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VENING SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

City Court Chamber,  
Brunswick Street,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 3, 1957,  
8:00 P.M.

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

After the meeting was called to order 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 the Deputy Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Rezoning North-west corner of Gottingen and North Streets from R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone) to C-2 Zone (General Business Zone.)
2. Report Prof. Stephenson Re: Housing Survey
3. Sackville Street Parking Lot.
4. Questions by Aldermen
5. Park'g Cheapside
6. Honorarium Justice Pottier.
7. Sidewalk Snow Removal:
  - (a) Motion Alderman Abbott.
  - (b) Letter Halifax & District Trades & Labor Council.
8. Joint Expenditure Contribution.
9. Registry of Deeds Enlargement.
10. Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis.
11. Bellevue Expropriation Deed of Covenant.
12. Mounted Squad Police Department.
13. Honorarium Dr. C.J.W. Beckwith.

PUBLIC HEARING Re: REZONING NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOTTINGEN & NORTH STREETS FROM  
R-3 (MULTIPLE DWELLING ZONE) TO C-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE)

A Public Hearing into the matter of rezoning the northwest corner of Gottingen and North Streets from R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone) to C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) was held at this time.

Mr. J.E. Rutledge, Q.C. appeared on behalf of the owner of the Webster Apartments in opposition to any change in the zoning and addressed the Council as follows: "The grounds of our objections are a number. This is an application for spot rezoning. The Council always objects to it. A more important objection from the owner of the Webster Apartments is this; that they have a

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\$55,000.00 property in very fine condition with a considerable number of apartments in it and they have spent upwards to \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00 to modernize it. This filling station would be situated in an already residential district. There is no shortage of filling stations in the City. Perhaps we have too many; I don't know. There are filling stations all around that area particularly to the west of it so there is no crying necessity for that kind of service in that place. When the owners spent all that money they did so when it was a residential area. It is proposed to tear down this theatre and put up a filling station. This is on a corner where it is busy and with increasing traffic it will be more busy. A filling station is something that will not enhance the value of the apartments but will detract from their value.\*

Alderman O'Malley arrives at 8:05 P.M.

Mr. Charles A. Evans of 91 North Street addressed the Council as follows: "I don't think there is anything further to say. I do think it is a piece of imposition to put a filling station on a corner that is congested as that is and I can see it every day. Any person who votes for it I think needs to have his head examined."

Alderman DeWolf stated that his Company was the agent for the property in question and that it was optioned to someone else who in turn optioned it to the British American Oil Company. "I consulted Mr. Bethune on my status in this matter and he says legally there is no objection to my voting. Perhaps it would be better for me to refrain. As agents for the property every effort was made to sell it over a period of months. We solicited a number of church bodies but an amount of money needed to be spent was such that smaller congregations were unable to do anything about it. I believe the proposed buyers of the property are willing to set aside a 12 foot strip for the widening of North Street if that is to come in future years. That would be an advantage. It would no longer be a blind corner. This firm the British American Oil Company are anticipating and intend to operate in Halifax. It is a very large company. They want to establish here. That 12 foot I think is a most important factor. Somebody else may come along and say we are going to build right up to the corner. In connection with the Webster Apartments if my memory serves me

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correctly, I think they applied for spot rezoning on the rear of their own property. I could be wrong in this but that is my belief."

Read report from the Town Planning Board as follows:

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: November 20, 1956.  
Subject: Application to Rezone North West Corner of Gottingen St. & North St.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a request to rezone the northwest corner of Gottingen Street and North Street from R3 residential to C2 commercial to permit the construction of a service station, was considered.

The Board approved, and recommended that this be referred to City Council to set a date for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Alderman O'Brien: "I would like to express my opposition to the rezoning. In order to make traffic improvements where there are lights and trolley coaches operating, with time we should have them stopping on the far side of the intersection. I believe Gottingen Street will become a more important traffic artery in time and therefore I feel a service station should not be built on that corner."

Alderman Wyman arrives at 8:15 P.M.

Alderman Dunlop: "Suppose this is turned down, what will become of that building? Will it deteriorate and become an eyesore? A building of this kind has a very limited use. About the same arguments were made when the buildings were taken down at the corner of Robie and Cunard Streets. Actually that service station has improved that corner. I would like to know what the assessment is."

Mr. Thomson: "The valuation set by the Tax Appeal Court was in the vicinity of \$30,000.00."

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Alderman Dunlop: "If the building keeps vacant that figure will go down year after year. I think it would be better to grant the application and let something be put there that will bring the City more taxes."

Alderman Macdonald: "I believe it has been approved by the Town Planning Engineer. I don't like spot zoning in some places but there are other places in which I don't think we can get away from it. North Street might be one of them. I can't see North Street being retained as a residential street. A building costing upwards of \$100,000.00 is progress to our City. If we are going to stop progress in building on account of traffic then I think we are taking a backward step. I feel I will have to vote tonight the same as I did in the Town Planning Board meeting."

Chief Mitchell: "Business of that type at that location is not desirable but it is no different than other corners where the same business is carried on."

Alderman Wyman felt that traffic at the intersection would be improved if the building were removed as there would be better visibility.

Chief Mitchell stated that that corner is controlled by traffic lights now.

Alderman Lane asked if there were any provision whereby some land would be left for street widening.

Mr. Snook: "There is a 12 foot section reserved and they have agreed to a curve of 20% radius. The lot is 113 x 113 feet. The opportunity to widen North Street will be there. In the long term I think we are going to see Gottingen Street business district grow. It is true that this is spot rezoning but every once in a while there is an exception to the rule and I think this is one of them. I am concerned about the future use of that property as an R-3 zone. I feel a service station would be an improvement to the area in general."

Alderman Vaughan: "How is this 12 foot strip being reserved?"

Mr. Snook: "The plan shows this 12 foot strip plainly marked for the future widening purposes."

City Solicitor: "The only way we can do it is to take a conveyance or blue-line it. I suggest that you might consider that."

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Alderman Ferguson: "Can we have any different suggestion to this strip of land being reserved?"

City Solicitor: "I don't think you can. You have to set a date for a public hearing for the laying down of official street lines. I suggest that if you want to proceed with it you might instruct the Commissioner of Works to bring along the necessary plans to lay down the official street lines. You could defer this for one month and bring about the procedure for the laying down of the lines."

Alderman Ferguson: "Is there a new line on North Street?"

Mr. West: "It just comes up to Gottingen Street."

City Manager: "We should re-study the whole thing. I can't remember what is west of the theatre."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the information given here be reported back to the Town Planning Board.

Alderman Abbott: "Could we not approve of this subject to the Company conveying this strip to the City?"

City Solicitor: "If the Company wishes to tender us a deed when you are considering the By-Law you could proceed. If we wanted it even with the building built back we may be up against expropriation proceedings and have to pay additional money for severance. You should approve of the By-Law or disapprove of it."

Alderman DeWolf: "These options have a habit of running out and that is why a deferment in this case might create a hardship. Company did of its own accord suggest this 12 foot strip and it seems to me that the City can protect itself. A deferment certainly would affect the option on the property and the going ahead of this program."

City Solicitor: "A qualified approval of a By-Law is not an approval at all."

Alderman Dunlop: "Surely there is someone here who can speak for the company. In view of a letter from the Bridge Commission we are not going to widen North Street. As a result of that we dropped expropriation proceedings on the Garson property. I understood that was not going to be expropriated."

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The Bridge Commission wrote a letter to this Council in which they said that. I can see that that building on the corner is going to take some time to come down. Perhaps we might leave it for two weeks until the regular meeting."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that this matter be adjourned until the regular meeting of the Council in January.

Motion passed.

6:15 P.M. His Worship the Mayor arrives.

REPORT PROFESSOR STEPHENSON Re: HOUSING SURVEY

A report was submitted from the City Manager under date of January 2, 1957 in which he listed the various headings under which Prof. Stephenson would make his report to the Council.

Copies of this report were furnished the members of Council at this meeting.

Prof. Stephenson addressed the Council as follows: "In the summer and early autumn we made quite an intensive fact finding survey. I listened to the thoughts and opinions expressed by people and organizations and I have been developing thoughts of my own. In the last three months it has been a question of digesting material. Some packages were quite large. There were 14 of them. I believe we will submit the report on time which will be early in April. It will be submitted as a printed illustrated booklet. My thought is that it should not be one of those thick volumes. It should be to the point as much as possible and written in such a manner that a great many people will be interested in reading it. We have been trying to do much more than a housing survey. I have a lot of facts to study and I want to put down general thoughts about the City as a whole as well as specific recommendations regarding certain possible schemes. The Gordon Commission is working on a 25 year basis. We will try to work 25 years ahead. The City will be very much larger. It is reasonable to assume that there will be somewhere near 300,000 people in 25 years' time. Whatever schemes you adopt I think you should bear in mind the fact that it will be a very much larger City. There will be changes in the City. The future housing will be largely outside the peninsula.

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We are concentrating views on the older parts of the City in the area from North Street south to Spring Garden Road from the railway station to Robie Street on the west. With the Metropolitan region there is always the possibility that things which should go in the central area of the City would go outside the City. One has to develop what the downtown commercial building will require in the future. It seems clear to me that some of the housing in the downtown area and particularly that part of Jacob and Brunswick Streets should be displaced and give way to commercial development if not immediately, within some program or policy. There is some of the worst housing within the area I have described. It is possible that improvements could be made. It would benefit the commerce of the City under the National Housing Act. There are also within the area I have described two shopping centres that will grow. They are Gottingen Street and Spring Garden Road areas. They will have problems of growth. It would be possible to develop quite sensible schemes for the growth of both of these areas providing parking areas and improving them. We will develop thoughts about these two as well as the central area proper. There is another part of the City which should be regarded as an area for improvement and great improvement and that flanks what is a main approach to the City centre from the Bridge and in the longer term from the North and that is the Barrington Street approach. I think some visitors get a bad and false impression of Halifax when they get off the Bridge and come to the centre of the City. I have heard quite a few remarks from people. It is possible to envisage improvements; short and long term which would effect the street. It is pretty clear in my mind that ultimately there should be no housing between the Harbour and Barrington Street on the east. The Dockyard alone would require some considerable land. It is fairly easy to predict that the space requirements should be through Barrington Street. That means that quite a number of houses, many of which are exceedingly in a poor condition, will be eventually removed for non-housing use. I also said that in the central area there would be a great many houses in bad condition which should also go and be replaced by other uses; in this case commercial. On the west side of Barrington Street is the area that was studied by your Advisory

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It would be easier to say that all would go in the next 10 or 20 years. The area is to be changed in parts of that area. Again the area is to be changed in parts. I want to discuss now with the members of the Planning Board and try to decide in the process of exchanging ideas I can fairly say what would satisfy the commercial needs and also with the laying up of an area a housing development would be made easier. I would like that it would be possible for you to encourage housing companies, getting the area housing companies to participate in one of the redevelopment areas. That is not all the thought of public housing. The other part of the thought is the housing development in the North end. In the summer we had discussions with the members of the Board. On paper there are some practical and some theoretical problems. There is the railway and the development of the area, but it is a rather complicated series of processes and procedures. It is necessary to displace a number of people and to build a number of new units. But it is essential that the new units be built on land which is not already built on. I would like to see that it is not built on or contains a building which is being used. The Market Place for example; I don't think it is a good idea to think of a scheme for that. There could be apartments on the site which would be available to people who are displaced in one of the other areas. I feel that I have not yet made the full calculation that that is to be done with the displacement that is bound to take place or even if you apply your Minimum Standards with great effect. You will need the land in the Boyers Road area and the City Prison site. The City Prison land for a variety of reasons should be developed at a relatively high density. There should be something like 10 units to the acre and perhaps on the Limited Dividend principle a few units that would run slightly higher than the Provincial-Canada partnership scheme. Three bedroom apartments at \$75.00 per month rather than \$60.00 or \$65.00 on the Provincial-Federal scheme. The new land is as important as the series of complicated moves you will have to make if you are going to project with the National Housing Act."



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Alderman Lloyd: "Is this interim report which outlines the character of the final report an enlargement of the original plan. What is this outline study?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the terms of reference were fairly broad."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is this a City-Federal joint effort?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Prof. Stephenson: "It is a normal monthly report."

Alderman Ferguson: "Did I understand that Prof. Stephenson had a meeting with the Gottingen Street merchants?"

Prof. Stephenson: "That is correct."

His Worship the Mayor: "I suppose they had useful discussions."

Alderman Ferguson: "Some of the merchants mentioned the meeting 2 weeks ago and they were asking me some questions. Neither Alderman Fox nor I on the Parking Committee were notified."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the Gottingen Street merchants by and large are quite satisfied."

Alderman Ferguson: "The Gottingen Street merchants were very much concerned about how soon this lot could be started. Have things been left to the future? I am concerned where the situation stands now. If they are satisfied then I am happy."

City Manager: "The situation is that Prof. Stephenson advanced some ideas to the merchants yesterday which were quite different than talked about before. There seemed to be a meeting of minds and everyone seemed to be thinking alike. They wanted to think about it a bit and I think that is where it stands now. I told them the capital expenditure would not be lost."

Alderman Lloyd: "I was hoping that the Professor's conclusions would not be reached piecemeal but would reach us at once."

Prof. Stephenson: "That is my stand. I want to do exactly what Alderman Lloyd speaks about."

Alderman O'Brien: "Is not the basic answer to Alderman Ferguson's question about the timing of this parking lot that we must re-house the people? The first step is to take the new land and proceed to build and that will determine when the parking space will be available."

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Alderman Ferguson: "My stand is that if we need a parking lot and we can get a contribution from the Federal Government, that is fine. I don't want it understood that we will have to wait for years before we can get a parking lot. We may have to get a parking lot sooner than parts of this report can be implemented."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that when the Professor says the overall report will take years to put into effect that does not mean that certain parts can't be dealt with immediately."

Alderman Lloyd: "That is what I was referring to that the whole report will come to us in April. There are assessments, taxation and bond borrowings in this and there is the human side in it too which concerns the Aldermen. I gather the scope of the study which was intended from the beginning extends to North Street to Spring Garden Road which is quite a much broader approach than I gathered erroneously from newspaper articles. He makes reference to the Canadian British Organization #12 in his report. From information which came into my hands today I suggest to Prof. Stephenson and any member of the Metropolitan Commission that they take a second look at the qualifications of the men, those who did the field work and see just how authoritatively we can accept the report. We are thoroughly familiar with the Metropolitan Area. I was a little bit shocked at \$150,000.00 for the way that work was performed. I will give you that information privately Your Worship. If you deem it necessary you can take steps for further inquiries. The report was written in London, England and most of the work was done by men who were not engineers. I suggest to Professor Stephenson that he take two looks at their report before he includes anything in his report."

Alderman O'Brien, referring to the housing problem in Halifax, asked where the City's responsibilities were so that it was not assuming the responsibility of the other municipalities in the area.

Prof. Stephenson: "It gives a glimpse of the overall problem. You as City Council can't solve the problems of the region within the confines of the City. There will have to be a housing policy for the region as a whole otherwise you might find yourselves in the position of having to deal or explain why

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you can't deal with all the low rental housing of this region "

His Worship the Mayor: "You feel that we have to limit ourselves to building "

Prof. Stephenson: "Yes."

Alderman O'Brien: "He suggested that if we were to build through Limited Dividend Corporations the rents would be slightly higher. Where do we fit if we are faced with people who can't afford those higher rents? What about the housing where the rents are geared to income?"

Prof. Stephenson: "The Manning Pool would be Federal-Provincial. In that case the rents would be geared to income."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think you prefer the Limited Dividend Corporations rather than the rents geared to income because of the different factors that come with the geared to income project. In the partnership deal you retain no more than 25%. The Limited Dividend Corporation can be set up privately or we can do it ourselves by setting up an entity for that purpose."

Alderman O'Brien asked if Professor Stephenson would have any kind of an opinion as to the matter of Rental Control.

Prof. Stephenson: "I would not hazard an answer to that question. I think the law of supply and demand is working in such a way that the stock of older housing in the centre part of the City where there is a great deal of overcrowding."

His Worship the Mayor: "If you have the pressure from outside communities I don't think you will ever reach that point where there will be enough units."

Alderman Lloyd: "With the Credit Restrictions and high interest rate, it has tended to cut down construction "

Alderman Lane: "There is a housing project which has 4 units in one building. It seems a bit odd that we don't go in for much larger buildings. It seems to me that other cities have had to meet that by building larger units comparable to the ones at Shannon Park "

Prof. Stephenson: "My thought is that your remaining land is quite small in area and should be developed with a much higher density. That is the Manning Pool and City Prison property and land which still remains in the name of C.M.H.C. on Bayers Road. I think you could get very nice accommodation with higher density by using row housing and three storey walk-ups."

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SACKVILLE STREET PARKING LOT

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: December 18th, 1956.

Subject: Sackville Street Parking Lot.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached report from the City Manager relative to the Sackville Street Parking Lot was considered.

The Committee recommended that in the light of information furnished by the City Manager, this Parking Lot be closed on January 3rd, 1957 and no further recommendations be carried out.

Alderman O'Brien opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

The City Manager's report referred to is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

Alderman O'Brien: "I have thought this matter over since that meeting of the Committee on Works and some of your views have had an effect on my thinking. I do not believe that this parking lot would serve shoppers. I think it is too far from Spring Garden Road. The purpose of this lot is to serve people who go in and out of the United Services Building. I do not believe it is our duty to supply parking for employees. In order to relieve the parking situation there I am inclined to agree to closing the lot and I am inclined to think we should put parking meters along South Park Street and make available space for people who have to make business calls there but not for all day. Parking in some cities is on a basis of paying its own way. If we can come up with a scheme that will pay its full way then at a later date we might consider some lot. I am satisfied to see the lot closed provided we have some meters in that area."

To: His Worship, L. A. Kitz, and  
Members of City Council,  
From: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,  
Date: December 6, 1956  
Subject: Sackville Street Parking Lot

At the request of City Council we have been considering the petition by interested parties for an all-day parking lot on the south side of Citadel Hill. Eight possible types of improvements are listed below with their approximate costs. Should any one of them be selected a closer study should be made of the estimated costs to more nearly reflect the cost of some details which we have not computed at this preliminary stage.

1. A boulevarded street at the same level as the present Sackville Street, providing a 40-foot roadway, asphalt paved with parallel parking on one side for about 30 cars - cost \$90,000.00.
2. A boulevarded street on two levels, providing a 40-foot roadway, asphalt paved with parallel parking on one side for about 30 cars - cost \$75,000.00
3. A paved parking lot on same level as present Sackville Street, 40 feet wide, providing 100 spaces of right angle parking, curb and gutter on north side for future conversion to a street, if desired - cost \$73,000.00.
4. A paved parking lot on higher level than present Sackville Street, 40 feet wide, providing 100 spaces of right angle parking, curb and gutter on north side - cost \$57,000.00.
5. An unpaved (gravel) parking lot, level but higher than Sackville Street, no curbs, ditch on north side for drainage, providing space for 100 cars - cost \$32,000.00.
6. Present parking area - one-third of area covered in five suggestions above cost \$10,000.00, finished as in 5 above.
7. A paved parking lot, similar to 3 above except that it would be 50 feet wide, which would provide angle parking for 165 cars. A retaining wall and additional excavation would cost \$115,000.00 - total cost \$190,000.00.
8. A paved parking lot, similar to 3 above except that it would be 60 feet wide which would provide right angle parking for 200 cars. Retaining wall and additional excavation would cost \$125,000.00 - total cost \$200,000.00.

