halifax Airport.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

When the matter of the acquisition of land of Senator Charles
G. Hawkins for the airport was under consideration, all my
negotiations were with Senator Hawkins.

After the Council determined to pay the sum of \$5,820. for
the land and timber and after the title was searched, it was found
that Mr. Alfred V. MacDowell was a joint owner. The December
Council minutes quite naturally provided for the payment of this
sum to Senator Hawkins only. It is, of course, now necessary to
pay the money to both Senator Hawkins and Alfred V. MacDowell.

I am submitting this to you for your approval so that a
cheque can be issued payable to Charles G. Hawkins and Alfred V.
MacDowell, the same to be delivered upon receipt of a satisfactory
deed to the property executed by the said Charles G. Hawkins and
Alfred V. MacDowell.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

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HALIFAX AIRPORT

March 17, 1956.

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

The attached report from the City Solicitor respecting
"Buildings Airport" was considered by the Finance and Executive
Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was decided to recommend:

1. That the house referred to be sold to James and Reginald
Kidston for the sum of \$300.00.
2. That the camp referred to be rented to Mr. Vincent Dillman
for \$10.00 per month and consideration be given to selling
same when vacant.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: A.A. DeBard, Jr., City Manager.
From: C.P. Bethune, C.C., City Solicitor.
Date: March 9, 1956.
Subject: Buildings. - Airport.

An offer has been received from James and Reginald Kidston
for two buildings located on the Airport. One is an old
house for which they are offering the sum of \$300.00, the
other building is a one-room camp for which they are
offering the sum of \$75.00. The house is at present
unoccupied, and the little camp is occupied by Mr. Vincent
Dillman and his family, and he is employed at the Airport.
Apparently they have been paying rent at the rate of \$10.00
per month to Mrs. Catherine McDonald, the former owner. I
am communicating with Mr. Donald, solicitor for Mrs.
McDonald, and advising him that she should not be collecting
any rent as these buildings are the property of the City.

I would suggest that these buildings be sold to the Kidston
subject to the occupancy of Mr. Dillman.

The officials of the Construction Company advise me that
they will not be working in the vicinity of these buildings
for probably another six months to a year.

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per. T.C. Doyle.

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

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TAG DAYS

March 12, 1956.

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 applications for permission to hold tag days be approved as follows:

March 24 Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Paraplegic Association.
April 20 Canadian Cancer Society.
April 28 Air Cadets.
May 4 Girl Guides Association.
May 11 Silver Cross Women of Canada.
May 18 Marion S. Morrow Chapter I.O.D.E.
May 26 The Halifax Kiwanis Club.
June 16 Halifax Colored Citizens Improvement League.
July 14 United & Free Missions.
Sept. 7 Sir Samuel Cunard Chapter I.O.D.E.
Sept. 15 Callow Veterans' Invalids Welfare League.
Sept. 21 Kiwanis Club of Armdale.
Sept. 29 Boy Scouts Association.
Nov. 10 Poppy Day.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

BILLBOARDS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: March 8, 1956.
Subject: Billboards.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date the attached report from the City Manager relative to billboards erected throughout the City was considered.

The Committee recommended:

1. That billboards be not permitted within 300 feet of the City side of Dutch Village Road.
2. That the rate for billboards be three cents per square foot.
3. That the City Charter be amended so that the Board of Works may from time to time fix the rate to be charged.

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Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

PROPOSED ACT FOR THE CREATION OF A HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH METROPOLITAN
AREA PLANNING COMMISSION

A report was submitted from the City Manager under date of February 22, 1956 respecting the above matter.

City Manager: "It was decided that nothing should be done about it now."

Alderman Vaughan: "If the City is to develop as the core of this economic unit we should be able to get assistance from our technical staff to enable the neighbouring municipalities to plan. If we should join with them in such a Commission then it would have a very good direct result to the City of Halifax. I don't like to see this Council say 'no' to the proposal. I think it has a great deal of merit in such a Commission. I feel most strongly that the Metropolitan Planning Commission would have a direct benefit for the City in traffic and recreation."

Alderman Hatfield: "I join with Alderman Vaughan in supporting the formation of the Commission. I read the comments made by Mr. DeBard. I am the City representative on the Commission at the present time. We will spend \$60,000.00 or \$70,000.00 securing adequate plans for the whole area so sewers can be placed in the proper place at the proper time. I would support any move for a Metropolitan Planning Commission. I don't want see the Legislature pass this over for another year. Another year could create more problems. I think we should support such a Planning Commission."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think you will find the City, Town of Dartmouth or the County that they are in favor of this Bill as drafted. This Bill goes far."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that this matter be referred to the incoming Council.

Alderman Macdonald: "Were there any representatives from the City consulted in the drafting of this legislation?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I was not but Alderman Hatfield is your representative."

Alderman Hatfield: "Mr. West worked with Mr. Bird on it."

Alderman Ferguson: "The theory and facts of the Bill are two entirely different things. I understand the City will be paying a large amount of money. Seven people not from the City would be telling us what to do and I don't know the problems of the City. I am dead set against it and any Acts they would have that would be binding on us. I think we should each look after our own affairs. I say we should register our protest against the Bill."

Alderman Vaughan: "Deferring it to the incoming Council the Bill may pass the House in the meantime. This Council should ask the Provincial Government to defer consideration for a year."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that this Council advise the Provincial Government through His Worship the Mayor that the City of Halifax does not look with favor on the Bill as now drafted and that a conference be held between the 4 parties involved. Amendment passed.

MOBILE RADIO COSTS

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: February 27, 1956.

Subject: Mobile Radio - Costs.

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Despite efforts by the City and the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company to obtain four frequencies for our mobile radio system we have only been able to obtain two.

The Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company offers to reduce the cost by \$55.00 per month as such an installation is less costly. We have no information as to the adequacy of this amount but since this is a condition of the contract awarded by City Council it requires action by City Council.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Lane that the report be approved and a report submitted from the Nova Scotia Technical College through Dr. Cameron. Motion passed.

TRAFFIC PLANNING

To: His Worship, L.A. King, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: February 27, 1936.

Subject: Traffic Planning.

It is evident that the present reports of traffic planning become more pressing as the population of the Metropolitan area increases. No matter how well trained our traffic division is they can facilitate smooth flow only within the capacity of the streets.

A full-time traffic engineer would require a salary of not less than \$6,000.00, probably higher, and there is probably not sufficient work to engage him exclusively in this field. The most logical person presently on our staff to carry on this work is Mr. Snook, our Town Planning Engineer. In my layman's opinion he has shown soundness of judgment along these lines. If we did not have a full-time employment, I would like to see him spend a full year in study. Since this does not seem desirable it would be well for the City to send him to short courses in traffic engineering at City expense, but with a commitment to employ him in City employ for not less than a certain number of years.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER.

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

MODIFICATION LOT AREA #221 ALLEN STREET

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: February 27, 1936.

Subject: Modification of Lot Area #221 Allen Street.

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At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 23, 1956, a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending refusal of a request to convert an existing two storey dwelling at #124 Allen Street into a three unit apartment dwelling was considered.

The Board recommended that the application be granted for three apartments.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Mr. Snook: "I am against it. It requires 5500 sq. ft. and the lot is 3300 sq. ft."

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

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Dunlop
Fox
O'Malley
Ahern
Greenwood

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Lane
Macdonald
Adams
Ferguson
Wynen
Van Ken
Hartfield
DeWolf

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Alderman Dunlop gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the City Council he would move that the resolution respecting the Modification of Lot Area #124 Allen Street be reconsidered.

ENLARGEMENT PLANS L.S. McAVOY - 409 OXFORD STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: February 29, 1956.
Subject: Enlargement Plans - L.S. McAvoy, 409 Oxford Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 23, 1956, the Town Planning Engineer recommended refusal of a request to enlarge an existing building, now containing two storeys and one

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apartment, by adding an addition to the rear to contain two apartments. The lot size being 40' x 109', or 4360 square feet.

The Board recommended that a permit be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Alderman Vaughan: "This area for the most part is an area of single family dwellings. There have been some apartments erected on Edinburgh Street in the last few years but they have not with the requirements."

Mr. Snook: "Yes that is right."

Alderman Ferguson: "What is the present zoning?"

Mr. Snook: "R-2. The store exists as a non-conforming use."

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

FOR THE MOTION

- Alderman Dunlop
- Lane
- Fox
- Ferguson
- O'Malley
- Ahern
- Greenwood

AGAINST IT

- Alderman Macdonald
- Adams
- Wyman
- Vaughan
- Hatfield

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RESUBDIVISION OF GEORGE DAUPHINEE AVENUE

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: February 29, 1956.

Subject: Resubdivision of City owned land - George Dauphinee Ave.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 23 1956, the Town Planning Engineer submitted a plan of

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resubdivision showing certain City owned land on George Dauphinee Avenue being resubdivided into four building lots, a reserved lot, and a large lot for St. Phillips Church.

He recommended that this resubdivision be approved and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. RR-4-13330.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

NAMING STREET IN WESTMOUNT SUBDIVISION "LLOYD FOX AVE."

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Subject: Re: Street Name in Westmount Subdivision.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 23, 1956, the Town Planning Engineer recommended that a new street in the Westmount Subdivision be named "Lloyd Fox Avenue", in Memory of the son of Alderman Fox who gave his life for his Country in world war one.

The Board approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

CHANGE IN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT COMMISSIONER OF WORKS TO TRANSFER
LOTS IN FAIRVIEW AND CAMP HILL CEMETERIES

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 29, 1956.

Subject: Change in Ordinance to permit the Commissioner of Works to transfer lots in Cemeteries.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 23, 1956, the matter of changing the Ordinance to permit the

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Commissioner of Works to accept the reconveyance, exchange, transfer or assignment of any lot or part of a lot in Fairview Cemetery or Camp Hill was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox that the report be approved. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: February 29, 1956.
Subject: Street Lighting in New Subdivision.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 23, 1956, a report from the City Electrician recommending that seven 250 C.P. street lights be installed on St. Andrews Avenue, and three 250 C.P. lights on Atkins Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$800.00 to be charged to capital borrowing for new subdivision was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LYNCH'S SHOWS ON COMMONS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: February 29, 1956.
Subject: W.P. Lynch - Application for Space on Commons.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on February 23, 1956, the City Manager advised the Committee that Mr. W.P. Lynch had selected the dates from June 6th to June 22nd., 1956, to hold his show on the Commons.

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The Committee recommended that permission be granted under the usual terms and conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CANCELLATION OF BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: March 7, 1956.

Subject: Cancellation of Borrowing Authorizations.

Since the following authorizations are no longer needed, it is recommended that permission of the Minister of Municipal Affairs be obtained to cancel them.

36-1 McDonald Street Improvement	733.82
55-20 Radio Communication System	40,000.00
59-10 X-Ray Filing System	<u>500.00</u>
	41,533.82

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER.

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

EMERGENCY SHELTER BORROWING

March 18, 1956.

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

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

A resolution that the report be concurred in was passed with Aldermen O'Malley, Hatfield and Vaughan wishing to be recorded a dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 15, 1956.

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: March 8, 1956.

Subject: Emergency Shelter Borrowing.

A capital authorization totalling \$350,000.00 (Section 51, Sub-Section 3, Chapter 69, Acts 1947), is outstanding for renovating the buildings known as the "Emergency Shelters". As of January 31, 1956 an amount of \$225,013.43 had been used which reflects a decrease from the \$232,304.54 high.

It is recommended that \$225,000.00 be transferred from the Prefab Surplus and the use of the capital authorization for \$350,000.00 abandoned.

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

The City Manager gave an outline of the background which led up to the present recommendation.

Alderman Hatfield: "I don't agree with it. We have to show our expenses in the matter of Emergency Shelters. We may be called upon to reduce the rents then we can show that there is a big debt against it and that it cost a lot each year to service it. We receive no taxes. We keep 300 families at a loss. I think the money should remain there until such time as we dispose of them once and for all."

His Worship the Mayor: "What are you going to do with the indebtedness?"

Alderman Hatfield: "It is only a book entry."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think it matters an awful lot but in a simple mathematics the emergency shelters are operating at a loss."

Alderman Hatfield: "We might be able to negotiate with the Federal Government and secure part of it from them."

His Worship the Mayor: "You are one quarter million dollars in the red."

Alderman DeWolf: "It has gone for ten years. Is there

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any point in changing the status at this time. We are keeping the two units separate and it could be nice to keep them that way until the prefabricated units are paid off."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think it would be very important that we carry it. I think there is a great deal more than \$225,000.00.

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

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Lane
Macdonald
Adams
Fox
Ferguson
Ahern

AGAINST IT

Alderman O'Malley
Wyman
Vaughan
Hatfield
Greenwood
DeWolf
Dunlop

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ZONING OF PEPPERELL AND OXFORD STREETS :

A report was distributed by the City Manager in which he included two letters from the Department of Municipal Affairs calling attention to the undesirability of spot rezoning.

Aldermen Dunlop: "I don't think that should be circulated. The letter is only the opinion of one man. The Minister approved it. If a Deputy wrote the letter I would not pay too much attention to it."

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REZONING #519 CONNAUGHT AVENUE - DATE FOR HEARING

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 8, 1956.
Subject: Rezoning - 529 Connaught Avenue.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer relative to a request from Mr. J.P. Rafuse to purchase a lot of land on Connaught Avenue, near Windsor Street.

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from R-2 to R-3 Zone to permit the erection of a 21 Unit Apartment building.

The Engineer recommended that a larger portion of land than requested be rezoned on both the east and west side of Connaught Avenue.

The Board agrees to rezone only that portion on the east side of Connaught Avenue and recommended that this be referred to City Council to set a date for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, April 19, 1956 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. at 8 o'clock P.M. as the time and place for the hearing. Motion passed.

Alderman Vaughan retires from the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

OVERHANGING SIGNS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: March 8, 1956.
Subject: Overhanging Signs.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that permission be granted to erect eight overhanging signs was approved and recommended to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per...J.B. Sabeau.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Committee on Works.
From: G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.
Date: March 8th., 1956.
Subject: Overhanging Signs.

The following have applied for permission to erect overhanging signs which encroach over the street line.

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In accordance with Ordinance 21 it is recommended that permission be granted for these signs.

Howard H. Hamilton 501 Barrington Street	\$5.00	Illuminated
M. Whitzman 437 Quinpool Road	5.00	Neon
R.C. Dobson 21 Willow Street	5.00	Non-Illuminated
James F. Beeler, 130 $\frac{1}{2}$ Agricola Street	5.00	Illuminated
Wetmore Jewellery Co. 39 Granville St.	5.00	Illuminated
J.B. Feetham 693 Barrington St.	5.00	Illuminated
Ted Liberty 606 Barrington St.	5.00	Illuminated
Day-Nite Neon Signs 241 Quinpool Road	5.00	Neon

G.F. West,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TAX EXEMPTION EDGEWOOD UNITED CHURCH

March 12, 1956.

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

A request from the Edgewood United Church for exemption from taxes on its property at 417 Connaught Avenue was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature enabling the City to grant this request and cancel taxes charged for the years 1953, 1954 and 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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TAX EXEMPTION ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

March 12, 1956.

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 St. Philip's Church for tax exemption on land surrounding the Parish Hall assessed at \$5,400.00 was considered.

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

SUPERANNUATION HOSEMAN H.C. FRASER \$1,879.00

March 12, 1956.

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 superannuating Hoseman H.C. Fraser of the Fire Department was considered.

It was agreed to recommend that Hoseman H.C. Fraser be superannuated effective as from April 1, 1956 under the provisions of section 868 of the City Charter at an annual allowance of \$1,879.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman O'Malley: "I understand Mr. Fraser feels consideration should be given to him in an increase because he served 3 months on the 1956 salary and the pension should be based on that salary."

Mr. Romkey: "The practice is up to the time a man ends his service. Under the new plan it would come to \$1,908.00."

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the pension be increased to \$1,908.00.

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Alderman Dunlop: "I presume this \$1,879.00 is made up on a formula. If we are going to start adding \$29.00 we might as well throw the formula out the window."

Alderman Ahern: "He is entitled to \$1,879.00. This man is going out with a disability. I hope \$121.00 will be added to it. This man has been with the Department for 36 years. I don't think anyone would protest to a grant of \$121.00."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Adams that Mr. Fraser be given a supplementary grant of \$121.00 in addition to his pension of \$1,879.00 making a total of \$2,000.00.

Alderman Hatfield: "If he were under the present plan he would not receive that much. The old plan was not successful and the City supplemented that. It all comes out of the citizens of Halifax. We have paid out thousands of dollars."

City Manager: "I would recommend that there be no supplementary grant for this reason. The old Firemen's Plan was so generous that it went bankrupt and the City would have to pay it. There are still some to go on pension under the old plan. I believe under the new plan it would be \$1,440.00."

The amendment was put and resulted in a tie vote 6 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Adams
Fox
Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern
DeWolf

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Macdonald
Wyman
Hatfield
Greenwood
Dunlop
Lane

- 6 -

His Worship the Mayor voted against the amendment and declared it lost.

