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Halifax and I would urge the Council to support my motion to continue the control until October 31st "

Alderman Lane: "I would like to include in the motion the provision that a Committee to study and recommend amendments to this By-Law insofar as the Act permits be set up."

Alderman Vaughan: "I would be pleased to add the words of Alderman Lane to my motion."

Council agreed and the motion was then put and passed, nine voting for the same and five against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman O'Brien
Greenwood
DeWolf
Lane
Fox
O'Malley
Ahern
Wyman
Vaughan

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Abbott
Dunlop
Macdonald
Adams
Ferguson

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Alderman Ahern nominated Aldermen DeWolf, Fox, O'Malley, Vaughan and O'Brien as a Committee to study and recommend amendments to the Rental By-Law.

Alderman O'Malley: "I would like to decline the nomination due to lack of time, and to nominate Alderman Ahern in my place."

The committee as nominated was approved, Alderman Ahern replacing Alderman O'Malley.

APPOINTMENT OF RENTAL AUTHORITY

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane, that one man only be appointed as the Rental Authority.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the Rental Authority be Mr. George Ferguson, at the salary formerly paid to him, and that no severance pay be paid to him as from this date.

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

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FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Abbott
Dunlop
Adams
Fox
Ferguson
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Wyman
Vaughan

AGAINST IT

Alderman Greenwood
DeWolf
Lane
Macdonald
O'Malley
O'Brien

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LAND RAINNIE DRIVE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: July 13th, 1956.
Subject: Land - Rainnie Drive.

A letter from the Deputy Minister of Public Works, Province of Nova Scotia, relative to the sale of land on Rainnie Drive for \$20,500.00 subject to the existing tenancies, was considered by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on July 3rd, 1956.

The Deputy Minister said the Attorney General's Department are unable to tell from the form of the Lease -

- (a) whether or not it is on a monthly basis -
- (b) length of Notice required to terminate the lease -
- (c) form of Lease -

He said the Province is anxious not to take over the responsibility of the tenants, and requested reconsideration of the decision concerning the present leases.

He suggested that this might be handled in the same manner as the West Young Street property purchased from the City some six years ago, when the City continued to collect and retain the rents.

The Committee agreed that the matter having been considered it is not disposed to recommend reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor: "The request is from the Province."

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

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES - HYDROSTONE HOUSES ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Finance and Executive Committee.
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.
Date: July 16, 1956.
Subject: Re: Local Improvement Charges, Hydrostone Houses.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

At the meeting of the City Council held on May 17, 1956, I find that Alderman Vaughan feels that the money that had been paid for the local improvement charges on the hydrostone houses should be returned without waiting for legislation. I said that I would report to your Committee on this matter.

I have since given the matter some consideration and find that the local improvement charges in question were sidewalk, curb and gutter and sodding renewals. These charges were assessed against the owners of property who in my opinion were liable to be assessed therefor since the properties stood in their names and they were not exempt from such assessment. For this reason it is not possible in my opinion to refund any payments by these persons, until such time as legislation has been obtained.

I should also point out that the legislation which I propose to submit will not provide for the payment of any interest by the City on the amounts so paid, but the refunds will consist of exactly the same amounts as paid to the City. I mention this because at the April 12, 1956, meeting of the City Council I asked that question but received no direction.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Alderman Vaughan: "Any person who has paid those charges can come down and claim a refund, now?"

City Solicitor: "He should get in touch with the Commissioner of Works and satisfy him that he doesn't own the property".

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NOISE FROM BACKFIRING TRUCKS AND COMPRESSORS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.
Date: July 16, 1956.
Subject: Re: Noise from back-firing trucks and compressors.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

At the July 12, 1956, meeting of the City Council a question was asked by Alderman Wyman respecting noise from back-firing trucks, noisy compressors and similar objects.

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I wish to refer you to Section 54 of the Motor Vehicle Act which provides that no person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise.

Ordinance No. 3, respecting Streets, by Section 40 provides that no person shall commit any nuisance on any street, and it might well be that the operation of noisy compressors might be regarded as a public nuisance, but I would have some doubt as to this. In any event it would seem to me that it might be possible to amend our Ordinance to provide that compressors might be equipped with adequate mufflers in the same manner as motor vehicles are required to be equipped.

It should not be overlooked however, that in the course of normal progress in any city there is bound to be some noise from mechanical equipment such as compressors and excavating machinery, and I am not any too sure that we would be able to get legislation to control noise from these sources since an adequate control might well result in prohibiting the operation of this type of equipment.

The only matter upon which there is any definite legislation at the present time of which I am aware is that dealing with defective mufflers on motor vehicles and if this is habitual I would suggest that the attention of the police be called to it and the offender prosecuted.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. NEHRNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

UNDERSIZED LOTS - CONNAUGHT AVE. AND #54 ROSEMEADE AVENUE ✓

Applications were submitted from Mr. Emil Blance for permission to build on an undersized lot on the East side of Connaught Avenue (near Grafton Road) and, from Mrs. A.M. Duggan on an undersized lot at #54 Rosemeade Avenue, and same were referred to the Town Planning Board for consideration and report.

LETTER TENDERING FOR USE OF FORUM ✓

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had received a lengthy letter, which was unsigned, referring to tendering for use of the Forum.

Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to say that it is not on any personal letter paper and it is unsigned. It should be signed to be considered by Council."

Alderman Vaughan: "I believe it is a tender for use of the Forum. I think it should be referred to the Forum Committee."

His Worship the Mayor: "If it appears to be a tender it should be referred to the Forum Committee."

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In the case of the wading pools, I would suggest that the tender be accepted subject to the approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the borrowing resolution.

In both cases the Mayor and City Clerk should be authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the City pursuant to these resolutions.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR

The City Solicitor stated that tenders had been called and the Recreation Commission had accepted the tender of Blunder Supplies Limited for the construction of a boat house and canteen on the Central Playgrounds in the amount of \$1175.00, which was the lowest of six tenders.

Alderman Vaughan: "I am going to suggest that we not proceed with the building at this time. I have seen the plans and I don't think it is a building the City would want to erect on the Commons. I am afraid that the building planned would not reflect to the credit of the City of Halifax. We have a temporary building for the Tourist Bureau but it certainly is not in keeping with the architecture of the buildings in this area--the new C.B.C. building, Fire Alarm building and others, and I don't think we should permit the erection of this shed, smack in the middle of the Playgrounds."

His Worship the Mayor: "Perhaps some member of the Recreation Commission could support the proposal."

Alderman Ferguson: "Speaking as a member of the Recreation Committee, this has been asked for for some time. There is quite a need for it. It is not much of a building. It is basically a shed but painted up, it will serve the purpose. It is a boat house in which to store the punts that are used on the Egg Pond. It will save wear and tear on the boats and on the staff who have to drag the boats from the Egg Pond to the main building. It is a necessity and has been needed for some time. I don't think it is going to be any credit to the City but we should not spend more money for that purpose when we need money for more pools and other facilities."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think it is a very necessary item. I question whether we need to spend more money on it."

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Alderman Fox, speaking as a member of the Recreation Commission, expressed similar thoughts as Alderman Ferguson as to the need for the building.

His Worship the Mayor: "We are in agreement for the need, but it is not a proper type of building."

Alderman Vaughan: "There is no objection to the idea of the need. The only thing is that it is only a shed and now that the Commons is being well cared for and is being beautified, we would be going a step backward if we put this building on the lot."

Commissioner of Works: "The plan was drawn up from Mr. Dawson's sketch which was what he wanted."

Alderman Macdonald: "I do realize that all of these little buildings do not add to the attractiveness of the Commons. I have never seen it look better in my life. It is really a picture to see the green grass. I think with all the little sheds, any additional one would take away from the beauty of the pool and the general area. I would suggest that we provide a trailer to help transport the boats from the pond to the main building."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we can get along without the shed if we fill the Egg Pond in. I do not regard it as any asset from a health point of view. We have plenty of water without any semi stagnation."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the tender of Blunden Supplies Ltd. in the sum of \$1,175.00 be accepted and the building erected.

The motion was not put and it was agreed to send the matter back to the Recreation Commission for further consideration.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Fox that the tender of W.C. Sawler for the construction of two wading pools, one at Westmount and one at Isleville Street, in the sum of \$12,300.00 be accepted. Motion passed.

A formal resolution providing for the borrowing of the sum of \$12,500.00 was submitted.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the resolution as submitted be approved.

Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Ahern, Fox, Ferguson, O'Walley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenleaf.

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REVOCATION OF BORROWINGS ✓

Read report from the City Solicitor as follows:

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C. , City Solicitor.
Date: July 25, 1956,
Subject: Re: Revocation of portion of borrowing resolution for recreational facilities.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

The borrowing for \$12,500.00 for wading pools at Isleville Street playground and Westmount School playground, passed at this meeting of the Council makes it unnecessary to continue in existence the authorizations for this purpose contained in the borrowing resolution for \$20,000.00 passed at the June 9, 1954, meeting of the Council, in which the amounts of \$4,000.00 and \$8,000.00 respectively were provided.

I would therefore recommend that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to cancel the authority to borrow these sums as provided in the resolution of June 9, 1954.

I attach a Schedule to be sent to the Minister if the Council decided to request the revocation of these authorizations.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the report be approved and application made to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to revoke borrowing authorizations to the amount of \$12,000.00.

Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

APPROVAL INITIAL PAYMENT TO METCALF AND EDDY RE: INCINERATOR ✓

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the sum of \$1,000.00 be paid to Metcalf & Eddy as an initial payment respecting the proposed incinerator.

MOTION ALDERMAN VAUGHAN RE: BOARD OF REVIEW JOB EVALUATION ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "With the permission of Council, I would like to defer this matter to the next regular meeting of Council."

It was agreed to defer the matter as requested.

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BELLEVUE PROPERTY ✓

His Worship the Mayor referred to the brief which had been submitted to the Province some months ago. He stated that as nothing had been heard concerning the matter of the Bellevue Property he had taken it upon himself to write to the Minister of Highways for an opinion. A reply had been received advising that the property had been turned over to the Nova Scotia Technical College who required it and any further correspondence should be carried on with the Hon. R.M. Fielding, Minister of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned. 10:25 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,
August 2, 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, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, Ahern, Wyman, Vaughan and O'Brien.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, T.C. Doyle, J.L. Leitch, G.F. West, W.A.G. Snook, F.C. MacGillivray, V.W. Mitchell and Dr. A.R. Norton.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Use of Commons by Lynch's Shows August 6 to 11, 1956.
2. Minimum Standards Ordinance.

NATAL DAY PARADE ✓

His Worship the Mayor advised that Alderman Ahern, Chairman of the Natal Day Committee, felt that the members of the City Council should be in the parade in open cars.

SCHOOL BOARD CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 1957 ✓

His Worship the Mayor submitted and read a letter from the Supervisor of Schools respecting the 1957 School Board Capital Program.

He advised that he would have the letter mimeographed and sent out to members of Council.

USE OF COMMONS BY LYNCH'S SHOWS AUGUST 6 to 11, 1956 ✓

A telegram was submitted and read from W.P. Lynch requesting use of the Commons for his show the week of August 6 to 11, 1956.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Ahern that permission be granted to use the commons on the usual terms and conditions from August 6 to 11, 1956.

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Alderman Lane rose in protest to the Lynch Shows playing on the Commons because she had received complaints concerning a side show called "Artist Models" which was most objectionable.

The Chief of Police submitted and read a report made out by a Constable who had been detailed to attend the show. He advised that the Crown Prosecutor said there were no grounds for prosecution.

Alderman Fox: "I would be very much surprised for Bill Lynch to permit anything that is not above board in his shows. He always wanted to direct a clean show."

Alderman Lane: "Do you call that a clean decent show? If this is a show he does not approve of, he should know about it."

Alderman Macdonald: "Do I understand the Chief to mean that he could not stop a show of that sort?"

His Worship the Mayor: "That is what I take from it that he would have no legal authority to stop the show."

Alderman Vaughan: "Does this not come under the jurisdiction of the Cinematograph Act and Board of Censors of the Province? They are supposed to police them under the Act."

Alderman Ahern: "It would appear from statements made by Alderman Lane that that was a filthy show. I am sure that if someone spoke to Mr. Lynch he would eliminate it. He is a good citizen. I don't believe he was in Halifax when that show was here. I would not like to see one bad apple spoil the whole barrel."

Alderman Vaughan suggested that the use of the Commons be granted to Mr. Lynch provided he eliminated the show in question.

His Worship the Mayor: "It would be better to get in touch with the parties to see that nothing objectionable is portrayed. If we tag the Chief of Police he would be powerless to withdraw the use of the Commons."

Alderman Lane stated that when the Lynch Shows are on the Commons it affects the paying of bills owed by people because the cash goes to the games when they show in the City. She felt it was the responsibility of the City Council to see that the youth of the City was not exposed to such things."

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Alderman Dunlop: "I am concerned with the affect it has on business. There are other forms of entertainment going on in this City that is taking far more money from the people. I don't think it is the duty of the Council to censure the show. The question before us is do we want Mr. Lynch to have the use of the Commons. That is all."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman DeWolf
Dunlop
Adams
Fox
Ferguson
Ahern
Vaughan

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Abbott
Lane
Macdonald
Wyman
O'Brien

- 5 -

MINIMUM STANDARDS ORDINANCE ✓

An Ordinance respecting Minimum Standards for Housing Accommodation as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted for consideration.

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

Before considering the proposed Minimum Standards Ordinance, the City Manager made the following remarks by way of introduction.

He stated that they had worked on the legal phase and had to decide whether the new ordinance would be all-embracing, repeating material found elsewhere, or whether just what would be needed in supplementation be enacted. Mr. Bethune leaned to the latter view and the proposed ordinance is drafted along those lines. After the legal work is done there will be published a complete instruction as to what is covered by the minimum standard so everyone will know what is required. This will make unnecessary any reference to the Charter or other source.

It is desirable and every effort will be made to make this an educational program, convincing owners it is not only right and a matter of law but probably a matter of self-interest to conform to the minimum standard.

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As soon as the ordinance is passed, we will start inspections and tell owners what they must do to conform and ask for quick compliance. Anyone not complying by January 1, 1958, would be subject to the punitive provisions of the ordinance.

We may not have inspected every property by January 1, 1958, but much of it should be done. By permitting this rather long time interval, there should be no difficulty securing the services of tradesmen.

8:30 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

10:30 p.m. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, Ahern, Nyman, Vaughan and O'Brien.


Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. 10:35 P.M.

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W.P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1956

A G E N D A

- Prayer.
Minutes.
1. Motion Alderman Dunlop Re: Reconsideration of Sale of Land Lloyd Fox Avenue.
 2. " " Ahern Re: Low Rental Housing Units.
 3. Minimum Standards Ordinance.
 4. St. Paul's Glebe Land.
 5. Accounts over \$500.00.
 6. Motion Alderman Vaughan Re:
 - (a) Board of Review Job Evaluation
 - (b) City Manager's Report Appeals Board.
 7. Tenders on Sale of Land - Legislation.
 8. Application Beauty Parlor 165 Mumford Road.
 9. Acquisition Property - Chebucto Road.
 10. Expropriation Garson Property - North Street.
 11. Final Certificates:
 - (a) Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. \$28,777.12 Re: Connaught Ave. Storm Sewer.
 - (b) Cosgrove bros. \$304.00 Painting Tower Steps - Fleming Park.
 12. Parking Lot - North End.
 13. Tabulation of Tenders for Equipment Work Department.
 14. Widow's Allowances:
 - (a) Mrs. Annie C. Dunn \$595.25.
 - (b) Mrs. Rita Kellock \$604.56
 - (c) Mrs. Annie C. Donnelly \$384.83
 15. Retirement Allowance Mr. Fred Signell (Deferred)
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 19. Application to build on Undersized Lot Stairs Street.
 20. Taxes - National Research Council.
 21. Overtime Pay Members Police Department.
 22. 56 Hour Week Fire Department.
 23. Amendment Ordinance #6 Second Reading.
 24. Tag Day in Aid of Camp Brunswick October 26, 1956.
 25. Rental Control Staff.
 26. Disposition of Funds, Court Orders.
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 28. Resolution to Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Re: Provincial Jail.
 29. Resubdivisions:
 - (a) Newton Avenue. (Recommended)
 - (b) Lots 9 and 10 Lenman Street. (Recommended)
 30. Undersized Lots:
 - (a) 53 Rosemary Avenue. (Recommended)
 - (b) Connaught Ave. (near Chebucto Road) (Not Recommended)
 - (c) Agricola Street (between Cabot and Merkel St.) (Not Recommended)
 - (d) 20 Rome Street. (Not Recommended)
 - (e) 88 Stanley Street. (Recommended)
 31. Rezoning Leppert Street.
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 33. C.B.C. Sewer Diversion.
 34. Application to Rezone 6 lots E/S Windsor Street (To I.P. Board)
 35. Modification of Seal Coating Program.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Motion Alderman Ahern Re: Board of Assessors.
Branch Library.
Amendment to Ordinance #2.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Manager's Administrative Report for the month of July.
Report Prefab Houses.
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EVENING SESSION

Police Gymnasium,
Brunswick Street,
Halifax, N.S.,
August 16, 1956.
8:00 P.M.