Before selecting any plan consideration should be given to whether a parking lot should be provided for that type parking - all-day parking. There is only one reason to commend it - there is a need for it if employees and owners of business drive their cars to work.

There are at least three reasons against it:-

1. I do not believe this type parking is the responsibility of the City. We have not satisfied the demands for shoppers' parking. Indeed, the same group

which is petitioning for this lot still has a problem in the future for a shoppers' lot which is temporarily located on the Nova Scotia Technical College grounds.

2. From the standpoint of good planning and development of Citadel Hill this is not the place for a parking lot. Traffic is very heavy on Sackville Street and an outlet from a parking lot should not be so located if it can be avoided. Some reference has been made to the eastern slope of the Citadel with regard to treating it in the same fashion as the south slope. With this thinking I would disagree because:

a) The slope is much steeper on the east and work is required (retaining wall) to prevent erosion of the hill.

b) The commercial buildings and older type housing on Brunswick Street is of a different nature than R. A. Park.

c) While Brunswick Street is an important artery it does not have the volume of traffic Sackville Street does. Furthermore, it is closer to the downtown area and can be used for parking until there is need to further widen Brunswick Street.

3. Financing would have to be done by a capital borrowing. Nothing has been included for parking meters which would be financed as we have acquired other meters.

Chief Mitchell's opinion on the necessity for a parking lot is given below:

"In relation to the proposed parking lot on the north side of Sackville Street between Brunswick Street and Bell Road, please be advised that I feel a need exists for a parking lot in this area.

I am of the opinion, however, that a metered parking lot for approximately fifty vehicles might well fit the present demand for it is my belief that, with metering, the number of cars presently using the existing parking lot might well be reduced for it would perhaps eliminate the all day free parker.

Our planning should include provisions for future expansion, should the need arise.

Generally speaking, at the moment the available parking space in the immediate vicinity has reached the saturation point and to close the existing parking lot and provide for no other would throw an additional burden on our streets in this vicinity."

Attached:

- 1). Diagram of Scheme 3 - shown in its entirety from Brunswick Street to Bell Road.
- 2). Cross-section of all eight plans showing variation in boulevard, slope, etc.

*A. A. DeBault*

City Manager.

Brunswick St

R. A. Park

Sackville St

Queen St

Dresden Row

M.T.T.

Briar Lane

United Service

No. Park

entrance to Citadel

Citadel

1st house used

parking

space

for

100 cars

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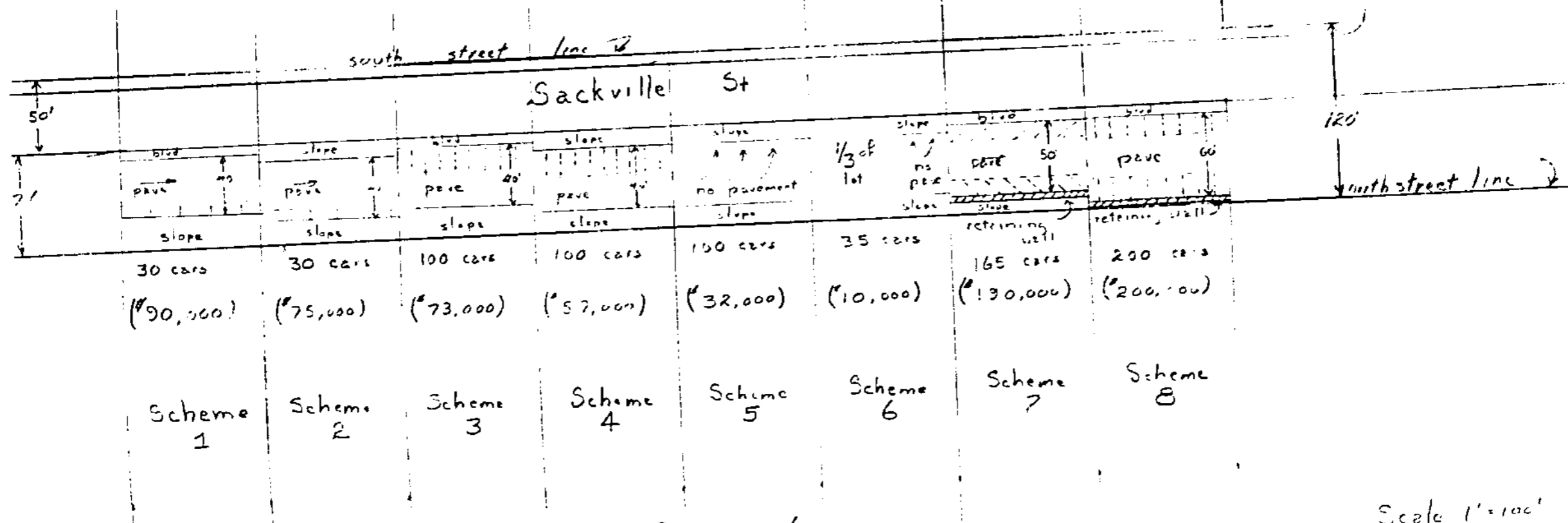
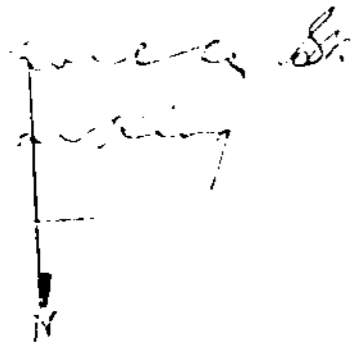
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Alderman O'Malley: "I feel it should be permitted to remain open and have a further look at this after we receive the report from Prof. Stephenson who is taken in the scope of parking. I don't think this is the proper time to make a definite decision. Perhaps parking meters should be provided in that area. I think parking under some supervision should continue until after we receive the report in April and then we will be able to make a proper decision."

Moved an amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this matter of closing the lot be deferred until after the report is received from Prof. Stephenson and in the meantime parking meters be installed in the South Park Street Area.

Alderman Macdonald: "My thoughts have not changed and I think we will continue for a period of weeks and months that that is all day parking. Only on a few occasions when they have 2 or 3 large trucks parked in the area and I think that the employees are very privileged to have that parking lot. It should be placed on other streets adjacent to Spring Garden Road. There has been so much improvement in the area from the Willow Street to Sackville Street and it is recognized by so many citizens of Halifax. I think this is one thing that takes away the beauty of the general planning of that area. I don't think it should be allowed to remain there."

Alderman O'Malley: "I don't think any member of Council would like to see that lot as it exists. If we are going to do away with that we must do away with it on Rainnie Drive also. That is why I would like to see the matter deferred until next Spring."

Alderman Fox: "The City went to the expense of digging Brunswick Street out for meters and none have been put in."

Alderman Dunlop: "I am in favor of the recommendation of the Chief of Police. I am not in favor of free parking. I have heard a great deal about the Citadel Hill parking. They are parking right on the land by the Province Building under the statue of Joseph Howe. I am going to vote for the deferment. There are not enough backyards and sideyards in this City to get the cars off the streets. There are cars parked on the Commons."

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Scheme 1  
Scheme 2  
Scheme 3  
Scheme 4  
Scheme 5  
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The Chief of Police was asked about the length of time required to put the meter in place as follows: "As to the length of time it should not be too long. We are contemplating putting meters in on South Park Street on a split time basis and I will be making a recommendation in the near future. Whether or not the parking lot is open has no bearing on this recommendation."

The amendment was put and passed 9 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman  
O'Connell  
Wynne  
Carr  
Richardson  
Dwyer  
Abel  
Barker

AGAINST IT

Alderman Irwin  
Macdonald  
Ferguson  
Wynne

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HEATING CONTRACT COSSOR CANADA LTD.

Alderman Ferguson: "I have a report on the heating problem with respect to the Forum Club."

His Worship the Mayor: "The City has a lease with Cossor. A dispute has arisen in how your heat has been used. Since the Forum Commission has no actual say by the operation of that property the rent goes to the Forum coffers. The Solicitor of the Forum Commission advises that the Forum Commission has advised them that the City has the right on their side. The Forum Commission have referred that to the City Solicitor with a recommendation that they should sue."

City Manager: "It was determined that the meter was not measuring the heat properly. We have found different meters costing between \$700.00 and \$800.00 each which would do the job. We will have to talk with the Forum Commission about the installation of the meter and certain other changes in the system so that we get a clear registration of the heat used."

His Worship the Mayor to City Manager: "I urge upon you that you confer with the City Solicitor because there is a large sum of money due the City."

Alderman Ferguson: "Last year it was about \$2,000.00"

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Mr. Warden: "I think they can be made to pay"

Alderman [unclear]: "The rate was set by a Committee. It was pointed out that the rate was going to be lost."

It was agreed that the matter be referred to the City Manager to confer with the City Solicitor and in his decision if he felt action should be taken that he advise the Finance and Executive Committee.

METROPOLITAN SURVEY REPORT

Alderman [unclear]: "I thought that matter was going to be placed on the agenda."

Mr. Warden: "We have 3 persons on as representatives of this Council. There was a meeting the other day and Warden Leverman was appointed Chairman."

It was agreed that the item be placed on the agenda for the meeting scheduled for the next day.

COAL TENDERS

Alderman [unclear]: "The tenders for coal had been dealt with by Council a year ago and was stated by the City Manager that Council had approved of the contract."

ACCIDENTS CORNER CHARLES & AGRICOLA STREETS

Alderman O'Malley: "For figures respecting accidents at the above intersection during the past year."

The Chief of Police stated he would report on the matter.

SPEED LIMIT ON MAIN TRAFFIC ARTERIES

Alderman O'Malley: "Some action should be taken by the Traffic Authority to limit the speed on certain main arteries in the City. The cars go over the intersection and cut off the people at the lights. Going across the intersection should be checked up."

Chief Mitchell: "The Traffic Authority can't lower the speed to 20 miles but he can raise it to 30."

OPENING OF COUNCIL CHAMBER

Alderman O'Malley: "When will the opening of the Council Chamber take place?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "January 13th or earlier. We may have a meeting earlier on the budget. Have you any thoughts on the opening?"

Alderman O'Malley: "We should have a formal opening."

His Worship the Mayor: "Would you want to invite the Premier and the Lt/Governor as guests? I will be happy to have some guidance."

Alderman O'Malley suggested that the original Renovations Committee take charge of the opening ceremonies.

As there was only one member who had not resigned the matter was left with His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman DeWolf: "It should be wide open to the public."

His Worship the Mayor: "You might have open house. You could start at 7:00 P.M. and have the meeting at 8:30 P.M."

Alderman Lloyd: "You could have an official opening night with the cooperation of T.V. You might have something on the story of it. The Aldermen and what words they represent."

#### ART SCHOOL ✓

Alderman DeWolf: "What is the status of the Art School? Is it closed? Are the pipes drained?"

City Manager: "There is a caretaker in the building and it is closed. We have had an inquiry about the possibility of renting the lower floor to a retail firm. There will be a report brought before the Committee. We keep some heat and we pay the caretaker."

Alderman DeWolf: "I suppose it must be costing about \$200.00 a month for the caretaker and heat. We should rent it to someone."

His Worship the Mayor: "It should go on the next Committee on Works agenda. We should rent the building on a long term basis and prospective tenants might fix it up."

#### PARKING METER VIOLATIONS ✓

Alderman Macdonald: "I would like the Chief of Police to provide information on parking meter violations. I would like to have a breakdown between the violations for overstaying the time and those that have overstayed the time for meter feeding."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Have there been fines paid for meter feeding?"

Chief of Police: "That is correct."

The matter was referred to the Chief for a report

ART SCHOOL ✓

Alderman Dunlop: "With respect to the Art School, I suggest that when we consider legislation that we get it approving of us to lease or sell the Art School."

ABANDONMENT RAIL BUS SERVICE ✓

Due to the fact that Hall's Bus Company have applied to the Public Utility Board to abandon its bus service in Dartmouth the City Solicitor brought the matter to the attention of the City Council and asked for instructions in this connection as a portion of the trolley coach fare for crossing the Bridge went to this Company.

The Council instructed the City Solicitor to attend the hearing in the interests of the City of Halifax.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. SHANE - T.B. HOSPITAL ✓

Dr. Morton: "I have been looking for someone to fill Dr. Beckwith's place. Dr. Shane is available on a part time basis. I would like to have some understanding on it. The salary scale would be \$4,520.00 to \$5,000.00 for five half days a week. He would like to know so he can give his notice to the Government."

Alderman Dunlop: "Is not Dr. Kloss qualified to take over?"

Dr. Morton: "Not in an administrative capacity."

Alderman Dunlop: "Will he look after the hospital the other two days?"

Dr. Morton: "Yes."

As this matter was not on the agenda for this meeting it was agreed that the item be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of Council and the appointment approved at that time.

PARKING CHEAPSIDE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: December 18th, 1956  
Subject: Parking - Cheapside.

January 1, 1957

Resolved, That the report of the Traffic Planning Commission on the above date, the  
recommendations of which are being submitted, be approved, with such amendments  
as may be deemed necessary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK,

Per J. R. Seleen,  
Clerk of Works

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

Resolved, That the report of the Traffic Planning Commission on the above date, the  
recommendations of which are being submitted, be approved, with such amendments  
as may be deemed necessary.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Dwyer for the same and passed  
unanimously.

FOR IT

Alderman  
Vaughan  
Dwyer  
W. P. Publicover  
C. P. ...  
J. R. Seleen  
...

AGAINST IT

Alderman Lloyd  
Vaughan

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HONORARIUM JUSTICE FORTIER - TAXATION SURVEY

Moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Dwyer, that the  
Justice Fortier be paid an honorarium for his services in the matter of Taxation in  
this City of Halifax in the amount of \$2,000.00 as a partial payment.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the  
suggestion of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN ABRAHAM RE: SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the City  
provide the sum of \$2,000.00 to undertake snow removal from the sidewalks in  
the City of Halifax. As a result of this, the sidewalks to be cleared to be selected  
by His Worship the Mayor and the Commissioner of Works.

January 31, 1957

Alderman Abbott: "I believe the citizens are entitled to this kind of service especially when it can be done at such a little cost. I have had inquiries from many cities across Canada and I find they have very little complaint about damage to private property from sidewalk snow removal. The Town of Dartmouth has been removing snow from the sidewalks for a great number of years. Moncton 45 years, Verdun 28 years, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Sherbrooke and Calgary has just started "

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the City Manager report to the City Council at its June regular meeting on the following matters:

1. The number of miles of City sidewalks cleared of snow by City equipment during the winter season of 1956-57.
2. Cost of labour and operating costs of equipment used in this program.
3. Type of equipment used.
4. Results of such mechanized snow removal in terms of effective snow removal.
5. Time consumed in plowing these City sidewalks in order to guide the Council in any proposal to enlarge the present sidewalk snow removal program.

Alderman Vaughan: "We clear 36 miles of sidewalks now. The snow is now being removed. I don't think we need any additional money for a test area."

Alderman Lane: "Why not get the information on what it cost last year. There was a lot of snow last year. It is most inadequately done now. After the first freeze you are risking life and limb. It is not being satisfied totally done. All I want to know is which block Alderman Abbott proposes to plow."

His Worship the Mayor: "My view was that we should do the streets where the people are living. If you do it 90% you should get clean streets."

Alderman Wyman: "What information will we have after we are finished on the question of whether or not it has been done the best way it can be done. I am interested in knowing whether there is better equipment."

His Worship the Mayor: "Such as a revolving brush."

Alderman Wyman: "What can we do better than what we are doing now on those areas with this equipment. I feel that is another part of the question."

January 3, 1971.

Alderman O'Malley: "My criticism against sidewalk snow removal by the City is only as an observer. Alderman Abbott said the citizens were entitled to have this work done. I had 3 phone calls after the Sherbrooke people were here protesting against cities entering into sidewalk snow removal. The first one was from Oxford Street, the second from Cork Street and the third one from South Park Street. The citizens are taking serious interest in this matter and I was quite happy to get their views on it. I was at the Curling Rink and there was not a man who favored the idea and one man said the snow is one foot deep in Moncton as it builds up. In a snow storm the people have to get out and shovel off the steps, verandahs and driveways so we will not be doing a complete job for them. I think the action the City should take is with regard to the snow that piles up at intersections and then I think you would be doing something to the credit of this City. The first step that we should take is to get the crosswalks clean. I think that is a vital service the citizens would appreciate."

Alderman Vaughan: "In the residential section of the City there is a certain portion of the sidewalk that is not charged to the abutter. On occasions City workmen clear these sections."

City Solicitor: "A person on a corner is obliged to clear the snow from the sidewalk in front of his property and that would include when he is on a corner, the sidewalk at the intersection."

Alderman Greenwood: "In Sherbrooke there was the liability angle. I would like to see the City Solicitor report on the liability item also."

Alderman DeWolf: "We should do one mile. Surely those cities can give the information. Get it on a mileage basis. There are so many things to it. In the meantime we should get that information from the other cities."

Alderman Dunlop: "The largest implication is the matter of cost. The Commissioner of Works should know whether there is equipment available. The streets to be done should be Cornwallis or Maitland. We have 153 miles of sidewalk and I would like to know how many pieces of equipment we will need, how many men and how much it will cost."



Alderman Lloyd: "I think the city should be responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks. I would like to see an ordinance passed that if it costs \$1,000 or more to repair a sidewalk, the city should be responsible for it."

Alderman McLaughlin: "I think the city should be responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks. I would like to see an ordinance passed that if it costs \$1,000 or more to repair a sidewalk, the city should be responsible for it."

Mr. Wilson: "The city should be responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks. I would like to see an ordinance passed that if it costs \$1,000 or more to repair a sidewalk, the city should be responsible for it."

Alderman Simpson: "I am sure that the city should be responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks. I would like to see an ordinance passed that if it costs \$1,000 or more to repair a sidewalk, the city should be responsible for it."

Alderman Allen: "I am sure that the city should be responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks. I would like to see an ordinance passed that if it costs \$1,000 or more to repair a sidewalk, the city should be responsible for it."

It was agreed to refer the amendment to the City Engineer for his report on the matter of the city's liability in case a person gets hurt as a result of sidewalk snow piling up.

The amendment was then put and passed 8 yeas, for the same reason as above, it is as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Simpson  
O'Malley  
Vaughan  
Greenwood  
DeWitt  
Dunlop  
Lane  
Haddenham

AGAINST IT

Alderman Fox  
Lloyd  
Wain  
O'Brien  
Arnold

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LETTER HALIFAX DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL RE: SNOW PILING FROM SIDEWALKS

A letter was submitted from the above named organization that it has been on record as being opposed to the plan to have the city remove the snow from the sidewalks of the City.

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No action was taken on this letter in view of the action of Council on  
JOINT EXPENDITURE CONTRIBUTION & REGISTRY OF DEEDS ENLARGEMENT

His Worship the Mayor: "I was at a meeting of the Arbitration Committee and I made a motion that each of the Councils be prepared to meet the expenses but that the ratio should be on the basis of the value of assessments in the different municipalities as it will be determined by Mr. McGlashan. We are operating on a basis determined by the Arbitration Committee 5 years ago. I certainly intend to call a meeting of that Committee to look after the situation in the future. You may want to go along with the enlargement of the Registry of Deeds."