The motion was put and resulted in a tie vote 6 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:

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FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Adams
Fox
Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern
DeWolf

- 6 -

AGAINST IT

Alderman Wyman
Hatfield
Greenwood
Dunlop
Lane
Macdonald

- 6 -

His Worship the Mayor voted against the motion and declared it lost.

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

WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE MRS. JAMES E. O'BRIEN

March 12, 1956.

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

A report from the Commissioner of Finance respecting the payment of an allowance to Mrs. Annie Theresa O'Brien widow of the late James Edward O'Brien was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that Mrs. Annie Theresa O'Brien be paid an annual allowance of \$326.67 under the authority of section 310 H of the City Charter effective as from February 1, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

HALIFAX VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

March 12, 1956.

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

A letter from the Minister of Education respecting amendments to the Regulations under the Vocational Education Act incorporating a new salary scale for teachers and administrative officers in the Halifax County Vocational High School was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the City of Halifax approve amendments to the regulations incorporating the new scale and pay over and above the amount ordinarily required in the agreement its

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share of the additional \$27,240.00 in the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

FLUORIDATION OF WATER v

It was agreed that this matter would be considered under the item "Legislation".

HALIFAX NATAL DAY v

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that Halifax Natal Day be observed on August 13, 1956.

Motion passed.

It was agreed that the Natal Day Committee be appointed at the May regular meeting of City Council.

SALE OF LAND FALKLAND STREET - ZION B.M.E. CHURCH

March 12, 1956.

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 disposition of a small lot of land on Falkland Street formerly known as the Manse Lot Zion B.M.E. Church.

It was agreed to recommend that the lot be advertised for sale by tender.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

At this time the Commissioner of Works was asked for his opinion on the advisability of holding this land for street widening purposes.

Mr. West: "We would like to hold it for ourselves. Our widening plan would take a portion of that land."

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Works that the land be held be approved. Motion passed.

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The motion was put and passed 8 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Ferguson
Wyman
Greenwood
DeWolf
Dunlop
Lane
Macdonald
Adams

AGAINST IT

Alderman O'Malley
Ahern
Hatfield.

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FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOX CAMBRIDGE LIBRARY

March 7, 1956.

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 for approval a request of the Department of National Defence (Army) to have their master fire alarm signal box located at Cambridge Library connected to the City fire alarm system, the service charge to be \$50.00 a year and the present contract amended accordingly.

Your Committee concurs in these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

MODIFICATION LOT AREA # 3 CORK STREET
RESUBDIVISION 8, 9 & 10 CONNAUGHT AVE.
REZONING OF 415 NORTH STREET

These three items were referred to the Town Planning Board for a report.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane that City Council adjourn for a short recess. Motion passed.

10:15 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.

10:25 P.M.

Meeting reconvened the follow-

ing members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Hatfield and Greenwood.

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LEGISLATION 1956 ✓

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation for the year 1956 and same was considered item by item.

Item # 78 Approved.

Item # 76 Approved.

Item # 79

Alderman Dunlop: "I suppose it is to take rented residential property off the residential rate. The removal of the rented residential property from the business rate was done deliberately with the idea that it would stimulate apartment building in the City. It has had that effect. Already the threat to do away with it has had an effect. I was talking to a real estate dealer who told me there were plans to build a 100 apartment unit in the south end and because of this threat it was not going to be proceeded with. If a person rents a room they may be brought into this class. We have heard a great deal about rented residential property and how much money has been made on it. In the case of the Commodore and Westminister Apartments I don't think the people who put their money in it got it back. To do this I say is only putting a tax on people who are least able to bear it and that is the tenants. Nearly 1000 units have been built in Dartmouth and the rate is the same on it as on all other residential property. I have not found any place in Canada where rented residential property is taxed differently than ordinary owned property. This item is not properly on the agenda. To bring it in at this stage I say is not right."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the item be deleted.

Alderman Greenwood: "I concur with Alderman Dunlop's remarks. I think it is taking us further away from the merged rate."

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His Worship the Mayor: "The example of Dartmouth is a good one. Rented residential property would pay its way. You need not put it on the residential rate. It is a subsidized rate by the business tax payer. There is no mention here of the \$5,000.00 exemption which never worked and the property was in the names of half a dozen people for the benefit of the true owner. It was certainly my view last year that when we struck rates this year, that rented residential property could be put on a rate that would be a merged rate. If apartment housing is not a competitive business then I am very much surprised. I think it is a sound type of legislation. I heartily espouse this section."

Alderman Hatfield: "I have to agree and disagree on certain aspects. I think this would help bring the rates together somewhat. I would like to support the legislation."

Alderman Ferguson: "I would certainly go against this section because the mere fact that there is no exemption we are going to put on a special rate for people who own a set of flats. With this system we are going to affect a very large percentage of people who have one flat rented. We are going to tack onto these residential tax payers a special tax. Since the business rate has come off apartment development has been considerable. I know of one Company that will spend \$1,500,000.00. I know of another that will run to \$500,000.00. I know if this is passed the \$500,000.00 one will be deferred. Who said it was a business? I differ very strongly. This tax is applied to no person other than the individual tenant. It is coming at very short notice. I think it is quite a debatable subject and should be deferred."

Alderman Dunlop: "I object to the word subsidizing. Who pays the taxes in this City? The businessmen. In order to carry on the practice of law in this City we pass that on to the clients. If by reason of the action of the Council several years ago the

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rate was divided, that is not our responsibility today. This section is not only going to hurt but it is going to prevent a reduction in rent this year. Nobody is going to reduce the rent with the prospect of an unknown quantity coming next year."

Alderman Lane: "This does not decide in what manner the property would be classified. Do you think the Department is prepared to pass legislation as liberal in tone as this?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I would be inclined to think so."

Alderman DeWolf: "If it is a method of new taxation it is alright but if it is for taxing apartments I think it is all wrong. It is to be open that this Council can set such rates as it may see fit on property of any kind."

City Solicitor: "Council may classify property and fix rates for each class of property."

Alderman DeWolf: "Does that mean Occupancy as well?"

City Solicitor: "Real property only."

Alderman DeWolf: "Why not classify the Occupancy. We are losing a lot of money this year. A million dollar business might be done in a \$100.00 room."

City Solicitor: "Different types of business could be classified the same as real estate."

Alderman Hatfield advised that he wanted occupancy taxes classified also.

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the matter of classifying real property and occupancy taxes be referred to a special meeting of the City Council.

The amendment was put and passed 8 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern
Wyman
Hatfield
DeWolf

AGAINST IT

Alderman Greenwood
Dunlop
Lane

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Alderman Macdonald
Fox

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Item #80
Item #81

Approved.

Alderman Wyman: "Fluoridation has nothing to do with the safety of the water. Fluoridation is medication but chlorination is purification. I am not sure this section does what the explanatory note says".

Alderman Lane: "Are we not already on record assenting to the fluoridation of the water and this is the legal machinery?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes".

Alderman Wyman: "My objection is to the explanatory note. The Act is right".

The item was then approved.

Item #82

Approved with Aldermen Lane,

O'Malley and Ahern wishing to be recorded against.

BUILDING ON ABATTOIR SITE

Alderman DeWolf: "There is a building on that land. We did not discuss it. We should decide that".

City Manager: "Mr. Thomson has had notice to get out".

Alderman DeWolf: "Do they sell it or do we?"

The matter was referred to the Committee on Works.

Item #83 Approved. Alderman Ahern recorded against.
Item #84 and Item #85 Approved.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2 FIRST READING

Halifax, N. S.,
March 12, 1956.

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

The attached amendment to Ordinance #2 respecting the Rules of Order of Council was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date and it was agreed to recommend same to Council for first reading.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, City Clerk.

AMENDMENT

Ordinance #2 respecting the Rules of Order of Council is amended by inserting therein, immediately following Section 51 thereof, the following Section:

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51-A. When a motion for the adoption of a proposed amendment to the Zoning By-Law in effect in the City of Halifax has been considered by the Council and resolved in the negative, such proposed amendment shall not again be considered by the Council until twelve months have elapsed.

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

Alderman DeWolf: "It is dangerous. Through a close vote some industry might be denied the right to extend its business. It might be possible that that industry might leave Halifax. Suppose the Shipyards came in for a contract and there was some land they wanted and the Council turned it down; it could not be brought up again for another year. It is a hazard by making it one year".

Alderman O'Malley: "I think the Shipyards is in a different category. The legislation is intended as it affects residential areas. Under the Town Planning Act if an application is considered by Council in the negative the applicant can't bring it in for 2 months and after the 3rd. appeal the matter can't be brought up again for a period of 6 months. Any firm applying for a rezoning in a residential area with the knowledge that if it were turned down it could not be brought up in 12 months' time, they would see that their presentation on the first approach would be pretty good. There is some annoyance to Council. You are offending one party or the other. It is back the second time and third time. It is embarrassing. I think it is good legislation. In fairness to the large area of residential tax payers who live adjoining the proposed commercial expansion they too should have some consideration".

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen DeWolf and Dunlop wishing to be recorded against.

Alderman DeWolf gives Notice of Reconsideration.

Item #70 Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman MacDonald that the application of the Lord Nelson Hotel Co., Ltd. for the fixing of a fixed tax on the present Lord Nelson Hotel and proposed addition be referred to the Industrial Commission for examination and report.

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Alderman Dunlop: "The Abattoir was referred to the Industrial Commission. I say that is a good course to follow. The vote taken was only an indication of the Council. I don't like the way I am asked to deal with it. I would like to see the principals. I want to see the effect on other hotels. I want to know what effect this will have on the Carleton and Nova Scotian Hotels. Eatons are going to build and they would have just as much right to ask for a tax exemption."

Alderman Ahern: "We have been crying for a convention hall. I am amazed that the Aldermen would bring in such a motion. I don't know why the buck should be passed on. I would say this is not a matter for the Commission. It is not going to cost the tax payers one dime and we will get \$50,000.00 a year."

Alderman Ferguson: "I am in favor of moving this to any Commission that will get us further information. The tax bill of the Lord Nelson Hotel on the present assessment is \$65,000.00. In any case we are giving it consideration of at least \$162,500.00 to establish a hotel yet there was proposed legislation before us where a man who owns a private residence is going to pay that right back. They certainly should not get consideration to this extent. I will go along with the statistics. I will say we are paying more business taxes in Halifax than they are in a lot of the other cities. If the Government comes to us with some proposal and the owners of the other hotels come, we are leaving ourselves wide open."

Alderman Lane: "I am glad to associate myself with Alderman Dunlop on this. I quote that 2 opposition hotels were not opposed to this fixed tax rate if there was to be a room to accommodate 1,000 people at a meal. There is a plan to increase the tavern space which would be vigorously opposed. Women who stand on the corner waiting for trolleys are sometimes subjected to unpleasant instances."

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Alderman Hatfield: "I think we need more facts to study this problem properly. The Tourist Committee is anxious to see a large convention hall in this City. I have never heard any mention of the parking problem in that area. If they are going to erect another 100 units where are the cars going to park. There does not seem to be any place for them."

Alderman Macdonald asked what affect the Lord Nelson Hotel would have on the tax dollars coming into the City due to the class of real estate the hotel was put in.

The City Solicitor advised that the Section was repealed.

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

LEASE WANDERER'S CLUB

His Worship the Mayor reported that the Committee appointed by Council on the above matter was still negotiating and a report would be made in due course.

REDECORATION COUNCIL CHAMBER

Alderman Lane advised that it was necessary to obtain some technical advice in order to save money in the long run. The Committee recommended the services of Mr. J. Philip Dumaresq and Associates to advise on the changes for the Council Chamber as follows: Architect Fees \$500.00 and Redecoration \$15,000.00.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. Motion passed.

HOUSING SURVEY

His Worship the Mayor: "The Minister of Public Works has recommended that Professor Stevenson would be a logical person to undertake the survey. I want it understood that the matter is by no means dead."

MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS

It was agreed that a meeting of City Council be held on March 20, 1956 to consider this matter.

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RESIGNATION CITY ASSESSOR

His Worship the Mayor read a letter of resignation from the City Assessor and stated that the Council might suggest to the City Manager that the position be advertised.

Alderman Hatfield moved that the City Manager advertise the position of City Assessor and that Mr. Yeadon be retired on March 31, 1956. There was no seconder to the motion.

Alderman DeWolf suggested that Mr. Yeadon should receive holiday pay because he was forced to do work beyond what an unwell man should do.

His Worship the Mayor suggested deferring this matter to the special Council meeting of March 26, 1956.

Alderman DeWolf: "Why should that top salary be lower than any other Department Head?"

City Manager: "It is one adopted by Council."

Alderman DeWolf: "We were led to believe that this position was not so important. To me there is no position that is as important. The application should go out with what should the man ask for."

His Worship the Mayor: "The question of salary should be left open."

Alderman DeWolf: "Yes. I consider it a very important position. Everyone must have realized that during the last few months."

Alderman Lane: "The Commissioner of Health has to be a medical man. The Commissioner of Works has also acquired certain qualifications. If there are qualifications for Assessors we should require them."

Alderman O'Malley: "There has been no report from the Job Evaluation Committee. I am thinking along the line of Alderman DeWolf that the salary was far below. We have to get down to cases."

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Alderman Hatfield: "The Civil Service Commission states the salary on their advertisements. I don't think we should leave anyone in the dark. I think we should state the minimum and maximum and they will know what they are applying for."

Alderman Dunlop: "Put in the present range and ask the man what he thinks he is worth."

RESOLUTION CITY OF NEW TORONTO Re: OLD AGE PENSIONS :

His Worship the Mayor read a resolution from the City of New Toronto requesting that the City of Halifax endorse the same in an effort to raise Old Age Pensions from \$40.00 to \$60.00 per month.

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PIGEON-HOLE PARKING :

His Worship the Mayor read a letter respecting the establishing of Pigeon-Hole Parking.

The matter was referred to the Chief of Police for a report.

GRANT TO MRS. J. SPRUIN :

Alderman Ahern requested that Mr. Fitzgerald, Solicitor for Mrs. J. Spruin be heard at this time with a view to increasing her grant from the City.

His Worship the Mayor: "It came before the Finance and Executive Committee and it was defeated."

Alderman Dunlop: "Why is it not on the agenda? Why don't the Aldermen not on the Finance and Executive Committee get the minutes?"

City Clerk: "It is a physical impossibility with the present staff."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will take the matter up with the City Manager."

ZONING BY-LAWS - LOT AREAS :

Alderman Ferguson referred to the redrafted Zoning By-Laws and stated that they should be in proper shape to come before the

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Committee on Works. He felt the new standards should be put in force with respect to lot modifications as there would most likely be several applications coming to the City to build on lots that at present do not contain the necessary square foot area.

It was agreed that this matter be considered by the special Council meeting called for March 26, 1956.

BASEMENT APARTMENTS v

Alderman Fox asked if any progress had been made with respect to the report he had asked for on basement apartments.

The City Manager advised that the report had been circulated to the members of Council some time ago.

Mr. West: "It was before the Committee on Works."

ACQUISITION OF JUBILEE BOAT CLUB v

Alderman Macdonald referred to the offer of the above boat club to sell to the City and felt that there was a lot of merit in it.

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the Recreation Commission is meeting on it."

City Manager: "I have asked Alderman Vaughan and Mr. Dawson to look at it. We want to find out what they want in the way of a price."

Alderman Hatfield: "You better take a good look under the piers."

COURT HOUSE v

Alderman Hatfield: "I want to see someone call a meeting and I think you should do it."

His Worship the Mayor: "I see no pressing need to call a meeting to build a Court House."

Alderman Hatfield: "I am concerned about the Deed Office."

His Worship the Mayor: "I am afraid they will ask for a new building."

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NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN HATFIELD Re: REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Alderman Hatfield gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move that a meeting of the Court House Commissioners be called to discuss the Registry of Deeds.

PETITION ST. ANDREW'S HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Re: CITY OWNED LAND BOUNDED BY BAYERS RD. & ASHBURN AVE., & ELLIOTT & RALSTON STS.

Alderman Greenwood submitted a petition respecting the above land requesting an unqualified guarantee that the City owned land will be held for definite public development and under no circumstances sold partially or otherwise for private development. They suggested playground development for the children in the rapidly growing area.

ILLUMINATION OF TOWN CLOCK AT NIGHT

Alderman O'Malley asked if any consideration had been given by the Tourist Committee to the illumination of the Town Clock.

Alderman Lane: "I suggest it belongs to the Historic Sites Committee."

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN DUNLOP Re: TAXATION

Alderman Dunlop gave notice that he would move that legislation be sought empowering the City Council to request a Judge of the Supreme or County Court or other suitable person to examine and report on Taxation within the City of Halifax and that all sums necessary to provide all necessary assistance shall be shown as an expenditure by the City for the civic year in which said sums are paid.

It was agreed that this motion be considered at the special Council meeting to be held on March 26, 1956.