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

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There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Lane, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Lane that the Council adjourn to the Police Court. Motion passed

The Council then adjourned to the Police Court.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers were submitted.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT HOUSING AUTHORITY ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "I have to advise you that we have had a resignation from the Bayers Road Project in the person of Mr. Bernard O'Leary. He found he could not work in that capacity. I am prepared to recommend the name of Mr. Roy Power."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the resignation be accepted and the recommendation of His Worship the Mayor approved.

Motion passed.

LETTER OLYMPIC GARDENS LIMITED RE: FORUM COMMISSION ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "This matter came before us last month. I wrote to the person who sent us the letter advising that he would have to abide by the Rules of Order of Procedure."

Alderman DeWolf: "I am referring to an editorial in the Mail-Star on Saturday. It was suggested a probe should be developed in connection with the

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Forum Commission in renting the Forum premises to somebody paying less money than to somebody else who would pay more. That was Mr. Beed. He agreed to pay \$200.00 for a Saturday night. All the discussion that took place in the Forum Commission meeting has been placed in the minutes. Everything was open and above board. We think the best interests of the City were carried out by the Commission. The present lessee pays \$125.00 per night and not \$75.00 as Mr. Beed says in his letter. He takes the Forum any night it is available. We are assured of revenue every night which is better than what Mr. Beed offered. We have every night in use. The present lessee is Mr. Hartlen. For my own information I called the City Collector to find out what Mr. Hartlen paid in taxes and from operations he has, I discovered that the taxes payable on those are over \$6,000.00 a year. That is for concessions, properties and so on. There is no senior hockey now. I am advised that he lost \$4,000.00 last year. He did not come and ask for a lesser amount than the \$5,000.00. He has 1000 chairs up there and which the Forum uses for any entertainment. The City used them on Natal Day. I would like to say in passing that Mr. Hartlen is a man who has been quite public spirited in backing these hockey and baseball teams. Never at any time did he come to the Commission and say 'let me off the hook' and he paid up what he owed. I think that is worth an awful lot. We are far better off the way the Commission rented this. We are getting more dollars and I don't think there is any apology needed."

He then submitted the following statement from the minutes of the Forum Commission:

The Halifax Forum was rented on Saturday evenings during this summer to Mr. W.D. Hartlen rather than to Mr. John Beed because it was in the best financial interest of the Commission, and hence the City, to do so.

Mr. Hartlen is a long time, steady customer of the Forum to the extent of \$12,775.00 in 1955 and \$9,700.00 to date in 1956. Over a period he has built up these Saturday evening engagements and from them in the last two years has contributed the sum of \$2,415.00 to the Firemen's Toy Fund, which information has been supplied by the Fire Chief.

Mr. Hartlen has also:

(1) tendered at a very substantial price for Forum canteen privileges and has not reduced his tender price, although in recent years he was the only tenderer, and despite the fact that he knew there would be no senior hockey.

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(2) allowed the Forum to use, free of charge, his one thousand chairs, which the Commission would otherwise have to purchase or hire for boxing and wrestling engagements.

(3) undertaken to rent the Forum every evening when it is not otherwise engaged and in fact has done so with substantial financial gain to the Commission and hence to the City.

In these circumstances, it was solid, good business practice for the Forum Commission to rent the building to Mr. Hartlen for Saturday evenings during this Summer.

RENOVATIONS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "The Council Chamber is stripped down and the work is proceeding and it may be some time before it is fixed up. It has been half a century since any work has been done in the Council Chamber. The Committee has had many meetings going over the plans."

The Commissioner of Works gave an outline of the progress to date and stated: "When we got an estimate of the City Hall in general we included a certain amount for the Council Chamber renovations and rehabilitation of the heating plant of the City Hall. I would say that the work is about 50% complete in the City Hall. In the original estimate of \$170,000.00 we allocated so much for the renovations of the Chamber. We had hoped that the renovations would not exceed \$15,000.00. That was an outside figure. Steel joists would not be considered as part of the Council Chamber renovations. The new ceiling will entail lowering the present one and a new lighting system at an estimated \$4,000.00; the drapes \$1,500.00; carpeting \$4,000.00; plastering \$500.00 and painting \$300.00. The furniture will depend on the preference of the Aldermen in so far as quality and quantity is concerned. It was pointed out to do a good job of carpeting and install new furniture would give the Chamber a new and modern look and a pleasant atmosphere. To replace the Mayor's Dias would run to \$7,500.00. The furniture for the public alone would run to around \$11,000.00 or \$12,000.00. The new furniture altogether would run to \$25,000.00 or \$30,000.00 which is \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 above what we felt might have been spent on the Chamber."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is about \$11,000.00 extra excluding the furniture. I believe the Committee had decided on a plastering job rather than panelling. If you want to carpet the whole room it will cost about \$4,000.00. I think the big item is the question of furniture whether we

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we should spend the amount of \$10,000.00. The seating arrangement was taken from a Council Chamber in Sweden I believe and it makes a very impressive looking one. I think it would be wise to do the job properly."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the Committee be empowered to carry out the job they think best for the City Council and citizens and the necessary funds provided.

Alderman DeWolf: We are not doing it for this particular Council but for future Council's to come in another 50 years. It has not been done for over 50 years."

The motion was put and passed.

MOVING CITY COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT ✓

City Manager: "We find the City Collector is quite handicapped by plaster falling down and the suggestion has been made that we try to rent the Bank of Toronto building for one month and the work could proceed much faster. It would be \$750.00 for one month."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the Bank of Toronto building be rented by the City for the sum of \$750.00 for one month and that the City Collector's Department occupy same on a temporary basis.

Alderman DeWolf: "I am agent for that building and I want it distinctly understood that I will not be participating in any agency fee. I did not suggest this place. That is the rent that is quoted to the City. The rent is higher than that. I don't want that to effect any other people with whom we are doing business."

The motion was put and passed.

PRESS REPORTERS IN COUNCIL CHAMBER ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "The press want to remain in the centre of the oval. We think it better for them to be on the left and right hand sides of the Chamber. They will have the advantage of facing all the Aldermen who are speaking except the Mayor. I don't think it is proper for the Press to be sitting next to the Officials in the Chamber. We will see that they are properly dealt with. They want a small room in which to put a typewriter and a telephone."

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MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN DUNLOP RE: RECONSIDERATION OF SALE OF LAND LLOYD FOX AVENUE ✓

His Worship the Mayor advised that Alderman Dunlop was not present and requested direction from the City Solicitor who stated that the Reconsideration had to be dealt with at this meeting or else it had no effect.

No action was taken on the matter.

MOTION ALDERMAN AHERN RE: LOW RENTAL HOUSING UNITS ✓

Alderman Ahern: "This merely calls for a conference. After reading Dr. Stephenson's statement in the paper this evening I am convinced I am on the right track that we need many units. There is land at Mulgrave Park and Gottingen Street and also at the School for the Deaf property. That land can be procured by the City at a reasonable cost. I feel the Provincial Government should play a prominent part in having these homes built. I believe if we send a strong committee headed by the Mayor to see the Premier and a notification to Mr. Winters, something will be done. I do say that I believe if we ask for immediate action we will get immediate action. Let us try to do this before winter. It is the duty of the Provincial Government to receive you well. We will be criticized for letting some of those houses be used."

He then suggested that His Worship the Mayor confer with the Provincial Government and wait upon the Government of Canada and then continued: "I don't think we should wait too long. Halifax should receive special treatment. I think Mr. Winters would come here and we will get together to point out the need. If you don't get the proper action to your brief then it is time for action. I am not going to interfere with your brief by introducing anything new to the Council tonight."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Department of Public Works has become our partner in this survey which Dr. Stephenson is doing. He intimated that it would be the spring before his report is filed."

Alderman Ahern: "The citizens want single family units. They don't want apartment buildings. Do you think a delay would be injurious?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "I think it would be most advantageous for us to build a block of units and we should take advantage of the man we have hired."

Aldermen O'Briens: "I think we are getting good cooperation from the Federal Government. There is the question which the City has raised in its representations to the Province to share the 25% of the cost. It seems to me that Alderman Ahern may have a point here with respect to timing further representations to the Province. I think it might be an election not too far away, separate representations to the Province apart from the general briefs, might be of some real value in getting the Province to declare some policy before the election."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will be happy to again press the Province for an answer to our brief and that will be included."

PARKING LOT - NORTH END

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: August 7, 1956.

Subject: Parking Lot - North End.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date the attached report from the City Manager relative to establishing a North End Parking Lot was considered.

The Committee recommended Plan No. 2 and also recommended that City Council take immediate steps to acquire the land.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J.E. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

Plan 2 referred to in above report is as follows:

Plan II

Total area	41,500 sq.ft.
Number of parking stalls	139
19 dwellings - 177 people	
Grade	5'

Costs

Cleminshaw valuation	\$1,100,000
Rising 19 houses @ \$500.00	9,500.00
Grading @ \$ 15 sq.ft.	622,500.00

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

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

Date: July 30, 1956

Subject: Parking Lot - North End

In order to alleviate parking problems in the north end shopping district consideration has been given to changing the flow of traffic, using school grounds on Friday nights and Saturdays, etc.

After a Council Committee consisting of Aldermen Ahern, O'Malley, Fox and Ferguson was appointed, they talked with merchants in the area. Three areas in the block bounded by Cornwallis, Matfield, Gerrish and Brunswick Streets were considered as shown on Plan I.

Plan I - Block A

Total area	18,824 sq. ft.
Number parking stalls	65
5 dwellings, 25 people, 1 store	
Grade	8%

Costs

Clemishaw valuation	\$ 31,193.00
Razing 5 houses @ \$500.00	2,500.00
Grading @ \$.15 sq. ft.	4,678.00
Fence @ \$3.00 ft.	2,000.00
Surfacing @ \$4.00 sq. yd.	8,400.00
Engineering 10%	1,758.00
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	\$ 50,529.00

Cost per stall \$ 777.00

Plan II - Block B

Total area	14,250 sq. ft.
Number parking stalls	40
5 dwellings, 25 people	
Grade	9%

Costs

Clemishaw valuation	\$ 15,320.00
Razing 5 houses @ \$500.00	2,500.00
Grading @ \$.15 sq. ft.	2,137.00
Fence @ \$3.00 ft.	1,545.00
Surfacing @ \$4.00 sq. yd.	6,332.00
Engineering 10%	1,251.00
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	\$ 29,085.00

Cost per stall \$ 727.00

Plan I - Block C

Total area 9,852 sq. ft.
 Number parking stalls 28
 4 dwellings, 20 people
 Grade 5%

Costs

Clemenshaw valuation	\$ 19,010.00
Raising 4 houses @ \$500.00	2,000.00
Grading @ \$-.15 sq. ft.	1,477.00
Fence @ \$3.00 ft.	1,335.00
Surfacing @ \$4.00 sq. yd.	4,376.00
Engineering 10%	919.00
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	\$ 29,117.00

Cost per stall ----- \$ 1,040.00

Blocks B and C are rather small and have the additional disadvantage of being surrounded by school property. There was some question whether the piece in Block A fronting on Mainland Street owned by the church could be bought or leased.

From some source which I do not know, the idea of using the block bounded by Cunard, Creighton, Cornwallis and Maynard Streets was brought forward. The ends fronting on Cunard and Cornwallis Streets and several large apartments were to be excluded presumably because the buildings were more substantial, had a higher value or housed a large number of people.

Plan II

Total area 41,500 sq. ft.
 Number of parking stalls 139
 19 dwellings - 177 people
 Grade 5%

Costs

Clemenshaw valuation	\$ 87,450.00
Raising 19 houses @ \$500.00	9,500.00
Grading @ \$-.15 sq. ft.	6,225.00
Fence @ \$3.00 ft.	2,535.00
Surfacing @ \$4.00 sq. yd.	18,476.00
Engineering 10%	3,674.00
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	\$ 127,860.00

Costs per stall ----- \$ 920.00

The third area was called to my attention by Alderman Akern. Mr. Nathan Green, solicitor for the owner, Mr. Menard wrote to me and this information was contained in my memorandum of July 9, 1956.

Plan III

Total area 61,070 sq. ft.
 Number parking stalls 245
 No. dwellings, no. people, Red Cross Bldg.
 Grade 14%

Costs

Clemenshaw valuation	Land \$27,540.00	
	Building \$52,800.00	\$80,340.00
Offering price by owner		\$ 75,000.00
Fencing		1,500.00
Grading @ \$-.15 sq. ft.		9,160.00
Fence @ \$3.00 ft.		2,826.00
Surfacing @ \$4.00 sq. yd.		27,170.00
Engineering 10%		1,161.00
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		\$ 119,887.00

Cost per stall ----- \$ 489.00

Ranked in order of their desirability as parking lots with no consideration of costs displacement of people, etc., my opinion is: 1) Plan II, 2) Plan III, 3) Plan I.

When costs and displacement of people are considered, I would rank them: 1) Plan III, 2) Plan II, 3) Plan I. There is one added advantage to Plan II and that is quite a few older houses could be removed and some help financially might come from the Federal government if the people in these houses were re-housed. On the other hand it would cause a delay of several years to build housing to replace that destroyed.

I was instructed to ascertain the cost of leasing land in Plan III. The collector for the owner informs me the owner is not interested in leasing.

It is recommended that no land be leased. The problem is to provide for present and future parking and ownership of land is the only way to really solve the future parking problem which is the most pressing.