Alderman Dunlop: "The whole approach to these Government offices will have to be reviewed. The income from fees must be very substantial. The matter of providing the building should be a Provincial matter. I think the Registry of Deeds should be a separate building. The books are being written very fast. I think we should have a conference with the Attorney General to get the Government to take over. There is no reason why Dartmouth should not have a separate book, Halifax and the County which would make it possible for 3 people to search at one time. There should be a full study made and a conference held. If the short form of deeds is adopted that will help but what is needed is a new Registry of Deeds."

His Worship the Mayor: "This may come up in the brief I wrote to the Province some months ago."

Alderman O'Brien: "The Arbitration Committee has decided to build its own Registry of Deeds. When the County moves its administrative offices out, will the space change the proposal at all?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think so. I recommend that we pay our share of the cost to enlarge the Registry of Deeds which is about \$8,000.00 or \$9,000.00."

It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Dunlop confer with the Attorney General on the matter. ✓

CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR POLIOMYELITIS

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane that the above organization be granted permission to use the parking meters to collect during the campaign. Motion passed.

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BELLEVUE PROPERTY ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.  
Date: December 20, 1956.  
Subject: Re: Sale of Bellevue Property.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

After the sale by Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited to Vaughan Construction Company Limited of the above property, the Vaughan Construction Company Limited, in accordance with the covenants in the deed from the Telephone Company to it, tendered a deed of covenants to the City

At the time I recommended that the Deed of Covenants be accepted by the City and the consideration set out therein paid. The Council did not act on this recommendation. Some question might arise in this connection and I again submit this Deed of Covenants and recommend that it be accepted by the City and the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) set out therein authorized to be paid to the Vaughan Construction Company Limited.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

He also read correspondence between himself and the Vaughan Construction Company outlining what had taken place with respect to the Deed of Covenants.

Alderman O'Malley: "I think this whole matter should be discussed in camera because when we dealt with this in the past the advice of the Solicitor became public property and I believe it was used in evidence against us at the time of the expropriation proceedings. If it were discussed in camera the conclusion that we might arrive at would be that we take no further action on it."

The City Solicitor submitted the following resolution:

Resolved that the City accept the said Deed of Covenants from Vaughan Construction Company Limited to the City of Halifax, dated the 30th day of October, 1954, and that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to arrange for the payment to the said Company of the cash consideration set out therein.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the resolution be approved.

Alderman O'Malley: "What is the purpose in bringing this up now?"

City Solicitor: "We endeavoured to have the covenants dealt with. The Judge indicated he is not going to give any decision as to who is to get the money. I will have to issue a writ against the Vaughan Construction Company for a breach of contract of the covenants."

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Alderman O'Malley: "I think the City is too late making its claim. Could we have this information: why did the learned Judge hear the arguments on behalf of the City and then come to the conclusion he was not going to make a decision as to whom the money is to be paid?"

His Worship the Mayor: "When we turn down the Solicitor's advice it is dangerous."

Alderman O'Malley: "The Company had held this property for so many years and they took no action to erect the building, but failing that, if the transfer was made, we would get the building on Howe Avenue and get substantial taxation. Had it remained in the hands of the Vaughan Construction Company, it too would have been developed and we would have acquired and achieved what the members in Council had in mind. I think the City has achieved well in the whole matter."

His Worship the Mayor: "Are you suggesting we should abandon claim?"

Alderman O'Malley: "Certainly."

Alderman Vaughan: "Does this constitute a contract between the City and the Company?"

City Solicitor: "I think there is a contract at the present time because it is something we should have paid at the beginning. The Council decided it would not. No action was taken on my recommendation."

Alderman Vaughan: "The Council allowed this much time to go on and no effort was made by this Council or by yourself to push it to finalize it. If it is a contract, why go through the motions now? Why ask for the additional vote?"

City Solicitor: "I would prefer to have a dollar paid on the record of this Council."

Alderman Vaughan: "Do we make evidence after the matter has been in the Court?"

City Solicitor: "We are not making evidence at all. It is the City's document."

Alderman Vaughan: "I ask that information purely because of fraternal reasons."

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His Worship the Mayor: "It would be better that you not enter the debate at all."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we are bound to do everything to secure every thing that should come to us. I think I am one who is responsible for it not being signed. The Courts will deal with this. The Solicitor asks for it and I think we should go along with him. It is our duty to see if we can get any money out of the resolutions."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Fox  
Ferguson  
Lloyd  
Wyman  
O'Brien  
Greenwood  
DeWolf  
Abbott  
Dunlop  
Lane  
Macdonald

AGAINST IT

Alderman O'Malley

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Alderman Vaughan was excused from voting.

The City Solicitor submitted the following report:

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.  
Date: December 31, 1956.  
Subject: Re: Sale of Bellevue property and Deed of Covenants.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

As you know the above property has been expropriated by the Crown in the right of the Province of Nova Scotia and hearings have been held before His Honor Judge V.J. Pottier, Judge of the County Court for District Number One, to determine the amount of compensation which should be allowed therefor. A decision has been rendered and it is expected that shortly an application will be made to implement the decision by an order.

Up to the date of the expropriation, the Vaughan Construction Company had not fulfilled the conditions in the Deed of Covenants from that Company to the City as to the erection on the said Bellevue property of a first-class building subject to taxation under the provisions of the Halifax City Charter as real property assessable in the name of the owner thereof.

In view of this expropriation the title to the property has passed to the Crown and by Section 20 of The Expropriation Act it is provided that the compensation agreed upon or adjudged for the land in question in expropriation

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proceedings taken under that Act shall stand in the stead of such later claim to or encumbrance upon such land shall, as respects the City, be converted into a claim to or upon such compensation and shall no longer affect such land so expropriated.

The sixth covenant in the Deed of Covenants provides that if the Vaughan Construction Company shall determine not to proceed with the construction of a first-class taxable building upon the land, the Company will, at the request of the City, reconvey the land to the City for the cash consideration of \$87,520.00.

As stated above, the Expropriation Act provides that, in expropriation proceedings, the compensation money stands in the place and stead of the land.

I therefore recommend that the Council instruct the City Clerk to request, on behalf of the City, the Vaughan Construction Company to assign and transfer to the City of Halifax all of its interest in and to the compensation moneys in respect to such expropriation awarded or to be awarded in excess of the sum of \$87,520.00.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the recommendation of the City Solicitor be approved.

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Ferguson  
Lloyd  
Wyman  
O'Brien  
Greenwood  
Abbott  
Dunlop  
Lane  
Macdonald  
Fox

AGAINST IT

Alderman O'Malley  
DeWolf

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Alderman Vaughan was excused from voting.

REPORT MOUNTED SQUAD ✓

A report was submitted from the Chief of Police listing the hours worked and duties performed by the Mounted Squad during the year 1956 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.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE



OFFICE OF  
CHIEF OF POLICE

December 21, 1956

His Worship the Mayor  
Members of City Council

At the 1956 Budget Meeting of City Council the Mounted Squad of the Halifax Police Department was discussed at length and the undersigned directed to submit a factual operational report on the Mounted Squad's activities during 1956.

During the months of January, February, March, and April of 1955 the Mounted Squad was composed of six constables and one stableman, working a six day week and during this period five constables were on leave for one week each and their hours of duty are broken down as follows:

1. Potential routine patrol	3716 hours
Actual routine patrol	3481 hours
Foot patrol	110 hours
Stable duty	628 hours.

During the months of May, June, July, and August of 1955 the Mounted Squad was composed of six constables and two stablemen, working a six day week. The extra stableman came to work on May 17th and was appointed with a view to lessening those hours spent by constables on stable duty and to raise the effective number of patrol duty hours. During this period four constables were on annual leave, i.e. three weeks each and their hours of duty were as follows:

2. Potential routine patrol	4086 hours
Actual routine patrol	3522 hours
Foot patrol	118 hours
Stable duty	136 hours

During the months of September, October, November, and December of 1955 the Mounted Squad was composed of six constables and two stablemen, working a five day week and one constable and one stableman were on annual leave, i. e. three weeks each, during this period and their hours of duty were as follows:

3. Potential routine patrol	3986½ hours
Actual routine patrol	3869 hours
Foot patrol	17½ hours
Stable duty	106 hours

It is estimated that by employing an extra stableman we gain 270 potential patrol hours and at that time a constable, based on a thirty day month, was working 26 days with 208 potential working hours. It would appear then that by adding one stableman at \$2130. per annum we gain an equivalent of approximately one and one-third policemen at \$3280.00 per annum.

W.P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE



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The potential routine patrol hours of the Squad was reduced from 4086 hours to 3986½ hours as a result of the inauguration of the five day week in September 1955.

The year 1955 was used as a base year for it showed the three recent organizational setups, i. e.

1. Six day week with one stableman;
  2. Six day week with two stablemen;
  3. Five day week with two stablemen;
- with the present organizational setup as in Item 3.

During the first ten months of 1956, i. e. January 1st to October 31st, work performance is broken down as follows:

Point Pleasant Park patrol	1339	hours
Marlboro Woods & Dalhousie Grounds	338	"
Dutch Village Road & Cemeteries	93	"
Edgewood Prefab District	148	"
North End prefab district	49	"
School Traffic	1509	"
Checking Schools after hours	41	"
Checking vacant houses	555	"
Checking vacant houses	4326	"
Motor Vehicle Tickets issued	495	"

Trusting the information contained herein may be of some value in your considerations, I remain,

Yours truly,

*W. Mitchell*

W. W. MITCHELL  
CHIEF OF POLICE

W.P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.



Squad  
moved  
Police

January 21, 1967.

The Chief of Police recommended that the Mounted Squad be retained.  
Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the recommend-  
ation of the Chief of Police be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Dunlop  
wishing to be recorded against.

HONORARIUM TO DR. C. J. W. BECKWITH ✓

A report was submitted from Dr. Norton advising that following the  
resignation of the above named it was agreed by the Public Health and Welfare  
Committee that he should be carried on as a consultant at an honorarium to be  
decided upon at a later date.

He recommended that Dr. Beckwith be paid an honorarium of \$500.00 per  
annum.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the recommend-  
ation of the Commissioner of Health be approved and same be effective as of  
October 1, 1966. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned

11:05 P.M.

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L.A. King,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W.F. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

The City Court Chamber  
Brunswick Street,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 11, 1957,  
8:00 P.M.

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

After the meeting was called to order 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, Ferguson, Fox, Vaughan and O'Brien.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, L.M. Ronkey, G.F. West, J.F. Thomson, V.W. Mitchell, W.J. Clancey, J.L. Leitch, W.A.G. Snook, T.C. Doyle and Dr. A.R. Morton.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Undersized Lot - Union Street.
2. Estimates for 1957.

UNDERSIZED LOT - UNION STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: December 18th, 1956.  
Subject: Undersized Lot - Union 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 house on a Lot 40' x 91.1' or 3644 square feet, was approved and recommended to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

ESTIMATES FOR 1957

His Worship the Mayor: "It might be wise to discuss the Budget generally income and out-go, to get the whole picture. Since we met last time we have

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... appearance of ... shape and, from some rough calculations, it would appear that our business assessments are up about three to four percent and the residential assessments about thirteen percent."

He stated that the change in method of taxing multiple dwelling units had unquestionably stimulated the construction of apartment buildings in the City.

"I have asked the City Manager to make a selection of 50 to 60 houses throughout the City and to note what they paid in tax dollars in the years 1935, 1945, 50, 55 and 1957."

Copies of the City Manager's report were distributed to all Members and showed that taxes had increased 21.1% since 1935 while wages had increased 100% in the same period.

"Surely you can say that there has been nothing--rents, wages, food, clothing, etc.--that has changed so little in 21 years as the residential taxes have."

Probably the value of these properties will have de-valued.

I don't think you get such a dramatic effect if you consider newer houses. I think the increase in older houses is less than newer ones and I have asked the City Manager to make a list of 30 or 40 houses built since 1945 so you can see the effect of it. I think there is some advantage to be gained in getting an over-all picture.

The next big item is this. Having studied the budget, I think there is one major lesson to be learned. We should be careful in embarking on any large current obligation in the middle of the year. I think it is wise to defer such action until the end of the year when we have a budget before us, when we know what we can afford. There is very little that we can do in these expenses. I think we have been a little bit free in our wage increases in certain places. The Teachers got a 25 percent raise in wages in a relatively short time; also the City Home but most of the wages, heavy as they are, are not greatly out of line with other municipalities and the 'lap-shot' is that we have to face up to this kind of a budget without too much apology. However, I think we should cut it where we can to do so.

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Another point is, where can we find more money? There may be some hope judging from the Gordon report and some of his observations relative to hospital tax may bear fruit.

Aldermen Wyman and Lloyd arrive at 8:10 P.M.

One final point. We may have reached the time when we might consider taking a part of the profits in the sale of the Prefabricated Houses. They are not paid off yet. We still owe a bank loan but the indebtedness is more than amply secured two or three times over.

You also have the City Manager's very good report of the other day making certain forecasts on tax rates but before we make any cuts and ignoring what we might otherwise find, I have asked the Commissioner of Finance to re-assess our Sinking Funds to see what could be done in this regard."

Alderman DeWolf: "I think that before considering the budget we should assess the income first, as a starting point. Then, if we find it necessary we can be more drastic. For instance, the Works Department, we can take off certain parts of it. When a person draws a budget in his own home he finds out first what he has to spend and then he plans accordingly. What has the new assessment produced?"

City Manager: "At the same rates as last year the new assessment produced just a little under \$450,000.00."

He further stated that he had hoped to be able to come up with a figure but was stymied due to the fact that the values which the Federal Government placed on their properties were at variance with our valuations.

His Worship the Mayor: "Assuming that the basis were to be the same as last year, then we have a tabulation to work from."

Alderman DeWolf: "Did I not read in the Press that the Federal Government was offering \$130,000,000.00 towards municipal assessments across Canada? Last year they only gave \$10,000,000.00. Is there a new formula? Could we find out if there is to be a new formula?"

Alderman Vaughan stated that the amount included the grants to be paid to Canadian Universities for educational purposes, and others.

Alderman Macdonald arrives at 8:20 P.M.

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Alderman DeWolf: "The Poll Tax is in the estimates at \$90,000.00. The Tax has been doubled. I think we should try to have the amount collected by the employer. We could count on doubling that amount and we have our own collections. I think it is reasonable to cut our estimates in that respect."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think we could accept the round figures on the Federal Government assessments this year because we have not had the assessments for last year yet and in the light of the re-valuation we have not actually computed the breakdown. They have taken it on figures for 1956. The Federal Government has not confirmed their grant for last year so we guessed last, and we can guess reasonably well again this year; and it appears that they knocked off a 2½ exemption and somebody estimated that it would be \$175,000.00. I think we could take that figure for the time being and work on the budget, for our immediate purposes. I think we should make sure we are getting more as a result of the re-assessment and the effect of the Appeal Court on some buildings which they might examine. On the question of Poll Tax, I understand that the \$20.00 Tax becomes effective the first of April or May and the thing that bothers me is that in apartments many Household Taxes would be \$11.75 compared with clerks and stenographers paying \$20.00. There may be reasons for this but I think we could very well forecast to a higher figure."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Assessor brought to my attention this idea of certain residents whose tax payments under our new assessments come to about \$7.31 and are divided among three or four people. The obvious correction to make is that no Household Tax be less than the Poll Tax, and that it not be sharable. That would apply to occupants or apartments."

Alderman Lloyd: "You are suggesting that as applying only to where there is more than one tenant in one place. It is unfortunate that we did not think that way with regard to Business Tax last year. We lost a lot of revenue that way."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Assessor told me that the total amount collected bore a tight relationship to fifty percent of the Business Realty assessments. I believe this year it will bear a better relationship to the part occupied. I was a bit disturbed that the Federal Government had not paid us all

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of our grant for last year and I wrote a letter to our M.P. asking for information. Are we liberal in our assumption in what we can get from the Crown?"

Alderman Ferguson commented on the method of applying the Business Occupancy Tax and cited cases where two national firms were paying the lowest taxes they ever paid, and stated that something was wrong with the system which permitted this.

His Worship the Mayor stated this year the Assessor is more concerned with the percentage of a building occupied and the value of that portion, rather than the rent paid, and he asked the Assessor if the Court of Tax Appeals used another basis.

The Assessor stated that where a building is being used for both residential and business purposes, it is assessed at half residential realty and half business realty which is the determination of the Court of Tax Appeals.

Alderman Lloyd also cited cases of national firms paying greatly reduced taxes and suggested as an answer to the problem in view of these discrepancies that firms be assessed at 60% or more of the value of the portion occupied and felt that by so doing a measure of equity might be obtained for one year until the Pottier Commission had concluded its deliberations.

His Worship the Mayor: "There have been some sharp reductions in Business Tax payments and I think we are on the right foot. I think we were on the wrong foot previously. I think it should be based on the part of the building occupied rather than on rental paid.

What steps would we have to take if the Council were to follow the suggestion that our Household Tax should not be less than the Poll Tax and that the Household Tax be non-divisible?"

Assistant City Solicitor: "We have to take it to the Legislature."

Alderman Lloyd suggested that it might be the right time to consider the elimination of the Poll Tax and suggested that the matter be referred to His Worship the Mayor, the City Manager, City Assessor and City Solicitor for study and report to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Vaughan also asked that a tabulation of the scale of Poll Taxes in effect prior to the Dominion-Provincial Tax Agreement coming into effect, be tabled for the benefit of the Members of Council.

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REQUEST FOR LAND - MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

Warden F.G.H. Leverman of the Municipality of the County of Halifax addressed the Council stating that an erroneous impression had been left by the Press concerning their request for land on Bell Road on which to build a municipal building. He stated that they were prepared to pay whatever price the City might suggest and did not expect to get the land for nothing.

Alderman Vaughan suggested that the County authorities might consider building on city-owned land on Brunswick Street just north of the Police Station, contending that a modern building would enhance the neighborhood and help in the re-development of that area.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Board of Trade were also interested in purchasing the land on Bell Road, and the matter would be considered at the regular meeting of City Council on January 17th.

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Alderman Lane: "Is it not a possibility that if we find ourselves short, we could make an 'across the board' reduction and have each department head make the necessary adjustments as they saw fit? Is it unreasonable to do it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It has been done and can be done."

Alderman O'Brien: "Can you throw some light on other non-tax items such as the C.N.R. and National Harbours Board."

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had attended a meeting earlier this month with the Mayors of the larger Maritime centres and they thought that the C.N.R., being a Federal Government entity should pay on the full assessment. On January 22nd, he stated, he and the City Solicitor would meet with the legal department of the C.N.R. in Montreal to discuss their grant and the legal department of the C.N.R. had been asked to meet with the Mayors of the other Maritime Municipalities at the same time but were advised that the C.N.R. preferred to deal with the municipalities individually.

He recommended that no agreements be finalized with the C.N.R. without first consulting with the other Maritime Mayors.

With regard to the National Harbours Board, His Worship stated that we operate on a five-year term.