EMERGENCY SHELTER INSURANCE

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered the matter of Insurance on Emergency Shelters

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and agreed to recommend that the coverage be included in the insurance carried on city property and shared in by all participating companies.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "I understand that certain firms get more than their share."

The City Manager was requested to look into the matter.

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHER

A letter was submitted from A.T. O'Leary Co. Ltd. requesting that Mr. James Gordon Hardy be appointed a Coal Weigher.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Aldermen O'Malley that the request be granted. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR PARKING METERS

As there was no report from the Safety Committee to Council no action was taken on this matter.

SECOND AND THIRD FLOOR PARKING LOT

The matter of the construction of the second and third floor on the Grafton Street Parking Lot was referred to the Commissioner of Works for a report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

A report was submitted from the City Manager for the month of February and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes. Copies of the report were furnished the members of Council previous to the meeting.

FILED

REPORT PREFABRICATED HOUSES

A report was submitted from the Accountant for the month of February as follows:

To: His Worship, L. A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council,
From: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,
Date: March 15, 1956
Subject: Monthly Administrative Report for February, 1956

1. Electrician's Department

278 Wiring inspections made, permit income \$692.54
47 light heads repaired with new hangers and chains
274 fire alarm boxes tested and inspected.

2. Building Permits

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dwellings, new	8	\$225,500.00
Garages, new	1	1,500.00
Commercial, new	1	7,000.00
Dwellings, repairs	48	65,645.00
Garage, repair	1	50.00
Commercial, repair	22	17,320.00
Institutional, repair	1	38,000.00
	82	\$ 355,015.00

3. Streets and sewers

Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	51.6
" cold " " " stoned & oiled streets	14.41
Number of street signs maintained	10
" sewers cleared and cleaned	2
" catchpits repaired	3
" " constructed	8
" manholes repaired	7
" junctions installed	7
" catchpits cleaned	93

4. Garbage

2,500 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 685 tons were burned, together with 1,829 tons of privately collected materials. Total amount processed - 2,514 tons with incinerator in operation 404 hours. Hired trucks 15 hours collecting 10 tons.

5. Snow Removal

768 miles of streets were salted using 15,351 bags of salt. 2,800 miles of streets were plowed and 8,896 cubic yards of snow were moved.

Expenditures for the month were:

	January 1956	February 1956	Total
Salting Streets (Labour)	\$ 3,469.54	\$ 6,761.57	10,231.11
" " (salt)	6,727.68	14,736.96	21,464.64
Sanding Streets and filling sand boxes	300.51	248.79	549.30
Plowing Snow	1,735.57	11,939.37	13,674.94
Clearing City property)	1,315.18	2,196.61)	
" catchpits and cross- walks)		4,204.84)	7,716.63
Repairs to snow fence	10.40	-	10.40
" " boulevards	48.00	-	48.00
Making sand boxes	113.43	83.77	197.20
Miscellaneous	30.44	88.39	118.83
Removing snow	-	5,363.80	5,363.80
	\$13,750.75	\$ 15,624.10	\$59,374.85

6. Claims

Tree on Windsor Street	\$3.00
Fence - Buckingham St. Parking Lot	35.00

7. Prefab Housing

Houses completely paid	311	
Current Accounts	501	
Original number of houses	812	
Mortgages Receivable	1/31/56	\$1,174,180.37
" "	2/29/56	1,158,024.16
		<u>16,456.21</u>
Mortgages paid during month		16,456.21
Total borrowing January 31, 1956		490,852.55
" " February 29, 1956		477,229.35
		<u>12,623.20</u>
Borrowings paid off during month		12,623.20
86 accounts two or more months in arrears		10,357.57

8. Emergency Shelters

Name	From	To
Maynard Slaunwhite	C2 1420 Barrington St.	2G Wellington Court

9. Armdale Rotary

The contractor has been concentrating on completing the remaining section of the main 6' x 8' culvert and connecting the existing 3' x 6' culvert to the main culvert.

Percentages of completion on February 29, 1956 were:

Clearing and Grubbing	100%
Excavation (Common & Solid Rock)	87%
Borrow placed	65%
Foundation Excavation (Common)	87%
" " (Solid Rock)	90%
Catch Basins complete	35%
Concrete Sewer Pipe	70%
Concrete Class "A"	95%
Reinforcing Steel	95%
Trench Excavation & Backfill	65%
Removal of Seawall	90%
Base Course	12%
Sidewalk, curb & gutter & sodding	0
Pavement	0

10. Sewer Construction

Sewer Capital

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>This Report Feet Laid</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Connaught Ave.	42"	November 15/55	-	98%
Pump House - Clinton Ave.		November 2/55	Foundation - floor poured, wall forms & steel in place	35%

Pinewood Acres

Melton Ave.	8" Transite (Sanitary) 12-15" Conc. (Storm)	Dec. 8/55	117'	30%
Lexington Ave.	8" Transite (Sanitary) 12-15" Conc. (Storm)		200' 200'	" "
Morningside Dr.	8" Transite (Sanitary) 12-15" Conc. (Sanitary)		250' 250'	" "

Sewer Rehab.

Freshwater Brook	60"	July 19/55	-	} 25%
"	54"	"		
"	54"	"		

Due to high water in the sewer very little work was done this month on this job.

A. A. LeBaron Jr.
City Manager.

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Paid-Outs 311
Current Accounts 501
Bank Account Balance February 29/56 Dr. \$477,229.35
Bank Account Balance January 31/56 Dr. 9,147.45
Mortgages Receivable \$1,158,024.16
Arrears 2 months or more \$10,357.57

FILED.

APPROVALS DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

The following Approvals from the Department of Municipal Affairs were reported:

1. Borrowing \$135,000.00 St. Thomas Aquinas School.
2. Withdrawal \$800.00 from Sale of Land Account to acquire land for the purpose of extending Stanford Street.
3. Amendment to Ordinance # 13 respecting Taxis.
4. Rezoning Oxford Street
5. Rezoning Pepperell Street.

FILED

LETTER SHIRELY STREET HI-NEIGHBOUR GROUP

A letter was received from the above group expressing their appreciation to Council for the stand taken with respect to the spot rezoning on Shirley Street requested by Ben's Limited.

FILED

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. 11:45 P.M.

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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
March 28, 1956,
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, Macdonald, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Legislation Re: Setting of Tax Rates.
2. Striking or Confirming Tax Rate: Reducing Assessments by a Given Percentage.
3. Consideration of Revision of Zoning By-Laws.
4. Resignation and Retirement of City Assessor.
5. Motion Alderman Dunlop Re: Taxation.
6. Tax Exemption Lord Nelson Hotel.
7. Minimum Housing Standards.

LEGISLATION SETTING OF TAX RATES ITEM #72

Legislation was submitted from the City Solicitor respecting this matter which would enable the City in respect of each to classify real property and fix different tax rates for each of the classes so defined.

Alderman Dunlop: "I thought it was settled last year. The

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Council unanimously passed a motion that Section 375 "C" of the Charter be removed effective as of January 1, 1956.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that Item #79 of the Legislation be not proceeded with.

Alderman Hatfield: "I think this Council can come up with a better remedy for the time being."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaushan that this matter be deferred until the end of this meeting.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Wyman
Vaughan
Hatfield
Greenwood
DeWolf
Lene
Macdonald
Fox

AGAINST IT

Alderman Dunlop
Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern

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STRIKING OR CONFIRMING TAX RATE: REDUCING ASSESSMENTS BY A GIVEN PERCENTAGE

City Solicitor: "The Bill is in the hands of the Committee of the Whole in the House and will not be finalized until tomorrow. At present we have no authority to act under that Bill to fix the rates or determine percentages. The Council might see fit to re-affirm its willingness to make the 15% cut and confirm the tax rates."

His Worship the Mayor: "If it goes through tomorrow the power will remain with this Council to make that adjustment. We should confirm that so our paper work can go forward. The Legislature said we will not strike your tax rate as that is for you to do. I find that that is quite right as we strike out tax rates."

Alderman Vaughan: "Can the Council make changes in the tax structure?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "It is my understanding that you can. What you did in February had no legislative sanction. The Legislature has said we won't do it but we will cajole you to."

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the former rates tentatively struck at \$1.40 Residential and \$4.75 Business with a 15% reduction in the assessments be adhered to.

Alderman Vaughan referred to a report from the City Manager dated March 26, 1956 respecting decisions of the Court of Tax Appeals with regard to percentages for residential and commercial reductions which were 15.5 and 27.6 respectively.

He said the Council, in view of these figures, might want to change its mind with reference to the Commercial out of 15% as the Court of Tax Appeals has set a pattern.

His Worship the Mayor: "We should wait until we have 150 decisions to make a good base to make an assumption. I think you will find that commercial varies and that it is harder to make it an across the board figure and make it an exact determination. I subscribe to the view of Alderman Lane."

Alderman Hatfield: "The Commercial properties have been assessed by 26.7% above. We have had the businessmen not only with a higher percentage but a higher assessment. It looks like we have gone a little too far the other way. I think Alderman Lane's motion is going to be in order for this year and make the adjustments in conformity with Alderman Dunlop's proposal."

Alderman Lane: "I made the motion with the idea of some stability in mind. It is possible that some inequities will develop this year. It seems to me that at the end of this year they surely will be able to come into Council with recommendations that will put everybody on equal basis. To make the alterations now is asking a little too much. In the long range or when the fiscal equity will be looked after."

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Alderman Vaughan: "People in rented commercial premises; this has resulted in great reductions for business taxes. Can adjustments be made in that particular case?"

Alderman Hatfield: "The only way I can see is to bring in a surtax rate."

His Worship the Mayor: "Compared to Commercial occupancy taxes of entire buildings in previous years they were paying more than their share. This year it might be that they are paying less than their share. I am not overly happy but during this coming year it is something that should be adjusted. Passing a motion now means nothing."

Alderman Dunlop: "It puts the Council again on record that the rates are to be \$1.40 and \$4.75. People have either made up their minds that they are going to go ahead with the appeals or drop them."

Alderman DeWolf: "What affect is the overall 15% going to have on the assessment? Will a bill go out at \$100,000.00 or \$85,000.00?"

City Manager: "\$100,000.00 will be crossed out and the \$85,000.00 will be substituted."

Alderman DeWolf: "On business 15% means a lot of money to assessments of \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00. Are they going to be assessed at the \$85,000.00 next year. Have we any indication that this 15% carries through?"

City Manager: "I would think the Assessor would take the findings of the Tax Appeal Court and apply the pattern to his assessments. I would suggest that he try to find such a pattern and apply it."

Alderman DeWolf: "The Assessor goes over them again next year."

City Manager: "He would be guided by the Court I am sure."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Uniformity is the desirable thing we want to look for. You can lower your assessment or adjust your rates."

Alderman Vaughan: "Is the Assessor going to be able to follow up the Cleminshaw assessment and assess the properties on his own and with the Tax Appeal Court going?"

Mr. Thomson: "If we get the staff as laid down in the recommendation of Cleminshaw out on the street by June 1st., and our business tax to come up to 50% of the actual value of the property, I think we can do it alright by 1957."

His Worship the Mayor: "How many more men?"

Mr. Thomson: "Three more."

Alderman DeWolf: "Would there not be a lot of time saved if Cleminshaw's method of valuation was changed somewhat? Fences have been included in the valuation. Pavement has a certain value but if you value the land you could cut out the pavement. If you charge a little bit here and there people will not want to improve their properties. You don't sell a property that way."

Mr. Thomson: "They felt that the price of the land per foot frontage would include the cost of the landscaping."

Alderman DeWolf: "Gas tanks on properties are also included in the assessment. These items should be discussed. They are included in Cleminshaw's valuation."

City Manager: "As I recall it there was to be no addition to the staff. More people would be put on the street by cutting out some of the office work."

Mr. Thomson: "I feel I can discuss a lot of points with the City Solicitor and eliminate some of them."

Alderman Vaughan: "The City Assessor and City Manager should get together and judge whether or not the task confronting them this year warrants staff. I suggest they get together before the April meeting of Council."

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City Manager: "We may need two extra people for one year."

Alderman Vaughan: "I asked these questions before and I was given all kinds of assurance that this can be done. I want to be assured that you are going to get a proper assessment of all properties in the City. I want the assurance of the proper official and that is Mr. DeBard."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think all these points point out the excellent job Cleminshaw did. The Charter calls for the whole value of the property in making up the assessment. I suggest the City Assessor see the City Solicitor and get some ideas from him as to what to put down."

Alderman Macdonald: "I wonder how they value a fence paid for by two neighbours?"

Alderman DeWolf: "Is it the policy of Council to penalize any person who wants to improve their property. I think it is wrong. They should get reductions as far as I am concerned."

The motion was then put and passed.

RESIGNATION OF Mr. A.J. YEADON - CITY ASSESSOR

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that Mr. Yeaton's resignation be accepted by the Council and the matter of a retirement allowance referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration. Motion passed.

Alderman Vaughan: "I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Yeaton while working under Mr. McManus and for taking over the position of City Assessor at a very difficult period. I know all the best wishes of the Council go to Mr. Yeaton and wish him many years of happy retirement."

MOTION ALDERMAN DUNLOP Re: TAXATION ✓

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that legislation be sought empowering the Council to request a Judge of the Supreme or County Court or other suitable person to examine and report on taxation within the City of Halifax and that all

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sums necessary to provide all necessary assistance shall be shown as an expenditure by the City for the civic year in which said sums are paid.

Alderman Dunlop: "The taxation section of the Charter deals with the whole set-up of taxation in the City and it is rather voluminous. It is rather difficult just to know where to find the taxation situation in the City. Previous to 1942 we had one rate base for properties in the City but for reasons then known it was thought advisable to set two rates. The purpose of the motion is that the City should get legislation to allow a request to be made to a Judge to make an examination of the taxation system and bring back a report to the Council. It is not a Royal Commission as the press states. We would be the ones who would select the party to make the examination. This would emanate from the Council. There is not any legal difficulty in requesting a Judge to act if there is some legislation allowing him to be asked. In the event that a Judge was not available we could get some other person. This person would require some staff. I would hope he would have the benefit of the Solicitor's advice and also the Assessor. I think it is better to do it this way than a committee of Council. We have to get Aldermen who would be willing to act. This has to be proceeded with with some dispatch. I would hope we would get a report before the end of the year. This Commission will require technical assistance. I have in mind that a study should be made of taxation systems in Canada. The Ontario system could be taken into consideration. Our own Assessment Act could be given attention. Under the Assessment Act fixtures are taxable. Nobody need get alarmed at the expense. I presume the Judge will get an honorarium. I think we should give this job to one person."

Alderman DeWolf: "Has Alderman Dunlop in mind a Judge producing other methods of taxation as well as those in force? There may be other types of taxation."

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Alderman Dunlop: "He would make a full study on all taxation systems including our own and make his recommendations to Council."

Alderman DeWolf: "He would cover generally all types of taxation."

Alderman Dunlop: "That is right. He will come up with what he thinks is best for us."

His Worship the Mayor: "My thought was we would need a committee to set out just exactly what this person would do. When that is done, whether it is to be done by a Judge, he may get a person with some knowledge to advise him. I would hope that if this is proceeded with we would have it by the end of 1956 in order to give the Council time to deliberate on it."

Alderman Ahern: "I would like to go along with a portion of this. Why do we always have to go outside to have our problems solved? We have already paid \$100,000.00 plus for the very same thing."

His Worship the Mayor: "They are two different things."

Alderman Ahern: "What have we in the Tax Appeal Court? They reject Mr. Cleminshaw daily. You can't straighten this out by having the Council do the job. Where will you find a Judge that his knowledge is higher than Mr. Cleminshaw, Bissett, Hanning and Kelly. I don't think this motion should be supported. If you are going to make drastic changes. I think you should appoint a Board of Assessors like they have in Canada and the U.S.A. The City Assessor could be chief advisor to the Board. I think we could have one member or more. I know of no other men than Aldermen DeWolf and Dunlop and one tax expert. I think this Tax Appeal Court is going to cost many thousands of dollars daily. What does it cost?"

His Worship the Mayor: "About \$200.00 a day."

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Alderman Ahern: "I don't think we should ask a Judge to do this. I think Mr. Thomson could do a much better job than a Judge."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is a person with a knowledge of other taxation systems."

Alderman Dunlop: "What we are trying to get at is taxation. It is not an investigation at all. It is a study of taxation systems including our own. The Commission might come back and say you have the best system in Canada right here. We can't take our Assessor and Solicitor off the job to do this."

Alderman Ahern: "I have complete confidence in Aldermen DeWolf and Dunlop and another man. I don't think it is fair to go outside."

Alderman Hatfield: "I agree with Alderman Dunlop. I think a committee must be appointed to set the terms of reference. I can go along with Alderman Dunlop in that. I would suggest a Judge. Those called upon to do a job have done a good one. I think we have to take action on Alderman Dunlop's motion if we want to get legislation this year."