A. A. [Signature]

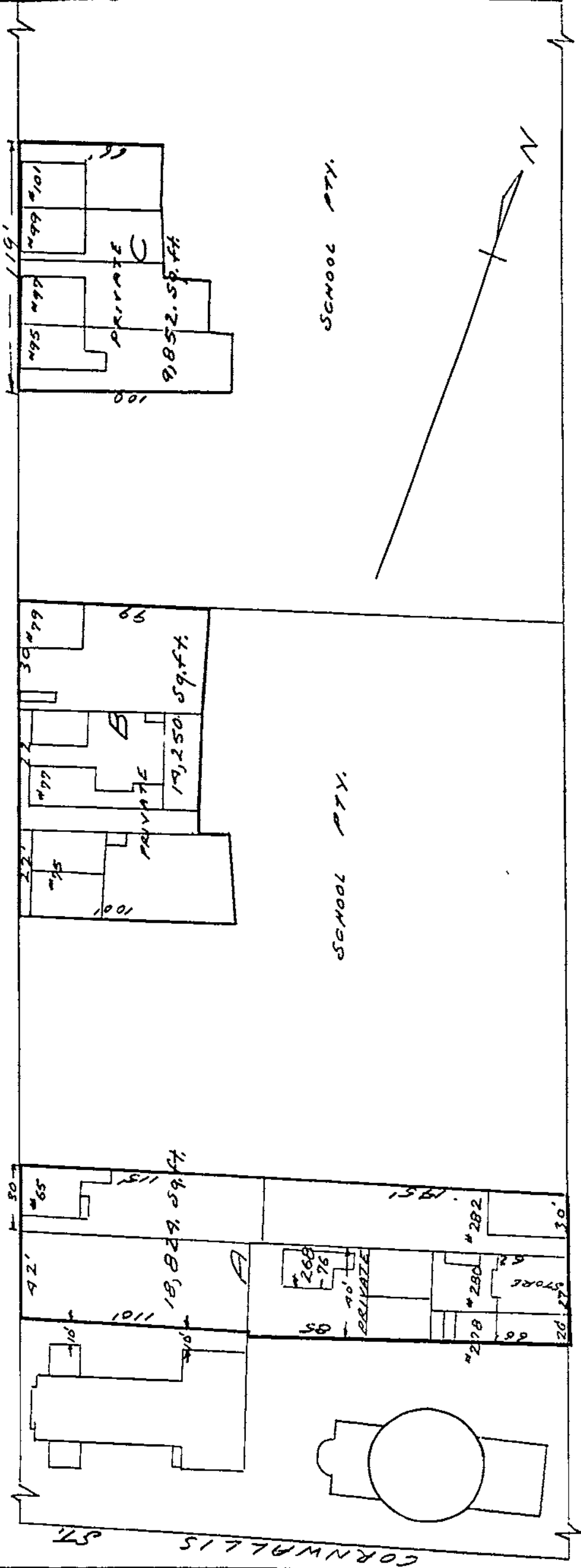
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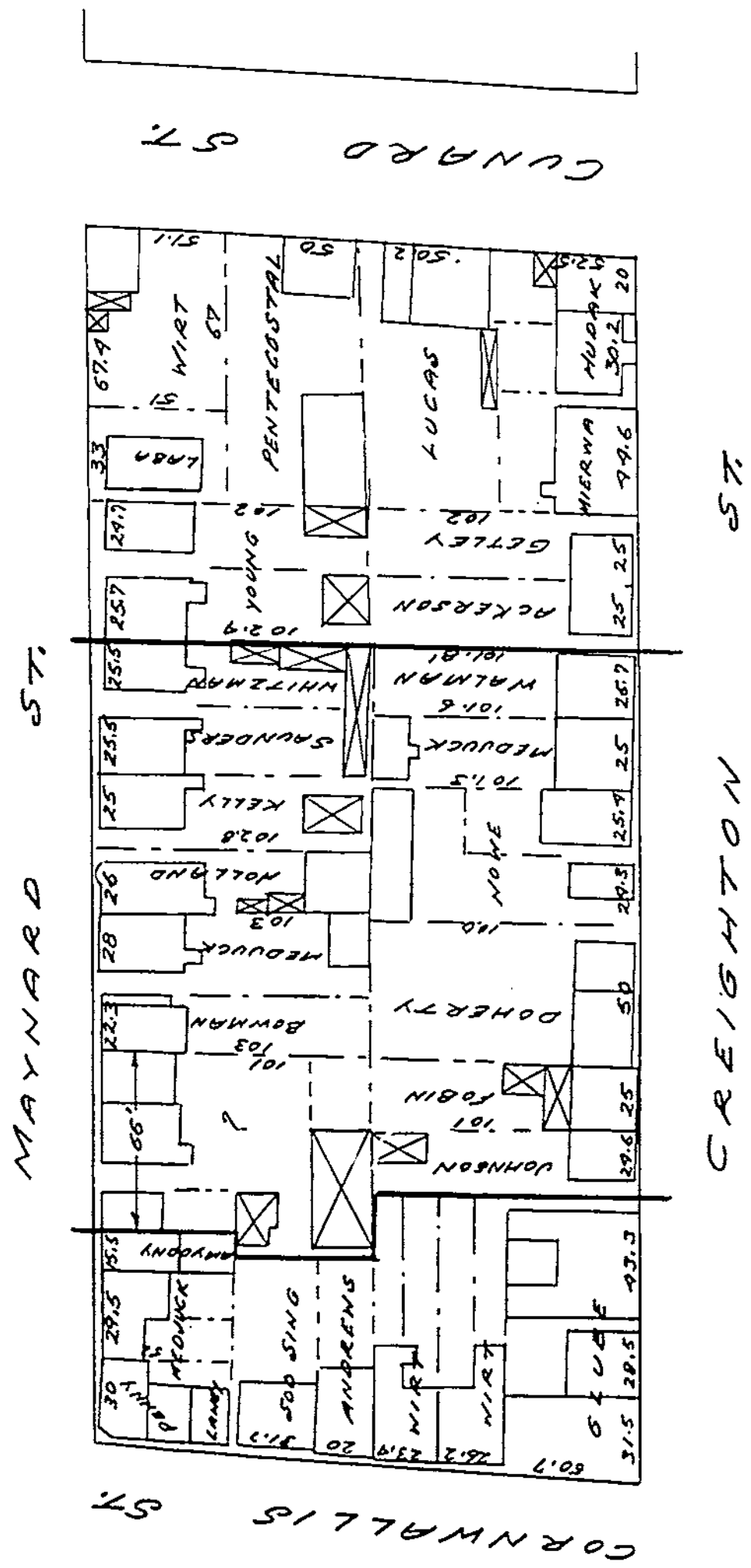
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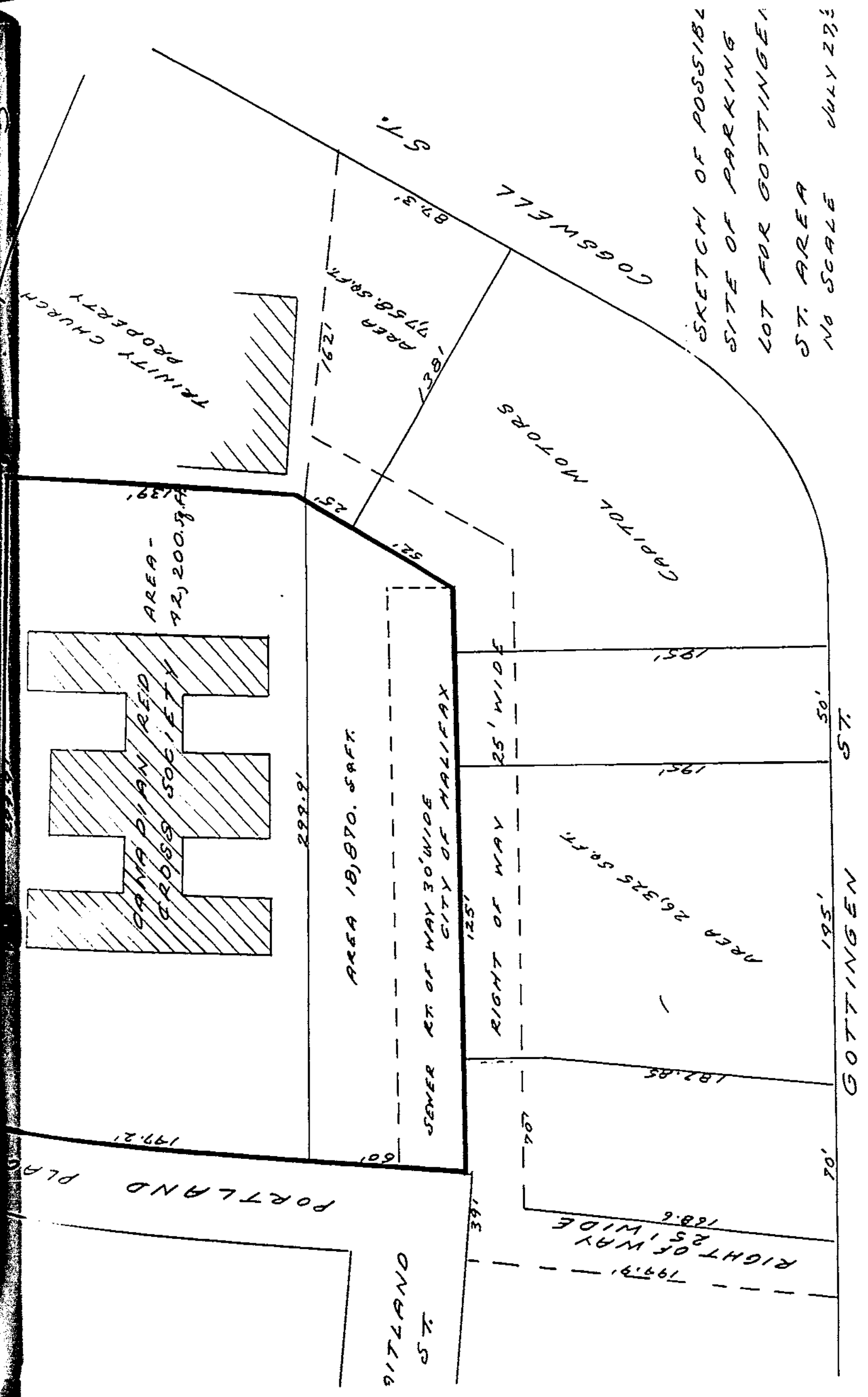
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July 27, '56 Scale - 1" = 60'

Note - Buildings as they were in 1919



SKETCH OF POSSIBLE
 SITE OF PARKING
 LOT FOR GOTTINGEN
 ST. AREA
 NO SCALE JULY 22 1931

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Fence @ \$3.00 ft.	\$2,535.00
Surfacing @ \$4.00 sq. yd.	18,476.00
Engineering 10%	<u>3,674.00</u>
	\$127,860.00
Costs per stall-----	920.00

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

Alderman Lane: "I would like information as to the attitude toward that development?"

Alderman O'Brien: "As I recall the discussion Dr. Stephenson did not answer the arguments by the Mayor and we got off on another track. I think we should find out what Dr. Stephenson's objections are before we take definite steps. The facts may not all be available until Dr. Stephenson gives his views. I think we should consider those views before we pass the motion. I feel the parking lot is absolutely necessary in the Gottingen Street area. I feel we should have all the facts before us particularly since re-housing is involved."

Alderman Ferguson: "I don't feel Alderman O'Brien is answering the question for me. The area was picked for the Gottingen Street merchants because it is convenient. The report from Dr. Stephenson will be next spring and it will be fall before action is taken. You can't get a more convenient area and if that area is used for housing a parking lot will not hurt it. There was a brief presented by the Gottingen Street merchants. They have been asking for this lot for 6 years. If we defer it again we are never going to get it. The motion means that we are going to go ahead with the lot but it will be about 12 or 18 months before the people are evicted. Certain people have offered to sell their houses."

Alderman Lane: "I had no further information other than what was in the paper which is a great deal but nothing definite. I feel the statement of Dr. Stephenson was premature. I was trying to find out what his objections were. I feel that was a premature statement and I am sorry that Dr. Stephenson had to say what he did when it is not till next spring for him to know what he is doing."

Alderman Fox: "I agree we should go ahead with this matter. We should look into the matter of houses that are not fit to house animals. That is for our Health Department."

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Alderman Ferguson: "We should have a statement from the Commissioner of Health. He should get in touch with Dr. Stephenson."

Alderman Lane: "I would like to have the names of the landlords and the addresses of the properties."

Alderman Ferguson: "And a report from the Commissioner of Health".

Alderman DeWolf: "I think it should take in the east side of Creighton Street. It might be good business to close up Creighton Street. Can that come under Slum Clearance?"

His Worship the Mayor: "You must rehouse the people. I suppose if you rehouse the people you could get assistance."

Alderman Ferguson: "The merchants say that it would be very costly to take in the east side of Creighton Street as there are commercial properties there."

Alderman DeWolf: "Take all the housing out and make it commercial only."

Alderman O'Brien: "What will happen if we purchase the land now and seek to make it a part of a slum clearance plan and apply for the 50% of the cost? Would we have to have an agreement first?"

Alderman Ahern: "I would say the answer is 'no'."

City Solicitor: "You would have to have the project first."

The motion was then put and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen Lane, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Ahern, Wyman, O'Brien, Greenwood and DeWolf.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the City expropriate the land in question and the City Assessor be empowered to negotiate with the owners and report back to the Committee on Works.

Motion passed.

Alderman O'Brien: "Could the City Solicitor find out if there is any financial assistance from the Federal Government to help finance this project?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the City Solicitor can do so."

56 HOUR WEEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

August 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 the matter

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of the implementation of the 56 hour week for members of the Fire Department was considered with Mr. George Robertson present representing the Fire Fighters Association.

A report was submitted from the City Manager giving the hours per week for a Police Constable Fire Fighter and Laborer as carried out in various Cities in the Dominion of Canada according to the Labor Gazette. The report showed the majority of fire departments were on a 56 hour week and the next largest majority was a 48 hour week.

After a short discussion it was agreed to recommend that the 56 hour week be implemented by hiring the men for training beginning January 1, 1957 and that it be inaugurated April 1, 1957 at an approximate cost of \$90,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

REQUEST CITY FIELD UNION FOR INCREASE OF 20 CENTS PER HOUR

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

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

Date: August 16, 1956.

Subject: Union Agreement - City Field.

As directed by Council, I have talked with the representatives of the City Field Union concerning their wage demands. They had asked for a 20-cent an hour increase across the board, but in their latest discussion they have asked for ten cents an hour.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Present Agreement</u>	<u>Griffenhagen</u>
Bulldozer Operator	1.40	1.29 - 1.49
Garage Mechanic	1.40	1.29 - 1.49
Grader Operator	1.40	1.29 - 1.49
Roller Operator	1.40	1.29 - 1.49
Heavy Machine Operator	1.35 -	1.21 - 1.39
Cement Finisher	1.33	1.21 - 1.39
Sub-Foreman	1.29	1.21 - 1.39
Light Equipment Operator	1.29	1.13 - 1.29
Garbage Drivers	1.27	1.13 - 1.29
Skilled Worker	1.27	1.13 - 1.29
Chauffeur	1.25	1.13 - 1.29
Incinerator Firemen	1.25	1.13 - 1.29
Helper (Garbage)	1.27	1.06 - 1.21
Labourer	1.17	1.06 - 1.21

The Griffenhagen report pointed out (p.6) the prevailing wage rate for labour was 89 cents to \$1.11 per hour for a 40-hour week. They continue "It is interesting to note that the present City of Halifax rate for unskilled labour is \$1.17 an hour, but this rate is applied to an average employment period of 10.5 months out of the year. If this rate were adjusted to a full 12 month employment period, it would be \$1.02 an hour,

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well within the prevailing range. For this reason, and assuming a continuation of the present practice of employing unskilled labor on a "casual" basis, the \$1.17 rate has been incorporated as the next to maximum (merit) rate in the scale for this class. All preceding and succeeding labor grades and rate ranges in the proposed wage scale bear a logical relationship thereto."

The above conclusion was reached on the basis of information secured from employers in this area.

Class Title: Laborer I

Definition:

Routine manual work involving the performance of a variety of light or heavy manual duties which do not require prior training or experience; performed under close supervision.

ARRAY OF RATES

	No.		
	Rates (1)	Empl. (2)	(3)
	.795	12	9.540
	.833	3	2.499
	.850	50	42.500
	.867	7	6.069
	.875	1	.875
L	.888	53	47.064
	.90	50	45.000
	.95	1	.950
	.98	2	1.960
WA	.986		
M	1.00	55	55.000
	1.03	15	15.450
	1.05	15	15.750
	1.06	1	1.060
H	1.11	43	47.730
	1.12	1	1.120
	1.125	3	3.375
	1.13	29	32.770
	1.16	12	13.920
	1.185	10	11.850
	1.19	1	1.190
	1.22	15	18.300
		<u>379</u>	<u>373.972</u>

Rate Summary

Low of Middle 50%: \$0.888
 High of Middle 50%: \$1.110
 Weighted Average: \$0.986
 Median: \$1.000
 Present Rate: \$1.17 1/

Recommended Grade: W-7

While not the only factor to be considered in setting wage rates the retail price index often has a bearing. The figures for the last few years follow:

<u>Year</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
1952	116.5	115.8
1953	115.7	114.4
1954	117.0	115.5
1955	116.9	115.9
1956 to June	117.8	116.4

The difference between the lowest in 1953 and the highest in 1956 is 3.4 points. The labour rate (\$1.00 an hour in 1952) has increased 17 per cent (\$1.17 in 1956.).

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Griffenhagen is to be commended on establishing range for these positions and intermediate steps should be selected to start employees at the bottom of the range and move them toward the top of their range in two or three steps.

The Union's request for a flat ten-cent increase on present rates would nullify the effect of the differentiations made by Griffenhagen. Any increase would not be based on what other employers are paying nor on cost of living changes and is therefore not recommended.

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

City Manager: "In our more recent discussions they have asked for 10 cents an hour and I have listed what is being paid and also the Griffenhagen recommendation for those positions. I think if a 10 cent an hour increase is given across the board you will throw out what Griffenhagen has recommended and also because there has been no increase in the cost of living. I recommend no change."

Mr. G.A. Smith addressed the Council as follows: "I would say that the organization has been very patient because the agreement was terminated prior to January and it is now almost 8 months. I think what we will have to do is to appeal to the Department of Labor for conciliation. I am not finding any fault with the City Manager. He has his point of view and we have ours."

City Manager: "There is a Committee appointed on Labor relations."

Mr. Smith: "If we are to meet with a committee we are quite satisfied."

His Worship the Mayor: "It might be the proper course to go to the Province for conciliation. The matter will stand on that basis."

The suggestion of His Worship the Mayor was then approved.

MINIMUM STANDARDS ORDINANCE FIRST READING ✓

An Ordinance respecting Minimum Standards for Housing Accommodation was submitted by the City Solicitor and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

The Ordinance was considered section by section.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the Ordinance be read and passed a first time and referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Hall, Halifax, N.S.

August 14, 1956.

NOTE: The underlined portions indicate the changes proposed at the meeting of the Council held August 2nd, 1956.

O R D I N A N C E NO. 50.

Respecting Minimum Standards for Housing Accommodation.

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

1. In this Ordinance:
 - (a) "Basement" shall mean that portion of any dwelling located partly under ground but having not more than half of its clear floor-to-ceiling height below the average of the finished grade of the land outside the building in which such basement is located, such grade being taken at the foundation walls;
 - (b) "Cellar" shall mean that portion of any dwelling having more than half of its clear floor-to-ceiling height below the average of the finished grade of the land outside the building in which such cellar is situated, such grade being taken at the foundation walls;
 - (c) "City" shall mean the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia;
 - (d) "Dwelling" shall mean any house, building, structure, or portion thereof, used and occupied or intended to be occupied in whole or in part as a home or residence of one or more individuals;
 - (e) "Habitable Room" shall mean a room which is designed for or may be used for living, sleeping, eating, cooking or working. Storerooms, bathrooms, toilets, closets, halls or spaces in attics or basements are not to be considered as habitable rooms, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance;
 - (f) "Owner" shall mean any holder of the legal title of the lands, and shall include any person purchasing lands under any agreement or contract and any person holding the same for a term of years of not less than ten years and mortgagees in possession.

2. All dwellings erected prior to the first day of January, A. D. 1945, shall, prior to the first day of January, A. D. 1958, conform to the provisions of this Ordinance.

STRUCTURAL CONDITION:

3. The owner and the agent of every dwelling shall maintain the same and every part thereof in a state of good repair and structurally sound and fit for human habitation. For the purposes of this Section "a state of good repair" shall mean:

- (a) That the roof is so maintained as not to leak and all water from the roof shall be so drained and conveyed therefrom as not to cause repeatedly wet floors, walls or ceilings or to cause a nuisance to adjacent buildings or not to overflow upon abutting or adjoining property.
- (b) That all walls, foundations, basements, cellars, steps, floors, ceilings, stairways and stairwells shall be maintained in a good, sound, safe and usable condition to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings.
- (c) That the exterior shall be maintained in a clean and tidy state to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS:

4. (1) No part of a dwelling except a "habitable room" as defined herein shall be used for sleeping purposes. No room shall be used for sleeping purposes unless there is at least 400 cubic feet of air space and 50 square feet of floor area for each adult and at least 200 cubic feet of air space and 30 square feet of floor area for each child under the age of twelve years occupying such rooms. No room used for sleeping purposes shall have a floor area of less than 60 square feet.