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Alderman O'Brien asked if it were not possible that the case of the National Harbours Board be reviewed in the light of the new policy of the Federal Government

Alderman DeWolf stated that the National Harbours Board is paying only \$75,000.00, whereas, if they paid regular taxes the amount would be \$800,000.00, and contended that the other portions of the waterfront had been de-valued as a result. He further stated that Crown Companies should not be separate from the Government but should be treated on the same basis; and the matter should be taken up with the Harbour Commission stressing the fact that we are losing so much of our waterfront properties, certainly not less than \$5,000,000.00 in assessment.

SCHEDULE "A" ESTIMATES OF INCOME

LICENSES & PERMITS

Hack Licenses & Other Licenses:

Dog Tax:

Permits:

Alderman Dunlop contended that the fees for licenses and permits were too low.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the Dog Tax be increased to \$5.00.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lena, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the matter of Licenses and Permits be deferred until the next meeting to give the City Manager an opportunity to prepare a breakdown of the fees charged and revenue received. Motion passed.

Alderman Vaughan asked if it would be possible to levy a non-residence license fee on those people living in the County who work in competition with local firms, such as electricians and plumbers?"

The City Manager said that the Solicitor had tried to impose a license on firms from St. John's who were working on local building projects and it was found to be illegal.

Assistant City Solicitor: "It is going to require legislation."



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Alderman Ferguson: "Plumbing Regulations require that plumbers maintain an office in the City. On that basis all plumbers would be taxed. Plumbers and electricians are the only ones that get caught and I would suggest that outside contractors and others should be taxed. I would like to see how other cities operate."

Alderman DeWolf: "There is on the Statutes an Act that we can charge one percent of the contract to the contractor but that has been ruled "Ultra Vires" and we could not charge them but in St. John they charge them."

Wiring Permits:

City Manager: "The increase in Wiring Permit fees came into effect in May."

Alderman Vaughan contended that there was a weakness in the method of basing the fee on the contractor's estimate which is geared low and suggested that all permits be screened through the Assessor's office.

This was agreed to.

Parking Meters:

This item was increased from \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00.

Parking Lots:

This item was increased from \$10,000.00 to \$13,000.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Court Fines and Fees:

This item was increased from \$45,000.00 to \$48,000.00.

City Prison:

The City Solicitor was requested to draft legislation which would enable the City to charge the Town of Dartmouth and County of Halifax their proportionate share of the costs at City Prison, for consideration by the Finance and Executive Committee.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Fire Department:

Unchanged.

Fire Alarm:

Unchanged.

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CONSERVATION OF HEALTH

Public Health & Welfare:

His Worship the Mayor asked the Commissioner of Health if we are obliged to maintain the Vital Statistics office and how much it cost to operate.

Dr. Morton replied that we are the only municipality doing it and it came about on recommendation of the Rockefeller Institute to facilitate the work of his department. It costs about \$7,500.00 yearly to operate the office and we get \$4,000.00 from the Province while the other municipalities are paid sixty cents for each birth and death certificate.

His Worship the Mayor said he would write to the Minister of Health in this connection.

T.B. Hospital:

Alderman Lloyd noted the difference between the estimated income and expenditures for the T.B. Hospital amounting to approximately \$90,000.00.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Commissioner of Health what caused this discrepancy as he was under the impression that we would be left with the T.B. Control cost only.

The Commissioner of Health explained that the income figure was based on the rate of \$8.42 presently being paid by the Province but that this rate fluctuates, depending on costs at the Kentville Sanitorium.

Alderman Dunlop stated that it was decided to continue operation of the Hospital after the Council was told it would only cost \$25,000.00 but that the decision should be reviewed in the light of the \$90,000.00.

Alderman Lloyd asked if we are bound to operate the Communicable Diseases Hospital or if we could close it up.

The Commissioner of Health stated that the Infectious Diseases Hospital could be closed on one month's notice. He said that more cases were handled during the polio season and a lot of cases came from the County when a rate of \$9.00 was charged back to the County and Province. The Salk Vaccine had cut down the number of polio cases and other new drugs had helped to reduce the number of hospital cases for other diseases.

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It was decided that the Special Committee, of which Alderman Vaughan was the Chairman, should re-convene and consider the matter of closing of the T.B. and Infectious Diseases Hospital.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the Re-Habilitation Centre and asked if they were paying their proportionate share of the cost of operating that part of the hospital used by them.

The Commissioner of Health stated that they had paid nothing as yet.

City Home:

The Commissioner of Health stated that the rates at City Home had been increased but that most of the income comes from Old Age Pensioners and their rates cannot be increased.

Alderman Vaughan: "Would the extension of the City Home to the Infectious Diseases Hospital have any effect on the revenue at the City Home?"

The matter was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for further study.

Communicable Disease Hospitals:

This item was deferred for further study.

Nova Scotia Hospital:

Unchanged.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Market:

His Worship the Mayor: "I would welcome a motion to close the market. I go there a lot and agree that it is a picturesque part of city life but I can't see where it serves any really useful purpose--in fact, I think that if we paid each of the farmers \$1,000.00 and closed it out, we would be better off."

Alderman Lane: "It's not the farmers who benefit, it's the women. I agree we can't continue to hold on to uneconomical traditions but it really isn't costing us much--especially, in the light of some of the other things we subsidize."

Alderman Ferguson suggested that a second floor be added and the space used as a parking lot.

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The matter was referred to the Chief of Police and Commissioner of Works for report regarding possible future use of the market space and cost of erecting a second floor.

Public Baths:

Unchanged.

Fleming Park:

Unchanged.

Point Pleasant Park:

Unchanged.

CEMETERIES

Fairview Cemetery:

Unchanged.

Camp Hill Cemetery:

Unchanged.

GRANTS

Grant - Provincial Government:

His Worship the Mayor said he understood from the former Provincial Government that the City's grant would be based on the percentage of increase of the Federal grant to the Province. On that basis the City's grant would be increased by \$57,000.00, but the plans of the new government were not known.

Alderman Dunlop stated he understood a letter had been sent out from the Minister of Municipal Affairs' Office in this connection.

The Commissioner of Finance read from a copy of the letter referred to which stated that municipalities would probably be safe in using the same figures as for 1956 but that the Cabinet is considering the matter.

Alderman Lloyd: "A good percentage of the Income Tax paid by the City finds its way back to the Province by way of grants. We are asked to contribute to the finances of the Province of Nova Scotia measured by our income but when it comes to a grant for education from the Province, it is based on our real property valuation, and we lose. I would suggest that we seek an early opportunity to discuss the question with the Provincial Government."

His Worship the Mayor said most of the provincial revenue was derived from liquor and cars and we do not get a fair share while we contribute a major portion of the revenue

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It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor arrange with the Provincial authorities for a conference to discuss the matter of the City's grant, as well as other matters contained in the City's brief.

Grant - Federal Government:

His Worship the Mayor stated that in view of the Federal Government's new policy of easing their grants on full assessment, the figure be raised to \$1,000,000.00.

The City Manager stated that the 1956 grant had not been finalized as the Federal Official had not been able to come to Halifax in the Fall as promised but was expected to be here in the Spring.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he would take the matter up with the Local Members of Parliament and in the meantime the City Manager could prepare a tentative computation.

National Harbours Board:

Unchanged.

SURPLUS FROM PUBLIC UTILITY

Public Service Commission:

This item was deferred pending receipt of a report from the City Solicitor concerning widening the definition of 'assessment' so that the underground pipes of the Public Service Commission could be considered assessable assets.

RENTS, CONCESSIONS AND FRANCHISES

N.S. Light & Power Co. Ltd.:

This item was deferred pending review of the agreement with the Company.

Rents - City Property:

Deferred pending receipt of City Manager's breakdown of rents received.

Public Gardens, Concessions, etc.:

Unchanged.

Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd.:

This item was deferred pending review of the agreement with the Company.

INVESTMENT EARNINGS

Interest Earned and Penalties on Taxes:

This matter was referred to the Finance & Executive Committee for further study.

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Interest - Public Service Commission:

Unchanged

SERVICE CHARGES

Pavements:

Unchanged.

Sidewalks:

Unchanged.

Sewers:

Unchanged.

UNCLASSIFIED

C.N.R. Grants:

Deferred pending outcome of conference with C.N.R. officials during latter part of January.

Hospital Accounts:

Alderman Lloyd: "How much is outstanding?"

Commissioner of Finance: "Approximately, \$690,000.00."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is the balance rising or decreasing each year? I would like to see a statement to see what the collection effort is."

The Commissioner of Health stated that as the Blue Cross paid a lot of the patients' accounts, the hospital rates had increased and the indigents' indebtedness had increased proportionately.

The matter was referred to the Commissioner of Health for report to the Public Health & Welfare Committee at the next meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned. 11:00 P.M.

L.A. Kitz,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY Jan. 17, 1957

A G E N D A

Prayer.

Minutes (November 29, December 13 and 27, 1956.)

1. Rezoning N.W. Corner of Gottingen & North Streets from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone.
2. Halifax Airport Lacey Property.
3. Supplementary Grant School Board - \$19,215.24
4. Release of Claim Burglar Insurance - City Home - \$2,366.34
5. Accounts over \$500.00
6. Clemishaw Payment \$10,000.00.
7. Borrowing Pending Fixing of Tax Rate \$2,000,000.00
8. Approval of Appointment Part-time Superintendent Tuberculosis Hospital
9. Provincial Grant 1957.
10. 5% Permanent Stock.
11. Rezoning Land W.S. of Connaught Avenue - T.P. Board Recommends Refusal.
12. Tender - Patrol Car Police Department.
13. Taxi fares
14. Claims
  - (a) Lester Jennings \$94.95
  - (b) Royal Supply Co. \$15.40
15. Traffic Engineering Course.
16. Falkland Street Widening.
17. Metropolitan Area Survey.
18. City Field Wage Rates
19. Ambulance Service
20. Cancellation of borrowing Authorization.
21. Questions
22. Application Halifax Board of Trade Re: Land Bell Road.
23. Grading Franklyn Street and Chain Rock Drive.
24. City Manager's Vacation Leave.
25. Spring Garden Road Parking Lot.
26. Land All Saints Cathedral.
27. Appeal by Neir's Ltd. Re: Refusal of Permit.
28. Boiler Insurance.
29. Assessment Longshoremen's Hiring Hall.
30. Borrowing Resolution City Hall Additional - \$30,000.00
31. Agreements Fairview Underpass.
32. Letter School Board Re: Bus Service Africville.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Manager's Administrative Report.  
Approvals Minister of Municipal Affairs.  
Annual Report Halifax Industrial Development Commission  
Letter Wellington Volunteer Fire Department Re: Siren.  
Letter Waegwoitic Club Re: Assessment.

MINUTES      SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 17, 1957,  
8:00 P.M.

A meeting of the 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, in prayer recited the Lord's Prayer.

Those who were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, DeLong, Egan, King, McLaughlin, Wynn, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBarr Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, C.F. Buchanan, Q.C., J.M. Ridd, J.F. Burrows, G.P. West, W.A.G. Snook, A.P. Egan, V.W. Marshall and Dr. A.B. Martin.

The meeting was held in accordance with business standing over and the adjournment of other business.

The following reports were presented:

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Leveson seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the minutes of the previous meeting of November 22, December 13 and 27, 1956 be approved.

Motion passed.

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY HIS WORSHIP MAYOR KITZ AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE REDECORATED COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THIS DATE

Deputy Mayor Vaughan: "May I thank you Your Worship for your very extensive history of City Hall past and present. I am quite sure that all of us learned a great deal about this building and the history leading up to its renovation. I would be pleased to see this report incorporated in the minutes of this meeting."

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

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From a search of the records it is safe to say that the renovation of the Council Chamber is the first in 47 years. From photographic evidence the wall coverings were undisturbed for 47 years and it is a fairly safe inference they were the original coverings.

When we, as a Council, consider we have our difficulties we may find relief when we study the records of our predecessors.



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Take the history of the city. The City was incorporated in 1841. The first building was the Old County Court House. Twenty years had passed and the Legislature authorized the City to borrow \$100,000.00 to build a City Hall, but they were not wise in the beginning of the problem. The Legislature prohibited the expenditure of the money if the City Hall were erected on the Grand Parade.

Council at the time accepted the report of Mayor David MacPherson who happily got to have the first choice of a location, but they were not disposed to give up the idea of a building. Accordingly in 1874 a Committee searched out other locations. They made one on Poplar Grove at a price of \$40,000.00. Council agreed to it but citizens rose in protest.

A public meeting was held at Terrence Hall in 1874. A resolution was passed condemning the Poplar Grove site and urging no construction unless Grand Parade could be used.

As in present times Council sometimes follows the advice of Public Meetings. Sometimes it doesn't. This Council didn't.

They did not buy the land on Poplar Grove, drew up an agreement accordingly, but the Mayor of the day, according to our records "positively refusing to sign the agreement and to proceed". Present day Mayors lacking either the same authority or the same courage hesitate to frustrate Council intentions in this efficient manner.

In any event the price of the land turned around and sued the City for breach of contract and \$1,000.00 damages was paid him. The dispute about the Grand Parade was lost. The fact that Dalhousie University claimed ownership of the Parade and the City learned it too. In a final burst of annoyance, to get the issue settled once and for all, the City of Halifax took its case to Court to establish ownership of the Grand Parade.

After for the proverty of the law itself. The jury, composed of Halifax citizens, Dalhousie University and the City authorities themselves, was unable to agree. They were discharged and the case was thrown out.

Finally a compromise was reached. The City bought the whole of the Parade, for an agreed figure plus an annual contribution of \$500.00 - the College bought lands on the Commons and elsewhere.

After this struggle surely plain sailing was due the City. But not so. The City decided to remodel the old College buildings at a cost of \$40,000.00. Public opinion again arose and was strong enough to kill the suggestion. Prizes were offered for new plans for a new building which were won by a Mr. Elliott. A contract was let at the lowest figure tendered, which was for \$69,900.00.

The other tenders ranged from \$80,000.00 to \$95,000.00. Trouble again. The contractor fell down on his job and threw it over. It was re-let to Rhodes and Curry of Amherst for \$100,000.00 above the first contract figure. And when the whole work was finished the \$100,000.00 was short by \$37,000.00. But great pride was felt for the new structure by the citizens generally.

I am sure now that our own Council Chamber renovations and building repairs are concluded we will all enjoy it, and I know we will use it to the best advantage of all the citizens of the City. Probably we do this best by giving our honest, sincere and hard to the dozens of issues that face us in our regular meetings.

L.A. Kitz,  
MAYOR.

10 July 1957.

PROPOSAL FOR THE GRANTING OF PERMITS FROM R-2 ZONE TO C-2 ZONE ✓

The proposal is for the granting of permits from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone which would be subject to the following conditions: (1) that the land was legally conveyed to the City by the British American Oil Company, Ltd. in 1955.

(2) that the proposed strip of land 12 feet along the North Street side of the lot should be set aside for the purpose of access to the lot from North Street at the City lot at such time as the Street is widened. (3) that the expense of the widening of the Street should be borne by the company. (4) that the company should be required to pay to the City as and when requested by the City.

The proposed widening of North Street would involve the tearing up of the existing sidewalk on the north side of the lot and the construction of a new sidewalk on North Street. The expense of the widening of the Street should not be the financial responsibility of the City.

The City Council should not be bound by the condition in the first paragraph of the proposed permit to deal with the issuance of permits for the widening of the Street. The City Council should be free to refuse to issue such permits.

The City Council should not be bound by the condition in the second paragraph of the proposed permit to set aside a strip of land 12 feet wide along the North Street side of the lot. I think we should tell the Company and tell them the Council probably to set aside the land if they will send a strip of land 12 feet wide along the North Street side of the lot. I don't think we should even keep these conditions."

Mr. W. H. ... said: "The City Council should be free to refuse to issue such permits. The City Council should not be bound by the condition in the second paragraph of the proposed permit to set aside a strip of land 12 feet wide along the North Street side of the lot. I think we should tell the Company and tell them the Council probably to set aside the land if they will send a strip of land 12 feet wide along the North Street side of the lot. I don't think we should even keep these conditions."

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Alderman Dunlop: "We should not bind ourselves. We have no right to say what is going to happen in 50 years' time. We should say to the Company 'if you give us the 12 feet we will give you the permit.'"

Mr. Jost: "It is an immediate question as the Company acquires the property. I am instructed that that would be quite acceptable to the Company."

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

Alderman Vaughan: "Who is responsible for maintaining that 12 feet. If we own it, will the Company pave streets. They ask us to maintain it?"

Mr. Jost: "The Company will agree to pave it."

Alderman DeWolf stated that the Company were agents for the sale of the property at one time. He requested to be permitted to refrain from voting on this matter which was agreed to by Council.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Fox and O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

HALIFAX AIRPORT LAHEY PROPERTY ✓

January 10, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the City Solicitor respecting the Lucille Lahey property Halifax Airport.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Finance and Executive  
Committee.  
From: Carl P. Bethune, Q.C., City Solicitor.  
Date: January 10, 1957.  
Subject: Re: Expropriation Lucille Lahey property, Halifax Airport.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

Discussions concerning a possible settlement for this property have been going on for some time. I have today had a further discussion with Mr. P.J. Laney, the husband of the apparent owner of the property, and submit the following report:

The area expropriated consists of 28 acres out of a total acreage of 50 acres. There is a house on the portion expropriated which was built less than 20

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years ago. It is a frame house with a gable roof, stone and cement foundation and masonry chimney. Six rooms; a well in the basement; asphalt shingle roof and electric wiring installed. The inside finish is sheathing and wallboard, with soft wood floors. The size of the house is 20 x 22 or 24. Four rooms downstairs and two upstairs.

The owner of this property has stated that she will accept the sum of \$5500.00 in full settlement.

It is estimated that at least 12 acres of the land is cleared, cultivated farm land, and the remainder is wooded or wooded.

The property is located at the intersection of the Guysborough and Oldham Roads, with frontage on both roads.

I have discussed the matter with one of our appraisers and he agreed with me that a total amount of \$5500.00 for this particular property would not be too much. It would be, however, a maximum price, which however the owner is entitled to receive in expropriation proceedings.

I would therefore recommend that the City accept this offer of \$5500.00, to be paid to Mrs. Lucille Lehey if in the opinion of the City Solicitor she can show good title to the property, otherwise the same to be paid into Court.

Yours very truly,

CARL P. BETHUNE,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION SCHOOL BOARD

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To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter a request from the Board of School Commissioners for a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$19,215.24 to cover the following items:

Adjustment Salaries - Janitors	\$11,593.70
Maintenance Staff	2,639.80
Clerical Staff & new assistants	2,730.18
Grants authorized by City Council:	
C. Bellefontaine	1,005.71
H. Davis	309.36
E. Kirby	936.49
	<u>\$19,215.24</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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



To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Finance and Executive Committee,  
From: L. M. Romkey, Commissioner of Finance,  
Date: January 9, 1957  
Subject: Burglary at City Home - July 4, 1955

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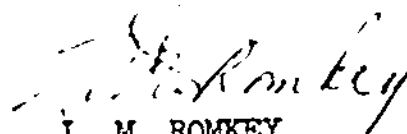
Your Worship and Aldermen:

We have received from the Eastern Insurance and Adjusting Company Limited two cheques of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, amounting to \$2,366.34 - our claim in full relating to the burglary at City Home, July 4, 1955.

I would therefore suggest that his Worship the Mayor and City Clerk execute the appropriate release in connection with the above claim.

As the greater part of this claim relates to patients' money which was deposited in the Safe, I would therefore request the authority to pay the respective amounts to the persons concerned, as soon as this claim is released.