Alderman O'Malley: "I am not prepared to support the motion by Alderman Dunlop. We should clear up one situation first. I think the thought behind the motion is good and I think it is very necessary. I think it should be proceeded with only after we have cleaned up the assessments. I think there is a good deal of merit in the suggestion of Alderman Ahern that we appoint an Assessing Board who would make recommendations to this Council. I think we should be a little cautious in our haste to endorse the resolution as brought forward by Alderman Dunlop. I would like to see this matter deferred until we get our problems of assessments cleared away."

Alderman Vaughan: "I think this problem should be dealt with by this Council. What would a Commission produce?" (He then read parts of publications put out by the following: Royal Commission

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on Dominion Provincial Relations by Goldenberg; Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities and Taxation System in Winnipeg) "All this information is available. I think it can be done. I have been in this Council some 7 years and this Council has been told more than once about the limitations of municipal taxation. The City engaged Mr. Egan as a tax consultant. His recommendation was that a Sales Tax be imposed. The proposal was dropped when it was shown that the proposal would certainly mean a loss to retail merchants in this City. I submit the only proper course this Council can follow is to seek over a period of years a uniform tax rate on real property and that must be our goal. I am quite sure that the people with the facts before them will support such a proposal. One source of taxation that has caused comment across Canada is the business tax as levied in this City. It is based on 50% of the property occupied. I was talking to another assessor from another municipality in Nova Scotia and he has examined the Ontario Assessment Act and has related the assessments on some of the key properties in his town and he gives this finding that the application of the Ontario system applied to his town would produce less revenue. I can see no real value in a Commission to study a problem that will be faced by this Council. We have had one example of a Royal Commission on finances the Pottier Report. Nearly all the recommendations were accepted by the Province. This was requested by the Teachers' Union of Nova Scotia. These teachers who wanted the report made had it made. It was translated into law and it is costing the City of Halifax half a million dollars a year to keep our teachers here. What value was it to us? Very little. The only proper body to deal with the tax structure and how it is going to be levied is a committee of this Council. We have a Commissioner of Finance to make recommendations of this type. The City Manager's job is to manage the affairs of the City. The Commissioner of Finance can get all this information by writing to the various Departments in Ottawa."

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City Manager: "We have most of that information here now."

Alderman Vaughan: "I do suggest that the Committee might hold hearings and the public can attend. I suggest that is the only proper course to follow."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think definitely that an investigation and a study would be a step forward and I am certainly in favor. The point of disagreement seems to be who should make that study. I think the study should be done by an outside person apart from this Council. I think that person should be qualified and certainly it should be an investigation committee. What I am looking for is a committee to say 'this is what is done in other towns' and if it is not in line with what we have been doing in Halifax then our policy should be in line with its findings."

Alderman Lane: "A previous Council created a separate rate and it is to deal with that Frankenstein that we need study. I do feel that what we have suffered from in Council where we have appointed Committees and Commissions, we have always been a little too general in our terms. I think the setting down of the terms of what we expect of the person is the important part of the motion. I feel that before it is adopted we should have a very definite statement of what such a Committee is to do. Alderman Ferguson has suggested it well when he suggested that it should be done by a person detached from the problem before us. I do feel that there must be a detached person clothed with terms of reference to do the job we want."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that this matter be sent to a meeting of the Taxation and Assessment Committee to draw up terms of reference and a recommendation as to the personnel to carry out the work and in the meantime seek permissive legislation for the carrying out of this task.

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Alderman Hatfield: "I think our Commissioner of Finance should be appointed to assist that individual to do the job. He can secure the facts and figures before the complete job is done."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't know whether you need legislation. Is there anything to prevent us from hiring Joe Jones to do a thing like that? The terms would have to come back to this Council. Who is going to do the actual drafting?"

Alderman Lane: "They will make the suggestions and the City Solicitor will draw up the terms of reference."

Alderman DeWolf: "I assume this would be a study of the most equitable manner in which funds can be acquired to pay the cost of City services. It should be the duty of that body to find out what source revenue might be available and it is their duty to explore in every way. I think an independent commission is the solution to this. Real property has about reached its peak. Were we not told by Cleminshaw that as part of their duty they were to submit a method of taxation?"

City Manager: "They did and it was circulated to the Aldermen. It was a personal ^{PROPERTY} tax."

Alderman Lane: "In pursuing the thought I had in mind, at the time the separate rate was established, we were carrying a lot of tax exempt Government property and by imposing this particular type of taxation, it was one way of recovering it from Ottawa. I would like to see them assess the services rendered in this City and which class benefitted most. It might well be that the Commission would see fit to alter the balance between residential and business."

His Worship the Mayor: "Tax rates are still high. I don't think you can condemn our bi-tax rate as it has its advantages."

Alderman Vaughan: "To say that certain classes of persons get more benefits is most unfair."

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Alderman Fox: "I think we should finish one problem first. The Cleminshaw Company was brought in and our Tax Appeal Court is tearing it to pieces. If we start another one now we will have three. I don't see how we can do anything until the Tax Appeal Court finishes its job."

Alderman O'Malley: "I don't like the amendment as made by Alderman Lane because it gives support and approval to the motion of Alderman Dunlop and that I am against. I did like their mentioning that we should engage a detached person. When we engaged Cleminshaw we engaged a detached person. Maybe we will create another Frankenstein if we engage another detached person. We should fully study the effect of the Cleminshaw recommendations as used by the Assessing Department. If we embark on the study of the other methods of taxation then we are going to rush and I am against any rush or haste in this matter."

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't like everybody to agree with me. I think the majority agree with me but not the way it is to be brought about. As far as I am concerned there is no mess at City Hall that needs to be cleaned up in respect to assessments. The situation is better than it was in 1955, 54 or 53. I think we are getting along alright. There are a lot of appeals that is true. I think it is a great thing to be studying all the time and I commend Alderman Vaughan for his study. I could not possibly serve on the committee as it would take 4 or 5 months of steady work. I doubt if the Commissioner of Finance could spare the time too. Whoever we appoint they can't change the law. They must come back here. The resolution is designedly made to report on taxation. It covers special taxes on banks, etc. Those are the things I would like the person who is appointed to look into. I don't know how you can get a full investigation of the tax system by defining the terms of reference. I would vote against the amendment. If a Commissioner is appointed he will meet with

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the Council to discuss what we are looking for. He is not going to fly off with knowing what he is going to do."

Alderman Vaughan: "Have we a Public Inquiries Act?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Alderman Vaughan: "Could the Commissioner be appointed under that?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It does not cover this."

Alderman Vaughan: "What about the Section of the City Charter authorizing the Council to appoint persons to do certain jobs?"

The City Solicitor then read the section of the Charter concerned.

Alderman Dunlop: "You don't endorse a Judge."

Alderman Vaughan: "We might want to make an economist rather than a Judge. Economists are available."

His Worship the Mayor: "The first thing is whether you want it or not. The second is who should it be and what do you want him to do. I think that is the way you can do about it."

Alderman Macdonald: "I would not like to see it tied down tying the hands of anyone carrying out the investigation."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that this matter be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee for a full discussion.

The motion to defer was put and lost by voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Vaughan
Fox
O'Malley
Ahern

AGAINST IT

Alderman Hatfield
Greenwood
DeWolf
Dunlop
Lane
Macdonald
Ferguson
Wheeler

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Alderman Wymen: "The study of taxation does not need to be pushed along. I would not expect to see final action on it in time to be experimented in the 1957 taxation. For that reason and at the same time I feel that the necessary legislation is the thing that is important at the moment. Once we have passed a resolution that will provide the necessary legislation then we can go at our leisure exactly what we want to do and who we want to do it."

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Hatfield
Greenwood
DeWolf
Lane
Macdonald
Fox
Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern
Vaughan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Dunlop
Wymen

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LEGISLATION SETTING OF TAX RATES ✓

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Wymen that this matter be not proceeded with. Motion passed.

10:20 P.M. Council adjourned for a short recess.

10:30 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wymen, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

TAX EXEMPTION LORD NELSON HOTEL ✓

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: March 23, 1956.

Subject: Tax Exemption - Lord Nelson Hotel.

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At the Council meeting of March 15, 1956 the matter of tax exemption for the Lord Nelson Hotel was referred to the Industrial Development Commission.

The Commission met on March 20, 1956 and after considerable discussion on the merits of more hotel facilities and the effect on the City's tax structure, voted to recommend:-

1. That no concession be made in the assessment on the Lord Nelson Hotel as it presently stands.
2. That any new construction be "bonused" as provided in the Bonus Act, i.e. starting with an assessment of 10% of value and increased an additional 10% each year until 100% is reached in ten years.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER.

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

His Worship the Mayor: "This is the offer of the Council. The tax dollars which the structure will pay for the year 1956 taken as a base which would not be added to or deducted from and the value of the new structure would pay taxes 10% on the 1st, 20% on the second until 10 years have elapsed. The value of the present building would be used as a base."

Alderman DeWolf: "It is whatever the Tax Appeal Court decides?"

Alderman Vaughan: "Yes."

His Worship the Mayor: "The City Manager who wrote this apparently had a different view."

City Manager: "I understood that the present building would be assessed at whatever it was for every year in the future. On the new building I agree."

Alderman Dunlop: "The present building is to pay at the present rate for the 10 years and the new building is to pay 10% for each year until it reaches 100%."

Alderman Macdonald: "The assessment on the present building would be the 1956 assessment subject to any adjustment that may be made by the Tax Appeal Board. In 1957 it would be subject to

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the value put on it by the Tax Appeal Board."

City Manager: "Then my memo is right."

Alderman Vaughan: "That is right."

Mr. Ian MacKeigan, representing the owner of the hotel, went over the background and what was planned for the benefit of the members of Council. He asked that Halifax match the bids of other Cities for investment dollars as well as 10 years relief from taxation which would permit a need in the City.

Alderman Ahern: "Here is a great opportunity. We have not the accomodation in Halifax. We are losing \$1,000,000.00 annually by not having it. They will pay \$50,000.00 a year. I think that man should be encouraged to come here and put up a convention hall."

Alderman Hatfield: "I am certainly ready to make my decision tonight. I have taken the attitude that it is an investment for the future. It is not costing us hardly anything to service that land. The sewer, water and sidewalk are there now. It means a large construction in Halifax requiring a large amount of material. Convention halls and tourists are very important to us. In the summer months they must have had an awful time to get accomodation so they must go outside. These hotels should have an opportunity for the first few years after being built to depreciate their structure down to a competitive basis. The industry is not asking us for land."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the Lord Nelson Hotel Company Limited be granted the same assessment as it will receive after it has been processed by the Court of Tax Appeals and that be the assessment for a period of 10 years but that the taxes shall in no event be less than \$50,000.00 per year on the entire plant.

Alderman O'Malley: "I am prepared to give a reasonable assessment for 10 years. What is their request?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "I think it is around \$61,000.00."

Alderman O'Malley suggested a tax of \$65,000.00 for the next 10 years.

Alderman Dunlop: "If someone asks Council for concessions we should deal with it around the table and find out what is required. Perhaps the man wants to find \$1,000,000.00 here. We should have the assurance that the man is able to carry out what he proposes to do. I don't think we should be asked to grant a concession which will result in the City getting less taxes and being tied up for a period of ten years."

Alderman Hatfield: "It seems to me that after looking it over every hotel has been given concessions by the municipalities in which they are. The Lord Nelson Hotel was given a concession for 15 years."

Alderman Macdonald: "I do think a new industry coming into Halifax should get some concessions. I contend that if any large business establishment in Halifax were going to put up an addition that would cost \$1,000,000.00 they would come to us and I don't see why they should not."

Alderman DeWolf: "What about the fixed assessment on the C.N.R.?"

City Solicitor: "I think it is a matter of negotiation that the fixed assessment will fluctuate with the increased assessment."

Alderman Hatfield: "The Lord Nelson Hotel Ltd. is paying \$15,000.00 a year more than the Nova Scotian Hotel."

Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to have it definite as to the dollars or whether it is assessment on the real property or occupancy."

The City Solicitor then read the proposed legislation respecting this matter.

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Alderman Hatfield: "If we give this concession we want to be assured we get the convention hall."

Alderman Dunlop: "When is a hotel completed? That is dangerous. I would like to see a flat figure of \$75,000.00. We are dealing with hard-headed businessmen. They want to benefit themselves and also the City. Let us go a little slowly."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for a special meeting of City Council to further consider this matter and the remaining items on the agenda. Amendment passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W.P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
April 4, 1956,
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, Lane, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, L.M. Romkey, G.F. West, T.C. Doyle, H. Borland, G.S. Black, Mrs. Philip Dumaresq, Mrs. Carl Hudson and Dr. A.R. Morton.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Housing Committee had held several meetings on the matter of the redevelopment of the area under consideration and that C.M.H.C. had been contacted. The question arose as to who should carry out a survey and they indicated that Prof. Gordon Stephenson was well experienced in that type of work.

8:10 P.M. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole to hear Prof. Stephenson.

10:00 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Lane, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that this meeting adjourn until Friday, April 6, 1956 at 8:00 P.M. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 10:05 P.M.

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

L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
April 6, 1956,
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, Fox, Ferguson, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, C.P. Bethune, Q.C., J.F. Thomson, 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. Consideration of Revision of Zoning By-Law.
2. Tax Exemption Lord Nelson Hotel.
3. Minimum Housing Standards.

His Worship the Mayor made the following statement: "We passed a resolution last meeting getting legislation to allow us to hire a Judge or some other suitable person to look at our tax structure. I would be ready to do that job with supporting help."

FAIRVIEW BOTTLENECK ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "The plan has been further studied by the Department of Highways and they did not like it. They felt it would not be a good solution to the traffic problem. In that opinion our Commissioner of Works has concurred. We have had conferences since that time and there have been many plans drawn.

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As a result of questions and explanations there is a present plan which would cost an assumed \$864,000.00 and that is the plan that presently has the favor of the Highway Department and our Commissioner of Works. I did not put that proposal to you because we did not know what the Federal Government would contribute. It is difficult to say whether it comes under the terms of the Grade Crossing Act. It was recommended that Mr. McColough and Mr. Wickwire together with Mr. West and myself should go to Ottawa and there have an informal discussion with the Chairman of the Board to see if we can obtain from him some idea of an informal commitment or obtain some understanding what we may expect by way of contribution. By this procedure we hope to ascertain what they would kick into the price of this plan. When we have that information you could have a motion put to you and it could be discussed intelligently."

Alderman Ahern: "I think Mr. Bethune should go along with you. You are going to have agreements and you will need top legal advice. We had expert advice when we were dealing with the C.N.R. grant."

His Worship the Mayor: "We are dealing with the Grade Crossing and Railway Acts."

Alderman Vaughan: "I have had a change of heart on this bottleneck problem and I don't think the problem exists at all in the way it has been painted. We want to be assured that the Bedford Highway is going to continue for many years as a north entrance to the City."

His Worship the Mayor: "One point discussed was the sound belief of the Provincial Officials that the Kempt Road entrance must be and remain the chief entrance to the City of Halifax."

Alderman Vaughan said he had occasion to go to Piers Avenue and he noticed several roads leading to the Dutch Village Road. He suggested in a few years there would be a need of

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another road to which His Worship the Mayor agreed.

His Worship the Mayor: "I consider I am going on an investigation and discussion trip and not committing the City to one penny. We are trying to get information so you can discuss it."

Alderman Dunlop: "What is the use of our Halifax Members at Ottawa when we have to send representatives from the Province and City of Halifax to deal with the Federal Government?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Dickey will be sitting in on it."

8:20 P.M. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

9:15 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield, and Greenwood.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISION OF ZONING BY-LAW ✓

April 6, 1956.

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

At a meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council held on the above date amendments to the Zoning By-Law were considered.

It was agreed to recommend that the amendments be publicized by being reproduced once in the papers indicating the changes in darker type and that the Commissioner of Works prepare a cross-hatched map showing the zones and that a Public Hearing be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. on Tuesday, May 29, 1956 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. to consider the passing of same.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

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FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Ahern
Wyma
Vauhan
Hatfield
Greenwood
DeWolf
Lane
Ferguson
O'Malley

AGAINST IT

Alderman Dunlop
Fox

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TAX EXEMPTION LORD NELSON HOTEL ✓

April 6, 1956.

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

The matter of a request from the Lord Nelson Hotel Co., Ltd., for tax exemption on a proposed addition to the hotel building was considered by a Committee of the Whole Council at a meeting held on the above date.

A report was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee recommending that legislation be obtained enabling the City to enter into an agreement with the Lord Nelson Hotel Co., Ltd., to grant tax concessions on the Lord Nelson Hotel by way of a reduced assessment which will produce the amount to be levied in the year 1956 on the hotel premises plus 10% and in no case during the term of the agreement shall the rate from the hotel be less than \$60,000.00 in any tax year; that the concession be given for a period of 10 years after the building has been completed and where necessary the year to be pro-rated. This offer to be good for 12 months from the passing of the legislation and that the formula apply on the hotel on the completion of the building and if the building should be abandoned during construction, the agreement be null and void.