(2) Rooms, except rooms in basements, shall have the following minimum dimensions:

Room	Floor Area.	Minimum Width	Height
(I) Toilet room (with toilet only)	16 sq.ft.	3 feet	7 ft.
(II) Toilet room with basin	20 sq.ft.	3 feet	7 ft.
(III) Toilet room with bath (or shower) and/or wash basin	35 sq.ft.	4 feet	7 ft.
(IV) Attic rooms	60 sq.ft.	7 feet	7 ft. (see Note)
(V) All other <u>habitable</u> rooms	60 sq.ft.	7 feet	7 ft. 6 in.

(Note: In calculating the floor area of any attic room

the floor space at points where the sloping walls or ceilings are less than 4 feet 6 inches above the floor in a vertical direction shall not be included.)

(3) **BASEMENT ROOMS FOR LIVING QUARTERS:** No room in a basement shall be used for living quarters unless:

- (a) The height of such room is not less than 7 feet from the finished floor to the finished ceiling;
- (b) The elevation of the finished floor is not greater than fifty per cent of the height of the foundation below the finished grade outside the building taken at the foundation walls and shall in no case be greater than 4 feet below the average of such finished grade;
- (c) The floors and walls are water-tight;
- (d) The basement is dry and has a floor drain which complies with the requirements of the Plumbing Regulations of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.
- (e) Such room conforms with the space, light and ventilation requirements herein provided.

(4) **CELLAR ROOMS FOR LIVING QUARTERS:** No room in a cellar shall be used for living quarters; provided, however, that where any building used as a dwelling is located on sloping ground, and the lowest floor of which is on ground level on at least one side of the building, the portion of the building which is in part below ground level may, with the approval in writing of the Inspector of Buildings, and to the extent so approved by him, and subject to such conditions as he may prescribe, be used as living quarters, notwithstanding that more than half of its clear floor-to-ceiling height is below the average of the finished grade outside such building taken at the foundation walls.

LIGHT AND VENTILATION:

5. (1) Every habitable room shall be provided with one or more windows opening directly on a street, yard or court.

(2) Every bathroom or room containing a toilet or urinal shall be provided with ventilation -

- (a) by means of one or more windows opening upon a street or court or yard or air-well; or
- (b) by means of one or more windows opening into a vent shaft which extends to and through the roof or into a court, yard or air-well; or
- (c) by means of a separate duct of non-combustible and corrosion-resistant material, not less than seventy-two square inches in cross-section, which extends, independently of any duct used for other purposes, to and through the roof; or
- (d) by a ventilating sky-light; or
- (e) by such other approved means of mechanical ventilation approved by the Inspector of Buildings.

(3) Glass Area: The aggregate area of glass in windows required in the rooms hereinbefore enumerated shall not be less than eight per cent of the floor area of such rooms, provided that in habitable rooms such glass area shall not be less than eight square feet and in the rooms referred to in clauses (I), (II) and (III) of subsection (2) of Section 4 not less than three square feet.

(4) All windows required by this Ordinance for purposes of ventilation shall be capable of being opened to an extent of at least thirty per cent of the glass area required for such window. Nothing in this clause, however, shall be deemed to require double windows or storm windows to be installed so as to permit them to be opened as herein provided.

(5) Every building or dwelling in which three or more families reside shall have a minimum of one foot candle of daylight or artificial illumination at all times in all public halls and passageways used in common by the occupants of such building or dwelling.

CHIMNEYS:

6.

USE OF ELECTRICITY IN DWELLINGS IN WHICH ELECTRIC ENERGY IS USED.

7. (1) Every dwelling in which electricity is used shall have in every hallway or passage or stairway at least one ceiling or wall-type electric light fixture which shall be maintained at all times in proper working order and shall be capable of adequately lighting such hallway, passage or stairway.

(2) Every habitable room in every dwelling shall contain at least one duplex plug receptacle.

(3) No portable electrical room heaters over 600 watts shall be used in any room in a dwelling unless an outlet therefor of sufficient capacity has been installed.

(4) No rangette, hot plate or similar appliance shall be used in any room in a dwelling unless it is connected to a circuit of #12 guage wire.

(5) At least one electric light outlet shall be installed in every basement and cellar of a dwelling in such manner as will provide adequate illumination for the stairway. Such outlet shall be controlled by a switch located at the top of the stairway.

(6) In all dwelling houses in which rooms are let out in individual living units, branch circuits shall be protected by the use of "no-fuse" circuit breakers which shall be set at 15 amperes.

(7) Every oil burner installed in a furnace in a dwelling shall be supplied by a circuit used exclusively for such oil burner. An unfused disconnect mechanism controlling such oil burner shall be located at a point distant from such oil burner and if possible at the top of the stairway leading to the cellar or basement in which such oil burner is located. If such oil burner is located in a furnace room approved by the Inspector of Buildings the switch controlling such oil burner may be located at the point of entrance to such furnace room.

(8) All electric wiring in a dwelling shall, subject as hereinbefore provided, be installed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Canadian Electrical Code and the Wiring Ordinance of the City of Halifax.

(9) Every bathroom and every room containing a water closet or an urinal, and every furnace room, shall contain at least one ceiling or wall-type electric light fixture.

STOVES AND RANGES:

8. (1) Stoves or ranges used for heating, cooking or laundry purposes, consuming solid or liquid fuels, may be supported on combustible floors or benches provided they are supported at least 12 inches clear of the floor and are set on a metal covered asbestos pad at least three-eighths of an inch thick extending 6 inches beyond all sides and 12 inches in front of the appliance. Alternatively, such stoves or ranges may be supported on wood floors by 4 inches of hollow masonry, provided such masonry is both separated from the floor and covered on top with continuous sheet metal plates, the masonry being so arranged as to allow free air circulation through it.

Such stoves or ranges, when serving only one dwelling unit, need not be supported more than 4 inches clear of the floor when on legs or pedestals, and an asbestos pad shall not be required, but the floor space occupied by the stove shall be covered with sheet metal.

No stove or range shall be placed within 6 inches of any wood stud wall, wood furred wall, or combustible trim; and when within 18 inches shall be protected therefrom by a shield of metal, having a bright surface, or suitable incombustible material, extending at least 12 inches above and 6 inches beyond the sides of the appliance and so arrange as to leave a free air space behind it of at least 2 inches.

(2) Gas stoves, gas ranges, gas hot plates and gas heaters shall be supported at least 6 inches above any wood floor or combustible materials and when less than 12 inches shall be set on a metal covered pad of 3/16 inch asbestos board or its equivalent; provided that where such appliances serve one dwelling unit only, these minimum distances shall be reduced to 3 inches and 6 inches respectively.

No gas appliance shall rest on a combustible floor or bench unless separated therefrom by sheet metal or suitable incombustible materials.

In any dwelling unit combustible walls, partitions, or trim within 6 inches of any range, hot plate or ordinary water heater operated by gas, or within 3 inches of any domestic automatic storage hot water heater operated by gas, shall be protected therefrom by at least 3/16 inch asbestos board or equivalent, covered on the exposed side with metal; or alternatively the walls may be covered with 3/4 inch plaster on metal or perforated gypsum lath.

Where gas appliances of the fully insulated type are installed they may, subject to the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department and the Inspector of Buildings, be exempted from the above requirements for clearances and protection.

(3) No pipe connected to a heat appliance burning solid or liquid fuel conveying products of combustion to a chimney or to the outer air shall pass through any combustible floor, roof, wall or partition, except that in a dwelling such a pipe may pass through a combustible floor, interior wall or partition if, where such pipe so passes through, it be encased with four inches of solid masonry with an air space between the casing and such pipe. Such masonry shall extend through the full thickness of the floor, wall or partition and shall not be overlapped by any other construction or material.

EXITS:

9.

EXISTING STAIRWAYS:

10.

FIRE ESCAPES:

11.

PLUMBING REGULATIONS:

12. (1) Every building used as a dwelling shall be provided with at least one private water closet and one lavatory or sink for every fifteen persons, or fraction thereof, living therein. Such water closet and lavatory or sink shall be within and accessible from within such building.

(2) Every building used as a dwelling shall be provided with at least one bath tub or shower for each fifteen persons, or fraction thereof, living therein.

(3) Every building used as a dwelling shall be supplied with a hot water boiler or other facilities for hot and cold running water by the owner of such building.

(4) No water closet or urinal shall be located within a room used for the preparation, cooking, storing or consumption of food or within a room used for sleeping purposes. No room in which any water closet or urinal is located shall communicate directly with any such room in any premises in which the same water closet or urinal is available for use to more than one family.

SANITATION:

13. (1) The tenant or occupant of a dwelling shall keep the same in a clean condition. He shall provide adequate receptacles for all garbage, rubbish and ashes which accumulate in the premises occupied by him. Receptacles for garbage shall be made of metal, shall be water tight and be provided with tight-fitting covers.

(2) All yards, courts and other areas of the premises upon which any building used as a dwelling stands shall be properly

graded and drained and kept in a neat and tidy condition. Every fence shall be kept in a state of good repair by the owner of the premises and shall not be permitted to become unsightly.

14. It shall be the duty of the Inspector of Buildings to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

15. (1) Every person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period of two months.

(2) Every day during which any such contravention or failure to comply continues shall be deemed a fresh offence.

16. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 50.

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It was agreed that a public hearing should be held August 30, 1956 on this matter and that the Ordinance should be advertised in the press at length.

C.B.C. SEWER DIVERSION ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works
Date: August 7th, 1956.
Subject: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation - Sewer Diversion.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached report from the City Engineer relative to a request from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for a sewer diversion and paving of a portion of land directly south of their property was considered.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Members of the Committee on Work
From: A.C. Harris, City Engineer.
Date: August 7th, 1956.
Subject: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation - Sewer Diversion.

A request, dated July 26th, 1956, has been received from the Director for the Maritime Provinces, of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, for a sewer diversion as shown on the reverse side of this report. The proposal as outlined by Captain Briggs, is to pick up the existing sewer at M.H. "A" and connect it directly to a proposed M.H. shown marked "B" on the existing City sewer system at the extreme north end of City Field. This would involve granting an easement 10' in width over a portion of City Field, as shown cross-hatched on the accompanying Plan.

In discussing the proposed diversion with Mr. Morris Smith of the C.B.C. it has been suggested that the C.B.C. obtain a concurrence in this proposed sewer diversion from Camp Hill Hospital authorities, which comes under the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Captain Briggs states that the C.B.C. are prepared to pay the full cost of this proposed diversion which is estimated at \$3,000.00.

In regard to the 40' wide area laying directly south of the C.B.C. property, a request has also been received to asphalt pave a portion of this land. The estimated cost for a 24' width, to include the necessary grading and to extend around to the Tourist Bureau property, is approximately \$4,000.00. The C.B.C. are prepared to assume 50% of this cost. This would be beneficial not only to the C.B.C. but also to the City of

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Halifax in that it would give an exit from the Transit Bureau leading directly onto Summer Street rather than out onto the heavy traffic as it is at present at Hill Road.

It is, therefore, recommended that this be approved and the City's portion of the cost be taken from the "Plant Sale Account".

Respectfully submitted,

A.C. Harris, P. Eng.,
City Engineer.

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

ST. PAUL'S GLEBE LAND ✓

August 9, 1956.

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

The attached letter from the C.M.B.C. respecting the purchase of 3.48 acres of the St. Paul's Glebe Lands by the City was read at a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date.

Same was ordered filed and it was agreed that no further action be taken to acquire the land.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Philpotts,
CITY CLERK.

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

Dear Mr. DeBard:

Thank you for your letter of July 31 regarding the so-called St. Paul's Glebe Land.

I discussed Mr. Bethune's letter regarding the purchase of 3.48 acres when in Ottawa a month ago. On my return, Mr. Grant told me he had been talking to you about the matter and that you were writing further, which is the reason why I had not replied to Mr. Bethune.

It is the feeling of the Corporation that the commitment to sell 3.48 acres of this land to the City for cemetery purposes made some considerable time ago, was cancelled by your letter of September 21, 1955. In Mr. Grant's memorandum of October 12, 1955, in reply to yours, it was agreed that the Corporation would hold the whole of the 12.63 acres until March 31, 1956. Since that date has passed without any advice from the City, it is the feeling of the Corporation that there is now no undertaking whatever to sell any of the lands to the City of Halifax. If this land is required for public housing to re-locate families from the redevelopment areas, it will be made available to a Partnership consisting of the City and the Corporation. There is, therefore, no need to transfer title to the City at this stage. We have considered very carefully the use of this whole parcel and have decided that the Corporation will hold it indefinitely for public use along with any redevelopment schemes which may be carried forth by the City.

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I therefore suggest that no further action be taken by the City with respect to the 3.48 acres.

Yours very truly,

Homer Borland,
Regional Supervisor.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz and,
Members of City Council,
From: City Manager.
Date: August 14, 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>
Assessor	Addressograph-Multigraph of Canada	Graphotype	\$1,947.00
Library	Canadian Pittsburgh Industires Ltd.	Library Doors	3,200.00
Police	Morris Goldberg	Suits and burberries	1,700.00
	Kellys Limited	Riding Harness	875.00
Finance	Moore Business Forms Ltd.	Speedisets	617.67
Finance (Stores)	R.R. Power Limited	Blades	562.12
Works	Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited	Overhaul on Motor Grader, installing electric starter	6,314.03
Works	Crane Limited	Armstrong Convertors	850.64
Works	Workmen's Compensation Board	City's contribution	5,537.50
Mayor's	Wallace Advertising Limited	Tourist Folders, Maps, and Guide Books	3,262.50
City Prison & City Home	J. & M. Murphy, Limited	Mens T. Shirts, Snecks Rubber Sheeting	618.52 <u>\$25,484.98</u>

A.A. DeBord, Jr.,
City Manager.

August 16, 1956.

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

MOTION ALDERMAN VAUGHAN RE: BOARD OF REVIEW JOB EVALUATION AND CITY MANAGER'S REPORT RE: APPEALS BOARD ✓

As Alderman Vaughan was attending a civic function it was agreed to defer action on this matter until later in the meeting. ✓

LEGISLATION - TENDERS ON SALE OF LAND

August 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 City Manager recommending caution in a proposed amendment to the present legislation which would prohibit the City from selling land to anyone other than the highest tenderer..

Your Committee recommends that no change be made in the present legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

APPLICATION BEAUTY PARLOR #165 MUMFORD ROAD

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: July 27th, 1956.
Subject: Application for Beauty Parlor - 165 Mumford Road.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on July 24th, 1956 the Town Planning Engineer recommended approval of an Application from Marie Sweet to operate a Beauty Parlor in her home at #165 Mumford Road.

The Board recommended that permission be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the report be approved. Motion passed .

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ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY CHEBUCTO ROAD ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: July 27th, 1956.
Subject: Acquisition of Property - Chebucto Road.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on July 24th, 1956, considered the attached report from the City Engineer, recommending that the City acquire a small triangular piece of land on the southern side of Chebucto Road, necessary for the Armdale Rotary, for the sum of \$75.00. This amount to be taken from the Armdale Rotary Fund.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Committee on Works.
From: Mr. A.C. Harris, City Engineer.
Date: July 24, 1956.
Subject: Acquisition of Property - Chebucto Road.

In connection with the Armdale Rotary, a small triangular piece of land is required on the southern side of Chebucto Road, east of Quinpool Road. The area required is 75 square feet, measures approximately 7 feet in depth and approximately 25.2 feet along Chebucto Road. We have discussed the acquisition of this land with the owner, Mr. I. Con Easton, and he is prepared to accept an amount of \$75.00.

Mr. Easton has mentioned a possible arrangement he may have made with the Irving Oil Company in regard to a portion of his proerty at this location. I have checked with Mr. L.F. Daley, Solicitor for the Oil Company and he is prepared to recommend that this amount be accepted.

It is therefore recommended that the City acquire the necesssry land for the amount of \$75.00 from the owner or owners that a subsequent search of the property may reveal. The money necessary for this acquisition to be taken from the Armdale Rotary Fund.

A.C. Harris,
City Engineer.

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

EXPROPRIATION GARSON PROPERTY NORTH STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: July 27th, 1956.
Subject: Expropriation Garson Property - North Street.

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At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 24th, 1956, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works relative to the expropriation of property owned by Mary and Saul Garson on the northwestern side of North Street, shown as Lot B, on Plan No. RR-13518, and recommending that the sum of \$4,000.00 be paid into Court, was considered.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council, together with a resolution submitted by the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the report be approved,

Alderman O'Malley: "For what purpose are we expropriating?"

His Worship the Mayor: "For the eventual widening of North Street to improve the approach to the bridge."

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Lane that this matter be deferred.

Alderman Ahern: "We will have to widen North Street and you will pay quite a price for that property. I think it is the proper thing to do to expropriate that property."

His Worship the Mayor: "I have never seen any traffic problem on the bridge when I drove over it."