Respectfully submitted,

  
L. M. ROMKEY,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

LMR/M.

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RELEASE OF CLAIM BURGLAR INSURANCE CITY HOME \$2,366.34 ✓

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To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date  
agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the Commissioner of  
Finance respecting "Burglary at City Home"

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$200.00

To His Worship, I. A. King, and  
Members of City Council  
From City Manager, A. S. DeKam  
Date: January 10, 1957  
Subject: Accounts over \$200.00

In accordance with section 114 of the City Charter, the following accounts  
are submitted for Council's approval. These accounts have been certified  
and audited

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mayor	Eastern Post. Engineers Limited	Christmas Cards	660.00
Works	Municipal Spraying & Contracting Limited	Gravel	5,135.83
		Salt Spreaders	1,400.00
	Coastal Asphalt Products Ltd	Fuel Tank	1,652.50
	S. Green & Company, Ltd		
	Crane Limited	Wall Fin enclosures	1,457.23
	Terry Machinery Company Ltd	Pump, rope and strainer	541.00
T.B.	Crane Limited	Tank Heating Unit & Hot water tank	576.53
Recreation	J.M. Greene Music Company Limited	Musical Instruments	
	Madsen Manufacturing Company Ltd	Playground Equip.	3,162.90
Police	Carswell Company Limited	Police Manuals	786.00
Pt. Pleasant Park	LeFrance Fire Engine and Foamate Limited	Fire Pump, Hose & Nozzles	1,376.20
Finance Stores	Auto Parts Company Limited	Cables, Files, Terminals, Locks, Tubing, Mirror Heads, Flashers	634.71
	Chappell & Son, Ltd.	Tires & Tubes	518.55

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	Hillis & Sons, Limited	Manhole Frames & Covers	610.56
	Harold Murch Limited	Grader Tires & Tubes	535.12
	L.E. Shaw	Sewer Pipe	1,277.76
Emergency Shelters	Construction Equipment Co. Limited	Pump, Hose & Nipples	594.50
Finance Stores & Works	Canadian Petrofina Limited	Antifreeze	620.50
Works & Emergency Shelters	Wm. Stearns, Son & Morrow Ltd.	Grader Parts, Dozer Parts, Saws & Screwdriver	953.54
		Total	<u>\$23,399.98</u>

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

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

CLEMENSHAW PAYMENT

January 18, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that the final payment of \$10,000.00 be made to the J.M. Clemenshaw Co. on their contract in connection with the revaluation of real property in the City of Halifax.

respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

BORROWING PENDING FIXING OF TAX RATE \$2,000,000.00 ✓

January 18, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration a report from the Commissioner of Finance recommending that the sum of \$2,000,000.00 be borrowed from the Royal Bank of Canada under the authority of Section 351 of the City Charter in anticipation of the fixing of the tax rate for the civic year 1957.

Our Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Adams, Ferguson, Fox, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

PART-TIME SUPERINTENDENT TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ✓

January 15, 1957.

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

The appointment of Dr. Samuel J. Stone as Superintendent of the Halifax Tuberculosis Hospital on a part time basis was discussed at a meeting of the City Council held on the 3rd day of January 1957 but final action could not be taken due to the fact that the item was not on the agenda.

Council is requested to approve of the appointment of a Superintendent of the Tuberculosis Hospital on a part time basis at a salary scale of \$4,520.00 to \$5,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK .

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

PROVINCIAL GRANT 1957 ✓

His Worship the Mayor read a circular letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated January 9, 1957 with respect to an increase in the City's grant from the Province of Nova Scotia and stated that he would be amazed and indignant to think that if the Province is getting an increase in grants totalling 10% on the new adjustment, that the answer to the City's question would be merely in the mimeographed form.

Alderman Lloyd rose to a point of order and suggested that before a matter should be debated, Council should have a motion before it.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the letter dated January 9, 1957 be received and filed.

Alderman Vaughan: "The point I want to learn is has the Province in each year it was granted an increase under the revised Dominion-Provincial Agreement, did they in turn pass a portion of that on each year to the municipalities. Is this a refusal or rather a lack of money?"



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His Worship the Mayor: "I can't answer that. I just don't know."

Alderman Vaughan: "Would it be possible for our officials to examine the records? Would these coincide with increases from the Federal Government to the Provincial Treasury?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The City Manager can check that."

City Manager: "I know it hasn't."

Alderman Vaughan: "When is this Council in a position to bring this up again if this letter is filed? We will be in a better position to ask the Government."

His Worship the Mayor: "We are not bound."

Alderman Lloyd: "I would like to see what action you might like to take with respect to it. What has happened in the past might not be very beneficial to us. I think what we should think about now is how do we as a City present to the Provincial Government a constructive arrangement whereby we might improve on the sharing of the Federal Grant with the Provincial Government."

His Worship the Mayor: "I have written to the Premier asking that the attention of the City's brief be considered and when I wrote I suggested two other matters might be considered: (1) Municipal Grant and (2) Cost of carrying of streets, water and sewerage."

Alderman O'Brien: "I would like to suggest that it is some time since the brief was presented to the Government. We should present a brief on this particular matter of grants and the special position of the City of Halifax. If we are going to get additional money this year we have to start the ball rolling sometime. I think there are a number of valid arguments that can be brought to light. I would like to see the manager compile the arguments and facts in a brief that could be presented to the Provincial Government."

His Worship the Mayor: "I'll see what we can do in appointment to discuss the brief we can bring it up to date."

Moved an amendment to Alderman O'Brien supported by Alderman Lane that the City Manager prepare a brief to the Province of Nova Scotia on the matter of municipal grants and the special position of the City of Halifax.

Alderman Lloyd: "Will the brief come before the Finance and Executive Committee of the Council of the Nova Scotia?"

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Alderman O'Brien: "Whatever is the normal procedure."

Alderman Lloyd: "The Council will approve of it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I will again write the Premier asking for a specified time and place for that purpose."

The amendment was put and passed.

5% PERMANENT STOCK ✓

January 10, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date concurred in a recommendation of the City Manager that a list of all holders of 5% Permanent Stock be made available to all investment dealers in the City of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

REZONING LAND W/S CONNAUGHT AVENUE- TOWN PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS REFUSAL

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: January 8, 1957.

Subject: Request to Rezone Land on West Side of Connaught Avenue.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board, held on the above date, a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending refusal of a request to rezone one lot of land on the west side of Connaught Avenue (formerly a portion of Fifth Street) from R-1 residential to R-2 Residential to permit the construction of a three apartment building was considered.

The Board recommended that the application be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

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TENDER PATROL CAR - POLICE DEPARTMENT ✓

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

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

Date: January 16, 1957

Subject: Tenders - Police Department Vehicle.

Tenders were opened January 8, 1957 and it was apparent Halifax Motors Limited was the low bidder. The Committee recommended the tender be awarded to them for a truck with the automatic transmission if they met specifications. Quotations below are net of turn-in.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Standard Transmission</u>	<u>Automatic Transmission</u>
Halifax Motors	Dodge	2,488.20	2,689.35 *
Scotia Chev.-Olds.	Chevrolet	2,500.00	2,700.00
Citadel Motors Ltd	G.M.C.	2,590.00	2,840.00
Trainer Auto Service Ltd.		2,600.00	2,865.00
Purdy Motors Ltd.	Fargo	2,690.00	2,890.00

\* Recommended Tender.

Chief Mitchell certifies the recommended tender meets specifications.

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

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

INCREASE IN TAXI FARES ✓

January 8, 1957.

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

Donald M. McInnes, Esq., Q.C. appeared before the Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date and presented an application on behalf of the Halifax Taxi Operators Association in connection with an increase in fares and concerning other matters relating to the Taxi business in Halifax.

It was agreed to recommend that the application for an increase in fares, viz: "Fifty cents for the first one-half mile and five cents for each succeeding one-fifth of a mile" be approved.

A Committee was appointed to study the other matters and report at the next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Read letter from the Halifax and District Trades and Labor Council urging the City Council to refuse the granting of an increase in fares to the operators of the City's taxis until the Safety Committee has given its report with respect to the proposal to limit the number of taxis which they felt would require the people to pay more for poorer service because of long and inconvenient waits for a taxi in dirty weather.

The motion was put and passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #13

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Halifax, under the authority of Section 248 of the Motor Vehicle Act, as follows:

1. Ordinance Number 13, respecting the Regulation of Vehicles Transporting Passengers for Hire, is amended by striking out the "Second Schedule" thereto, setting out the Table of Rates or Fares, and substituting therefor the following:

SECOND SCHEDULE

TABLE OF RATES OR FARES

50 cents for one passenger up to one-half mile.

10 cents for each additional passenger.

5 cents for each one-fifth of a mile for distances over one-half mile.

5 cents for each minute of waiting time.

No charge shall be made for the hand baggage or parcels of any passenger.

No trunks shall be carried by any motor-drawn vehicles licensed under this Ordinance outside such vehicles unless securely retained upon a properly constructed carrier approved by the Committee.

Children under five years of age free when accompanied by an adult.

Five minutes grace allowed on pick-ups.

Hourly driving rates by arrangement with driver and passenger without meter - \$4.00 per hour.

Special rates for the conveyance of children to or from school may be made by private arrangement with the owner or driver of the motor-drawn vehicle.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Lane that the amendment as set out above be read and passed and referred to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

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Alderman DeWolf: "On a night like last night many of the taxi operators refused to operate. I suppose they have that right but it makes it very embarrassing for those who have to use them. It is a hardship for those who have to rely on taxis. I don't blame the men and I don't know what the answer is. The Committee might consider that. If we are going to act as a Public Utility Board, I suggest we act in all phases."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is there any power residing in the Safety Committee to stipulate time and method of operation of cabs?"

City Solicitor: "I would like to go through the By-Law as it is a fairly large one."

The question was then referred to the City Solicitor for a report to the next regular meeting of the Safety Committee.

City Solicitor: "If there are no such requirements in the By-Law there is no obligation on the taxi operator to comply with regulations that are not in the By-Law."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the question concerns the operator established in the taxi business. One of the criticisms they make is that there are some part time operators who have rather lucrative positions who move into the taxi business as a supplementary income proposition and don't pay as much regard to the good will of the public as they might. I am quite sure that that matter will be one of the things that will be aired when the matter of restricting the number of licenses is proposed."

CLAIM MR. LESTER JENNINGS

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 8, 1957.

Subject: Lester Jennings - Claim for Damage to Car.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered a claim from Mr. Lester Jennings in the amount of \$94.95 to cover damage to the windshield of his truck, which was accidentally struck by a shovel full of gravel thrown from a City Vehicle while doing street repair work on North Street.

The Committee recommended that this claim be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

CLAIM ROYAL SUPPLY CO., LTD.

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: May 31, 1956.

Subject: Royal Supply Co. Ltd. - Claim for damage to Car.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on May 31, 1956, recommended payment of a claim from Royal Supply Company Limited in the amount of \$15.40 to cover damage to the windshield of their truck which was accidentally struck by a shovel of gravel while patching work was being done on North Street.

Due to an oversight this was not previously forwarded to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COURSE ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 8, 1957.

Subject: Traffic Engineering Course.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date the attached report from the City Manager relative to Mr. W.A.G. Snook being allowed to go away to take a course in Traffic Engineering was considered.

The Committee recommended that Mr. Snook be authorized to go away in accordance with the terms suggested by the City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Alderman DeWolf: "This is a course and all courses are to a certain extent theoretical. I would like to ask if the thought had been given to

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sending Mr. Snook away to various centres to acquire in a practical way what is done in other cities? It could be done quicker and we would not be without the services of Mr. Snook. We would benefit from other cities. I would not care if he went to London, England to see the different types of operation in cities of similar size. In a practical way we would not be without Mr. Snook for so long."

Alderman Dunlop: "I commend Mr. Snook for trying to improve his standing but at the same time I don't think it should be done at the expense of the City. If we start this, this will become a precedent. A year ago we allowed our Sanitary Engineer to take a course at his own expense and he got a year's leave of absence. I suggest that Mr. Snook do that too. I can't see the City the size of Halifax that it is possible to make changes. I can't see that we require a traffic engineer. I don't think the Province has a traffic engineer."

His Worship the Mayor: "They are training one now."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think Mr. Snook could work with the Police Inspector. I think he has been on it for 20 years. At 5.00 P.M. there are traffic jams everywhere. What can a traffic engineer do that a man like Inspector O'Brien can't do? If Mr. Snook wishes to go I would be prepared to give him a leave of absence. We have a Commissioner of Works and I have yet to see any recommendation that any particular person should go. I think he is the man who should decide who should go. I would have thought this matter would have come before the Finance and Executive Committee. We have to pay Mr. Snook's tuition, pay his salary while he is away and hire another man."

City Manager: "Mr. Snook did not ask to go away. The matter originated on the Allen Corgill Report. Inspector O'Brien is not trained in traffic engineering. He has had a number of short courses. When it comes to traffic planning Inspector O'Brien would be the first to admit that he is not trained for it. We felt the City needs somebody trained in traffic engineering. It was decided somebody should go. Mr. Snook was the one upon whom we decided. It seemed that traffic planning and town planning went together."

Alderman Dunlop: "Who is 'we'? Did that include Mr. West?"

City Manager: "Yes."

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Alderman Dunlop: "I think this matter should have come to the Finance and Executive Committee."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would rule that this properly comes through the Committee on Works and not Finance and Executive. In my opinion this is basically a Works matter. I think you are justified to know the thinking of the Commissioner of Works as far as other personnel is concerned."

Mr. West: "We have had very many discussions on it and as the City Manager has said I was not wholly convinced that the Planning Engineer was the one to go. It is not a matter of personalities. I still think that there is great duplication between the Town Planning Engineer and Building Inspector. I was always of the opinion that the two jobs could be combined. I thought the two jobs could go hand in hand without putting any stress on any one individual. I still think that maybe some of our other engineers should be considered in the light of work they have been doing. Laying out of grades and streets ties in with this. I am not convinced yet. It is not my conviction that the Town Planning Engineer should go on this course. Planning and functions of the Town Planning Engineer and Building Inspection tie in together. The Building Inspector administers the Zoning By-Law."

Alderman Lane: "I am quite in accord with what Aldermen Dunlop and DeWolf have said. My own feeling is that there is not accord in the matter of administration. There is a lack of agreement."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the matter be deferred and the Commissioner of Works bring in a recommendation on the matter in conjunction with the Chief of Police to the meeting of the Committee on Works to be held on February 5, 1957.

Alderman Ferguson: "I can't see anything in the report that a person who is a Civil Engineer is not quite competent to instigate. I think we have men on our own staff. I can't follow sending men away. Through certain circumstances and investigations at the time, Halifax was fortunate to get a report free which would have cost us many thousands of dollars. We have not been taking much advantage of that report. I think it came from one Official that we need another engineer. Split up our duties. We are going to train somebody. We don't know what cities across Canada have their own traffic engineers."



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His Worship the Mayor: "It is the intention of the Works Department to hire another engineer for Building Inspection."

Alderman Ferguson: "I understood we need another engineer in addition to the Building Inspector. I think there is a thought that we could well use one. I am not altogether satisfied that we should not send Mr. Snook or any other person away but I do say let us wait a while and see where we fit budget wise. This maybe one of the things we might have to curtail because of the tax rate."

Alderman Vaughan: "With respect to this report by qualified traffic engineers; I received the report and I don't recall the Council considering it. I think we are throwing away valuable advice when we disregard the advice of this team. They mentioned a number of one-way streets which were designed to facilitate the flow of traffic on the downtown streets. The Council is faced with the appointment of an official to follow up some of the recommendations of the report and yet this Council has not considered this report in its entirety. I think we should discuss the report before we consider the sending away of any person for the purpose of training. I am not against this man getting some information which may be valuable to him but I do feel myself that I am not prepared to vote on the recommendation for the training of any personnel until we have considered the report."

Alderman Lloyd: "Could we have the pros and cons on the matter in the Committee on Works. I was not aware that the Commissioner of Works was at variance with the City Manager. In seconding the motion as I did I agreed with the principle that we should afford every opportunity to our staff to learn from the experience of others so they can exercise judgment in respect to problems. We would save a great deal of money in consultation fees."

Alderman Greenwood wanted to know what the registration dates were to which the City Manager replied: "The application should be received in February and they probably select them by April."

Alderman O'Brien: "When reconsideration is being given to this matter I would hope that the staff consider that traffic planning in this area is a Metropolitan area problem and if in working out our plans with the Town of Dartmouth and the County, resulting from the Metropolitan Area Survey, it seems

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we are to have a Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. It may be necessary to have a traffic planning man on that staff and if there is any way to work out co-operation between the 3 municipalities, I would hope that would be done."

Alderman DeWolf: "Is not the Chief of Police the sole authority under statute?"

His Worship the Mayor: "He is".

Alderman DeWolf: "Would not the statute have to be changed? This man's services would not be effective unless you changed the statute. I would like to know the definition of 'traffic engineer'."

Alderman Vaughan: "Place on the agenda the Allen-Corgill Report."

His Worship the Mayor: "The second meeting in February."

Alderman Greenwood: "Could we have the report from the Commissioner of Works in a month due to the urgency of registration dates?"

Alderman Lloyd: "The interesting part of this is that there is a difference of opinion between administrative officers. It should be resolved. I would like to see it come forward at a much earlier time."

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

FALKLAND STREET WIDENING ✓

Alderman Ferguson: "Did that not stop in the Committee on Works?"

City Solicitor: "I have grave doubts that we can be sure that we are dealing with persons who own this property."

The matter was referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration.

METROPOLITAN AREA SURVEY ✓

His Worship the Mayor suggested that this Report be discussed at the second meeting of the Council in February which was agreed to.

CITY FIELD WAGE RATES ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 11, 1957.  
Subject: City Field Wage Rates.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date the attached

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report from the City Manager in regard to adjustment of wage rates for 1957 for positions not included in the Union Agreement was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK .

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

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

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

Date: December 31, 1956.

Subject: City Field Wage Rates.

City Council recently approved certain wage rates which adjusted them for 1956 and provided for a 4% increase for 1957. Only the positions for which the Union bargained were covered and the following positions are brought to your attention for adjustment.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>New Rate 1957</u>
Carpenter's Helper	1.29	1.39	1.26-1.30-1.34-1.39-1.45
Steamfitter - Plumber's Helper	1.29	1.39	do.
Painter	1.35	1.49	1.34-1.39-1.45-1.50-1.55
Blacksmith	1.35	1.49	do
Sub-Foreman A	1.35	1.49	do
Sign Painters	1.35	1.49	1.55-1.60-1.65-1.70-1.75
Carpenters )	1.63	-	( 1.55-1.60-1.65-1.70-1.75
)	1.73	--	(
Plumber & Steamfitter	1.65	-	1.65-1.70-1.75-1.80-1.85
Auto Bodyman A	1.65	-	1.65-1.70-1.75-1.80-1.85
" " B	-	-	1.34-1.39-1.45-1.50-1.55
Fireman City Market	\$12.50 per day	--	\$12.50 per day.

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

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

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AMBULANCE SERVICE

January 10, 1957.

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

A report from the City Manager respecting ambulance service was considered by the Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that no action be taken at the present time and His Worship the Mayor requested to write the Victoria General Hospital accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Lloyd: "What was the essence of this ambulance service?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We had a letter from the V.G. Hospital suggesting that they were going to give up the service and would the City consider taking it over under certain conditions."