It was agreed to recommend the above report to the Council with the following additions:

1. Tavern room ceiling to be deleted from the agreement.
2. Dining room capacity be not less than 200 persons served while seated.
3. The Hotel Co. to pay the Fire Protection rates.
4. Occupancy by the Lord Nelson Hotel Co., Ltd., to be as a hotel.
5. When 50% of the rooms are available for occupancy by guests the building should be deemed to be completed.
6. The City Solicitor be empowered to make any minor changes in the agreement he deems necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vauhan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the motion be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Fox wishing to be recorded in dissent.

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MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS.

A draft of Minimum Housing Standards was submitted to City Council. Copies of the same were furnished the members of the Council for their information.

Moved by Alderman Van Loan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this matter be returned and again considered at the call of the Chair. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. 10:30 P.M.

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L.A. Katz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

EVENING SESSION
ADJOURNED MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
April 6, 1956.
9:25 P.M.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dwyer, Lane, Fox, Ferris, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, C.P. Bethune, C.C., J.F. Thomson, L.M. Ronkey, G.F. West, V.W. Mitchell and Dr. A.R. Kerton.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR GORDON STEPHENSON RE: HOUSING SURVEY ✓

RESOLVED that the City of Halifax engage the services of Professor Gordon Stephenson of Toronto University to conduct a study of the housing conditions in Halifax with particular reference to redevelopment and zoning then, as one of the conditions attached under Part 5 of the National Housing Act, available; that a further sum of \$2,000.00 be authorized toward the City's share of the cost; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation with respect to the grant.

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the resolution be passed and a sum of \$2,000.00 provided under the authority of Section 31 "C" of the City Charter.

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING ALDERMEN ✓

Alderman Ahern moved that His Worship the Mayor remember the retiring Aldermen Kerton and Hatfield in a suitable manner in recognition of their services to the City.

The Mayor seconded His Worship the Mayor.

Motion of Alderman Ahern seconded by Alderman Hatfield that this motion be passed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
APRIL 12, 1956

A G E N D A

Prayer.
Minutes.

1. A. Motion Alderman Hatfield Re; Quarters Registrar of Deeds.
B. " " Dunlop Reconsideration Modification of Lot Area 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Allen Street.
2. Amendment to Ordinance # 2 (2nd Reading).
3. Site for Branch Library.
4. Snow Removal Supplementary Appropriation. (\$50,000.00)
5. Accounts over \$500.00.
6. Parking Meters Ferry Square.
7. City Manager's Vacation.
8. Halifax Relief Commission Sidewalk Assessments.
9. Report J.M. Cleminshaw Co. Reorganization Assessor's Department.
10. Hospital Account Settlement.
11. Resubdivisions:
 - A. Seaboard Investments Ltd. Lynch Street.
 - B. Lots 14 & 53 Pinewood Acres.
 - C. Lot Measurements Pinewood Acres.
 - D. Lots 21, 22, & 23 Bower Road and Rogers Drive.
 - E. Lots 489 - 489 $\frac{1}{2}$ Agricola Street.
12. Closing Southwood Drive (Owen Street) to Public Use (legislation) and Removing Street Lines. (Date for Hearing).
13. Undersized Lot 40 Cork Street.
14. Applications to Rezone:
 - A. 415 North Street (Date for Hearing)
 - B. Lots 8, 9 & 10 Connaught Avenue (Date for Hearing)
 - C. Lots McLean Street. (Not Recommended)
15. Disposal Certain Portion of Lands Westmount School Grounds.
16. Street Name (Reservoir Street to Wallis Street).
17. Model Shows of Canada.
18. Lease Ferry Landings to Mr. A. Burns.
19. Straightening Boundary Lines City - owned land Windsor Street Lovett & Verge Properties.
20. Tenders:
 - A. Cars & Motorcycles Police Department.
 - B. Truck Fire Department.
 - C. Sedan Delivery Fire Alarm Department.
 - D. Refrigerator Unit City Prison.
 - E. Car Health Department.
21. Arm Patrol Appointment.
22. Courses of Instruction Police Sergeants.
23. Sick Leave Mr. Ira Elliott.
24. Fire Alarm Box Connection M.B.C.
25. Construction 2 Tunnells Armdale Rotary.
26. Thompson Bequest T.B. Hospital.
27. A. Alteration Eastern Street Line Robie St. - Almon to Macare Sts.
B. " " Street Line of Falkland St. - Gottingen to Creighton Streets.
(Dates for Hearing)
28. Non-conforming Use Corner Seaforth & Dublin Streets (I.P.C. Store)
29. Canteen Concessions
 - A. Fleming Park.
 - B. Horseshoe Island
30. Floodlighting Old Town Clock.

21. Resolutions Prefab Housing Accounts Canadian Bank of Commerce.
22. Financial Statement December 31, 1955.
23. 1956 Assessment & Tax Rates.
24. Closing Collector's Office Election Day.
25. Interest Refund Prefab 21 Lynch Street. (\$56.33)
26. Petition Barbers Association Re: Saturday Closing.
27. Request Board of School Commissioners Re: Addition to Alexander McKay & St. Andrews Schools.
28. Building Code.
29. Letter Trades & Labor Council Re: Rental Control.
30. Application to Rezone Lot Corner of Chebucto Road & Roosevelt Drive.
31. Use of Old Abattoir City Dump.
42. Petition St. Andrew's Home & School Association (Sponsored by Alderman Greenwood)
43. Questions.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Manager's Administrative Report.
 Statistical Report Prefab Houses.
 Report Poll Tax Collections.
 Approval Minister of Municipal Affairs
 Letter Halifax Colored Citizens Improvement League re: Tag Day.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
April 12, 1956,
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, Macdonald, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, Hatfield and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, C.P. Bethune, Q.C., J.F. Thomson, L.M. Romkey, G.F. West, A.P. Flynn, J.L. Leitch, W.A.G. Snook, 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 Vaughan that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor made the following announcements:

1. "I am planning a trip through the Vocational High School next week at which time I will send a letter to you in case anyone wants to come along for an inspection of these facilities. It might be of interest to all those who come to see that building in action."
2. Read letter from the C.B.C. expressing appreciation to the City Council and City Officials for the fine co-operation received in connection with the program "City Reporter."

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3. Read letter from the Board of Trade in connection with the period of time required to reconsider a rezoning application after it has been rejected. They suggested a period of three months.
4. Read letter from the Board of Trade respecting the application of Ben's Limited for rezoning. They suggested that business firms be given every consideration especially when the firms were established long before the Zoning By-Law was put into effect.

APPOINTMENT OF NATAL DAY COMMITTEE ✓

His Worship the Mayor advised that a letter had been received from Mr. Orval Troy, Manager of last year's Natal Day Celebrations, expressing the opinion that the Committee should be appointed this month rather than next.

The following were nominated to comprise the Committee:
Aldermen Dunlop, Lane, Ahern and Fox.

Alderman Lane declined.

It was then agreed that Alderman Dunlop, Ahern and Fox be appointed as the Natal Day Committee to arrange for this year's celebrations funds being provided for in the Current Estimates.

DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES ✓

Alderman Dunlop: "As a protest I move that the matters before the Finance and Executive Committee be not considered tonight but be deferred for a special meeting of Council until the minutes are sent out. I know the staff is not in the wrong. They are not able to do the work. There is a shortage of help in the office. I don't think it is fair to have matters brought before this Council by some Committee and the rest of the Council who are not on the Committee are not able to read the discussion. I am not getting the minutes of the Safety Committee. The Safety Committee is charged with the Police and

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Fire Departments. The Aldermen who are not on the Finance and Executive Committee are expected to come here and vote on matters. I can't understand why the Manager who is charged with these responsibilities, has not looked after it."

His Worship the Mayor: "It has been something that is hard to justify. When the matter was raised a month ago I felt strongly enough about the matter to write a letter to the City Manager acknowledging there must be a shortage of staff in the office to do that work and urging that staff be taken on. Going further and saying that if the minutes were not out in time for Council meeting, that I should be notified. It should be remedied. I will again confer with our staff to see that your proper objection is met in good time."

City Manager: "Mr. Publicover felt that if he had an additional member on the staff he could get them out. It is not easy to get men who take shorthand. Mr. Clancey was told he was going to be transferred to the City Clerk's Department. I don't think even with Mr. Clancey that we can get the minutes out from Monday to Thursday. There is quite a bit to do. We will have to have the Finance and Executive Committee Meeting a week ahead of the Council. There are some minutes that are 30 pages long. We can't get them out in that short time."

His Worship the Mayor: "We will proceed with that part of the agenda with care. Any particular items you want information on will be deferred."

Alderman Vaughan: "Move the Committee meeting to some other date."

His Worship the Mayor: "Possibly Thursday preceding the Council. I think it might be wise to have our Finance and Executive Committee meeting a week previous."

It was then agreed that the Finance and Executive Committee meet one week previous to the City Council meeting.

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MOTION ALDERMAN HATFIELD Re: QUARTERS REGISTRAR OF DEEDS ✓

Alderman Hatfield: "The Registry of Deeds is the location for all people's property. It is in a hopeless mess. Between 1941-45 there were approximately 5000 documents registered each year but now it is 18,000. During the summer months I don't think there is going to be sufficient room to search titles. This summer there must be something done in the Registry of Deeds. In my opinion, with the revenue received from that place and I am only guessing, a new building of \$200,000.00 could be paid for in 10 years. I think some action should be taken by this Council. No meeting has been called of the Court House Commission. I know the City objects to a meeting because they think they will be called upon to build a building for offices. I would like to see a meeting called of the Court House Commissioners to see what can be done as soon as possible."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will take it upon myself. The point you have made about the Registry of Deeds being overcrowded is true. As long as we deal with that sole matter I will be happy to call a meeting."

Aldermen Greenwood and Macdonald agreed to the calling of a meeting of the Court House Commissioners.

MOTION ALDERMAN DUNLOP RECONSIDERATION MODIFICATION LOT AREA ✓
124 ALLEN STREET

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Ahern that Council reconsider the motion passed at the last regular meeting respecting the modification of lot area at 124 Allen Street.

Alderman Dunlop: "After the motion was turned down a similar application on Oxford Street in which the circumstances were not greatly different, was approved. Many such applications have been approved by the Council in the past year. Each one is given that right. The others should be given the same treatment."

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Mr. Snook: "The application was for two flats. He felt he could make the upstairs flat into two apartments. The Building Inspector informed him he did not have sufficient lot area. The Board recommended the application to the Council and the Council turned it down. Under the Zoning By-Law they require 5500 sq.ft. in area and a lot frontage of 55 ft. They have 3780 sq.ft."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Wyman
Vaughan
Greenwood
Dunlop
Ahern

AGAINST IT

Alderman Hatfield
DeWolf
Lane
Macdonald
Fox
Ferguson
O'Malley

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PETITION BARBERS ASSOCIATION Re: SATURDAY CLOSING ✓

April 9, 1956.

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 petition from the Barbers Association to have Ordinance #23 "Respecting the Early Closing of Shops" amended to permit Barber Shops to close all day Saturday.

Your Committee recommends that the attached amendment to the above Ordinance be read and passed a first time and referred back to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

The City Clerk read a petition signed by 41 barbers out of 52 shops assessed in the City requesting Saturdays off which would mean an amendment to Ordinance #23.

Mr. Charles Longley appeared on behalf of the Barbers Association and stated that they worked an average week of 60 hours and because of this fact they were not able to attract people to the trade.

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Alderman Dunlop: "There are 17 shops in the City and there are 40 signatures here; how many barbers are there in the City? There must be more barbers."

The City Solicitor read the Ordinance for the information of the City Council.

Alderman Greenwood: "I have been approached by the proprietors of two shops who are against this."

Alderman Dunlop: "I have been told by my barber that the people who are in favor of this are mostly the one-man barber shops. The larger shops I am told are not in favor. I would suggest the reason for closing is not valid since the price has gone up to \$1.00. A great many people find it convenient to get haircuts on Saturday mornings."

His Worship the Mayor: "I received a letter from one barber objecting to the change."

Alderman O'Malley: "The barber shop I go to employs 4 barbers and they all desire the change. The trend is towards a shorter working week. Even in our business I would be happy to be on a 5 day week. I would like to see this resolution approved by the Council tonight."

Alderman Macdonald: "The shop I go to has 5 men and they are all anxious to have the amendment approved because they find it difficult to obtain barbers who will work until 7 P.M. Saturday seems to be a day everyone wants to get away. I don't think anyone will suffer too much."

Moved by Alderman Vanman, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be approved.

Alderman Dunlop moved an amendment that this matter be deferred until a petition is submitted by all the barbers practicing in the City.

There was no objection to this amendment.

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Alderman Ferguson: "The Act says who shall submit the petition. It is the master barbers and not the employees."

Alderman Lane: "I wonder if we will receive requests from similar establishments and how far can we go in cutting the services to the community?"

Alderman Hatfield: "They own their own establishments and should have control of their own business."

Alderman Dunlop: "How many master barbers signed the petition?"

His Worship the Mayor "40 out of 52".

The City Solicitor then read the proposed amendment to the Ordinance for the information of the Council.

Alderman DeWolf: "Does that apply to barber shops in hotels? Our new convention hotel; would they have to close? I think it is unfortunate. What is the penalty for foot-locking?"

City Solicitor: "\$20. 00 or 30 days."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Vaughan
Hatfield
Lane
Macdonald
Fox
Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern
Wyman

AGAINST IT

Alderman Greenwood
DeWolf
Dunlop

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AMENDMENT

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

1. Clause (b) of Section 2 of Ordinance No. 12, entitled "The Early Closing of Shops", is hereby amended by substituting therefor:

(b) They shall close at 10 o'clock on Friday and shall remain closed until 10 o'clock on the Monday following.

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2. Clause (c) of said Section 3 of Ordinance No. 23 is amended by striking out the word "a" at the second void in the said clause, and substituting therefor the word "a".

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the amendment as set out above be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee.

The motion was put and passed by yeas 9 and nays 3 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Vaughan
Hatfield
Lane
Maddox
Fox
Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern
Wyman

AGAINST IT

Alderman Greenwood
DeWolf
Dunlop

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AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE # 2 SECOND READING

April 9, 1956.

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

The amendment to Ordinance #2 Respecting the Rules of Order of Council which was read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

After discussing a letter from the Solicitors for Ben's Limited it was decided to forward the letter to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Maddox, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be approved.

Alderman DeWolf: "I think this could be quite a hardship. To put it off for a matter of 10 months is a hardship. If all the facts were known the matter might be refused on the first request. To keep it open until the facts are not made known, I think that is a hardship. The Council might not

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know all the discussion from the minutes of the Planning Board. The Board of Trade can see what is in it. I think it should be two refusals before it is turned over a year."

His Worship the Mayor: "Proper procedure should be an affirmative motion. An amendment to the Zoning By-Law could only be done by an affirmative vote."

Alderman DeWolf: "We employed Dr. Stephenson. He will go into zoning. It may be that some parts of this City may be changed in 6 months. I would like to see this carried until we receive a report from Dr. Stephenson on zoning."

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Lane that this matter be deferred for 3 months.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Greenwood
DeWolf
Lane
Macdonald
Fox
Ferguson
Wynan
Vaughan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen
Hart
Dunlop
O'Malley
Alton

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SITE FOR BRANCH LIBRARY ✓

April 11, 1956.

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

A report from the Halifax Regional Library Board recommending that a site be acquired at the corner of Galt Street and Union Streets on which to establish a branch library was received by the Finance and Executive Committee on the above date.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

W.P. P. [Name],
CITY CLERK.

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Alderman Lane: "In the site recommended by the Library Commission there was no indication as to how much property was suggested on the corner of the School for the Deaf. Since there did not seem to be too much information about it, it was sent up here for your information."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the matter be now considered. Motion passed.

Alderman Ahern: "We discussed it fully at the Library Commission meeting. All they wish this Council to do is to find a site and that site was suggested. The Commission wishes the Council to try to find out if the site suggested is available. Why not have Council authorize the City Manager or yourself to negotiate with the Institution and ascertain if the land is available."

His Worship the Mayor: "You should decide (1) Are you in favor of a branch library? (2) If you are you should negotiate for the site suggested by the Library Commission."

Alderman Vaughan: "They say they are finding it most difficult to operate in the present building. The Library service is growing by leaps and bounds. While Council need not commit itself to building, we can acquire the property if it is at all possible."

Alderman O'Malley: "Surely we are entitled to more basic reasons why they selected that site."

Alderman Hatfield: "I have discussed this matter with the City Manager and our Finance Department. Both those gentlemen definitely state that the City is not financially able to take on any more commitments. The City's bonded indebtedness is double the current revenue. We should provide those things that are necessary now such as schools and when these are paid down to some extent then is the time to reach for other capital

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improvements. Let us fill the school libraries first. The cost of operating such a library would take the taxes paid by 80 families. It would serve a limited number of people if it were placed at the corner suggested. I think we have to go slow on our capital expenditures and then reach forward to make other improvements."

Alderman Greenwood: "I think all of us are in favor of library facilities. I suggest that if we get a north end library, let us put it in the north end and somewhere between Wards 6 and 7."