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LIMITED RE: CONNAUGHT AVENUE STORM
SEWER \$28,777.12

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: July 27th, 1956.

Subject: Final Certificate - Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. Re; Connaught Ave.
Sewer \$28,777.12.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on July 24th, 1956, a report from the Commissioner of Works recommending payment to Standard Paving Maritime Limited of the sum of \$28,777.12, in full payment for the Connaught Avenue Storm Sewer Contract was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

August 16, 1956.

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

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE COSGROVE BROS. PAINTING TOWER STEPS AT FLEMING PARK \$304.00 ✓

A final certificate was submitted from Cosgrove Brothers for painting the Tower Steps at Fleming Park amounting to \$304.00.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the certificate be approved for payment. Motion passed.

TABULATION OF TENDERS FOR EQUIPMENT FOR WORKS DEPARTMENT ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: August 7th, 1956.

Subject: Tabulation of Tenders for Equipment.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached tabulation of Tenders for,

5 Motor Trucks - Chassis & Cabs
5 Refuse Packer Bodies
2 Front End Tractor Shovels
1 Twin Post Truck Lift
Stationary Lubricating Equipment
1 Front End Tractor Shovel (Rubber Tire Mounted)

was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

A tabulation of tenders was submitted from the Commissioner of Works and City Manager and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

Alderman Greenwood: "Regarding the purchase of motor trucks. I notice in a memo from the City Manager a year ago they say that International has a heavy duty rear end which is desirable for a City such as Halifax. It shows that the cost of operation of the Ford was 14¢ which is higher than the International which is 9¢."

WORKS DEPARTMENT
TABULATION OF TENDERS

ITEM # 13 - Council
August 16th, 1956

Tenders due -
12:00 NOON - Tuesday, July 26th, 1956

Tenders Opened -
Wednesday, July 27th, 1956

PRESENT:

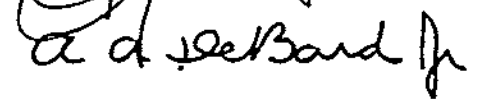
Mayor L.A. Kitz,
City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Commissioner of Works G.F. West.

RECOMMENDED TENDERS (Summary)

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>TENDER</u>
1	5 - Motor Trucks - Chassis and Cabs	A.E. Fowles Ltd.	\$ 18,723.25
2	5 - Refuse Packer Bodies	Coleman Machinery Co.	27,500.00
3	2 - Front End Tractor Shovels	Industrial Machinery Co.	36,296.00
4	1 - Twin Post Truck Lift	Maritime Auto Supply Co.	2,548.00
5	- Stationary Lubricating Equipment	Maritime Accessories	767.60
6 - A	1 - Front End Tractor Shovel (Rubber Tire Mounted)	Riley Engineering	4,990.00
# 6 - B	Not to be Purchased	-	-

It was pointed out in our specifications that either Item 6-A or 6-B would be purchased, (not both), with the right reserved to choose the one considered to be best suited to our needs.


Commissioner of Works.


City Manager.

Public Works Council,
 Report to Council, 1958.

Tabulation of Tenders

For

Five Motor Trucks as Specified

ITEM #1	A. E. FOWLES LTD.	HALIFAX MOTORS LTD.	COAST SALES LTD.	PURDY MOTORS LTD.	PROVINCIAL MOTORS LTD.	SCOTIA CHEV. OLDSMOBILE LTD.	TRAINER AUTO SERVICE	CITADEL MOTORS
MAKE	Mercury	Dodge	Commer	Fargo	Mercury	Chevrolet	International	G.M.C.
MODEL	M-700	K8-171	C-741	FC4K-71	M-700	1763	S-184	9763-8
TENDER (A)	\$4,000.00	\$4,041.81	\$4,566.00	\$4,380.00	\$4,649.00	\$4,567.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,750.00
LUMP SUM TENDER	\$ 18,723.25	\$ 19,464.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,900.00	\$ 22,023.00	\$ 22,550.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 23,750.00
	X							

X Denotes lowest tender meeting Specifications

Lowest tender recommended

A. E. Fowles Ltd.

Lump Sum Tender - \$ 18,723.25

G. E. West
 G. E. WEST,
 Commissioner of Works.
A. A. DeBard, Jr.
 A. A. DeBARD, JR.,
 City Manager.

Item #2 - Bids
August 1st, 1951

TABULATION OF TENDERS

FOR

FIVE REFUSE PACKER BODIES AS SPECIFIED

Item #13 - Council
August 1st, 1951

X

ITEM #2	COLEMAN MACHINERY	SCOTIA EQUIPMENT	RILEY ENGINEERING	MUSSEN CANADA LTD.	COAST SALES LTD.
MAKE	Sicard	Wood	Heil	Leach	Karrier Complete Kit
MODEL	SM 4	Loadcrusher	Colectomatic	Packmaster	Loadmaster
CAPACITY	14 Cu. Yds.	15 Cu. Yds.	16 Cu. Yds.	13 Cu. Yds.	20.25 Cu. Yds.
TENDER (A)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,644.00	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 6,985.00	\$13,000.00 Per Unit
LUMP SUM TENDER	\$27,500.00	\$ 27,745.00	\$ 32,250.00	\$33,000.00	\$63,000.00 Per Unit

X Denotes lowest tender meet specifications.
Lowest tender recommended.
Coleman Machinery -
Lump Sum Tender - \$ 27,500.00

G. West
G. WEST,
Commissioner of Works.
A. A. DeBard, Jr.
A. A. DE BARD, JR.,
City Manager.

August 14th, 1956

Item #13 - Council
August 14th, 1956.


FOR
TWO FRONT END TRACTOR SHOVELS


ITEM #3	INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY LTD.	RILEY ENGINEERING	EASTERN EQUIPMENT LTD.	R.R. POWER LTD.
MAKE	Hough	Michigan	Tracto Loader	Speedall
MODEL	HO.	175A	T. L. 12	175
TENDER (A)	\$ 18,148.00	\$ 19,350.00	\$ 13,178.25	\$ 17,488.00
LUMP SUM TENDER	\$ 36,296.00	\$ 38,700.00	\$ 26,356.50	\$ 34,496.00
	XX		X	X

X Does not meet specifications.

XX Lowest tender meeting specifications.

Lowest tender recommended -
Industrial Machinery Ltd. - \$ 36,296.00


G. B. WEST,
Commissioner of Works.


A. A. DE BARD, JR.,
City Manager

ITEM # 4 WORKS
August 21st., 1956
ITEM # 13 COUNCIL
August 16th., 1956

TABULATION OF TENDERS
FOR
TWIN POST TRUCK LIFT

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ITEM # 4	MARITIME AUTO SUPPLY CO. LTD.	MARITIME ACCESSORIES	ACADIA MOTOR EQUIPMENT LTD.	COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT
MAKE	Weaver	Weaver	Joyce	Joyce
MODEL	WI - 106	WI - 106	214 Bess	214 Bess
TENDER	2,548.00	2,777.35	4,304.00	4,606.80

Lowest Tender meeting Specifications
Lowest Tender recommended
Maritime Auto Supply Co. Ltd.
Tender \$2,548.00

[Handwritten Signature]
E. B. Hunt
Commissioner of Works

A. A. DeBar, Jr.
City Manager

Item #5-Works
August 7th, 1956

Item #13-Council
August 15th, 1956

PAVULATION OF TENDERS

FOR

STATIONARY LUBRICATING
EQUIPMENT

SPEC. ITEM #5


ITEM #5	MARITIME ACCESSORIES	AUTO PARTS COMPANY, LTD.
MAKE	Lincoln	ARO
MODEL	3615C	3-207
TENDER	\$ 767.60	\$ 678.76
	XX	X

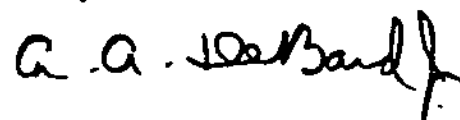
X Does not meet requirements.

XX Lowest Tender meeting specifications.

Lowest tender recommended -

Maritime accessories - \$ 767.60


C. W. ST.,
Commissioner of Works.


A. A. DE BARD, JR.,
City Manager.

ITEM # 5 WORKS
August 7th., 1956

ITEM # 13 COUNCIL
August 16th., 1956

TABULATION OF TENDERS
FOR
FRONT END TRACTOR SHOVEL
RUBBER TIRE MOUNTED

#

ITEM # 6A	RILEY ENGINEERING	EASTERN EQUIPMENT
MAKE	Michigan	TRACTO-LOADER
MODEL	12 B	T.L. 6
TENDER	4,990.00	5,967.75

Lowest Tender meeting Specifications
Lowest Tender recommended
Riley Engineering Sales
Tender - \$4,990.00

G. F. West
Commissioner of Works

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager

ITEM #6-B COUNCIL
August 16th., 1956

DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT
FOR
FRONT END TRACTOR SHOVEL
TRACK MOUNTED

STAIRS SON & MDRROW

ITEM #6-B	GILLIS CO. LTD.	EASTERN EQUIPMENT	STAIRS SON & MDRROW
MAKE	Oliver	Terratrae	Caterpillar
MODEL	OC - 3	200	D 2
TENDER	\$6,218.00	\$6,587.00	\$10,856.00

Item #6-B will not be purchased.
It was pointed out in our Specifications that either Item 6-A or 6-B would be purchased and not both, the right reserved to choose the one considered to be best suited to our needs. We feel that Item 6-A will serve us better at this time and are recommending its purchase.

G. F. West
Commissioner of Works

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager

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Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the matter of the trucks be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration.

Alderman O'Brien: "Could we have figures on the approximate savings over the costs of operation against the capital cost of the vehicle?"

Alderman Greenwood: "I think it has a lower vehicle capacity to carry and should have a lower operating cost."

City Manager: "We can get you the costs for similar vehicles."

Alderman Greenwood: "You produced them last year."

City Manager: "Yes. We can produce them."

The motion was then put and passed.

FRONT END TRACTOR SHOVEL ✓

Alderman O'Malley: "I understand that you have one tender \$1,800.00 below the recommended tender. The recommended one is \$36,296.00 from Industrial Machinery Ltd. and the other is \$34,496.00 from R.R. Power Ltd."

Mr. West: "We want to get the machine which is best suited to our needs. We consider all these things. These front end loaders are really snow plows. The one the Alderman brings up is a good machine; it is a good loader but it has no record as a plow. We want a loader and a plow. The agent told me he could not supply it and said 'that eliminates me'. It did not meet the specifications as far as the required horse power. I certainly won't recommend a machine that has not proven itself for the work we want."

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration.

Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the remaining items in the report be approved. Motion passed.

WIDOWS' ALLOWANCES ✓

August 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

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agreed to recommend under the authority of Section 310H of the City Charter that annual allowances be paid to widows' of former civic employees as follows:

Mrs. Annie C. Donnelly	\$384.83
Mrs. Annie C. Dunn	595.25
Mrs. Rita Kellock	604.56

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Ahern stated he understood that Mr. Dunn had had a heart attack and was doing work that was too strenuous for him.

The Commissioner of Works replied that any work the City gave him to do was certainly not something that would cause his death. He was in perfect health and he was asked to take a medical from Dr. Morton and he said he would have his own physician give the examination.

RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE MR. FRED BIGNELL

This matter was deferred.

LEGISLATION - PRIVATE WORK ACCOUNTS

August 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 Commissioner of Finance respecting private work accounts such as opening and clearing sewers and other similar accounts where the cost of the work in question exceeds the original estimate and deposit.

He suggested obtaining legislation to secure these accounts by way of a lien on the property and also to charge interest at 6% on all outstanding accounts.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved as well as the legislation as prepared by the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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LEGISLATION

The Charter is amended by inserting therein, immediately following Section 608 thereof, the following Section:

608A. (1) The City may, at the request and at the cost of the owner of any real property, undertake the work of clearing the private drain connecting such property with a public sewer, or of repairing the same, or of laying a new private drain for such property.

(2) The City may require such owner to deposit with the City a sum estimated by the Commissioner of Works to be sufficient to defray the cost of performing such work and upon the completion of such work such sum shall be applied towards the payment of the cost of the work and any balance remaining in excess of such cost shall be repaid to such owner.

(3) If no such sum has been deposited or if the sum so deposited shall be insufficient to defray the cost of the work, the Commissioner of Works, upon completion of the work, shall prepare and file in his office a certificate signed by him, setting out in detail the cost of the work.

(4) Upon such certificate being so filed the same shall in any action or proceeding be prima facie evidence of the liability of the owner of the real property for which the said work was done.

(5) The Commissioner of Works shall furnish the Chief Accountant with a copy of such certificate, with the date of the filing thereof in the office of the Commissioner of Works endorsed thereon.

(6) The amount of the liability of the owner of the said real property as set out in such certificate shall, from the date of the filing of the same in the office of the Commissioner of Works, constitute and be a lien upon such property.

(7) Such amount shall be divided into five equal instalments, the first of which shall be due and payable on the filing of the said certificate by the Commissioner of Works and one on each succeeding thirty-first day of May, after the first so succeeding, until the whole is paid.

(8) The amount set out in the said certificate shall be deemed to be a betterment charge.

(9) If the sum so deposited as hereinbefore provided shall be sufficient to defray the cost of the work, the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts shall deliver to such owner a statement of the cost of the work and shall refund to such owner the balance of the sum so deposited.

(10) Where, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Health and Welfare, any private drain has become blocked, or has fallen into such a state of disrepair as to permit leakage therefrom or for any other reason is liable to endanger human health, the Commissioner of Public Health may, in writing direct the Commissioner of Works to remove the cause of the blockage or make such repairs to such private drain as may be necessary to prevent such leakage or to repair the same and the Commissioner of Works shall forthwith proceed to perform the said work.

(11) The Commissioner of Public Health and Welfare shall also notify in writing the owner of such real property that he has directed the Commissioner of Works to perform such work and such notice shall be sent to such owner by prepaid registered mail at his last known address.

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(12) Such direction shall be deemed to be a request by the owner of the real property served by such private drain to have such work done and the cost of such work or repairs shall be paid by the owner upon demand by the City Collector, and upon the filing of a certificate by the Commissioner of Works, as hereinbefore provided, such cost shall be deemed a betterment charge and shall constitute a lien upon such real property.

(13) Any sums required by the City for the purposes of this Section shall be shown as an expenditure by the City for the civic year in which the same were expended, or may be borrowed by the City under the provisions of The Municipal Affairs Act as sums required for a City purpose.

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Fox that the legislation be approved after adding an additional clause as follows: "The Commissioner of Works shall have the right to enter upon the property."

✓ Motion passed.

THE HALIFAX AIRPORT AGREEMENT

His Worship the Mayor submitted an agreement between the Department of Transport and the City of Halifax respecting the Halifax Airport and also a report from the City Solicitor on the matter.

To: L.A. Kitz, Esq., Mayor of Halifax.
From: Carl P. Bethune, Esq., Q.C., City Solicitor.
Date: August 1, 1956.
Subject: Re: Airport Agreement.

I have examined the latest agreement proposed by the Department of Transport and make the following comments:

I refer to my letter to you of November 17, 1955, in which I set out my comments concerning the first agreement. I find that none of the objections which I note there are carried into this present agreement with one exception namely, that the City must yet secure a further easement for lights over land comprising 3.2 acres. We have already acquired a lighting easement of some 10.7 acres for one runway but the second easement is for the other runway.

I note that in your letter of November 30, 1955, to the Honourable George Marler, Minister of Transport you undertook that the City would "consider ourselves responsible for the two easements for lighting purposes."

Before this agreement can be executed by the City, the Council must authorize the acquisition of the second easement and I suggest that it do so by expropriation. If it is desired to have the agreement executed at once the reference to the second easement can be deleted and conveyed when title is obtained.

I suggest that the Department be requested to supply a description of this easement so there will be no question that when we expropriate we will acquire the right property.

Apart from the foregoing I have no objection to the form of the proposed agreement. I suggest you submit this agreement to Council.

Yours very truly,
CARL P. BETHUNE,
CITY SOLICITOR.

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Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

City Solicitor: "Since the final plan has come there is to be an additional easement for lighting. It might be advisable to expropriate it."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would recommend that."

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the City expropriate the land necessary for the additional easement.

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S CONVENTION ATTENDANCE ✓

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

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

Date: August 6, 1956.

Subject: City Manager's Convention Attendance.

Permission is requested for the writer to be absent from the City September 5 - 25 to attend the Institute of Public Administration Convention in Vancouver September 5 & 8 and the International City Manager's Convention in Banff September 16 - 20. The time other than that specified will be taken in vacation.

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

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

APPLICATION TO BUILD ON UNDERSIZED LOT STAIRS STREET ✓

An application was received from Mr. A.A. Melvin to build a house on the above undersized lot.

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

TAXES - NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL ✓

August 7, 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 City Manager recommending for acceptance an offer from the National Research Council to pay to the City the sum of \$7,000.00 covering taxes and fire protection rates for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958.

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Your Committee concurs in this report.

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: August 8, 1956.

Subject: National Research Council - Grant

Messrs. Yeadon & Thomson have had considerable correspondence with the National Research Council concerning the grant for 1956.

For 1955 they paid taxes of \$5,887.49 and fire protection of \$370.08 for a total of \$6,257.57. Under the re-assessment the tax rose to \$8,641.50. Before agreeing the National Research Council wanted to measure their increase against the 'normal increase' for the City and wanted fire protection to be included in the figure of \$8,641.50.