CANCELLATION OF BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS

January 10, 1957.

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

A report from the City Manager respecting the cancellation of a \$15,000.00 borrowing for St. Patrick's High School which is no longer needed was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to revoke the authority for this borrowing under the authority of Section 10 of the Municipal Affairs Act.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK

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

SNOW STORM JANUARY 16/57 ✓

Alderman Vaughan stated he was not criticizing but asked if there was a shortage of salt to use on the hills and intersections during the storm of the above date to which the City Manager replied in the affirmative.

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His Worship the Mayor stated it was touch and go whether the trolley coaches would operate on the streets in the morning as the suppliers were out of salt. There was a ship tied up at A.M. Smith's wharf and it was only through Mr. Fletcher Smith that the City was able to obtain salt to put on the streets.

Alderman Vaughan: "We don't stockpile salt?"

City Manager: "Normally we don't because they are supposed to have supplies of it."

Alderman Vaughan: "This should not happen again. I was more concerned with ambulance and fire service. If they had been hampered by the snow we could have been faced with a dire emergency."

His Worship the Mayor: "We might ask the City Manager to look into the position to try and guard against the situation."

Alderman Vaughan: "With regard to snow removal, I am wondering if the banks of snow are going to remain in the business sections. We followed a policy of snow removal from the business sections. In view of the high taxation paid by the mercantile agencies they should have that service. Does the City Manager propose to remove this snow and when?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I suppose you could spend \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 for snow removal."

City Manager: "It lies with Mr. West. We tried to clear parking meters before the last storm. Our first problem is to get the streets in better condition than they are now. They plowed every street in the City as far as I know. We are going to keep it to a minimum because it is very expensive to remove snow."

Alderman Lloyd advised that he had had a call at 7:30 P.M. this evening and Moran, June and Sarah Streets had not been plowed.

Mr. West: "For Sarah Street we have certain size plows that do streets of that type. We have two D-2's and one is out of commission. We put the other one into an area around the hospitals which we felt was important. We strive all the time to get these areas plowed where it may be difficult for the Fire Department and the Ambulance to get into. As far as plowing is concerned, our men at City Field are fellows who are doing a darn good job under the

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circumstances and the equipment we have to work with. We are working with emergency equipment. As far as snow removal is concerned, I am in favor of removing it. The Works Department just has not enough of the right type of equipment to cope with City snow removal. When we fight a snow storm, we are fighting two at the same time. We were cleaning up the first one and trying to prepare for the storm that was coming. Last night at 12 o'clock I was talking to Mr. Hornstein and he said it would rain and then we would get 5 more inches of snow. We had to operate in a certain way then. Everybody was short of salt last night. I told the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company that we could have had them operating but we could not get sand at the time as abrasive material on the hills. In a report which I will submit to Council I will point out why we can't store salt. We hope to start tomorrow evening removing snow from certain sections."

Alderman Lane: "Last night the Chief of Police issued a request that only necessary vehicles use the streets. Is there any way that can be enforced because on Jubilee Road they came bumper to bumper and many of those cars come in from out of town."

City Solicitor: "We have some control over vehicles parked on streets after a snow storm commences. I don't think there is any authority which forbids people to use the public streets. I suggest that it be done by affirmative legislation stating that right, such as control over vehicles to clean the streets."

Alderman Lane: "What about hauling the cars off the streets and placing them in a parking garage and charging the owner?"

City Solicitor: "We have trouble with abandoned cars. I don't think there is any authority to forbid cars to use the public streets."

#### SNOW AT INTERSECTIONS

Alderman Ferguson referred to snowpiles at intersections such as the corner of Morris and Robie Streets. There was an excellent job of shovelling but the piles were so high it caused a blind corner and might be the cause of an accident. He suggested it be looked into.

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SALT ✓

Alderman O'Brien: "Could we have some action on the salt matter tonight. One variety of salt is not satisfactory."

His Worship the Mayor to Mr. West: "Do you find that one supplier gives you better service?"

Mr. West: "I think it is a matter that one salt is better. It is a purer salt and it does not clog our machines and we get better results. It is very difficult for us in an emergency. We can't sit down and say we bought "X" bags from so and so and now we must buy "X" bags from so and so. It is a case of them barely meeting our specifications. It is a case of one not as good as the other. Leave it up to us. Let the material supplied be acceptable to us and we will use it as we see fit. As far as I am concerned, I don't care who supplies the salt. All I am interested in is getting the best job done. The Works Department and myself are the ones who are subject to criticism."

Alderman Lloyds: "By 10.30 P.M. I went to the City Field and by that time the weather had changed and it began to rain. I can see the difficulties your (Mr. West) staff have in deciding what course to follow. When we have had bad storms, if the Aldermen find it possible to visit the City Field while they are working, they will have a keen idea of his needs for additional equipment."

HEATING SYSTEM POLICE STATION ✓

Alderman Fox inquired about the heating system in the Police Station and stated that the Court had to adjourn because of no heat.

Mr. West: "We had difficulty up there. A pump was out of commission the night we had a Council meeting up there. We have on our staff a very good heating man and anything which may be wrong I think we can remedy it."

SALT SPECIFICATIONS ✓

Alderman Wyman: "With regard to the salt question; if we are buying two kinds of salt and they are not both satisfactory may I ask before we make arrangements for next year, why we should not find out what the difference is and make our specifications such so we will only get that which is satisfactory."

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SNOW IN DRIVEWAYS /

Alderman Greenwood: "The Commissioner of Works has my closest respect in the wonderful way he and his staff arose to the emergency, but after every storm my phone rings about the man who has shovelled his snow and then the plow comes along and blocks his driveway. I don't know what the answer is. Is there a way? It happened to my house."

Mr. West: "It is a difficult problem. There is one way we can do it and that is when we first plow we would have to plow right to the curb. A storm of the type last night, the thing to do was to open as many streets as possible and then go back."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is there any way of leaving the driveways? If you double the budget you can do it."

CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE ✓

Alderman Wyman: "I visited the Collector's Office and it is very nice but there is one thing that struck me. I wonder if thought has been given to this point? The office through which cash is handled, I was struck by the large number of exits and entrances. It seems to me to have 5 or maybe 6 ways of getting in and out is asking for trouble."

The matter was referred to the Commissioner of Works to consider.

CANADIAN BRITISH ENGINEERING SURVEY ✓

Alderman Lloyd submitted and read the following:

City Council,  
Halifax, N.S.,

17, January, 57.

Your Worship & Aldermen:

Recently I suggested we enquire into the qualifications of the staff of the Canadian British Engineering Consultants before acting upon their recommendations. Two incidents raised doubts about the merits of the engineering objectives in the firms report on Metropolitan Services.

One incident was the public statements of the firms local manager a Mr. Hubbard on the matter of North West Arm Contamination. The other was a statement volunteered to me by a former employee of the firm who for several months was a member of its field staff. He admitted he was not a professional engineer. He stated he had worked on the collection of a large measure of the data on which the report was based. He was critical of the manner in which certain field data had been compiled and expressed doubt as to its value for reliable conclusions. He stated his criticism was prompted by the public statements of Mr. Hubbard. He made similar statements to another Alderman and the Commissioner of Health.



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I decided to make further inquiries following my previous statements on the matter. The cause of my concern was fully expressed to Mr. T.C. Main, P. Eng. partner of the consulting firm to afford him a fair opportunity for an exploration. In addition I sought information on the matter from our civic officials and others. I also conferred with Mr. Peter Grant the author of the report and engineer in charge of the project.

On the matter of Mr. Hubbards public statements the firm reported to me by letter dated 15 January 57, as follows:

"Our client concurred in our accepting invitations by local groups to address them on the Report; unfortunately, our local representative in a few instances exceeded his brief in this respect to an extent which could rightly be frowned upon in consulting engineering circles. We regret that this has been the case. We neither intended or foresaw that the text of the address given would exceed that of the report and we appreciate that it was improper to do so etc. etc"--

"We in no way approve, nor do we condone, any statements made which exceed the text or substance of the report."

The original letter from the firm is attached hereto.

I am satisfied from that letter and other information that Mr. Hubbards opinions on contamination are not those of the firms project engineer Mr. Peter Grant. Furthermore I believe Mr. Grant has a practical understanding of the problem of contamination in the area he studied and his opinions are not at variance with those of Dr. Morton.

I also endeavoured to verify the information volunteered to me by the former field staff employee. His claims when made appeared creditable in view of Mr. Hubbards public statements. The former employee declared that in one instance site survey work on sewer lines was inaccurate. My informant was correct in that claim and the firm so admitted. They informed me, however, that the inaccuracies had been discovered and corrected before the report was completed. I understand that the Survey Committee have made or intended to make a deduction from the firms charges equal in amount to the considerable costs incurred by the firm to obtain the incorrect information.

Despite the matter referred to herein I am satisfied that the consulting firm had a fully qualified experienced and highly regarded engineer in charge of the project in the person of Mr. Peter Grant.

I am satisfied that Mr. Grants overall recommendations are constructive proposals, that should greatly expedite the completion of urgently needed water supply and sewerage services in the suburban areas of Halifax and Dartmouth.

My enquiries into this matter confirm this conviction. Whenever expert opinion is essential to find a solution to our problems that our own officials should be fully satisfied with if not responsible for the reliability of the survey or other data upon which the consultants conclusions are based.

Respectfully submitted,

J.E. Lloyd.

His Worship the Mayor: "When the matter was first discussed you said the report had doubtful engineering merit and offered to discuss it with me and I wrote you this letter." (He then read it as well as a letter from Warden Leverman.)

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Alderman J.E. Lloyd,  
111 Gottingen St.,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Alderman Lloyd:

You will remember at our Council meeting you expressed certain criticism regarding the Canadian-British Engineering Consultants and said that you would later discuss the matter privately with me.

We did have a brief talk on the subject and since that time I have had a short discussion with the Canadian Manager of the firm, who called at my office.

My concern in the matter is that we have in our hands a most extensive document from that company on which future engineering work might be done which, if it were proceeded with, might well result into a very large sum of money.

Further, the matter so far as the press story on your remarks is concerned, appears to have been left in my hands for the private discussions referred to above.

Under the circumstances I think it proper in the interests of all the parties concerned, if you would make a short statement on the subject at the next Council meeting which could be done at Question period.

Yours very truly,

L.A. Kitz,  
MAYOR.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
The Law Courts

15th, January, 1957.

Mayor Leonard A. Kitz,  
City Hall,  
Halifax,  
Nova Scotia.

Your Worship:-

As Chairman of the Joint Committee of the City of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth, County of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia, that is now studying the Metropolitan Area Report as prepared by the Canadian-British Engineering Consultants, I was most concerned, as indeed were some members of our Council, at a statement that recently appeared in the Press that Alderman Lloyd had made at a recent City Council meeting when he suggested that the qualifications of the Firm that did the report should be investigated.

Statements of this kind can, and do, influence the thinking of the public as well as the parties concerned as to the reliability of the Report filed with the participating bodies, and if such claims cannot be substantiated there should be some further statement which would appear in the Press which could perhaps counteract any misunderstanding that had gone abroad.

The newspaper article stated that Alderman Lloyd was to confer with you relative to the qualifications of the Canadian-British Engineering Consultants and I am wondering if these investigations have been completed if you have, or Alderman Lloyd, found anything that could substantiate the statements made in Council by Alderman Lloyd.

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I might say too, that Major Peter Grant had waited on me both as Warden of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, and Chairman of the Joint Committee, and had expressed deep concern over such a statement being made publicly, as he is not only afraid of the effect the statement may have on the public, but he is also concerned about the reflections cast on the Firm that he represents.

Major Grant also states that he and the partners of the Firm stand unequivocally behind the written report as presented to the four participating bodies.

It would be much appreciated if previous statements made cannot be substantiated, that a statement to this effect should also be made publicly and at such a time and place so that it would gain equal prominence in the Press with the original statement so that the public and all members of the participating bodies can be made aware of the facts, and their fears, if any, as to the reliability of the Firm engaged can be eliminated.

Yours very truly,

F.J.H. Leverman,  
Chairman,  
Joint Committee re  
Metropolitan Area Report.

NEW HOUSING IN REDEVELOPED AREAS

Alderman O'Brien : "At the last meeting we had an interim report from Dr. Stephenson. I wonder if the Housing Committee should meet to consider early steps in providing new housing which will be required in any redevelopment zones under the Limited Dividend Companies?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I will be happy to call a meeting."

APPLICATION HALIFAX BOARD OF TRADE Re: LAND ON BELL ROAD

An application was submitted on behalf of the Halifax Board of Trade respecting the acquisition of lands from the City on Bell Road for the purpose of erecting thereon new Board premises.

His Worship the Mayor: "Your sketch does not show too well what the average depth of this lot of land is. 100 or 200 feet? Something near 300 feet."

Mr. Barrow: "The plan from the City shows 200 feet."

His Worship the Mayor: "Perhaps you might be in agreement with me that a piece of land about 115 x 200 feet would be ample for your needs."

Mr. Barrow: "I agree it would be plenty large enough for us."

His Worship the Mayor: "There is the question of a City contribution. I think the City should contribute. I think it is a worth while project. If we gave 20,000 square feet at \$2.00 per square foot that would be \$40,000.00."

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That would be out of line. The value of your own land on Spring Garden Road would give you some guidance as to the value of land. I think we would be loathe to throw that open to commercial development. It lies with Council to put a fair valuation on the land we would dispose of. I think we should fix the value and give a contribution. The fact that you are going to erect a \$100,000.00 building would make our contribution large. I would like to see if Council is of a mind that we should make some land available to the County. We might get together to see if something can be worked out for the benefit of all concerned."

Alderman Vaughan: "Would Mr. Barrow care to comment on this point? Who advised you as to valuation or the cost of the building?"

Mr. Barrow: "Mr. Dumaresq. It was just a preliminary estimate."

Alderman Vaughan: "Does it visualize renting space to the Tourist Bureau?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The brief says to give land to our various commissions but not the Tourist Bureau."

Mr. Barrow: "We did not put anything down for the Bureau."

Alderman Lloyd: "In order of priority the Board of Trade should have the first chance to select from the land available. If after they have selected and if there is sufficient land for the County, then we will enter into negotiations with them. I think the Board of Trade will certainly not ask for more land than they need."

Mr. Barrow: "Until early this evening I was not aware that the County was putting in a request for part of this land. If it can be worked out, I think we are quite agreeable."

Alderman DeWolf: "I would propose a Committee be appointed to make a study of the land available in the area and to talk to the C.B.C. if they have any thought of enlarging their premises. There is the Board of Trade itself, the County authorities and also the School Board as to any future requirements there. We should go into it with those bodies to settle the whole situation."

Alderman Greenwood: "Does the \$100,000.00 include the Tourist Bureau? How many square feet are we using now for it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "5,000 square feet just could not include the Tourist Bureau."

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Alderman Greenwood: "We are now contributing, in effect, land for that purpose. We should consider that we have already given land for that use."

Alderman Dunlop: "This matter came to me as a shock that the Board of Trade should use a portion of the Commons. We have areas in the downtown area which are run down right around here that contain buildings which should be removed. I am happy to hear the idea of a Committee set-up. I would think the site should be down in this area. We should be removing 100 year old buildings and replacing them with business buildings and the same consideration for the County. I think study should be made of the whole situation. Perhaps we might get them a site somewhere else. Brunswick Street; is that on again?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No."

Alderman Dunlop: "I would like to see some of those old buildings taken down. I can't imagine any better site than that for the Board of Trade."

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that a committee be appointed to consider this matter. Motion passed.

Alderman Wyman suggested that the Committee consider not only this site but all city owned property.

His Worship the Mayor named the following to comprise the Committee: Aldermen Vaughan, Dunlop, DeWolf and himself which was agreed to by Council. As Alderman Vaughan was first named it was also agreed that he act as Chairman.

The Committee was authorized to confer with the Board of Trade, County of Halifax, Board of School Commissioners, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation with a view to finding a location for a proposed building for the Board of Trade and the County of Halifax.

GRADING FRANCKLYN STREET AND CHAIN ROCK DRIVE ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: December 18th, 1956.

Subject: Grading Francklyn Street and Chain Rock Drive.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached report from the City Engineer relative to postponing the grading of a certain portion of Francklyn Street and Chain Rock Drive was approved and recommended to City Council.

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Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

CITY MANAGER'S VACATION LEAVE ✓

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and  
Members of City Council.  
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard.,  
Date: January 14, 1957.  
Subject: City Manager's Vacation Leave.

Council will remember that several years ago expressed the hope I would be able to go to Europe in the Spring of 1957. This was at the time I informed you I was saving vacation. I have 9 days carried over with 15 due for 1957, and I ask your approval for me to be absent from May 17 to July 2.

This period covers 7 working days in excess of the vacation I have coming to me, but I would like to attend the Congress of the International of Local Authorities to be held at the Hague June 12-19. Of course there is no expense to the City of Halifax, I am only asking for the seven days time.

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

Alderman DeWolf: "I have no objection to him having that additional leave of absence. I think the carry-over is bad policy on his part. He did issue a report to us that no carry-over would be allowed."

City Manager: "No."

Alderman DeWolf: "The carry-over can become effective with the staff throughout the City."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think this whole thing of carry-over should be cleared up. I am quite agreeable to the Manager getting 16 days. I don't think the Manager should get any more than the lowest clerk in the business. I don't think the clerks can carry over their leave."

City Manager: "Yes they can".

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the City Manager be given 16 days in addition to his regular vacation. Motion passed.

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FENCE AROUND SPRING GARDEN ROAD PARKING LOT ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't want to see us paying \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 for a fence unless we have to. In the original negotiations I made I just can't remember talking with Mr. Fielding then that I on behalf of the City agreed to build any fence. There must be some cheaper way to go about this."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think it came from the Commissioner of Works that this fence was requested by the Government. We took it that it was part of the agreement."

City Solicitor: "I doubt if the Council can spend any money on this lot until we have our lease from the Government."

The matter was left with His Worship the Mayor in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

LAND - ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL ✓

City Manager: "This item is pre-numbered and that is why it is here. Mr. Black has not written anything else."

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be deferred until the City hears from Mr. Black. Motion passed.

APPEAL BY MOIRS LIMITED Re: REFUSAL OF PERMIT

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: December 18th, 1956.  
Subject: Moir's Limited - Appeal - Refusal of Permit.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, an application from Moir's Limited for a Permit to install a doorway at the rear of their Box Factory, which faces on Grafton Street, to load and unload their large Vans on a Lot next to Snow & Company on Argyle Street, was considered.

The Committee recommended that the Application be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

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BOILER INSURANCE ✓

January 10, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the City Manager respecting Boiler Insurance.

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: January 4, 1957.

Subject: Boiler Insurance.

At the Council meeting of December 13, 1956 City Council awarded the writing of boiler insurance to W.R. MacInnes & Co. with premiums to be divided equally between the agencies writing boiler insurance.

However, there are certain practices which insurance companies and agents follow with regard to division of premiums which is not exactly an equal division, but provides that the underwriting agency pays only a proportion to other brokers.