Alderman Vaughan: "It is best for all concerned if we can secure Miss Cameron's report."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this matter be deferred for one month and in the meantime Miss Cameron's report be circulated to the members of Council for their information; and that an invitation be extended to the Library Board to have representatives present at the discussion.

Alderman Dunlop: "I agree with Alderman Hatfield and I am more in agreement with him after having read the report on this building. I don't think the Library is used to the full capacity yet. I think we can get along with the Library in this City for quite some years. The main thing is to get a site near a business centre where people travel. The second largest group who would use this library come from Ward #7. Any location in that area is suitable. Nobody knows if the site suggested is available until we approach the School for the Deaf. I would like to see the library placed in some place where old buildings will be destroyed. It will cost about \$200,000.00. Anywhere in the Cunard-Uniacke Street area would be suitable. Somebody should be authorized to look for a site. Now is the time to acquire a site. I imagine the City Manager has some work that he can do now."

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Alderman Ahern: "Miss Cameron gave reasons why this site would be suitable."

Alderman DeWolf: "We want an estimate of the cost of the library and an estimate of the cost of operation."

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

Alderman O'Malley was requested to confer with the School for the Deaf on the matter of the site suggested by the Library Board.

SNOW REMOVAL - SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION \$50,000.00 ✓

April 9, 1956.

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 City Manager respecting "Snow Removal Supplementary Appropriation".

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: April 9, 1956.

Subject: Snow Removal - Supplementary Appropriation.

Through March 31, 1956 we have spent \$116,168.12 on snow removal. The budget provided only \$80,000.00 which means we have overexpended \$36,168.12.

Although it does not provide much for the latter part of 1956, and an additional sum may have to be added later, it is recommended that the appropriation be increased \$50,000.00 under Section 316 C of the City Charter.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER.

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

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ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship, L.A. Kits, and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: April 11, 1956.
Subject: Accounts over \$500.00

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

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mayor	Dictating Equipment (Maritimes) Ltd.	Sonograph & Table	\$ 503.00
Finance	Allen Print Ltd.	Poll Tax Receipts & Tax Receipts	561.00
Finance	Major Brothers, Ltd.	Insurance for Motorcycle Police	533.00
Works	Armco Drainage & Metal Products of Canada Ltd.	Cemetery sewer investigation	800.00
T.B. Hospital	Bauer & Black	Game Sponges & Gauze	664.09
Recreation	Brookfield Bros. Ltd.	Curtains for Youth Band Equipment	949.67
			<u>\$4,010.76</u>

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER.

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

PARKING METERS INSTALLATION FERRY SQUARE

April 4, 1956.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date
the attached report from the City Manager regarding Parking Meters
Ferry Square was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Pugh, Jr.,
CITY CLERK.

April 12, 1956.

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBaró, Jr.,
Date: March 23, 1956.
Subject: Parking Meters -- Ferry Square.

Quotations were taken on automatic meters for the Ferry Square. Mi-Co Meter and Horton Sales submitted quotations on single and double automatic meters as follows:

	<u>Mico</u>	<u>Horton</u>
Parking Meters -- Single	\$69.50	\$ 90.50
" " Double	139.00	140.00
Standards	6.00	3.00
Installed by Bidder	6.00	4.50

The difference in the costs comes because the Mico is a single meter which is mounted on a bracket whereas the Horton is a real Dual meter.

It is suggested we use 1 single Mico, which we presently have, and order 13 Horton Dual meters because:

1. Chief Mitchell would like to try automatic meters and see if they are affected by our climate.
2. The dual meters (Horton) are more attractive and cheaper than the double Mico.
3. The Horton dual will take pennies, nickels and dimes, but the Mico will not register dimes. Since there will be a two-hour parking limit in this area the advantage of a meter registering dimes is obvious.

A.A. DeBaró, Jr.,
City Manager.

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Ahern wishing to be recorded against.

CITY MANAGER'S VACATION ✓

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBaró, Jr.,
Date: March 23, 1956.
Subject: City Manager's Vacation.

Last year I vacated over two weeks vacation, and would like to take it in the period April 20 - May 15, as I have some personal business which I would like to take care of. With Council permission, I will take that vacation.

A.A. DeBaró, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER

April 12, 1956.

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

Alderman DeWolf referred to the fact that the City Manager had saved two weeks of his vacation from last year to be added to this year. He said he was not sure that the Mayor would do this but it left it open to other members of the Council staff to expect the same treatment.

JOB EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT ✓

Alderman O'Malley asked the progress of the committee with respect to the report of the Job Evaluation Committee as he felt the matter should be cleared up before the end of this month.

The City Manager stated that the report was practically typed and may be ready for distribution the next day or Monday.

Alderman Dunlop: "The employees are going to get their money from the first of the year. I don't think this should be rushed."

City Manager: "We had to have meetings with the Union and our Department Heads. We had about 7 meetings. It takes quite a time."

Alderman O'Malley: "I think it should have been proceeded with a lot faster. The sooner we can get it forward and satisfy these people, we will be doing a better job."

Alderman Ferguson felt there would be several more meetings of the Committee before a recommendation could be made to Council.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the matter be speeded up for presentation to Council.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION ✓

April 9, 1956.

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

The attached report from the City Manager respecting Halifax Relief Commission Sidewalk Assessments was prepared by the Finance and Executive Committee on the above date.

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It was agreed to recommend that these charges be written off and any legislation necessary obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. PULLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.

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

Date: March 22, 1956.

Subject: Halifax Relief Commission - Sidewalk Assessments.

At the instruction of City Council I have written to the Halifax Relief Commission asking if they would assume the assessment charges for the sidewalks amounting to \$7,004.90.

They write me that they have considered the matter, and that since they lived up to their 1947 agreement that they do not feel they should pay for these sidewalks which were laid in 1951. The City also discharged of its obligations under the 1947 agreement, and since these sidewalks were not included in the agreement, the assessment is a fair charge.

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

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

Alderman Lane: "Is that the total amount and have some of those assessments been paid and will there be a rebate?"

Mr. Romkey: "There would be some refunds after we get the Legislation."

The City Solicitor asked if the refunds would be paid without interest but there was no reply to the question.

The motion was put and passed.

REPORT J.M. CLEMINSHAW COMPANY RE-ORGANIZATION OF ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT ✓

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Fox that this matter be deferred.

Alderman Ahern: "I don't think there is any rush for this."

Alderman Verduin: "I think if we are to assess for 1957 we have to have an adequate Assessor's Department. The

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report is that the Department be set up along certain lines. That should be proceeded with at once. With the Tax Appeal Court certain members are tied up for long hours. I think our staff should have the opportunity to go out on the street to do the field work and to correct any errors that may have crept in in the Cleminshaw valuation. We should speed that up."

Alderman Dunlop: "I agree with that. It is a matter for the City Manager and Acting City Assessor. What is the position with respect to the office of City Assessor for the City? That should be dealt with as soon as possible. Surely we are not going to go through a whole season again without an assessor."

City Manager: "There was no closing date on the application in the newspapers. We closed the applications on April 6th. I have 3 applications. I will make a recommendation probably next week."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should adjourn this meeting until Thursday. This is very important."

It was then agreed that the item "Appointment of City Assessor" be placed on the agenda of the special meeting of Council to be held on Thursday, April 19, 1956.

Alderman O'Malley: "It was suggested that they were to report to us on a re-organization of the Assessor's Department when they finished their work. I don't think that was written into their contract. Is there an additional charge?"

City Manager: "I think it is in the contract. They knew it was their responsibility. There was no charge."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will ask the Manager to check the contract to see if it is included."

The motion was then put and passed.

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT SETTLEMENT

April 9, 1956.

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

April 12, 1956.

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered a report from the Commissioner of Health recommending for acceptance an offer of the Army Benevolent Fund to pay the sum of \$50.00 in full settlement of an account amounting to the sum of \$71.00 for hospitalization of Robert F. Conrod.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

RESUBDIVISION SEABOARD INVESTMENTS LTD. - LYNCH STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 27, 1956.
Subject: Resubdivision of Seaboard Investments Limited - Lynch Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on March 22, 1956, a Plan of Subdivision showing a relocation of Lynch Street and a new sewerage right-of-way was submitted.

The Town Planning Engineer recommended approval and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved the resubdivision with a 20 ft. sewer right-of-way as shown on Plan No. 00-8-13374.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

RESUBDIVISION LOTS 14 & 53 PINWOOD ACRES ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 26, 1956.
Subject: Re: Resubdivision of lots 14 and 53 Pinwood Acres.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on March

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22, 1956, a plan of resubdivision showing a triangular piece of land being cut off of lot 53 and added to lot 14 was considered.

The Town Planning Engineer recommended approval and that no public hearing be held.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-8-13373.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

RESUBDIVISION PINWOOD ACRES - CORRECTING MEASUREMENTS ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: April 10, 1956.

Subject: Resubdivision - Pinewood Acres Correcting Lot Measurements.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on April 5, 1956, a plan of resubdivision of Pinewood Acres Subdivision to correct several small errors involving figures only and not any material change in the plan itself was considered.

The City Engineer recommended approval without a public hearing.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-8-13369.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

RESUBDIVISION LOTS 21, 22, & 23 BOWER ROAD AND ROGERS DRIVE ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: April 10, 1956.

Subject: Resubdivision Lots 21, 22 & 23 Bower Road and Rogers Dr.

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At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on April 5, 1956, a plan of resubdivision of the Bower Property located on Bower Road and Rogers Drive was considered.

The City Engineer 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. 00-4-1334.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

RESUBDIVISION 489/489 1/2 AGRICOLA STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 10, 1956.
Subject: Resubdivision - Wilfred F. Young, Nos. 489-489 1/2 Agricola Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on April 10, 1956, a plan of resubdivision to make one lot out of two lots, each measuring 33' x 100' in order to make same conform to the existing duplex building was considered.

The City Engineer recommended that a report be approved without a public hearing.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-5-13340.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

CLOSING PORTION OF SOUTHWOOD DRIVE (OPEN ST) TO PUBLIC USE (LEGISLATION) AND REMOVING STREET LINES (DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING)

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 26, 1956.

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Subject: Tentative Subdivision Lots "A" and "B" (Formerly Owen Street, east of Young Avenue) closing street and removing street lines.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on March 2, 1956 a tentative Plan of Subdivision showing the disused portion of Owen Street being divided into two lots was given tentative approval, as shown on Plan 00-8-13369, with the recommendation that legislation be obtained to close the street for public use and that City Council set a date for a public hearing to remove the official street lines from the official plan.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Members of the
Town Planning Board.
From: A.C. Harris, City Engineer.
Date: March 22, 1956.
Subject: Tentative Subdivision Lots "A" and "B" (Formerly Owen Street, east of Young Avenue.)

Adjoining the "Albert Arron" property, at No. 77 Young Avenue, and land in the rear, is that portion of Owen Street extending eastwardly from Young Avenue to MacLean Street. Due to the elevation of the ground, it has been found not practical to use this land for street purposes.

Attached herewith is a tentative subdivision Plan No. 00-8-13369 showing the disused portion of Owen Street, divided into two lots. Lot "A", fronting on Young Avenue, has a frontage of 60' and a depth of 120', and Lot "B", fronting at the extreme southend of MacLean Street, having a width of 60' and a varying depth of approximately 135' to 194'.

Owen Street was acquired by the City many years ago from the "Miller" property subdivision; the deed stating "the land being conveyed for street purposes". It would be necessary to remove the official street lines and also seek Legislation to close out this portion of Owen Street for public use even though this portion has never been opened and used for street purposes.

It is thought to be an opportune time to present this plan since the "Albert Arron" property is being considered at to-day's meeting for subdivision.

Respectfully submitted,

A.C. Harris, P. Eng.,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that

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the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, May 24, 1956 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for the hearing. Motion passed.

UNDERSIZED LOT #40 CORK STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 27, 1956.
Subject: Re: Undersize Lot .. #40 Cork Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on March 22, 1956 a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of an application from Mr. Weldon B. MacDonald for permission to erect a bungalow on a lot 32' x 100', on Lot #3, Civic No. 40 Cork Street, was considered.

The Board approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

APPLICATION TO REZONE 415 NORTH STREET (DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING) ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 26, 1956.
Subject: Re: Application to Rezone - 415 North Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on March 22, 1956, an application from Mrs. Annette Gaines, 415 North Street, to rezone her property from R2 residential to C1 Commercial was considered.

The Town Planning Engineer recommended that this request for spot rezoning be refused.

The Board approved the Town Planning Engineer's recommendation of refusal.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

April 12, 1956.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, May 24, 1956 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for the hearing. Motion passed.

APPLICATION TO REZONE LOTS 8, 9 & 10 CONNAUGHT AVENUE (DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING)

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 26, 1956.
Subject: Re: Application to rezone lots 8, 9 and 10 Connaught Avenue.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on March 22, 1956, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer relative to a request from Mr. Robie Kaiser to rezone lots 8, 9 and 10 Connaught Avenue on the west side from R-2 to R-3 residential. to permit the erection of two 12 unit apartment buildings, was considered.

The Board approved and recommended that this be referred to City Council to set a date for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Aldermen DeWolf that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, May 24, 1956 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for the hearing. Motion passed.

APPLICATION TO REZONE LOTS ON McLEAN STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 10, 1956.
Subject: Application to Rezone Two Lots on McLean Street formerly part of the South End Tennis Club from R-2 to R-3.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on April 5, 1956, the attached report from the City Engineer relative to a request received from Mr. Raymond L. Kaiser to rezone two lots on the western side of McLean Street, between Inglis Street and Atlantic Street, from 2nd. Density Residential to 3rd. Density Residential was considered.

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The City Engineer said this is a case of spot rezoning and is not recommended.

The Board recommended that this be referred to City Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Hasfield, seconded by Aldermen Wyman that Council fix Thursday, May 24, 1956 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a hearing in this matter.

Alderman Wyman: "In hearing this matter presented at the Town Planning Board I failed to detect the point in which it differs from a similar application on Oxford Street a short time ago which was granted. We should definitely have a hearing."

Alderman Vaughan: "I don't think we should have a hearing. I am opposed to it. Is this the Miller Property?"

City Solicitor: It is apparently not the Miller Property."

Alderman Vaughan: "What about the property that wanted to build an apartment house?"

City Solicitor: "That was on Young Avenue."

Alderman Vaughan: "If we can see how low I can hardly see how we can pass this. My objection is to the site."

Alderman Ahern: "That would be greatly improved."

Alderman Dunlop: "Is any part of the property within 100 feet of Young Avenue?"

Mr. Snook: "The distance between Young Avenue and McLean Street is about 100 feet. It is about 150 feet away."

Alderman Ferguson: "Down in the McLean Street Cartrack's area there are some apartments that are used."

His Worship the Mayor: "The lot referred to, all of it lies more than 100 feet easterly of Young Avenue."

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City Manager: "That is right."

Mr. West: "As long as he does not build within 100 feet he is still alright."

The motion was then put and passed

DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN PORTION OF LANDS WESTMOUNT SCHOOL GROUNDS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: March 26, 1956.
Subject: Re: Disposal of Certain portions of land adjoining Westmount School Grounds.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on March 22, 1956, considered the attached report from the City Engineer relative to selling to Mr. D.E. Guildford, 27 Edward Arch Avenue, a strip of land 10' in width by approximately 100' in depth adjoining to the northward of his property and bounded by the Westmount School property; and also selling to Mr. G.R. Matheson, 42 Doug Smith Drive another piece of land 10' wide by approximately 100 feet in depth adjoining his property.

Based on the City Assessor's valuation of approximately 44¢ per sq. ft. the land required by Mr. Guildford would amount to \$440.00 and the land required by Mr. Matheson would amount to \$484.00.

The Committee recommended that the land be offered to Mr. Guildford and Mr. Matheson at the prices mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Greenwood: "I am concerned with the 40¢ per sq. ft. I find that the City has purchased land in that area for 30¢ per sq. ft. The land is sloping at about 45 degrees. I don't think it is worth 40¢."

He then moved that the land be sold at 30¢ per sq. ft. but there was no seconder to this motion.

Alderman Hatfield: "The land the City purchased for 30¢ was road frontage along Bayers Road. I know these lots. I would say the banks are 8 or 10 feet high. They would have to cut in many loads of fill."

April 12, 1956.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration. Motion passed.

STREET NAME (RESERVOIR STREET TO WALLIS STREET) ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: March 26, 1956.
Subject: Re: Street Name.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on March 22, 1956, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending that the name of "Reservoir Street" be changed to "Wallis Street", in honor of Sir Provo Wallis, was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

MODEL SHOWS OF CANADA ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: March 26, 1956.
Subject: Re: Application - The Canadian Legion for space on Commons for Model Shows.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on March 22, 1956, an application from the Canadian Legion for space on the Commons for the Model Shows of Canada to hold their show for two weeks during the period August 29th, to September 10th, 1956 was considered.

The Committee recommended that the City Manager be empowered to grant the space between the dates mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

April 12, 1956.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the report be approved. Motion passed. Alderman Vaughan against.