At this point I had correspondence with the National Research Council and suggested an amount of \$9,000.00 for this year would be \$617.25 for fire protection and \$8,382.75 for taxes.

If Council approves the National Research Council is satisfied to make a grant of \$9,000.00. As you know, they are not subject to regular taxes. It is recommended that this offer be accepted.

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

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

OVERTIME PAY MEMBERS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT ✓

August 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 Chief of Police recommending the following rates of pay for overtime work performed by members of the Police Department.

1. When working for the City of Halifax and construed as when working directly for the Halifax Police Department on order from the Chief of Police.

<u>Cst</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>Insp.</u>
\$1.25	\$1.50	\$1.75

2. When working for any other firm, person or parties having the need of police services be they Commission, contracting firms working for the City or otherwise:

<u>Cst.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>Insp.</u>
\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50

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Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor: "The Manager of the Public Service Commission says 'you ask us to have Policemen guarding the cuts and we are prepared to hire watchmen or hire Policemen but we want to pay straight time'. The Chief says to the Commission 'these are our regular men and on extra duty they must be paid extra pay'. Dr. Macnab replies that they are not overtime as far as they are concerned."

Chief Mitchell: "He agrees that the Policeman should be paid for overtime work. Regular Policemen are not available. I discussed this matter with Dr. Macnab. He can hire men and we will appoint them Special Constables. If it is necessary to hire our men he should pay the full rate. I would like to stress the fact that this offer was a free offer given by the members of our Department to the City of Halifax. Have you received that elsewhere? I would not want to see this turned as a weapon against them. This was mentioned to be extended to construction firms."

His Worship the Mayor: "If the person does not want a Policeman then the Public Service Commission can get Specials."

Chief Mitchell: "I have no objection to that."

City Manager: "They can't direct traffic."

Chief Mitchell: "My recommendation is ambiguous to some extent and for that reason I would like to add to my recommendation 'that the minimum time shall apply'. The members of the Department might want to re-negotiate this whole thing."

Alderman Ahern: "Is not the basic pay \$1.65 per hour?"

Chief Mitchell: " \$1.55 and 1/3."

Alderman Ahern: "I think the Chief should appoint Specials for that job. I think they should get all they can for their duty. I don't think Policemen should be called upon to run errands or to act as a watchman."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is voluntary."

Chief Mitchell: "As long as the supply lasts."

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Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the report be approved without any amendments and that the remaining items in the agreement of May 8, 1952 stand. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #5 SECOND READING ✓

August 9, 1956.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council

An amendment to Ordinance #6 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.

Your Committee recommends that the amendment be read and passed a second time and referred to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Wymen, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the report be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT

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

1. Subsection (2) of Section 3 of Ordinance Number 6 of the Ordinances of the City of Halifax, "Respecting Electric Wiring and the Use of Electrical Energy", is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(2) The Committee on Works may from time to time designate an official of the City for the purpose of receiving applications from persons desiring to be licensed as licensed wiremen. Such applications shall be deposited in the office of the City Electrician. The official so designated may grant or refuse any such application. Upon the granting of such application and the payment of the fee mentioned in the preceding subsection and the filing of the bond as hereinafter required, the City Electrician upon being advised to that effect by such official, shall issue a license as a licensed wireman to the person so applying therefor and shall sign the same and shall cause the name of the applicant so licensed to be registered as a licensed wireman.

Moved by Alderman Wymen, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the amendment to Ordinance #6 as set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Motion passed. ✓

THE BURNING AID OF CAMP BRUNSWICK OCTOBER 21, 1956

August 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

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agreed to recommend that an application from the Brunswick Street United Church to hold a Tag Day on October 26, 1956 in aid of Camp Brunswick be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

RENTAL CONTROL STAFF ✓

August 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 it was agreed to recommend that Mr. Norman Gibbons and Mrs. Peart be re-appointed as the Rental Control Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS - COURT ORDERS ✓

August 9, 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 attached report from the Commissioner of Health was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

Gendion vs. Merlin

This is an illegitimacy case in which the City is receiving \$3.00 per week under an Order of Court and requests permission to pay to the Grace Maternity Hospital the laying expenses; and then, that the balance be divided between the City and the Director of Child Welfare, as this child has been made a ward of the Children's Aid and in a foster home.

In the case of Carthy vs. Davigon, the Court has ordered a payment of \$4.00 per week. The City has now received some of these funds with permission to pay these amounts to the mother, Shirley Carthy. Mr. Bethune advises me that a bond is not necessary under the new Act.

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Respectfully submitted,

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

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

REPAIRS CITY HOME CHIMNEY ✓

August 9, 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 the Custodis Canadian Chimney Company Limited be engaged to carry out the following repairs to the City Home Chimney.

- (i) Point up top 30 ft. of column approx. 75%;
- (ii) Remove old copper band and install new band at top of chimney, re-setting four existing points in their original position;
- (iii) Attach existing breeching cable to metal breeching and check entire lighting system for loose or missing anchors;
- (iv) Provide wood-form protection for east and west down-lead cables at ground level after splicing frayed ends;
- (v) Remove spalled bricks at tops of clean-out door and flue breast and re-lay using new bricks, properly banded;
- (vi) Install new cement watercables at head of chimney, on top of flue piers and above clean-out door.

The cost of the above work is \$1,250.00 and funds are available from the Capital Borrowing for the Rehabilitation of the City Home.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

RESOLUTION TO UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES RE: PROVINCIAL JAIL ✓

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Wyman that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to propose a Resolution to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting the Province of Nova Scotia to consider the matter of their taking over the jails. Motion passed.

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RESUBDIVISION OF LAND NEWTON AVENUE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: August 7th, 1956.
Subject: Resubdivision of Land - Newton Avenue.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, an application to resubdivide a portion of land, formerly Fifth Street, into one building lot, 45' x 110', for a single family dwelling, was considered.

The Town Planning Engineer recommended approval without a Public Hearing.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. OO-8-13543.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 9 & 10 LEAMAN STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: August 7th, 1956.
Subject: Resubdivision of Lots Nos. 9 & 10 Leaman Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, a plan showing the boundary line between these two lots being re-arranged from a diagonal boundary to provide two new lots, each 50' x 100', was considered.

The Town Planning Engineer recommended approval without a Public Hearing.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. OO-8-13544.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

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UNDERSIZED LOT #53 ROSEMEAD AVENUE

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: August 7th, 1956.
Subject: Undersized Lot - 53 Rosemead Avenue

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a request to build a single family dwelling on a lot 33' x 100' 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 Ahern, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the report be approved. Motion passed.

UNDERSIZED LOT CONNAUGHT AVENUE NEAR CHEBUCTO ROAD ✓

A report was submitted from the Town Planning Board recommending that an application to build on the above lot be refused.

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

The City Manager advised that the Solicitor Mr. McInnes would like to be heard on this matter.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that this matter be referred back to the Town Planning Board for further consideration. Amendment passed.

UNDERSIZED LOT AGRICOLA STREET BETWEEN CABOT AND MERKEL STREETS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: August 7th, 1956.
Subject: Undersized Lot - Agricola Street, between Cabot Street and Merkel Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of an application to construct a single family dwelling on a lot 34' x 100', on Agricola Street, was considered.

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The Board approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

UNDERSIZED LOT # 20 ROOME STREET ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: August 7th, 1956.

Subject: Undersized Lot - No. 20 Roome Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, a request to add a four room addition to an existing dwelling on Roome Street, on a Lot 37' x 100', was considered.

The Board concurred in the Town Planning Engineer's recommendation that this application be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

UNDERSIZED LOT #88 STANLEY STREET ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: August 7th, 1956.

Subject: Undersized Lot - No. 88 Stanley Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Town Planning Engineer, recommending approval of a request to construct a single family dwelling on a lot 33' x 100', at No. 88 Stanley Street, provided side yards and rear yard are provided.

The Board approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

August 16, 1956.

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

REZONING LEPPERT STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Members of the City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: August 7th, 1956.
Subject: Rezoning - Leppert Street.

The attached report from the Town Planning Engineer, in regard to rezoning from P Zone (Park & Institutional) to C2 Zone (General Business Zone), a parcel of land proposed to be leased to Consolidated Terminals on Leppert Street was considered by the Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date.

The Board approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, August 30, 1956 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for the hearing in this matter. Motion passed.

TREE PLANTING FALL OF 1956 ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: August 7th., 1956.
Subject: Tree Planting - Fall 1956.

The attached list of streets on which it is proposed to plant 213 trees, at an estimated cost of \$1118.25, was approved by the Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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PROPOSED LIST OF STREETS FOR PLANTING NEW TREES -
FALL 1956

<u>WARD</u>		<u>TREES</u>
1	Bellevue Avenue - West Side - Inglis Street to Oakland Road	- 13
1	Cartaret Street - Both Sides - South Street to Oakland Road	- 9
2	South Street - North Side - Henry Street to Studley Ave.	- 15
1	South Street - South Side - Cartaret St. to 348 South St.	- 6
7	Abbott Drive - Both Sides - Ashburn Avenue to Howe Avenue	- 19
7	Spruce Street - South Side - - - - - - - - - - -	- 7
7	William Hunt Ave. - East Side - - - - - - - - - - -	- 16
7	Peter Lowe Ave. - Both Sides - - - - - - - - - - -	- 42
7	Pennington Ave. - West Side - - - - - - - - - - -	- 21
7	Pearson Drive - Both Sides - - - - - - - - - - -	- 22
6	Gladstone Street - West Side - Windsor Terrace to Summit St.	- 6
5	Gladstone Street - East Side - North Street to Charles Street	- 9
5	Gladstone Street - West Side - Willow Street to Charles St.	- 5
7	Edinburgh Street - Both Sides - Windsor Street to Oxford St.	- 17
7	London Street - South Side - Dublin Street to Oxford St.	- 6
	TOTAL	<u>-213</u>

Estimated cost per tree \$5.25 each -

Total Estimated cost \$1,118.25

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

APPLICATION TO REZONE 6 LOTS E/S WINDSOR STREET ✓

Referred to the Town Planning Board for a report.

MODIFICATION OF SEAL COATING PROGRAM ✓

A report was submitted from the City Engineer recommending certain streets be seal coated this year in substitution of a list submitted when the 1956 Budget was considered and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

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

RIGHT-OF-WAY QUINN STREET TO ARMCRESCENT WEST ✓

Alderman Fox made reference to the condition of the above right-of-way and said shrubs and grass had grown up and in one case a man could not fix his fence unless he cut the growth away from it.

His Worship the Mayor: "The title to that is still in the original subdivider and all the people have a right to use that right-of-way. It would be a grave mistake to shut up that entrance because you would not be able to get into Armerscent West."

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Alderman O'Malley suggested a report should be submitted to Council on this matter. He felt a house may have to be purchased in order to get a street cut through.

His Worship the Mayor: "An answer might be that the City go on that right-of-way and level it off."

It was agreed that the Commissioner of Works look into this possibility and report to the Committee on Works.

C.N.R. GRANT ✓

Alderman Ahern requested information on what progress has been made with respect to the new C.N.R. Agreement with the City.

City Solicitor: "I have the material available and it is just a matter of getting a little time to work on it. I was looking forward to some time in September to get at it."

NATAL DAY CELEBRATIONS ✓

Alderman Ahern: "With respect to Natal Day I think everyone enjoyed the fire works. I was satisfied with the exhibition. I note in the press that some cars entered Flynn Memorial Park. I hope the Chief of Police will be generous in his dealings with the offenders. "

His Worship the Mayor: "I know the great amount of time you gave to this program. You hired a very efficient secretary who did a good job. Your job was very good. It was well planned. I know I speak for the citizens as well as the Council when I give you a sincere commendation."

WATER INSTALLATION LOTS LLOYD FOX AVENUE ✓

Alderman O'Brien referred to the matter of servicing lots on Lloyd Fox Avenue with water which was raised at the last regular meeting of City Council. He wanted to know if the owners could proceed this year.

The City Manager advised that Dr. Macnab had called him and said that 7 of the property owners had paid their share of the installation and the 8th one would be contributing.

His Worship the Mayor: "The principle disturbed me."

The City Clerk was requested to have placed on the agenda of the next Committee on Works meeting an item called "Subdivisions and Services."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Have we not come to the stage that we should call upon subdividers not to sell land until services are in?"

CUTS IN PAVEMENT OXFORD STREET ✓

Alderman Lane: "I want to establish whose responsibility it is, when they make water repairs to keep the craters filled in on the street? There is a situation on Oxford Street that is dangerous to motor vehicles."

Mr. West: "The Public Service Commission. If we do it they pay for it. It is their responsibility."

Alderman Lane: "I would request the Commissioner of Works to advise the Public Service Commission of the Oxford Street condition."

LETTER OLYMPIC GARDENS LTD. RE: FORUM COMMISSION ✓

Alderman Wyman: "The letter from the Olympic Gardens is here. I think there should be an answer to it. He then signed the letter and tabled it with the City Clerk. He continued as follows: "I feel that whatever the case may have been before the explanation was made that the writer was under the impression that he had not received full justice at the hands of the Forum Commission and it is my feeling that any citizen has the right to appeal to us. I feel he should receive a reply."

His Worship the Mayor: "I feel the present Chairman should send a copy of the former Chairman's memo."

Alderman Ahern: "I feel Alderman DeWolf answered all questions properly."

Alderman DeWolf: "I think it is proper for Your Worship to answer it. I was making an explanation to the Council. The Forum Commission acted in good faith and any person in private business would have accepted the same practice."

It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor reply to the letter.

Alderman Vaughan arrives 10:15 p.m.

TRAFFIC WINDSOR STREET & QUINPOOL ROAD ✓

Alderman O'Malley: "I want to commend the Traffic Department for the manner in which traffic is being diverted at the corner of Windsor Street and Quinpool Road. I do wish to get back to the problem of the safety of the pedestrians who cross from the south side of Quinpool Road to the north and vice versa. There is the question of traffic lights and a proposed overhead

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bridge. I would like to know what progress is being made in that direction to safeguard the pedestrians who cross there?"

Chief of Police: "The traffic lights were recommended but the traffic engineers found faults that they could not work as they must be tied in with the Robie Street intersection. We have no further reply from the engineers."

Alderman O'Malley: "Could we have a progress report next month?"

The matter was referred to the Chief of Police for a progress report at the next Safety Committee Meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AQUARIUM ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "I wonder if it would be possible for Your Worship to confer with the Provincial Government with respect to the creation of an aquarium in Halifax. I think if this were located in Halifax it would be a definite tourist attraction. I feel there would be some Federal assistance. I think it would be a useful project as well."

His Worship the Mayor felt it was an excellent idea to establish a new City attraction and that he had correspondence from the Premier on the matter. He agreed to confer with the Provincial Government as requested.

WILD LIFE EXHIBIT SHUBENACADIE, N.S. ✓

Alderman Ahern: "I think the Provincial Government should be asked to move into Point Pleasant Park for a week or more the wild life exhibit at Shubenacadie, N.S."

His Worship the Mayor stated the matter of wild life in the Park had been discussed on a previous occasion and the Directors were not too much in favor of the idea.

He said he would report this matter to the next meeting of the Park Directors.

INCINERATOR SITE ✓

Alderman Wynn: "What progress has been made with respect to a site for the incinerator?"

Mr. West: "We are waiting to have the test borings on the Dump property."

Alderman Wynn: "Are there any other locations being considered?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "Not at the moment pending the results of the tests."

Alderman Wyman: "When the first discussions with regard to a new incinerator were brought up there was proposed as one of the ideas in choosing a site that a location on a hill was desirable."

The engineers mentioned they have not considered making any use of the waste heat which is not good economy. It has occurred to me that some thought might be given to the possibility of locating an incinerator in the centre part of the City near enough to City Hall so that the waste heat could be used to heat this building. There might be an office building erected to house the offices of the City Hall leaving the Council Chamber and some executive offices. I do think to suggest that the block bounded by Barrington, Duke, Argyle and Buckingham Streets might be a desirable location on the north side and an office building on the south. It might also tie in if the City had an office building. The City might be able to rent space to the Municipality of Halifax and get over some of the problems that exist at the Courts."

Alderman Vaughan: "There is no reason why valuable land in the north end should be ruined by a building which could be put in some other place. The administrative department might report at the next meeting what might be done along the lines regarding the Municipality."

MOTION ALDERMAN VAUGHAN RE: BOARD OF REVIEW JOB EVALUATION AND REPORT CITY
MANAGER RE: APPEALS BOARD

Deferred for one month at the request of Alderman Vaughan

DEFERRED ITEMS

The following Deferred Items were further deferred.

1. Motion Alderman Aborn Re: Board of Assessors.
2. Branch Library.
3. Amendment to Ordinance #2

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR JULY

A report was submitted from the City Manager for the month of July 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

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

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

Date: August 9, 1956

Subject: Monthly Administrative Report for the month of July, 1956

1. Electrician's Department

309 wiring inspections made, permit income \$534.60
Revenue from wireman's licenses 80.00

New lights installed.