The letter from W.R. MacInnes follows:

"A.A. DeBard, Jr., Esq.,  
City Manager,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. DeBard:-

Boiler Insurance

I have for acknowledgement your letter of December 14th advising that City Council has directed that Boiler Insurance presently carried by this office should be renewed. I note also that the "premium" is to be divided among other agencies in Halifax which write Boiler insurance.

You will understand that Boiler premiums are not divisible--the entire account is written in one Company to obtain the maximum discount and benefit for the City. Furthermore, the Company writing the policy would look to this office for the entire premium.

Under the circumstances, I feel it reasonable to assume Council intended this office to act as it's Broker on this business and that all other agencies in Halifax writing Boiler Insurance are to have divided equally among them the customary commission payable at local agents rates by Companies writing this class of business.

I would appreciate your confirmation that we may proceed on this basis and in the meantime enclose our binder continuing the coverage in force pending issuance of renewal policy.



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Yours very truly,

W.R. MacInnes & Co.,  
(Sgd.) A.E. Hayes.

I would recommend that Council reaffirm its action in placing this insurance with the proviso that agents writing this type of business receive commissions at the local agents' rates.

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

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

ASSESSMENT LONGSHOREMEN'S HIRING HALL ✓

January 10, 1957.

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

A report from the City Manager respecting Assessment Longshoremen's Hiring Hall was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the Longshoremen's Hiring Hall at 59 Hollis Street be taxed at the Residential Tax Rate.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Vaughan: "What assessment is on the Board of Trade?"

City Assessor: "It is exempt."

Alderman Vaughan: "These men might well be granted the same treatment. If one is right the other is right."

ADDITIONAL BORROWING CITY HALL \$30,000.00 ✓

January 10, 1957.

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

A report from the City Manager requesting that an additional sum of \$30,000.00 be borrowed to complete renovations to the City Hall was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that a borrowing resolution for this sum be passed and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

A formal borrowing resolution in the amount of \$30,000.00 was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the resolution be approved. Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Alderman Vaughan: "Is there a Board Room to be constructed for the City Manager staff meetings?"

City Manager: "Any meetings."

Alderman Vaughan: "Could they not be held in your office?"

City Manager: "There is not room in my office."

Alderman Vaughan: "The Assessor was to have the eastern wing of the building. I understand there is to be a washroom. Is the board room necessary?"

City Manager: "It was not my idea in the first place."

Alderman Greenwood: "I think it is an excellent idea as there are many committee meetings that could be held."

His Worship the Mayor: "All committee meetings will be held around these tables."

Mr. West: "I heard that remark before. In fairness to the City Manager he certainly had nothing to do with wanting a board room or a washroom. That was designated as a conference room. There are an awful lot of meetings we have to have and it might be better to have staff meetings in that room. I have meetings with the Plumbing Examining Board."

FAIRVIEW UNDERPASS AGREEMENTS ✓

W H E R E A S by Section 13 of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 1955, the City of Halifax is authorized from time to time to enter into agreements with any government or governments or any agency thereof, containing such terms and conditions as the Council may determine, for the purpose of effecting improvements to the entrances and exits of the City, including the approaches thereto by the construction of bridges, roads or other works or the acquisition of land therefor and to expend towards the cost of such improvements such sum of such portion of such cost as the Council may determine, which sums required for such purposes may be borrowed by the City under the provisions of and in the manner provided by the Municipal Affairs Act;

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AND WHEREAS the City is desirous of improving the entrance and exit of the City at Fairview and has determined to approve and adopt the plans for this purpose hereinafter referred to;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City enter into an agreement with the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia as more fully set out in a draft agreement #3 bearing date the 11th day of January, A.D. 1957, and referring therein to

Scheme 3 - PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
PLAN SHOWING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT FAIRVIEW ENTRANCE  
ELIMINATING PRESENT PASS UNDER RAILWAY. PLAN DATED  
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and further containing the terms set out in paragraph 2 thereof, the estimated cost to the City of the implementation of the said work pursuant to the said agreement being forty per cent (40%) of the amount of Five Hundred and Sixty-six Thousand Dollars (\$536,000.00).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk request the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia to prepare and submit to the City the agreement hereinbefore referred to for acceptance by and execution on behalf of the City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said agreement when received be submitted to the Council for final approval and authorization of the execution thereof on behalf of the City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is contingent upon the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of a resolution authorizing the City to borrow a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000.00) for the purpose of defraying the City's share of the said work as hereinbefore set forth.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Fox that the resolution be approved and the Agreement executed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City.

Alderman O'Brien: "Is there any possibility of future expansion, if necessary, of the route out of the City using this plan at some later date?"

Alderman Dunlop: "I could never see when we undertook the Rotary why the citizens were called upon to pay half the cost when the people across the line who benefit most by it were not called upon to pay one cent. This is a most expensive way of eliminating a left hand turn. It is going to cost us \$214,000.00. Tonight we had a talk about increased grants from the Province and now we are taking over a responsibility which should be theirs. About 4/5ths. of the work is in the County yet we are called upon to pay 40% of the expenses. If we are in it at all we should be in it at the limited extent of the cost in the City. This is not going to eliminate the bottle neck. It is

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going to put back the solution to the problem for another 20 years. Alderman O'Brien has asked a very pertinent question and nothing should be done until it is answered. What is the future about a proposed new highway. All you are going to do is to push the jam out to Rockingham. This solution in my opinion is not going to eliminate the situation. I have talked to a good many people. I say this that there has never been one person in Ward 2 who has ever urged me to vote to spend money to eliminate something for the benefit of those who live outside the City and don't pay taxes at all. Why should the tax payers of the City, who are going to be faced with a \$2.00 tax rate, pay more. A good many of them will never use this exit. Why they should be called upon to pay extra taxes I would like to be told the answer. It is in the nature of a luxury. I think we should put it off. We should put it off until we know the plans in connection with any new highway. I would certainly like to have a special meeting of the rate payers in Ward 2 and tell the Council what they think about this expenditure. I am confident they would reject it."

Alderman Lane: "If I waited for the rate payers in Ward 2 to call me up to tell me to vote for or against anything, I would be waiting yet to vote on any question. I would suggest to my fellow Alderman if you would call a meeting of the tax payers of Ward 2 to discuss this problem you would get about the same proportion of the total qualified voters who get out to the polls on election day. As far as I am concerned I do not agree that it is not for the benefit of the citizens of Halifax. I agree it is to the proportion of the benefit of the citizens. If it is not a solution to the problem then I say the fault is that of the engineers of the City and the Province who have been consulted and concur in this."

Alderman Vaughan: "In 1942 the bottleneck was flooded. This is 1957 and 15 years have passed. The thinking of the engineers responsible for planning a highway has changed. At the initial meeting of the Metropolitan Committee it was indicated to us that they wanted some form of approval as a first step as regards to highways in the Metropolitan Area. There are to be two lane highways. There would be no building along the frontage of those roads. Surely with that kind of thinking now present, it leads me to believe that

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the solution for the Fairview Bottleneck in 1942 is not applicable today. The Bedford Highway will be reduced to a village street status if the new perimeter highway is built. Perhaps the Government feels they should carry on with the commitments of the previous Government. I voted against the Armdale Rotary and I will vote against this proposal. We must examine the expenditure of one quarter of a million dollars to cure an ill which will not exist in the same measure 5 years hence."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the proper view should be taken of this matter. The engineering solution is agreeable to all parties concerned. I think it has been thoroughly discussed and surely this must be the solution which fits into the plans of each respective authority. It takes so much conferring to bring parties to agreement in these days when funds of all Governments are being watched. Unless there are some very tangible engineering reasons why this should not go forward we should assume that competent engineers have dealt with the matter. Some mention was made by Alderman O'Brien about traffic. One former Premier pointed out we could control truck traffic and heavy traffic through this artery and I think the plan would envisage some planning through the County and there will be developments in roadways in the County areas. I think having occupied the position that you now occupy realizing how difficult it is to get various bodies to agree, we should be most happy to find that various engineering bodies are agreeable to the solution. We can't argue too much and it is most practical to accept your (His Worship the Mayor) recommendation. You have done a commendable amount of good work."

His Worship the Mayor: "There will be about one million dollars worth of work done of which we will pay one quarter. There is a chance, if we live, we will see a road parallel to the Bedford Highway. I think it will be quite a long period of time. In any event this will always be your main entrance to Barrington Street and along the industrial mile which we hope to see built up."

City Manager: "The contributions by the railway and Board of Transport Commissioners are very generous and arrived at by people in Ottawa. We spent a lot of time and our own staff on what would happen to the Bedford Highway if

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a road were built to the west. It was felt that the Bedford Highway would always be an important road even if it is used as a village street. It will drain a large amount of local traffic from the County and will also serve as a route for heavy trucks."

Alderman Fox: "Has anything been done by the Engineering Department which would run more water off in floodtime? 14 feet collected there as many years ago."

City Manager: "We did do something by putting double catchpits on Kempt Road. The water came from the County side."

Alderman DeWolf: "I think the Council started negotiations for this work. I thought we had morally committed ourselves to go ahead with a favourable plan both physical and financial. The railway studied the plan as well as our engineers. I feel morally committed to vote for the carrying on of this operation."

Alderman O'Brien: "I wonder if Mr. West or Mr. DeBard can tell us whether the main artery through the overpass is capable of expansion in width and has there been any consideration to the flow of traffic over the overpass meeting the new road when it is built?"

Mr. West: "As far as widening you can always widen a bridge. In thinking of that there is nothing to stop us from widening the bridge. It would be dictated by the amount we could widen Kempt Road and the streets funnelling into the bridge. It just involves the money that would have to be expended."

Alderman O'Brien: "How many lanes?"

City Manager: "I think it is one lane except where you have traffic divisions."

Mr. West: "There is a lane each way and one for passing."

Alderman Ferguson: "Is this an estimate of cost or a limit?"

His Worship the Mayor: "An estimate."

Alderman Ferguson: "Will this come back for ratification after the tenders have been let? They did on the Rotary. Say the tenders run several thousands of dollars more than the estimate we may want to think again."

Alderman Lloyd: "It has to come back to us."

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Alderman Vaughan: "As a result of the explanation from the Mayor, Mr. West and the City Manager, I am going to vote for it".

The motion was put and passed 10 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien, Greenwood, DeWolf, Lane, Adams, Fox, Ferguson and Lloyd. - 10 -

AGAINST IT - Alderman Dunlop - 1 -

A resolution providing for the borrowing of a sum of \$215,000.00 was then submitted.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Fox that the resolution be passed and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

The motion was put and passed 10 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien, Greenwood, DeWolf, Lane, Adams, Fox, Ferguson and Lloyd. - 10 -

AGAINST IT - Alderman Dunlop - 1 -

LETTER SCHOOL BOARD Re: BUS SERVICE AFRICVILLE ✓

This matter was left with His Worship the Mayor to process.

CITY MANAGER'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A report was submitted from the City Manager for the month of December 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.

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APPROVALS MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

The following approvals were reported:

1. Borrowing \$112,500.00 Addition to St. Andrew's School
2. Borrowing \$174,459.40 " " Alexander McKay School
3. Revocation of Borrowings totalling \$41,533.82

FILED

ANNUAL REPORT HALIFAX INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Annual Report of the above Commission was submitted by the Secretary Mr. Robert P. Post and copies furnished the members of Council.

FILED

LETTER WELLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT Re: SIREN ✓

A letter was submitted from the above Fire Department expressing their appreciation for the opportunity of purchasing a siren which has been installed

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

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

**Date:** January 21, 1957

**Subject:** Monthly Administrative Report for December, 1956.

1. Electrician's Department.

220 wiring inspections made, permit income	\$398.12
Revenue from Wiremen's Licenses	25.00
10 new street lights in Pinewood Acres subdivision	
1 " " " Bayers Rd. - near Dutch Village Road	
1 " " " South end Francklyn St.	
1 " " " George Dauphinee Ave.	
1 " " " Lloyd Fox Avenue	
1 " " " Driveway between T. B. Hospital and I.D. Hospital	
2 " " " Parking lot - Spring Garden Road & Queen St.	
36 fluorescent lights - Armdale Rotary.	

2. Building Permits

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dwellings, new	8	\$118,000.00
Garages, new	3	2,000.00
Commercial, new	6	263,600.00
Government, new	1	325,000.00
Dwellings, repairs	47	26,436.00
Garages, repairs	3	535.00
Commercial, repairs	21	56,993.00
Government, repairs	1	500.00
	<hr/> 90	<hr/> \$ 793,064.00

3. Streets and Sewers

Square yards of streets graded	47,000
Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	114
" " " " stoned and oiled streets	36
Cubic yards of material used on streets	2,500
No. of sq. yds. of sidewalk repairs	75
Lineal feet of curb and gutter repairs	20
Number of street signs maintained (new)	206
" sewers cleared and cleaned	8 - 540'
" catchpits repaired	3
" " constructed	13
" " cleaned	466
" Manholes repaired	7
" " constructed	1
" junctions installed	14
Miles of street swept by hand	215
" " " machine	35

4. Garbage

2,609 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 532 tons were burned together with 1,917 tons of privately collected materials. Total amount processed - 2,449 tons with incinerator in operation 372 hours.



5. Snow Removal

480 miles of streets were plowed and 1,445 miles of streets were salted using 14,457 bags of salt.

Expenditures for the year to date:	January - 1956	December 1956	Total for 1956
Salting streets - labour	\$17,621.74	\$4,481.00	\$22,102.74
" " salt	20,816.75	13,250.00	34,066.75
Clearing City property, catchouts and crosswalks	16,447.04	1,135.00	17,582.04
Repairs to snow fence	10.70		10.70
Repairs to boulevards	132.50	2,000.00	2,132.50
Making sand boxes & sidewalks	434.73	2,700.00	3,134.73
Removing snow	20,403.34		20,403.34
Miscellaneous	307.00		307.00
Sanding streets & filling sand boxes	927.26	11,000.00	11,927.26
Plowing snow	26,239.07	1,445.00	27,684.07
	<u>110,187.07</u>	<u>21,011.00</u>	<u>131,198.07</u>

6. Profab Housing

Houses completely paid	371	
Current Accounts	<u>441</u>	
Original number of houses	812	
Mortgages Receivable, Nov. 30, 1956		\$1,007,274.11
" " Dec. 31, 1956		<u>881,511.29</u>
Decreased during month		125,762.82
Total borrowing, Nov. 30, 1956		2,416,641.41
" " Dec. 31, 1956		<u>2,170,617.52</u>
Borrowing decreased		246,023.89
Accounts two or more months in arrears		\$14,424.88

7. Claims

Eastern Equipment	Railing - Grand Parade	\$25,000
K. A. Verge	2 trees - Chebucto Road	11,000
261 Bayers Road	Windstorm damage	6,000
Glacis Barracks	Fire damage - 2 checks - total	11,300

8. Christmas tree lighting

Location	Lights put on trees	Lights Replaced	Lights Missing	Lights Returned
Grand Parade	60		11	49
Coburg & Robie	50		20	30
Victoria Park	63		12	51
Young & Gottingen	60	32	12	28
Robie & Duffus	18		12	6
Quinpool & Oxford	58		20	38

9. Sewer Capital

Street	Size	Started	Estimated	Expended
Dutch Village Road	12" - 18"	5.19.56	1,000	100.00
Clinton Ave. Pump House				100.00
Right-of-Way Fainnie Drive	15" - 18"	11.16.56	175	175.00

10. Sewer Rehabilitation

<u>Street</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>Total Feet</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Harrington Street - 21 drain connections Connolly to Connaught	10/25/56 11/19/56	257	

*A. A. Hebard*  
City Manager

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on their truck.

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LETTER WAEGWOLTIC CLUB Re: ASSESSMENT 1957

A letter was submitted from Mr. G.V. Guy, Secretary of the above Club advising that the Board of Directors is very much concerned about the basis of the 1957 assessment which is as follows: \$82,000.00 at the Business Rate and \$8,000.00 at the residential rate. They hoped that the proposed legislation respecting clubs would be made retroactive for the present year. The matter was presented so that the Council would know the Club's feeling in this matter.

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

Meeting adjourned. 11:00 P.M.

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L.A. Kitz,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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W.P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 24, 1957,  
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, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the Estimates for the year 1957.

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

8:05 P.M. Council adjourned.

11:20 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council be ratified.

1. That legislation be drafted to abolish the Household Tax and that all persons not otherwise assessed for real property who are in receipt of \$1,200.00 per annum shall pay a Poll Tax as set up by Statute.
2. That legislation be drafted to provide that the minimum Household Tax be not less than the Poll Tax and that one tenant be subject to the tax.
3. That the sum of \$900.00 for Office Supplies for the Mayor's Office be reduced to \$500.00.
4. That the item for Salaries in the Finance Department amounting to \$238,000.00 be reduced to \$235,000.00 and that one unfilled position of Street Collector be not filled.

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5. That the number of hosemen in the Fire Department be increased by thirty-one as of February 1st, 1957 and that the sum of \$73,600.00 be provided in the estimates for 1957 to defray the cost.
6. That the City include in the Current Estimates sufficient funds to implement the 56 hour week in the Fire Department as from February 1, 1957.
7. That all requests from Unions and Associations for salary increases be referred to the City Manager for the purpose of bargaining and he report direct to Council.
8. That the Chief of Police be given authority to hire 14 additional constables.
9. That the amount in the estimates shown as \$36,400.00 to provide salaries etc. for the 14 additional Constables be reduced by the sum of \$6,000.00.
10. That His Worship the Mayor select a time to give Mr. Thomson an opportunity to prepare a statement on the form the Federal Grant is calculated and that the Committee of the Whole Council examine and inquire into the full details of the calculations of Federal Grants in lieu of taxation.

Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned. 11:30 P.M.

L.A. Kitz,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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W.P. PUBLICOVER,  
CITY CLERK.

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 24, 1957,  
8:05 P.M.

A meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council was held on the above date.

There were present His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called to consider Estimates for the Civic Year 1957.

His Worship the Mayor went into the history of the C.N.R. case and said it was the result of an amalgamation of many companies which included 150 odd corporate entities. The result was where they were privately owned, they were responsible and even though they passed into the control of the C.N.R. they were still responsible. A few years ago Mayor Lloyd, Mayor Ahern and the City Solicitor went into the matter and it was settled 50 cents on the real estate dollar; nothing on the business. The Government supplied funds to make back payments and that was when Mayor Ahern got \$300,000.00 for the City and the Mayor of St. John got one half of that sum. The P.C. order for the future said the railway could have a fund up to one quarter million dollars to pay the Maritime claims. The rider the C.N.R. have had was that they were not bound to pay this money; it was permissive and it was within the scope of the consent of the railway directors. They have taken a merged rate; the average merged rate of the previous 5 years. It is about 7½ years old. The rate is 5 years behind the times. They are by a rule of thumb making certain physical deductions. They have knocked off anything where men don't work and they have used the provisions of the Ontario Assessment Act as a rough guide. We met with the legal people and got the friendly brush-off we anticipated. We went on to see Mr. Winters and Mr. Gregg. I am satisfied they showed great interest. I hope we will find ourselves in a position the same as the rest of Canada. If the speech from the Throne says the Government shall pay its way there is no difference between the Post Office and the Railway. The representative from the Government will be here in a few weeks to go over our assessments. With respect to the National Harbour Board I thought it improper to bring that in on this occasion because this was a railway party. I did not want to complicate the picture."