LEASE FERRY LANDING TO MR. A. BURNS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: , Committee on Works.
Date: March 26, 1956.
Subject: Re: A.W. Burns - Application for renewal of leases of Ferry Landings.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on March 22, 1956, an application from Mr. A.W. Burns for renewal of leases of the ferry landings at Colonel Road and Fleming Park was reviewed and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Philpott,
CITY CLERK.

Per...J.E. Seaman,
Clerk of Works.

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

STRAIGHTENING BOUNDARY LINES CITY-OWNED LAND WINDSOR STREET - LOVETT AND VERGE PROPERTIES

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: March 22, 1956.
Subject: Re: Straightening Boundary Lines - City owned land and Lovett and Verge Properties Windsor Street.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on March 22, 1956, considered the application of the City Engineer, relative to the straightening of property lines on the eastern side of Windsor Street between City owned land Mr. Verge and Mr. Lovett's properties. The Committee recommended that the property lines be straightened.

He recommended that the City Engineer be authorized to pay Mr. Verge for \$1200.00 and Mr. Lovett for \$310.00 for straightening the property lines.

The Committee recommended that the report be approved and referred to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Philpott,
CITY CLERK.

Per...J.E. Seaman,
Clerk of Works.

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Committee April 12, 1956
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TABULATIONS OF TENDERS FOR
A 1956 SEDAN DELIVERY TRUCK
FOR CITY ELECTRICIAN

Supplier	1956 Sedan Delivery	Trade-in Allowance	Total	Delivery
1. A. B. Fowles Ltd	2682.85	550.00	2132.85	30 days.
2. Scotia - Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd	2547.50	722.50	# 1825.00	30 days.
3. Edgewood Motors	2682.85	500.00	2182.85	30 days.
4. Citadel Motors Ltd	2631.78	701.78	1930.00	30 days.
5. Provincial Motors Ltd	2679.00	410.00	2269.00	30 days.

Low Tender Recommended

A. A. Hubbard
City Manager.

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 Committee on April 12, 1956.
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TABULATION OF TENDERS FOR
 A 1956 MOTOR TRUCK FOR THE
 HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Supplier	1956 Motor Truck 8,800 Lbs.	Trade - In Allowance	Total	Delivery
1. Provincial Motors	2824.00	350.00	2474.00	30 days
2. Halifax Motors	2948.00	400.00	2548.00	-
3. Edgewood Motors	2938.03	400.00	2538.03	-
4. Scotia Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd	2815.45	615.45	2200.00	30 days
5. Citadel Motors Ltd		(net)	2165.00	30 days
6. Purdy Motors Ltd	2799.00	649.00	# 2150.00	-
7. A. E. Fowles Ltd	-	-	2600.00	30-days
8. Trainor Auto Service	3250.00	850.00	2400.00	30 days

Low tender recommended.

A. A. Seabard Jr.
 City Manager.

TABULATION OF TENDERS FOR FIVE
MOTOR CARS, TWO MOTORCYCLES FOR HALIFAX POLICE DEPARTMENT

Special Sale
April 12, 19
Item #20 Cit:

	Provincial Motors Limited	Wood Motors (N.S.) Limited	Scotia Chev Oldsmobile Limited	Edgewood Motors	A. E. Fowles Limited	Halifax Motors Limited	Citadel Motors Limited	Purdy Motors Limited
1. One four door deluxe sedan with standard transmission	3080.00	2914.19	2835.65	3052.20	3052.20	2859.00	2873.00	2930.00
2. One four door deluxe sedan with automatic transmission	3290.00	3117.19	3038.65	3262.20	3262.20	3099.00	3076.00	3140.00
3. Four four-door sedans with standard transmissions	12,320.00	11,443.88	10,946.40	11,762.80	11,762.80	11,125.00	11,073.80	11,260.00
4. Four four-door sedans with automatic transmissions	13,160.00	12,255.85	11,759.40	12,602.80	12,602.80	11,965.00	11,800.80	12,110.00
5. Trade-in Allowance five motor vehicles	7244.00	5430.00	7604.05	5550.00	5600.00	3007.00	5551.80	4220.00
6. Total Tender less trade-in standard transmission	5166.00	8874.85	6178.00	9265.00	9215.00	11,010.00	6100.00	9970.00
7. Total Tender less trade-in automatic transmission	9216.00	9809.85	# 7193.00	10,315.00	10,265.00	12,060.00	9115.00	11,070.00
Delivery	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days	Apr. 3
8. Two motorcycles	George Colquhoun	# 3452.00	3 to 4 weeks delivery	Only tender received				

Lowest Tender Recommended.
@ Only tender received

A. A. Le. Bard Jr.
City Manager.

April 12, 1956.

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

From: A .C. Harris, City Engineer.

Date: March 20th, 1956.

Subject: Straightening Boundary Lines City-Owned Land-Lovett and
Verge Properties- Windsor Street.

At a meeting of the City Council, held on November 17th, 1955, the matter of the conveyance of certain lots on the eastern side of Windsor Street, by the City of Halifax, was deferred until the sale price of the adjoining lots was obtained. The conveyance of these lots, by the City, are to enable both Mr. Verge and Mr. Lovett to straighten out their respective property lines.

It is, therefore, recommended that Lot "B", 20' frontage, be sold to Mr. Verge for \$1,050.00, and also Lot "E", 6' frontage, for \$315.00. These prices are based on the highest tender received by the City for the adjoining lots.

In regard to the straightening of the boundary lines between Mr. Lovett and Mr. Verge, both are agreed to abide by these recommended figures.

It is, therefore, recommended that the sale of Lots "B" and "E", as shown on Plan No. 00-8-13087, be consummated at a total price of \$1,365.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A.C. Harris,
City Engineer.

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

TENDERS CARS AND MOTORCYCLES POLICE DEPARTMENT ✓

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Lane that the report as attached hereto be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR TRUCK FIRE DEPARTMENT ✓

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Lane that the report as attached hereto be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR SEDAN DELIVERY FIRE ALARM DEPARTMENT ✓

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Lane that the report as attached hereto be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR REFRIGERATOR UNIT CITY PRISON ✓

To: His Worship. L.A. King, and
Members of City Council.

April 11, 1956.

From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.
Date: April 11, 1956.
Subject: Refrigerator Unit - City Prison.

Quotations were received on a refrigerator unit for the City Prison as follows:-

Sinclair Refrigeration	1/3 H.P.	\$450.00
*N.S. Light & Power Co.Ltd.	1/2 H.P.	438.00
* do.	1/3 H.P.	393.00

*Does not include wiring.

The acceptance of the quotation of \$450.00 of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Co.Ltd., is recommended to which would be added the \$50.00 for wiring.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
CITY MANAGER.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be approved. Motion carried.

TENDERS FOR CAR HEALTH DEPARTMENT ✓

April 4, 1956.

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date tenders were received for the supply of a car for the Health Department.

Your Committee recommends that the tender of Purdy Motors Ltd., at \$1,700.00 net being the lowest submitted provided the specifications are met.

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

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the report be approved. Motion carried.

ARM PATROL APPOINTMENT ✓

April 4, 1956.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Chief of Police recommending that Mr. George Perry be appointed Special Constable in charge of the Arm Patrol at \$2.00 per hour.

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Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION POLICE SERGEANTS ✓

April 4, 1956.

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

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date, agreed to recommend that the following members of the Police Department be authorized to attend the courses indicated.

Sgt. J. McGeath - Civil Defence Officers course at Arnprior Ontario 9 to 20, 1956, expenses paid by Ottawa.

Sgt. L. Flinn - Traffic Training at Huron College, London, Ontario May 13 to 25, 1956 at an estimated cost of \$200.00 as provided in the current estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SICK LEAVE MR. IRA ELLIOTT ✓

April 3, 1956.

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 case of Mr. W. Ira Elliott who has been absent from duty for sometime due to illness.

In view of a report submitted by the Commissioner of Health as to Mr. Elliott's condition it was recommended that he be granted a further month's leave of absence.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

April 12, 1956.

FIRE ALARM BOX CONNECTION M.B.C. ✓

April 4, 1956.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date an application was made by the Maritime Broadcasting Co.Ltd., for permission to have their master fire alarm box connected to the City fire alarm system at Broadcasting House on Tobin Street.

The City Electrician recommended that the request be granted with a yearly service charge of \$50.00 and that the City Solicitor draft an agreement to cover same.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

CONSTRUCTION TWO TUNNELS ARMDALE ROTARY ✓

April 4, 1956.

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

His Worship the Mayor reported to the Safety Committee, at a meeting held on the above date, that the Provincial Government would probably agree if a request were made by City Council to install 2 tunnels at the Armdale Rotary on a 50/50 sharing basis at an estimated cost of \$60,000.00.

The matter was referred to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the matter be considered. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that this matter be deferred until a report is circulated to the members of Council giving the City Engineer's report on the matter and the estimated cost of the construction and the reason for the same and all information with respect to the use of tunnels in other places.

Alderman Vaughan: "Could the City Manager get information on the use of tunnels?"

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City Manager: "People won't use them."

The motion to defer was put and passed.

THOMPSON BEQUEST T.B. HOSPITAL ✓

April 4, 1956.

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date the Commissioner of Health recommended that City Council pass a resolution appointing the Commissioner of Health and City Treasurer as the responsible officials to administer the Thompson Bequest, T.B. Hospital and that the Eastern Trust Company be so notified.

Your Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Health and Commissioner of Finance be appointed for this purpose and the Trust Company advised accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ALTERATION EASTERN STREET LINE ROBIE ST. - ALMON ST. TO MACARA ST. ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 10, 1956.
Subject: Proposed Alteration of Eastern Official Street line of Robie Street - Almon Street to Macara Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on April 5, 1956, the attached report from the City Engineer recommending that the eastern official street line of Robie Street between Almon and Macara Streets be altered to a distance of 6 ft. further to the eastward, and the northeast corner of Almon and Robie Streets be rounded off by laying down a curve having a radius of 15 ft., was considered.

The Board approved and recommended that City Council set a date for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

April 12, 1956.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, May 24, 1956 at 8.00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for the hearing in this matter.

Motion passed.

ALTERATION STREET LINE OF FALKLAND STREET - GOTTINGEN STREET TO
CREIGHTON STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 10, 1956.
Subject: Proposed alteration of official street line of Falkland Street - Gottingen Street to Creighton Street.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on April 5, 1956, considered the attached report from the City Engineer recommending:

that the southern official street line of Falkland Street, between Gottingen Street and Creighton Street, be altered by moving the existing line 20 ft. to the South, this giving a total of 60 ft.;

that the southwest corner of Gottingen Street and Falkland Street be rounded off by laying down a curve having a radius of 45 ft.;

that the northwest corner of Falkland Street and Gottingen Street be altered by laying down a curve having a radius of 45 ft.

The Board approved and recommended that City Council set a date for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Hatfield that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, May 24, 1956 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for the hearing in this matter.

Motion passed.

NON-CONFORMING USE CORNER SEAFORTH AND DUBLIN STREETS I.P.C. STORE

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

April 12, 1956.

From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 10, 1956.
Subject: Application for extension of Non-Conforming use
Corner of Seaforth and Dublin Streets

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on April 5, 1956 considered a report from the Commissioner of Works relative to an application received on behalf of the I.P.C. Stores for an extension of a non-conforming use at the corner of Seaforth and Dublin Streets.

He said he had no objections to the extension requested provided all other provisions of our Zoning By-Law and Building Regulations are adhered to.

The Board approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

CANTEEN CONCESSIONS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: April 10, 1956.
Subject: Canteen Concessions.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on April 5, 1956 the following tenders were considered.

Horseshoe Island Canteen

Two tenders, each for 1 year - \$400.00
Mrs. Florence M. Bowes, \$900.00 for 3 years.

The Committee recommended that Mrs. Bowes tender be accepted

Fleming Park Canteen

Armview Grill Co.Ltd. - 1 year - \$800.00
 3 years 2400.00

F.A. Grant 3 years \$1900.00

The Committee agreed that the Canteen privileges be given to Mr. Grant for three years at \$1900.00 conditional upon the Armdale Grill Company withdrawing their bid after being advised that they will have to erect their own structure.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

April 12, 1956.

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

City Manager: "There was some question because the specifications were not correct as to the ownership of the canteen at Fleming Park as to what the High Bidder thought he was bidding on."

Read letter from Mr. Charles Tsulunas advising that he understood that if the canteen privileges at the Fleming Park was awarded to him he would supply the building, water and waste disposal equivalent to what is now there. Also that at the end of 3 years he would have to move the building.

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Grant constructed a building at the Park which he has been using. The application for the tender did not state that the successful tenderer would have to provide his own building and when the tenders were opened the present lessee made it clear that he owned the existing building. Mr. Grant had offered \$1,900.00 for a three year term. The other tenderer had offered \$2,400.00 for a three year term. The City Manager was instructed to contact him and ask him if he realized the building did not go with the tender. He will buy it and failing that he will move a building on the site."

Alderman O'Malley: "We should provide concessions the same as in Point Pleasant Park. I think any man that is tendering today has the same rights as Mr. Grant had with the City. There was no guarantee that he would possess the tender indefinitely."

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the tender of Mr. Tsulunas be accepted.

Alderman Fox: "I understand the permit comes from the County".

His Worship the Mayor: "We own the land but it is within the limit of the County. We were given to understand that the County had been reluctant to give a permanent permit for the building on the land other than the owner."

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Alderman Dunlop: "I agree with the Deputy Mayor that the building should be owned by the City. We don't want this man building another building. We may have difficulty in getting Mr. Grant to take his building off."

His Worship the Mayor: "I value our land and holdings over there about half a million dollars. I think it would be a good idea to have proper canteen facilities available."

Alderman Vaughan: "We were advised not to put our building up until we were able to put in our water and sewer. That would be very costly."

His Worship the Mayor: "It points up all the more that we should have proper facilities. People go there by the thousands. They require water."

Dr. Morton: "We attempted to have an artesian well there but they could not get water. The houses up the hill are considerably higher and they are on a different strata of rock."

Alderman Lane: "I do say that in awarding these contracts we are undertaking a certain responsibility to the public to see that the canteens are properly maintained. Tourists are going to judge us if these are not properly operated. I have visited this on previous occasions and I suggest that the Inspector keep a sharp eye on these spots."

Alderman Wyman: "It is my recollection that Mr. Grant said if he was not awarded the tender that he would have to remove his building. I don't think we are going to be faced with two buildings on the site."

Mr. Doyle: "The Council gave an undertaking that within 3 years the City would build its own building and that was the reason why Mr. Grant got the tender. The County can refuse you a permit. You will find it in the minutes that the City would build its own canteen."

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Alderman Dunlop: "It should be written in the lease at the end of 3 years his concession is gone and by that time we should have a plan for a permanent building and that this man get no renewal."

His Worship the Mayor: "I suggest a week's delay would not be out of the way. We should find out from the County."

Moved by Alderman Hatfield, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that this matter be deferred for one week and the City Solicitor or the City Manager determine whether a building permit would be granted to the highest tenderer and that a report be submitted from the City Engineer what it would cost to put water in that building.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Greenwood
DeWolf
Dunlop
Lane
Macdonald
Wyman
Vaughan
Hatfield

AGAINST IT

Alderman Fox
Ferguson
O'Malley
Ahern

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Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the tender of Mrs. Bowers at \$900.00 for 3 years for concessions at Horseshoe Island be accepted. Motion passed.

FLOODLIGHTING OLD TOWN CLOCK

Halifax, N.S.,
March 23, 1956.

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

The Historic Sites Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered the matter of floodlighting the Old Town Clock which was referred to it by the City Council.

Major Bennett who is in charge of renovations presently being effected at the Citadel Hill by the Federal Government and who is also a member of this Committee advised that funds have been voted for this purpose and it is expected that the Old Town Clock will be flood lighted this coming summer.

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Major Borrett also advised that plans are now being considered for the floodlighting of the top of Citadel Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

FILED.

RESOLUTIONS PREFAB HOUSING ACCOUNTS CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE ✓

April 9, 1956.

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 resolutions respecting Loan from the Canadian Bank of Commerce re Prefabricated Houses.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1955 ✓

April 9, 1956.

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

The Commissioner of Finance submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date the Financial Statements and Annual Report for the City of Halifax for the year ended December 31, 1955.

It was agreed to forward the reports to Council with the recommendation that they be audited by the Independent Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

1956 ASSESSMENT AND TAX RATES ✓

April 9, 1956.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on

April 11, 1956.

the above date agreed to recommend to the City Council the attached resolution respecting the 1956 tax assessment rates.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. [Name] [Title]
CITY CLERK.