1 South Park Street
3 Memorial Drive

2. Building Permits

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dwellings, new	7	\$190,800.00
Garages, new	8	5,675.00
Commercial, new	5	371,000.00
Dwellings, repairs	248	79,037.00
Garages, repairs	10	935.00
Commercial, repairs	36	83,765.00
Institutional, repairs	6	14,945.00
	320	\$ 746,157.00

3. Streets and Sewers

Square yards of streets stoned & oiled	11,916
" " " seal coated	10,066
" " " graded	14,092
Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	374.8
" cold " " stoned & oiled streets	133.75
Cubic yards of material used on streets	4,188
No. of square yards applied with dust layer	3,533
No. " " of sidewalk repairs	270
Lineal feet of curb & gutter repairs	120
Number of street signs (new)	13
" " " maintained	48
" sewers cleared and cleaned	3
" catchpits repaired	9
" " constructed	10
" " cleaned	40
" manholes repaired	25
" " constructed	3
" junctions installed	8
Miles of streets swept by hand	266
" " " machine	814
Square yards of new sidewalk	42
Lineal feet of curb & gutter constructed	96.5

4. Garbage

2,499 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 573 tons were burned together with 1,737 tons of privately collected materials. Total amount processed 2,310 tons with incinerator in operation 321 hours. Hired trucks 40 hours collecting 34 tons.

5. Emergency Shelter

New tenants - 2 room apartments not large enough for transfer of present tenants.

Edward A. Bland	1446 Barrington Street
Francis X. McNeil	1430 " "
Everett D. Clark	1460 " "

Transfer

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
W. J. Adams	A3-1420 Barrington St.	15G Wellington Court
C. F. Warner	A8-	15D " "
A. Armsworthy	A9	5D " "
S. C. Coolen	B1	11J " "
E. V. Regan	B9	10 1430 Barrington St.
L. Corkum	B4	15 1430 Barrington St.

6. Prefab Housing

Houses completely paid	348
Current accounts	<u>464</u>

Original number of houses 812

Mortgages receivable July 31, 1956	\$1,080,494.73
" " June 30, 1956	<u>1,053,482.89</u>
" <u>increase during month</u>	27,011.84

1956 taxes to the amount of \$43,194.85 were added to the accounts in July.

Total borrowing July 31, 1956	\$ 375,859.95
" " June 30, 1956	<u>353,888.98</u>

Borrowing increase \$ 21,970.97

91 accounts two or more months in arrears \$ 12,221.87

7. Stoning & Oiling

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>Completion</u>
Rowe Ave.	Bayers Rd.	Scott St.--	1000'	6/3/56	7/13/56
Scott St.	Howe Ave.	Rowe Ave.	325'	6/21/56	7/16/56
Vaughan Ave.	Bayers Road	Westerly	750'	6/26/56	7/18/56
Coleman St.	Bayers Road	Dead End	200'	6/27/56	7/16/56
First St.	Connaught Ave.	Newton Ave.	300'	6/24/56	7/20/56
Inner Ave.	Romans Ave.	Dead End	500'	6/29/56	7/20/56
Third St.	Newton Ave.	Connaught Ave.	300'	7/5/56	7/20/56
Connaught Ave.	Regent Rd.	Chisholm Ave.	1000'	7/25/56	40%

8. Street Renewals

Atlantic St.	Tower Road	Young Avenue	800'	7/21/56	20%
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9. Seal Coating

Federal Avenue	Romans Ave.	Romans Ave.	1600'	7/11/56	7/11/56
Romans Ave.	Bayers Rd.	Federal Ave.	1300'	7/11/56	7/11/56

10. Trolley Stops

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Granville St.	Duke St.	175' South	175'	6/25/56	7/9/56
Granville St.	Buckingham St.	175' South	175'	6/27/56	7/9/56
Cogswell St.	S.W.Cor.Gottingen	125' West	125'	7/4/56	7/13/56
Spr.Gar.Rd.	South Park St.	125' East	125'	7/10/56	7/18/56
Cogswell St.	N.E.Cor.Gottingen	250' S. East	250'	7/12/56	90%
Russell St.	N.E.Cor.Gottingen	100' East	100'	7/12/56	7/21/56

11. Asphalt Paving

Morris St.	Lr. Water St.	Hollis St.	350'	7/4/56	7/16/56
Gottingen St.	Almon St.	Kaye St.	1200'	7/17/56	7/21/56
Dublin St.	Chebucto Rd.	Almon St.	1700'	7/13/56	7/27/56
St. Alban's	Robie St.	Clifton St.	450'	7/19/56	7/30/56
Connaught Ave.	Chebucto Rd.	Almon St.(W)	850'	7/20/56	7/31/56
Cornwallis St.	Brunswick St.	Gottingen St.	500'	7/27/56	8/1/56
Connaught Ave.	Regent Rd.	Chisholm (W)	960'	7/27/56	50%
Norwood St.	Oxford St.	Connaught Ave.		8/1/56	10%

12. Sidewalk & Sod, Curb & Gutter

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Total Length</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>% Comp.</u>
Buckingham	Barrington	Argyle	250'	N	250'	S.,C.&G.	6/11/56	100%
Tobin	Existing	Queen St.	170'	S	170'	C.&G.S.&S.	6/15/56	100%
Connaught	Complete intersections Chisholm Ave.							
		Regent Rd.	175'	B	175'	C.&G.	6/27/56	100%
Elliott	Ashburn	Howe Ave.	420'	N	420'	S. & S.	6/27/56	100%
Spruce St.	Howe Ave.	Ashburn Ave.	400'	S	400'	S. & S.	7/3/56	100%
London	Windsor	Dublin	480'	N	480'	S. & S.	7/4/56	100%
Sullivan	Agricola	Robie	450'	N	450'	S. & S.	7/4/56	100%
Pearson	Pennington	Mayfield	375'	B	750'	S. & S.	7/9/56	100%
Abbott	Ashburn	Relston	760'	N	760'	C. & G.	6/18/56	98%
Abbott	Ashburn	Howe Ave.	525'	B	1050'	C. & G.S.&S.	6/19/56	90%
Hanover	Albert	Barrington	400'	B	800'	C. & G.	6/20/56	98%
Bellevue	Complete intersection at Corner Bellevue and Beaufort		145'	N	145'	C.&G.S.&S.	6/26/56	98%
Robie	Complete intersection at Corner High and Robie			B		C.&G.S.&S.	6/27/56	98%
Leads	Robie	Rosemead	230'	S	230'	C. & G.	6/29/56	98%
Spruce	Ashburn	Howe Ave.	400'	N	400'	C. & G.	7/5/56	90%
Basinview	Leads	250' North	250'	E	250'	S. & S.	7/5/56	75%
Memorial	Robie	1025' South	1025'	E	1025'	C.&G.S.&S.	7/9/56	60%
Wm.Hunt	Ed.Arab	Chebucto	870'	E	870'	S. & S.	7/10/56	60%
Pennington	Bayers	Pearson	1010'	W	1010'	S. & S.	7/13/56	95%
Peter Lowe Geo.	Dauphinee	Wm. Hunt	950'	B	1900'	S. & S.	7/16/56	60%
Robie	Memorial	Basinview	300'	W	300'	C. & G.	7/16/56	98%
Ernst Ave.	Ashburn	Stanford	300'	B	600'	C. & G.S.&S.	7/18/56	60%
Duffus	Robie	320' West	320'	B	640'	S. & S.	7/24/56	60%
Stanford	Abbott	Mumford	830'	B	1660'	C. & G.S.&S.	7/27/56	35%
Robie	Macara	Livingstone	1500'	B	3000'	C. & G.	7/31/56	10%
Romans	Bayers	Mumford	1350'	B	2700'	S. & S.	8/2/56	5%

13. Sewer Capital

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>Feet Laid</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Completed</u>
D. V. Road	10" Transite	5/18/56	Excavation		15%
Clinton Ave.	Pumphouse	Roof to be completed - required steel has arrived.			
Connolly St. to					
Connaught Ave.	24" Conc.	6/4/56		257'	257'
Francklyn St.	12" Conc.	7/3/56	Blasting only		50%

14. Sewer Rehabilitation

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>Feet Laid</u>		<u>Total</u>	
			<u>This Report</u>	<u>Prev. Report</u>	<u>To date</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Freshwater Brook	48-64" Armco	7/19/55	-	-	-	7/30/56
Holy Cross Cemetery	30" Armco	5/5/56	-	-	-	7/30/56
#D.V. Road - Clinton to Lexington Ave.	10" Transite	6/6/56	460'		460'	70%
Tobin St.	15" Conc.	6/16/56	76'	380'	456'	7/6/56
Letson Lane	30" Armco	6/26/56	60'	175'	235'	7/30/56
Black St.	12" Conc.	7/20/56	75'	-	-	20%
Arm Bridge Overflow	48" Conc.	7/20/56	100'	-	-	30%

#Dutch Village Road from Clinton Avenue to Lexington Avenue was inadvertently left off last month's report.

15. Claims

Works Truck J. A. Hutchcroft \$16.66

16. Bayers Road Housing Project

Revenue - January 1, 1956 - June 25, 1956		\$54,363.00
Expenditures -		
Administration	\$3,015.39	
Maintenance	974.46	3,989.85
Excess of revenue over expenditures		\$ 50,373.15
25% City's share		12,593.29
Previously remitted (4/25/56)		6,205.87
Amount received 7/30/56		6,387.42

17. Armdale Rotary (as of June 30, 1956)

Clearing & Grubbing	-----	100%
Excavation (Common & Solid Rock)	-----	97%
Borrow Placed	-----	96%
Foundation Excavation (Common)	-----	96%
Foundation Excavation (Solid Rock)	-----	96%
Catch Basins complete	-----	80%
Concrete Sewer Pipe	-----	95%
Concrete Class "A"	-----	97%
Reinforcing Steel	-----	97%
Trench Excavation & Backfill	-----	95%
Removal of Seawall	-----	98%
Base Course	-----	70%
Removal of Existing Curb & Gutter	-----	80%
Removal of Existing Pavement	-----	40%
Concrete Sidewalks	-----	15%
Curb & Gutter	-----	20%
Fine Grading	-----	6%
Rock Fill	-----	50%

No work has been done on the remaining items of pavement and sodding.

A. A. Seeband Jr.
City Manager.

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF JULY 1956

CIVIC YEAR	RESERVES	O/S BALANCE JUNE 30th 1956	NEW ACCOUNTS & ADJUSTMENTS	JULY 1956 COLLECTIONS	O/S BALANCE JULY 1956
1954	74,604.24	224,707.86	Dr.	17,934.22	206,773.64
1955	68,386.95	455,791.35	Dr. 29.46	37,098.49	418,722.32
1956	83,040.92	3,969,005.17	Dr. 76,645.67	2,417,406.97	1,628,243.87
		4,649,504.38	Dr. 76,675.13	2,472,439.68	2,253,739.83
		Tax Years Prior to 1954 (covered by reserves)		4,703.00	
				<u>2,477,142.68</u>	
Poll Taxes				611.07	17,110.40
1954		17,721.47		886.05	11,232.77
1955		12,114.54	Dr. 4.28	595.21	68,968.52
1956		74,926.73	Cr. 2.00	7,455.33	
				<u>736.31</u>	
Poll Taxes other than listed above				<u>8,189.64</u>	
Total Collections in July 1956				2,485,332.32	
Total Collections in July 1955				<u>223,192.61</u>	
Current Taxes Collected Jan. 1st to July 31st 1956				5,836,462.80	
Corresponding Period 1955					5,705,530.51
Tax Arrears Collected Jan. 1st to July 31st, 1956				585,169.58	
Corresponding Period 1955					450,457.76
Poll Tax Collections Jan. 1st to July 31st, 1956				45,045.93	
Corresponding Period 1955					<u>44,233.83</u>
				<u>6,466,678.31</u>	<u>6,200,222.10</u>
				AMOUNT COLLECTED JANUARY 1st. to July 31st	
Tax Levy 1956		7,215,880.21		5,836,462.80	80.88
Tax Levy 1955		7,437,406.78		5,705,530.51	76.71
Tax Arrears Jan. 1st, 1956		1,293,653.31		585,169.58	45.23
Tax Arrears Jan. 1st, 1955		1,119,041.92		450,457.76	40.25
Total Collections to July 31st, 1956				6,421,632.38	88.10
Total Collections to July 31st, 1955				6,155,988.27	82.77

Respectfully submitted,

H.R. McDonald
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

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APPROVAL DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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

1. Borrowing \$170,000.00 Renovation to City Hall.
2. Borrowing \$12,500.00 Wading Pools Playgrounds.

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT PROGRESS REPORT ✓

A report was submitted from the City Manager respecting progress being made in the City Assessor's Department with respect to visitations to properties, office work and Court of Tax Appeals and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

FILED

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

Meeting adjourned. 10:30 P.M.


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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.


W.P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

E V E N I N G S E S S I O N
S P E C I A L M E E T I N G

City Court Chamber,
Brunswick Street,
Halifax, N.S.,
August 30, 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, Abbott, Lane, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, Ahern, Vaughan and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, T.C. Doyle, L.M. Romkey, W.A.G. Snook, A.E. Fry, G.F. West, W.A. Gray and Dr. E.M. Fogo.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Public Hearing Re: Rezoning South Side of Quinpool Road between Robie and Vernon Streets from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone.
2. " " Re: Rezoning a lot of land on the northern side of Leppert Street from P Zone to C-2 Zone.
3. A. " " Re: Rezoning all the land contained in the block bounded by Liverpool Street, Connolly Street Cork Street and the rear lot lines of properties facing on the West side of Oxford Street between Liverpool and Cork Streets, from C-2 Zone to R-2 Zone.
 B. " " Re: All the land on the North side of Cork Street between Connolly Street and the western boundary line of Civic Number 454 Oxford Street (now or formerly owned by Sobey's Stores Ltd from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-2 Zone (General Residential Zone).
 C. " " Re: The Southwest corner of Oxford Street and Young Street, running 150 feet southwardly on Oxford Street and 75 feet westwardly on Young Street, from R-2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to C-2 Zone (General Business Zone).
 D. " " Re: The Northwest corner of Oxford Street and Young Street, running 100 feet westwardly on Young Street and 100 feet northwardly on Oxford Street, from R-2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to C-2 Zone (General Business Zone).

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3. E. Public Hearing Re: All the land on the south side of Bayers Road between Connaught Avenue and Connoll Street, from R-2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to C-2 Zone (General Business Zone)
4. " " Re: Ordinance #50 Respecting Minimum Standards for Housing Accommodation.
5. Nova Scotia College of Art "Maintenance".

A letter was submitted from the City Solicitor as follows:

To: Mr. W.P. Publicover, City Clerk
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor
Date: August 30, 1956.
Subject: Re: Zoning By-Laws

I am attaching hereto seven Zoning By-Laws for the rezoning of various parcels of land in the City of Halifax, as follows:

1. Rezoning of a portion of the south side of Quinpool Road between Robie and Vernon Streets from R2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to C2 Zone (General Business Zone).
2. Rezoning of a lot of land on the north side of Leppert Street from P Zone (Park and Institutional Zone) to C2 Zone (General Business Zone).
3. Rezoning of a portion of land bounded by Cork, Liverpool and Connolly Streets and the rear lot lines of properties fronting on the west side of Oxford Street between Liverpool and Cork Streets from C2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R2 Zone (General Residential Zone)
4. Rezoning of the southwest corner of Oxford Street and Young Street from R2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to C2 Zone (General Business Zone).
5. Rezoning of the south side of Bayers Road between Connolly Street and Connaught Avenue from R2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to C2 Zone (General Business Zone).
6. Rezoning of the northwest corner of Oxford Street and Young Street from R2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to C2 Zone (General Business Zone).
7. Rezoning of a portion of land on the north side of Cork Street between Connolly and Oxford Streets from C2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R2 Zone (General Residential Zone).

The descriptions of the lands set out in these by-laws were prepared by the Town Planning Engineer.

CARL P. BETHUNE
CITY SOLICITOR.

PUBLIC HEARING Re: REZONING SOUTH SIDE OF QUINPOOL ROAD BETWEEN ROBIE AND VERNON STREETS FROM R-2 ZONE TO C-2 ZONE ✓

A public hearing into the matter of rezoning the above property from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone was held at this time.

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The Town Planning Engineer outlined the proposal and displayed a map showing the property in question.

No persons appeared either for or against the application.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the By-Law be approved.

Alderman DeWolf: "I would suggest that the lot depth be made 100 feet".

Mr. Snook: "It is about 101 now".

Alderman Vaughan stated he was concerned with sections on Vernon Street leading to Pepperell Street. He wanted to know how much more zoning like this application would there be in a revision of the Plan as he felt there were other sections that could be brought up.

The Town Planning Engineer advised that several more applications would be forthcoming soon.

Alderman Wyman arrives at 8.10 P.M.

The motion was put and passed.

PUBLIC HEARING Re: REZONING A LOT OF LAND ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF
LEPPERT STREET FROM R-2 ZONE TO C-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of rezoning the above lot from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone was held at this time.

The Town Planning Engineer outlined the proposal and displayed a map showing the lot in question.

No persons appeared either for or against the application.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the By-Law be approved.

Alderman Vaughan: "Could we have a larger plan of the area bounded by Mumford Road, Chebucto Road and Dutch Village Road? Have we any indication of the Simpson Sears exits at the present time? Mr. Snook, would you say they are adequate?"

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Mr. Snook: "I believe so".

The motion was put and passed.

PUBLIC HEARING Re: REZONING ALL THE LAND CONTAINED IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY LIVERPOOL STREET, CONNOLLY STREET, CORK STREET AND THE REAR LOT LINES OF PROPERTIES FACING ON THE WEST SIDE OF OXFORD STREET BETWEEN LIVERPOOL AND CORK STREETS FROM C-2 ZONE TO R-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of rezoning the above property from C-2 Zone to R-2 Zone was held at this time.

The Town Planning Engineer outlined the proposal and displayed a map showing the property in question.

No persons appeared either for or against the application.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the By-Law be approved.

Alderman DeWolf: "Could the rear lot lines on Oxford Street be 100 feet?"

Mr. Snook: "Between Cork and Young Streets there is one property with a depth of 75 feet".

Alderman DeWolf: "People who are using this for commercial would want at least 100 feet especially for parking their cars. It would be far better to have 100 feet because sooner or later they will ask for it. We might as well do it now as have them coming back later. Nearly every commercial property is desirable at 100 feet".

His Worship the Mayor: "It has been advertised this way. We might pick up the other things when we have a look at a detailed plan later".

Alderman Vaughan: "Following the Town Planning Engineer's thoughts on the Quinpool Road area making it commercial, are we not getting ourselves in the position where all the principal streets leading into the City are going to be commercial in character? These streets are heavily travelled by private vehicles and our transit system. There is going to be a demand for parking facilities in this area. I think our responsibility is to

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lead rather than follow in this matter. We should give some thought to leading the citizens to a thought of going to a block or half a block in the Liverpool-Cork Streets area rather than extending out in a commercial development. It may be alright to say this is the trend but we are creating shopping sections in the City where the City is putting itself in a position where we will have demands for off-street parking. Perhaps, we could plan to have these areas on a commercial block basis rather than on a ribbon development. Those are my views".

Alderman DeWolf: "The Commercial operator wants to be on the main streets. That is where he gets his business. I would suggest 100 or 200 feet to the travelled street is where the man wants to be".

Alderman Vaughan: "What happens to that large commercial building which was built? I refer to Hoyt's. Will it be a non-conforming use?"

Mr. Snook: "Hoyt's building is in a residential zone now. They will exist as a non-conforming use".

Alderman Vaughan: "You are still going to have Hoyt's there and they are permitted to carry on. We are not exchanging, we are extending".

The motion was put and passed.

PUBLIC HEARING Re: REZONING ALL THE LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CORK STREET BETWEEN CONNOLLY STREET AND THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF CIVIC NUMBER 454 OXFORD STREET (NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SOBEY'S STORES LTD.) FROM C-2 ZONE (GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE TO R-2 ZONE GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE).

A Public Hearing into the matter of the rezoning of the above property from C-2 Zone to R-2 Zone was held at this time.

No persons appeared either for or against the application.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the By-Law be approved. Motion passed.

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PUBLIC HEARING Re: REZONING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF OXFORD STREET AND YOUNG STREET RUNNING 150 FEET SOUTHWARDLY ON OXFORD STREET AND 75 FEET WESTWARDLY ON YOUNG STREET FROM R-2 ZONE (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO C-2 ZONE (GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE).

A Public Hearing into the matter of the rezoning of the above property from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone was held at this time.

No persons appeared either for or against the application.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the By-Law be approved. Motion passed. ✓

PUBLIC HEARING Re: REZONING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF OXFORD STREET AND YOUNG STREET RUNNING 100 FEET WESTWARDLY ON YOUNG STREET AND 100 FEET NORTHWARDLY ON OXFORD STREET FROM R-2 ZONE (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO C-2 ZONE (GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE).

A Public Hearing into the matter of the rezoning of the above property from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone was held at this time.

No persons appeared either for or against the application.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the By-Law be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING Re: REZONING ALL THE LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BAYERS ROAD BETWEEN CONNAUGHT AVENUE AND CONNOLLY STREET FROM R-2 ZONE (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO C-2 ZONE (GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE) ✓

A Public Hearing into the matter of the rezoning of the above property from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone was held at this time.

No persons appeared either for or against the application.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the By-Law be approved. Motion passed.

MAINTENANCE - NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART ✓

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

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

Date: August 21, 1956.

Subject: Nova Scotia College of Art -- Maintenance

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Title to the building on George Street has passed to the City. There will be certain costs with regard to insurance and maintenance we can absorb although we have no account set up for this particular building.

A caretaker has been employed by the College who is furnished quarters with heat and light. In addition he had received a salary and bonus. It is recommended that we pay him an amount of \$45.00 per month for his services.

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

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

USE OF COLLEGE OF ART ✓

His Worship the Mayor asked if there is any proposed use to be made of the College of Art building.

The City Manager stated that Professor Stephenson is occupying quarters in the building at the present time and he did not know of any other proposed use. He said the building was very old and a future use would be to acquire more land in that neighbourhood as a possible site for a new City Hall. He felt it would be desirable to house all City offices in one building as well as the School Board.

His Worship the Mayor: "My feeling is that we have a well conceived plan for the re-housing of the offices in City Hall making use of a large part of the ground floor. You don't anticipate any need for office space apart from the School Authorities?"

City Manager: "I don't think the Works Department is well housed. It will be more adequate than what it has been. Looking into the future, we don't know. The more built up we are, the greater is the proportion of City employees for the population."

Alderman Lane stated that as far as the School Board was concerned the matter of space had not gone beyond the planning stage and the Board was not considering any definite recommendations.

His Worship the Mayor: "We have a priceless bit of ground in the Parade. On the corner is the College of Art. By a happy

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and lucky chance it came our way. I don't know if it would be an impossible thing if we were to inquire what the other land could be obtained for. It might be possible to gather in that land at a reasonable figure. I don't think we would be going amiss. It would pay us to consider the ground that surrounds us."

Moved by Alderman Ahern that the City Manager be instructed to negotiate with the owners of the land adjacent to the Snow's Undertaking Parlours.

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think that needs a formal motion. We should at least know what the prices are. We will report back to you."

SECOND COUNCIL MEETING. ✓

Alderman Vaughan referred to the fact that the second meeting of Council was called as a special meeting and only the items on the agenda could be considered. He felt the regular meeting might adjourn to another meeting at the call of the Chair.

City Manager. "As of now we have not the right to have two legal meetings. Mr. Bethune is working on this. I hope when we get around this situation we will have two regular meetings a month and both meetings would be on the same status."

RENOVATIONS COUNCIL CHAMBER ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "At the present time we have underway a plan that is practically all agreed on by the Committee to whom you entrusted this responsibility. Like building a house, as you go along there are ideas that come up. The steel work is in place and we hope when the job is done that you will feel that it is a job that will merit your favorable consideration. It is a most necessary one."

Alderman Vaughan: "Are tenders being called for the furniture?"

His Worship the Mayor: "In part, yes..for the chairs for the gallery, carpeting, drapery. The furniture in the main body

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of the Council Chamber has been given to a firm directly. That was done when we got our interior decorator looking into this matter we had a number of firms approach us to give recommendations of treatment. We felt this was not a question of buying twenty-four desks and chairs but rather a custom built job, and the plan that came forward that we approved was one that came from Seaman-Cross Limited. I had the Purchasing Agent go over their costs and he assured me that they are reasonable costs and the prices are lower than what he might have anticipated for work of this nature."

Alderman Vaughan: "Was there any thought of giving this work out to local firms in Nova Scotia? The Shipyards firm tender on it."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Committee went into careful detail and were advised that it had to be an overall job. The entire job would have to be a blended whole. The other reason was to have the Aldermen's seats divided into three blocks and it seems for us compelling to take the step we did."

Alderman Vaughan: "I am quite sure that Boehner's at La Have or the Shipyards I am sure could have submitted bids."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Committee felt that they were buying an overall concrete idea. I may say that in back of the Mayor's dais is going to be a wooden panel. We decided it would be better to have a wooden plaque card. That could be done by the Shipyards or a former Alderman of this Council, Mr. A.H. MacMillan. We are eager to tender where tendering has the proper application."

Alderman Vaughan; "With respect to the spectators' space; will there be any increase in the number of seats?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It will have a capacity for 85 spectators. I think it will be about double the old plan. We are thinking about having a theatre-type of chair. That construction uses space more efficiently we have been advised. We

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had given thought to the re-finishing of the present furniture but is it wise considering the amount of money you have to spend on it? The cost would run into heavy money. The Committee has been penny pinching. In the interests of economy, we have decided to recommend plastering. We are going to keep under the initial amount for drapery. The Council by unanimous vote, when the figures were read at the last meeting, instructed this Committee to go forward and do this chore. I am confident the Council will be satisfied when it is finished."

Alderman Vaughan: "At the last meeting I was filling in for Your Worship at a public function, and in the meantime I lost the opportunity to discuss this matter in Council. I was discussing this matter with the City Hall reporter a few days ago. I still feel it is a matter of extravagance. I don't think the City of Halifax under the present condition can afford the amount of money for furniture that is proposed for this Council. We are putting heavy frosting on the cake and that cake is not too good in the first place. The building is getting old. I do say we might use a little more modernization on the furniture for the Aldermen and the Mayor's dais. I understand that the Commissioner of Works is quoted that the Mayor's dais will cost \$7,500.00. I understand that the furnishings will cost from \$11,000.00 to \$12,000.00. That is almost \$1,000.00 per Councilman. I suggest to you that a few years ago it was recommended in the School Board that we buy oak desks for the teachers in the classrooms in one of our new high schools. Birch was used and has stood up well. There was a considerable saving in that. As I recall it a whole gymnasium added to a school costs about \$60,000.00. I do suggest that the expenditure of such a large amount of money for furnishings in the Council Chamber is unwise and I don't think we should proceed with that expenditure."

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Alderman Ferguson: "Part of these figures for furniture does include some items which could quite easily be put into the structural. It is not fair to say that the furniture is running \$1,000.00 per man. That is not the case."

Alderman Lane: "I read the statements in the press by the Deputy Mayor. I think if he had followed it step by step, he would know the situation much better. He should have had confidence enough to know that we are not going to spend the tax payers' money unwisely. Since he has no confidence in this Committee, I would be glad for you to accept my resignation from it and to appoint the Deputy Mayor in my place to finish the job economically."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think I would take your resignation."

Alderman Lane: "I don't think you have a choice. I have resigned."

His Worship the Mayor: "I urge upon you that you not consider that step. You are too far along on a good job. If the press story is accurate and we are charged with extravagance on the job, and in the next breath the Alderman suggests fixing up the present furniture, I think a charge could be levelled at the Deputy Mayor. To spend money on something that is old would be a policy to which I would have no part."

Alderman Ahern: "May I, at this time, re-affirm my confidence in the Committee, and suggest that Mrs. Lane remain on the Committee."

Alderman Vaughan: "There has been no minutes read. I don't remember reading any minutes about the proposed expenditures. My objection is not to the structural changes--painting and plastering--but for the amount of money being spent for the furnishings in the Council Chamber."

Alderman Ferguson: "I don't think I can further serve on this Committee. We have made the decisions together and I think if a new Committee is necessary, I don't care to be on it."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I think the job should be done and I am confident that the right steps have been taken."

Alderman Lane: "It is a case of an accusation from an Alderman who has been responsible for the appointing of this Committee. He has expressed his distrust in this Committee. I would suggest that a new Committee be appointed."

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the Committee be given a vote of confidence and that its actions to date be confirmed.

Alderman DeWolf: "This is a ceremonial chamber that is being remodelled. It is for the use of the Council for many years to come. With the amount of money being spent there, it may be good for another 50 or 100 years. It is certainly no worse and not as bad to get a bunch of firecrackers for the Natal Day program. No offence to Alderman Ahern. I think it is all part of a ceremony. I think it is good business to have ceremonies."

Alderman Vaughan: "Could I have a breakdown as to what the costs are apart from the structural changes in the Council Chamber

His Worship the Mayor: "You can get it from the City Clerk.

Alderman Vaughan: "I don't express any lack of confidence in the Committee members as such. I believe the job should be done cheaper; say \$15,000.00 against \$30,000.00 as proposed. I am not referring to the drapery or extending the seating but I certainly question whether we are going to put in theatre seats and give more capacity. I understand that they will put in theatre seats on a slope rising from one to six inches. I understand, also, that the Council will be set up in blocks of three; sort of a French Assembly style. It will be 4, 4 and 6."

His Worship the Mayor: "Nothing could be further from the truth. The move was made with a view to giving more desk space to the Aldermen.

Alderman Vaughan: "Of what material are the desks?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "Oak."

Alderman Vaughan: "How many seats on the Mayor's dais?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The same."

Alderman Vaughan: "Any change in the seating plan for the Officials in the centre of the Chamber?"

His Worship the Mayor: "There will be two desks placed at right angles to each other. The Press will be at each end of the Mayor's dais. We are taking part of the back stairwell and making a small press room."

Alderman Vaughan: "I still feel that it can be done cheaper than \$30,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "I get to nearly all the Council meetings and, missing one, I lose my power of debate. You can't be two places at one time. I have seen the Council Chambers of London, Hamilton, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver and I am sure that our plans are modest in comparison to the decor of those Chambers."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Adams
Fox
Ahern
Wyman
DeWolf
Abbott

AGAINST IT

Alderman Vaughan

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Aldermen Ferguson, Greenwood and Lane refrained from voting.

PUBLIC HEARING Re: ORDINANCE #50 RESPECTING MINIMUM ✓
STANDARDS FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

A Public Hearing into the above matter was held at this time.

Mr. C. Griffiths appeared in connection with Section 1, subsection "f" with respect to the definition of the word "owner". He asked if a man sold a home within the last 4 or 5 years would he still be considered the owner.

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Assistant City Solicitor: "Yes. If he is buying it under an agreement of sale, he is still the owner".

His Worship the Mayor: "The person who has taken over."

Mr. Griffiths: "I would take it that an original owner who sold the property would still be responsible."

Assistant City Solicitor: "If there is an agreement of sale the owner is still the holder of the legal title."

His Worship the Mayor: "It has so been drawn that the law would be applicable to a person who has sold and is buying under an agreement of sale and is in possession."

Alderman DeWolf: "The man who has purchased under an agreement of sale is the man to whom any notice should go first. I think it should be changed. A man who sold the property 10 years ago should not be held responsible."

His Worship the Mayor: "Once he has divested himself from the right of possession he has no legal status to go on the property to make the repairs."

Alderman DeWolf suggested that the 10 year term be deleted from the sub-section.

Assistant City Solicitor: "Any owner of sub-standard housing can sell it by agreement of sale and he is rid of it."

City Manager: "You would find that many properties would come under these agreements and stifle this whole program of bringing these properties up to standard."

His Worship the Mayor: "Until a few years ago, properties were sold under deed and mortgage and agreement of sales 50/50. No lawyer would find any difficulty in getting around the point you are trying to cover."

Assistant City Solicitor: "If you hold a mortgage, you take the legal title."

His Worship the Mayor: "I disagree."

Assistant City Solicitor: "If you put these minimum standards in, they won't give you a mortgage."

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Alderman DeWolf: "The mortgage company is no different from the vendor. The first person to go after is the person who holds the equity in title. It is the property that bears the brunt."

Alderman Vaughan: "Can we have a legal description of the word "owner"?"

City Manager: "We can bring this back to Council."

Mr. Griffiths then referred to Section 8, sub-section 3 and stated: "I object to that for the reason it would only create a hardship on the people who own a home from which they receive no revenue. I am only speaking about people who own homes from which they get no revenue. It would be financially impossible for those people to pay for those improvements."

Alderman DeWolf: "The period of time might be extended in the case of an owner as against a tenant occupied."

Mr. H.E. Hoare: "To give tenants that accommodation is a very expensive item. I receive very small rents."

His Worship the Mayor: "The section reads that the owner is to provide a hot water boiler and not supply the hot water."

Mr. A. Mathews: "I am concerned with the owner and perhaps a pensioner who is not able to make all these improvements. When a person pays the first tax bill he should be the recognized owner. I do hope that you will give it very careful consideration and see that the poor people are not going to be penalized and not be able to remedy the cause of violating the law."

His Worship the Mayor: "The application will be postponed for about 16 months until January 1, 1958. I spoke to a group of Supervisors from the banks in town and said this matter will lead to a lot more applications under the Home Improvement Loans. I was advised that both of these banks are eager to grant a loan providing a person has a good credit rating. The Council is looking for improved housing accommodation in the City at large and this will entail considerable expenditure in a good many cases."

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Alderman Vaughan: "Any thought being given by yourself to provide funds from which the home owner could borrow? I believe in Baltimore the funds were set up by public-spirited citizens. The City of Halifax certainly has ample precedent for making the funds available as they did with the prefab houses. We will reach a point where we will have certain dollars in a fund which could be spent with permission from the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Could permission be given for the loaning of these funds?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It might well be that we could consider a system whereby with the agreement of the owner and mortgagee that a given percentage of money be given at the current rate to make these improvements. I don't think we would stand to lose any money. I will be glad to look into it. Alderman DeWolf broached that point in a discussion some two months ago."

Alderman DeWolf: "It would have to be a lien in this case because the prefab titles were in the City. Could we find out what they do in England?"

His Worship the Mayor: I can find out through the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities."

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

Meeting adjourned.

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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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CITY CLERK.