BE IT RESOLVED that, under the authority of the City Charter and of an Act Respecting Assessment for Taxation in the City of Halifax for the year 1956, which was introduced on the 11th day of April 1956 (Bill Number 10 of the 1st session of the Legislature Assembly of Nova Scotia held in the year 1956), the amount of the valuation of real property for the year 1956 shall -

(1) (a) in the case of every person who has appealed from the assessment of his property for such civic year in respect of any real property, and

(b) in the case of every person who has appealed from such assessment and whose appeal has been dismissed by the Court of Tax Appeals,

be reduced in respect of such property by fifteen per cent of the amount of such valuation;

(2) in the case of every person who has appealed from the assessment made for such civic year in respect of any real property and such valuation was reduced by the Court of Tax Appeals by an amount less than fifteen per cent of such valuation, be further reduced by such further percentage amount as, together with the amount by which the said valuation was so reduced by the said Court, will constitute a total reduction of fifteen per cent of the amount of the said valuation for such civic year in respect of such property;

(3) in the case of every person who has appealed from the assessment made for such civic year in respect of any real property and whose appeal has been heard by the Court of Tax Appeals, and whose appeal has been dismissed by the said Court, be reduced in respect of such property by fifteen per cent of the amount of such valuation;

(4) in the case of every person who has appealed from the assessment made for such civic year in respect of any real property and whose appeal has been heard by the Court of Tax Appeals, and whose appeal has been prior to the passing of this resolution, be reduced by such decision of the said Court of Tax Appeals, upon such decision, by an amount less than fifteen per cent of such valuation, be further reduced by such further percentage amount as, together with the amount by which the said valuation was so reduced by the said Court, will constitute a total reduction of fifteen per cent of the amount of the said valuation for such civic year in respect of such property.

- (5) in the case of every person who has appealed from the amount of such valuation in respect of any real property and such appeal has not been heard by the Court of Tax Appeals prior to the passing of this resolution, if such appeal is withdrawn and discontinued, be reduced in respect of such property by fifteen per cent of the amount of such valuation;
- (6) in the case of every person who has appealed from the amount of such valuation in respect of any property and such appeal has not been heard by the Court of Tax Appeals prior to the passing of this resolution and which appeal has not been withdrawn and discontinued, if after the hearing thereof the said appeal is dismissed, be reduced in respect of such property by fifteen per cent of the amount of such valuation;
- (7) in the case of every person who has appealed from the amount of such valuation in respect of any property and such appeal has not been heard by the Court of Tax Appeals prior to the passing of this resolution and which appeal has not been withdrawn and discontinued, if after the hearing thereof, upon a decision being given reducing such valuation by an amount less than fifteen per cent of such valuation, be further reduced by such further percentage amount as, together with the amount by which the said valuation was so reduced by the said Court, will constitute a total reduction of fifteen per cent in the amount of the said valuation made by the Assessor in respect of such property.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for the purpose of determining and fixing tax rates for the civic year 1956, the total amounts of the valuations of all real property be estimated, in accordance with the provisions of the Act hereinafore referred to, as follows:

<u>Residential Real Property</u> (including Household tax valuations).....	\$156,000,000.00
<u>Business Real Property</u> (including Business tax and other occupancy tax valuations).....	\$94,600,000.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rate of taxation upon the owners of real property which is of a residential character or nature in respect of such real property for the civic year which commenced on the first day of January 1956 be and the same is hereby determined to be one and four-tenths per centum of the value of such real property as such value appears on the assessment roll for the said civic year.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rate of taxation upon the owners of real property other than that of a residential character or nature and for business taxes and for other occupation taxes than the household tax in respect of such real property for the civic year which commenced on the first day of January 1956 be and the same is hereby fixed at four and three-quarters per centum of the value of such real property as such value appears on the assessment roll for the said civic year.

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

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CLOSING COLLECTOR'S OFFICE ELECTION DAY ✓

April 9, 1956.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that the City Collectors Office be closed on April 25, 1956 for matters other than those pertaining to the Civic Election.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

INTEREST REFUND PREFAB #21 LYNCH STREET (\$56.33) ✓

April 9, 1956.

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 City Solicitor respecting Refund of interest Prefab #21 Lynch Street.

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: April 9th, 1956.
Subject: Refund of interest Prefab No. 21 Lynch Street -- Donald Langille.

On December 2, 1954, Mr. Langille tendered the balance due on the purchase of this property and requested a deed.

Messrs. Payzant, Coffin & Blois took objection to the title as there was some ambiguity in that portion of the prefabs which had been conveyed by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to the City. In order to clear up this ambiguity, it was decided to get a confirmatory deed from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation of this particular piece. For various reasons, this confirmatory deed did not come through until around the end of March, 1955.

Mr. Langille was therefore charged interest from December 2, 1954 to April 2, 1955, in the amount of \$56.33. He is asking for a refund of this interest on the ground that he was ready and willing to pay the money on December 2, 1954.

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In view of these circumstances, I think that perhaps his claim is justifiable, and that he should be refunded this interest.

If this meets with your approval, will you kindly recommend the same to Council.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per..T.C. Doyle.

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

REQUEST BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS ADDITION TO ALEXANDER ✓
McKAY AND ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOLS

April 9, 1956.

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 Board of School Commissioners requesting that the sum of \$5,000.00 be made available for the purpose of engaging an architect or architects in connection with proposed additions to Alexander McKay and St. Andrews Schools.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and the funds provided under the authority of section 316C of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

BUILDING CODE ✓

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Works advising that before any changes could be made in the present Building Code legislation would have to be secured.

City Solicitor: "I think we are all set without any further legislation. In 1950 I suggested that we get authority to enable us to enact a Building Code by Ordinance and upon the coming into effect of the Code we could repeal certain sections in the Charter. When the National Building Code is amended ours will be amended automatically."

This was agreed to.

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RENTAL CONTROL ✓

Moved by Alderman Vaughan that Rental Control be extended to the end of this year and the funds supplied under Section 316 "C" of the City Charter.

There was no seconder to this motion.

Alderman Dunlop: "After rental control has been practically abandoned in nearly every place in Canada, why should we have it in Halifax. If we are going to continue it, we should look at our rental officers and look at our rental regulations. I say they are of no use to anyone. They are a hindrance more than a help. They are very unfair. At the present time you can't put out a tenant for 3 months that may be destroying your property. Last year there was a committee set up and we recommended that it be expired the end of last year."

Alderman O'Malley: "For the lack of good reasoning I will have to agree with Alderman Dunlop."

Alderman Vaughan: "If the rental control is not effective it is the responsibility of our officers. I know of one case where the owner of a building is trying to get the rent from \$45.00 to \$65.00 without any repairs. If we can control that we should continue to do so."

City Manager: "I think if we abandon rental control we will throw to the mercy of a great many landlords a great many people who can't afford high rents. 229 mutual agreements were filed making 327 cases for last year. I think there is considerable protection in having rent control. I am perhaps aware of housing and the price charged for it in Halifax. There is difficulty for people with children. The cost is only \$2,400.00 a year. I think some control is better than none."

Alderman DeWolf: "Can we not carry it on in certain phases or do we have to carry it on in toto? On the rent control I would

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like to go along with that. Can we bring this up Thursday night and give the City Solicitor time to amend the By-Law. I know of a property that is renting for \$200.00 a month. I think it is too high. That is a mutual agreement. We may be able to rescind some phases of the Rental Control Act.*

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ahern that Rent Control be extended to June 30, 1956 and this Council be supplied with information as to what developed in other cities after they dropped it and that the sum of \$1,555.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter for this purpose. The motion was put and passed with Alderman Greenwood and Hatfield wishing to be recorded against.

APPLICATION TO REZONE LOT CORNER OF CHEBUCTO ROAD & ROOSEVELT DR. ✓

An application was submitted by Wickwire, MacInnes and Wilson on behalf of Mr. N.P. Petropolis for the rezoning of the above lot from R-2 Zone to C-1 Zone.

The matter was referred to the Town Planning Board for a report.

USE OF OLD ABATTOIR ON CITY DUMP ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: April 10, 1956.
Subject: Re: Use of Old Abattoir on City Dump

The attached report from the Commissioner of Works advising that our only interest in this building would be the corrugated asbestos on the walls and roof, and recommending the removal of same before construction work on the Abattoir begins, was approved by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on March 22, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Committee on Works.
From: G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.
Date: March 22nd, 1956.
Subject: Use of Old Abattoir on City Dump.

At the February 15th, 1956, meeting, City Council approved the sale of four and one-half (4½) acres of City-owned land on Bedford Basin to the Nova Scotia Co-operative Abattoir Limited. The City's existing Killing Plant is situated on the land in question and to date no mention has been made of its eventual disposition.

After inspecting the building, on this date, we concluded that our only interest in the building would be the corrugated asbestos on the walls and roof, and would recommend Committee's approval of our removing same before construction work on the Abattoir begins.

G.F. West,
Commissioner of Works.

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

REMOVAL OF AFRICVILLE SCHOOL ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "Could you consider the removal of the Africville School?"

City Manager: "The School Board has not released it."

The City Manager was requested to look into this matter.

PETITION ST. ANDREW'S HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION RE: CITY OWNED LAND BOUNDED BY BAYERS RD., ASHPURN AVE., ELLIOTT & RALSTON STS. ✓

A petition was submitted from the St. Andrew's Home and School Association respecting the above land. The Association requested an unqualified guarantee that the City owned land will be held for definite public development and under no circumstances sold partially or otherwise for private development. They suggested playground development for the children in the rapidly growing area.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Abern that petition be referred to the Recreation Commission for consideration and report. Motion passed.

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CITY'S BRIEF TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "On April 17th., we will meet with the Premier and Cabinet to discuss our brief in the Red Room."

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN AHERN RE: CREATION BOARD OF ASSESSORS ✓

Alderman Ahern gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move the following motion:

RESOLVED that legislation be submitted to the next session of the Legislature to amend the City Charter as follows:

1. To provide for the creation of a Board of Assessors, to be appointed by the Council, of such number as the Council may determine, whose duty shall be in respect of each year to prepare a valuation and assessment roll. the said Board to replace the single assessor now provided under the City Charter.
2. To provide for the appointment of one of the members of such Board to be Chief Assessor.
3. To provide for the fixing of the remuneration of the members of the said Board and for determining the duties of the Board and its method of operation.
4. To provide for the manner in which the work of preparing such valuation and assessment roll is to be divided among the members of the Board of Assessors.
5. To provide for the exercise of the powers of the Board by a majority of the members.
6. To provide for such other incidental matters as the City Solicitor may deem proper.

TRAFFIC NORTH & GOTTINGEN STREETS ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "What progress is there regarding traffic control at the corner of North and Gotingen Streets; traffic due to the bridge?"

Chief Mitchell: "Traffic lights have been recommended and if not will be recommended this year."

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TRAFFIC LIGHTS WINDSOR ST. & QUINPOOL ROAD ✓

Alderman Ferguson asked what progress had been made with respect to traffic lights at the above intersection.

Chief Mitchell: "I have seen a report from the Traffic Engineer. I think they recommended against traffic lights but provide an alternative."

SITE FOR INCINERATOR ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "What about the Incinerator?"

Mr. West: "I will have a report on sites for consideration of the Committee on Works and Council."

DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL FINALS ✓

Alderman Ahern referred to the fact that the Queen Elizabeth High School Basketball Team had won the Dominion Title and suggested that some suitable gift be presented to the Coach and members of the team and that the sum of \$300.00 be made available for this purpose.

His Worship the Mayor: "I join with you in congratulating the team which brought honor to the City. The Chairman of the School Board arranged a lunch with the two teams, coaches and managers at which time I took it upon myself to give the visitors and the Halifax team a pair of cuff-links with the City Crest. They were received with great cordiality. I have marked the Dalhousie Team. We also recognized the Maritime winners in baseball and we are going to recognize the winners of the hockey league. I don't think that I want to entertain too large a sum."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lane that this Council go on record as commending most highly the Queen Elizabeth High School Basketball Squad in bringing the Dominion Basketball Championship to Halifax and that His Worship the Mayor convey the commendation of this Council and hearty congratulations for their feat accomplished. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor: "I would be happy to do so."

T : His Worship, L. A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council,
F : City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,
D : April 9, 1956
S : Monthly Administrative Report for March, 1956

1. Electrician's Department

265 wiring inspections made, permit income \$405.22
12 new street lights installed
1 " " " " - near Library

2. Building Permits

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dwellings, new	10	\$183,900.00
Commercial, new	2	149,000.00
Institutional, new	1	350,000.00
Garages, new	1	250.00
Culvert	1	15,000.00
Dwellings, repairs	52	53,546.00
Garages, repairs	3	160.00
Commercial, repairs	24	30,670.00
Institutional, repairs	5	20,050.00
	99	\$802,576.00

3. Streets and sewers

Tons of hot patch used on paved streets 111
" cold " " stoned & oiled streets 3.74
Number of street signs maintained 22
" sewers cleared and cleaned 2
" catchnits repaired 4
" " constructed 4
" manholes repaired 7
" " constructed 1
" junctions installed 7

4. Garbage

2,562.5 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 672 tons were burned, together with 1,892 tons of privately collected materials. Total amount processed - 2,564 tons with incinerator in operation 381 hours. Hired trucks 10 hours collecting 8 tons.

5. Snow Removal

775 miles of streets were salted using 15,504 bags of salt. 3,900 miles of streets were plowed and 38,440 cubic yards of snow were moved.

Expenditures for the year to date were:-

	Jan.-Feb. 1956	March 1956	Year to date
Alighting streets (labour)	10,231.11	16,191.54	26,422.65
" " (sales)	21,464.64	14,783.84	36,248.48
Landings, gutters and filling sand boxes	549.30	177.96	727.26
Plowing snow	13,671.94	12,333.62	26,005.56
Clearing City property) " catchbasins and (1,867.80	
crosswalks)	7,716.63	6,436.55	16,020.98
Repairs to snow fence	10.40	-	10.40
" to boulevards	38.00	-	48.00
Making sand boxes & sideboards	197.20	79.32	276.52
Miscellaneous	118.83	89.31	208.14
Removing snow	5,363.80	14,733.33	20,097.13
	<u>559,374.85</u>	<u>556,793.27</u>	<u>\$116,168.12</u>

6. Claims

25% of \$30.00 damage to door at
245 Payers Road (Central Hq. & Housing gets 75%)

7. Emergency Shelters

Name

John F. Murphy - 2 room apartment for which there is little
demand.

8. Prefab Housing

Houses completely paid 317
Current Accounts 495
Original number of houses 812

Mortgages receivable 2/29/56 \$1,158,024.16
" " 3/31/56 1,113,319.74
" paid during month 24,702.96

Total borrowing February 29, 1956 \$ 477,229.35
" " March 31, 1956 448,619.76

Balance paid off during month \$ 28,609.59

99 accounts two or more months in arrears \$ 12,431.51

9. Major Capital - Construction

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>This Report Feet Laid</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Sturtevant Ave.	42"	Nov. 14, 1955	-	99%
Pop House - Clinton Ave.		Nov. 2, 1955	Walls & Ceil Floor finished	80%

Manholes

W. 2nd Ave.	8" Transit	Dec. 8, 1955	530'	95%
	(Sanitary)			
	12-15" Concrete		530'	90%
	(Storm)			
W. 1st Ave.	8" Sanitary		375'	90%
	12-15" Storm		375'	
W. 1st Side Dr.	8" Sanitary		750'	90%
	12-15" Storm		750'	

10. Sewer - Rehabilitation

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Feet</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Freshwater Brook	60" Aruco		July 19, 1955)	25%
"	54" "		"	
"	54" "		"	
Fenwick St.	30" "	335'	Feb. 20, 1956	50%

A. A. [Signature]
 City Manager.

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SNOW REMOVAL PERMANENT FUND ✓

Alderman O'Malley: "Do you propose to develop the thought of the snow removal matter as to increasing the amount of the budget for snow making it a permanent fund?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I will bring it up at the next meeting of the Committee on Works."

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR MARCH

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

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

FILED

STATISTICAL REPORT PREFAB HOUSES

Paid Outs	317	
Current Accounts	495	
Original Number of Houses	812	
Mortgages receivable	2/29/56	\$1,158.024.16
"	"	<u>1,133,319.24</u>
"	3/31/56	24,704.92
"	Paid during month	
Total borrowing	February 29, 1956	477,229.35
"	"	<u>448,619.76</u>
"	March 31, 1956	28,609.59
90 Accounts two or more months in arrears		12,421.51

FILED

POLL TAX COLLECTIONS

Current Poll Tax Collections	\$ 10.00
Arrears Poll Tax Collections	12,184.74
Penalty and Interest	2,002.66
Same Period Previous Year	15,486.80
DECREASE	1,289.20
Amount Collected by Street Collectors for 3 month period	\$5,638.60
Amount paid at Collector's Office	8,559.00
Total collections as shown above	14,197.60

FILED

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APPROVAL DEPARTMENT MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

The following approval by the Department of Municipal Affairs was reported: "Rezoning St. Patrick's Home Property on Mumford Road."

FILED

LETTER HALIFAX COLORED CITIZENS' IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE RE: TAG DAY

A letter was submitted from the above Organization expressing its appreciation for City Council's approval of its Tag Day on Saturday, June 16, 1956.

FILED

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

Meeting adjourned. 10:45 P.M.

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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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