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FEDERAL GRANT

His Worship the Mayor stated he called the Deputy Minister of Finance respecting the annual grant from Ottawa. "I think we are going to get more than \$1,000,000.00. I think we must work our own calculations. He said with the 2% limitation gone why can't you figure it out."

Alderman Lloyd: "On the matter of the Railway did they admit they had been paying taxes to Toronto in violation of their own expressed arguments?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Even better than that. The C.P.R. has an agreement that they will not pay for the right of way in perpetuity. In 1956 by agreement the C.P.R. has paid and is paying the City of Winnipeg \$385,000.00 a year. Even under an agreement they did not have to pay them one nickel. I asked Mr. Friel what percentage of the rest of the country do they pay and he said about two-thirds."

Alderman Lloyd: "A few years ago when Mayor Wasson and I asked about other places it led to some differences of opinion. We got information which led to a settlement out of court. They do appear to defend their positions with a great deal more vigor than some executives in private corporations. Would it be in order to move that a committee consisting of yourself with 3 or 4 Aldermen look into this matter and the way grants are calculated to confer with the City Assessor?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I could circulate the Manager's memo to me to the Council. Mr. Thomson could give us a run down on (a) assessments and (b) what items receive special treatment. Because the Lord Nelson Hotel has 200 rooms and the Nova Scotian 150 the tax should be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Lord Nelson. We could find out what properties are rated at full value and what are the exclusions."

Mr. Thomson: "In the Federal property there is one they will not pay on and they are parks and historic sites. Citadel Hill, they will not pay for that as well as retaining walls, wharfs, storage tanks. Any buildings on these excluded portions we can include in our grant. All land is included in the grant. Every building the Federal Government have now is included in the grant."

His Worship the Mayor: "We should run through the whole schedule and take your valuations. You are acting as an official who is saying what you think the valuations should be. I think it would be open for me or any Aldermen to constructively criticize what your views are."



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Mr. Thomson: "Mr. Clark will compare the Dockyard with the Shipyards. Private homes on Young Ave. will be compared with the property in the same district."

His Worship the Mayor: "Have you your work sheets up to date on Government properties?"

Mr. Thomson: "Yes."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we could follow what Alderman Lloyd suggested and form a committee."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think as much information should be made available to the Aldermen from Mr. Thomson. I suppose it could be aired at a committee meeting, of the whole Council. That would include all the Aldermen. I personally would favor that. Every Alderman should be fully informed on the implications of this policy. I thought some committee with His Worship should be available to meet with Mr. Clark following that general airing."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that His Worship the Mayor select a time to give Mr. Thomson an opportunity to prepare a statement on the form the Federal Grant is calculated and that the Committee of the Whole Council examine and inquire into the full details of the calculations of Federal Grants in lieu of taxation. Motion passed.

Alderman Vaughan: "If they are taking these arbitrary deductions they should be checked by some members of Council."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will take the necessary action to do that."

#### ASSESSMENTS

His Worship the Mayor: "Our Cleminshaw valuations as considered and approved by the Assessor is a big step forward. I think it is a true statement that when you get into the big kind of properties that you don't have too many other things to compare with them. It is a natural tendency to play them down in value especially when they are made for a 5 year term."

#### C.N. Railways

His Worship the Mayor: "They allowed \$250,000.00 to pay the tax monies for the Maritimes. That was 10 years ago. I am satisfied they kept well below \$250,000.00 and for 5 years coming up they practically asked for permission to spend the same amount again. They asked that these arguments be put in the form of a brief. I think we will ask for the help of Mr. Mooney, Bethune and myself."

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Alderman Vaughan: "Does the D.A.R. pay any taxes?"

His Worship the Mayor: "My quick answer. I think would be 'no'."

Mr. Thomson: "The C.P.R. do pay taxes on Barrington Street."

Alderman Lloyd: "I took a look at the assessments and I summed it up in this phrase 'we have a Thomson assessment'. Mr. Thomson's adjustments over the 1956 assessments began with last year's assessments before they were cut 15%. Then perhaps 5% has come off; very roughly. Mr. Thomson confirms that. He has also adjusted the values of property fixed by the Tax Appeal Court on comparable properties and that includes quite a bit of commercial real estate. In some instances the amounts are substantial. The final point was the Appeal Court gave a ruling, should the assessments against the tenants agree with the entire building? They made a ruling Mr. Thomson felt he was bound to follow. If the building was reduced in total value, it automatically reduced the occupants. I took a sample to find out what would happen. I took four to illustrate the change in business taxes."

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
1. Retail Store	11,940.00	4,845.00	3,992.00
2. " "	7,960.00	3,391.00	2,799.00
3. Professional Office	587.00	211.00	199.00
4. Sales Agency	382.00	173.00	64.00

Among the group it is indicated that that group is enjoying a 66% reduction in taxes over 1955. That does not apply to tenants. There was an in-equality before. We should give some serious thought to this particular source of revenue for the next 2 years at least. It may be that we in future look upon our 4 taxes as 4 distinct taxes, let us look at them separately and see if there is some value in changing the 50% basis with some modifications for the next two years. I still think to put the whole of the increase in this year's budget on residential tax payers is quite a heavy burden."

His Worship the Mayor: "On your major point, I disagree with you in principle. Your first list of figures have been fixed on rental. I would also suggest that you could find instances where business taxes have gone up where persons have enjoyed a low-rental."

Alderman Lloyd: "The principle you are enunciating has to do with the basis

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of value. There was some merit in relation to those who were too high and those that were too low should have been brought up to a mid point. If principle is involved I say in our present circumstances, pending the outcome of the inquiry. I think there would be great justification for Council taking the view that while there was some reductions in the business tax at the same time that should not have held that those who were too low should continue to enjoy the same relation to the others."

His Worship the Mayor: "In your calculations you will agree that your figures show the result that when the new Thomson assessment came into being the ratio of raise for; residential was practically 300%. The ratio of raise for commercial property was one as to 1.95 or pretty close to it."

Alderman Lloyd: "These are facts that all the Aldermen should be aware of. My only point is that before you agree to all of the increase in the budget falling on residential property, you give due consideration to the changes in the business tax."

Alderman O'Brien: "Could we have a tabulation by the staff to show whether the figures are representative and whether some are representative in the other direction."

Alderman Lloyd: "They are representative of 10 occupants of business operations. The two top ones were quite by accident. It came to my by clients of mine showing me their tax bills. It began with my own office. My own office was \$200.00 and it dropped to \$170.00 last year and this year at \$4.75 it would be \$75.00."

Alderman O'Brien stated he would like to see some of the figures and asked if Alderman Lloyd's suggestion were followed would that create an anomaly.

Alderman DeWolf: "These firms would be all firms who rent?"

Alderman Lloyd: "Yes."

Alderman DeWolf: "I quite agree that those renting got off quite well. As far as the owners of business property they pay as much if not more than they did before. Those who rent pay less. Perhaps half as much."

Alderman Lloyd: "I have not made a statement on this without examining both sides. I would suggest to you that you will find that the business taxes in many cities of Canada, as a levy, are entirely disassociated from realty taxes. In Montreal the tax is 10% of the annual ;rent plus 8% of surtax. If you feel business taxes should help share this increase and not the heavy commercial realty owner, all you have to say is that business tax shall be taxed at a rate or on a schedule. You just separate the business tax from the rate applying to commercial real property."

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Alderman Vaughan: "Last year the Manager recommended a rate of \$4.95 on business and \$1.60 on residential. If we go up to \$4.92 on business this year our rate will drop to \$1.83 for residential. I am concerned about this point of the business rate. In the Province of British Columbia they are bringing in a whole revised Act. Parts of it will apply to business taxes. The Province is going to make a rebate of \$28.00 to every household tax payer in the Province. With respect to Poll Tax I think St. John, N.B. is getting \$600,000.00 from this source. We should be very careful and take a little time in cutting down to the bone the business tax and raising to the highest the Household tax."

POLL TAX \$90,000.00

City Manager: "We did not give any effect to the \$20.00 Poll Tax in the budget. We just don't know what we can do about that."

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Household Tax in no case be less than the Poll Tax and that where 2 or 3 persons occupy premises the tax be assessed to one person and not divided.

Alderman Vaughan: "Would there be any danger in merging the Household Tax with the Residential property and then all other people pay \$20.00 Poll Tax. You would get roughly \$302,000.00. I think it is the neatest way of doing it."

City Manager: "It has an effect on your voting. They are voting an entirely different basis. You want to realize you are doing it."

Mr. Thomson: "There are a lot of properties in the City where the husbands put the Household Tax in the name of the wife."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that legislation be drafted to abolish the Household Tax and that all persons not otherwise assessed for real property who are in receipt of \$1200.00 per annum shall pay a Poll Tax as set up by Statute.

Alderman Lloyd: "There is no question that the elimination of the Household Tax would ease the load."

Alderman Vaughan: "What would be the point in law if we abolish the Household Tax? Would we be abolishing our personal property tax and not be able to pick it up again in some other form?"

City Manager: "I think you could pick it up again."

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Alderman Ferguson: "What about the case where a person is paying a much more substantial tax than the proposed \$20.00 Poll Tax? We might be losing in a class where there is ability to pay. Why not make a minimum?"

Alderman DeWolf: "There is no right of lien as far as Poll Tax is concerned. Your collection is not going to be as good as a Household Tax with a minimum of \$20.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "I suggest we hold this matter in abeyance."

Alderman Wyman: "I would suggest that we seek legislation to make it possible so that no Household Tax shall be less than the Poll Tax."

Alderman Lloyd: "If you eliminate that you have to have a universal franchise. Dartmouth has eliminated personal property tax and follows much of the procedure suggested by Alderman Vaughan. Perhaps this matter should be given some further consideration before we come to a conclusion."

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that legislation be drafted to provide that the minimum Household Tax be not less than the Poll Tax and that one tenant be subject to the tax."

Alderman Lane: "You have 3 girls occupying an apartment who would pay \$20.00 per girl on Poll Tax so you say the effect would be \$60.00. There was a phrase used in the Deputy Mayor's motion that this tax be levied on all those making \$1200.00 or over per year. How do you reckon that \$1200.00?"

His Worship the Mayor: "He gets it from a sworn statement from the employer."

Alderman Lane: "Restaurant workers get under \$1200.00 a year but get meals which would take them well over \$1200.00."

Mr. Thomson: "In the Poll Tax Act there is a minimum of \$500.00 chargeable for meals. We watch that in restaurants. We had that case come up in the Protestant Orphanage."

Alderman Lane: "There is no way of checking your domestics unless, your employers give it."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the Poll Tax is the most inequitable thing. I think Ontario has no Household of Poll Tax."

Alderman O'Brien: "I think we should have the Poll Tax higher than the \$20.00 and have it collected by employers and raise the minimum wage to \$1500.00. I think \$1200.00 is low at the present day living."

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Alderman Ferguson: "Alderman O'Brien said the exemption rate should be raised to \$1500.00. I think that would be a serious mistake because we are losing revenue from part-time tradesmen who are in the City a short time and then go back to the different towns."

Alderman Wyman: "I had thought that a Household Tax was assessed against an individual. For the purposes of Household Tax it would almost have to be in individual in which case it is assessed against the tenant and any other person living there would be liable for Poll Tax."

His Worship the Mayor: "Rate it against the first person in the lease; if no lease the tenant as determined by the Assessor."

Alderman Lloyd: "I have to oppose this resolution for these reasons:

- (1) You can't write a law which would result in a fair and equitable tax between the Poll Tax payers and the Household Tax payers.
- (2) Considering all the things I have taken into account, I am satisfied at a future date there will be many reasons to eliminate both of them.

I suggest we leave it for another year or at least until we get the report from the Judge."

Alderman Macdonald: "In view of the study that is being made now of the old taxation system, I wonder if it is wise to embark on a new tax scheme. Judge Pottier will make his recommendations sometime during 1957. I don't see any great advantage in changing. I think it is a little premature."

Alderman Wyman: "I think our action already taken which has resulted in the present trend of the tax rates and increased Poll Tax has created a situation which is definitely inequitable and I don't see why we should perpetuate the inequality for another year. I think it is up to us to try to clear what is an inequality as soon as we can."

Alderman Vaughan suggested deferring action on the whole matter for the time being.

It was agreed that legislation be submitted by the City Solicitor on both propositions.

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

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FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Vaughan  
O'Brien  
Greenwood  
DeWolf  
Adams  
Ferguson  
Wyman

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Abbott  
Lane  
Macdonald  
Fox  
Lloyd

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INCOME

Alderman Vaughan: "Where does the C.B.C. taxes appear in this?"

Mr. Thomson: "They are negotiating with the City Manager and they are going over our assessments. They have not paid us anything for last year as yet. We advised them of the unfinished value for 1956 and we have completed our value for 1957. Under the Federal Grants Crown Companies make their own arrangements with municipalities."

His Worship the Mayor to Mr. Thomson: "Might I suggest that when you and I have a discussion we will include this matter."

Alderman Vaughan: "Is the Light & Power Company assessed the same as the M.T.T. Co., Ltd.?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The Light & Power Company is fixed by legislation. The M.T. & T. Co., Ltd. might well be looked into."

Page # 4 - Mayor's Office & Aldermen \$31,745.58

Approved.

Page # 5 - Mayor's Office \$32,845.58

Item 1 - 3 reduced to \$500.00.

Page # 6 - Manager's Office \$16,060.00

Approved.

His Worship the Mayor stated he was going to think about the salary paid the City Solicitor as compared to the City Manager.

Page # 7 - Manager's Office \$16,605.00

Approved.

Page # 8 - City Clerk's Office \$17,675.00

Approved.

Page # 9 - City Clerk's Office \$19,360.00

Approved.

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Pages 10 - 14 - Finance Department \$238,000.00

His Worship the Mayor: "With respect to collectors collecting real estate taxes, don't you think you could dispose of 2 members if you did not collect real property taxes?"

Mr. Romkey: "If we go back to the years prior to 1939, at that time we only collected each year about 42% of our taxes. We put in a new system and we started with our collectors and now we are collecting 90% of the taxes within the year."

Alderman Vaughan: "At one time there were 16 and we were given assurance they were needed. Now they are down to 7."

His Worship the Mayor: "As and when positions become vacant we should eliminate 2 collectors from the staff and that no real estate taxes be collected."

Alderman Lloyd: "Before you cut off staff perhaps it should be more carefully considered by the Commissioner of Finance and City Collector. The City Manager will stall until he has the chance to talk to a head of a Department."

Mr. Romkey: "We don't want to get into a position like we did 5 years ago when we did not collect our taxes within the year."

Alderman DeWolf: "Isn't the real estate collection incidental. The man is going around collecting anyway and one man says he enjoys it because the tax is paid by the end of the year. I think their time is devoted to other matters."

Alderman Lloyd: "I wonder if you did not have the Household and Poll Tax you might not have to spend the \$21,000.00."

Alderman Lane: "When they are not collecting taxes, what do these 7 men do?"

Mr. Romkey: "They are always collecting taxes. There are different kinds of taxes."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the amount for the item "unfilled positions" be increased to \$7,466.81. Motion passed with Alderman Wyman wishing to be recorded against.

Pages 10 to 14 were approved as amended.

Page # 15 - Finance Department - Salaries \$238,000.00

Reduced to \$235,000.00.

Page # 6 - Solicitor's Department - \$29,895.00

Approved.



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His Worship the Mayor stated he thought the Griffenhagen Report recommended that the City Solicitor's salary go from \$9190.00 to \$10,320.00 .

He was requested to bring in a report on Department Heads salaries at the next meeting of Council.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

It was pointed out that while membership fees in various associations were paid by the City for some Officials it did not apply to all.

Mr. Doyle pointed out that his fees were paid by himself before he could go in court.

Alderman Lane felt that all should be paid or none at all.

His Worship the Mayor was requested to look into the matter of fees of this nature.

Page # 17 - City Solicitor \$32,145.00

Approved.

Page # 18 - City Assessor \$48,424.50

Approved.

Alderman Lloyd: "I think a word of commendation is due, Mr. Thomson and his staff. It is quite in order. We should do all in our power to make sure they have staff to carry out their work. The matter of overtime pay, how is it paid or what is the practice?"

Mr. Romkey: "Most of the employees get paid with the exception of some who do not get paid as they would rather have the time off. The rate is \$1.55 per hour."

His Worship the Mayor: "Does that go to the top bracket?"

Mr. Romkey: "That cuts off at the Deputy Divisional Head."

Alderman DeWolf: "Your I[Worship in your report you will consider Mr. Thomson's remuneration?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I will."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think there are some of our Departments that it would be better to pay a larger overtime rate and get them to do the work when the peak work occurs. I think there is some merit in that."

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Mr. Thomson: "Our staff always take the pay. They never take the time off. We have reached the peak of our overtime work."

Alderman Fox asked if the Officials and Deputies received overtime pay and was advised by Mr. Romkey in the negative.

Alderman Fox: "It doesn't matter how many hours they work?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It is the responsibility of the office."

Alderman Lloyd: "It goes with the job when you become an Executive."

Page # 19 - City Assessor's Department \$53,674.50

Approved.

Page # 20 - Magistrate's Court \$21,390.00

Approved.

Alderman DeWolf: "What percentage of the fines do we get from the Court?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I will have a look at the situation."

Page # 21 - Magistrate's Court \$22,840.00

Approved.

Pages 36 - 44 - Fire Department \$649,389.22

His Worship the Mayor: "I want to draw your attention to the last item on Page 44. I wonder if we should take another look at the item. "56 Hour Week \$80,000.00." Was it July of 1955 that we lowered the hours?"

Alderman Vaughan: "Yes."

His Worship the Mayor: "One and a half year's ago we lowered the hours from 72 to 67. My feeling is that this is not a year in which we can afford to drop hours of employment so soon after we did it at 15, 16 or 17% at a time. I hope we might strike it out for this year at least or find some compromise for time."

Alderman Lane: "Are we not already in agreement with the Association?"

His Worship the Mayor: "In principle but I think you are entitled to take another look at it when you have to find the money."

Alderman O'Brien: "We also agreed to consider an increase in wages. I don't see how we can raise wages and lower hours in the same year. I would like to know the cost of the two items side by side as requested and if it met the wishes of Council if it should be the one or the other, I would like to know what the men would prefer. What is the cost of the wage request?"

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City Manager: "The total salaries are \$649,000.00 and that includes the 56 hour week and that would be 10% of that. It would be \$65,000.00 for the Fire and \$60,000.00 for the Police Dept. If you grant that you would have to consider the ranks above."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is it imperative you go from 67 to 56?"

Fire Chief: "You could go to 60. In Ontario it is a 40 hour week. I think the men give considerable to the City in lieu of what the City gives them. I think what they are asking for is not out of line. It is inevitable that they will get it. They get no overtime and if a man is sick on the shift, the offshift man fills in."

His Worship the Mayor: "You could work this out on a 60 hour shift."

Fire Chief: "Yes with a lesser amount of men."

Alderman Vaughan: "What is the cost?"

His Worship the Mayor: "About \$55,000.00."

Alderman Vaughan: "Would it be better to give the 56 hour week sometime during the year?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that is putting our head in the sand somewhat. We have to consider the 1958 budget also."

Alderman Vaughan suggested 60 hour week this year and 56 hour week next year.

Alderman Fox: "What was the understanding when those additional men were appointed by the Safety Committee?"

His Worship the Mayor: "On the basis that all the men would be taken on for the 56 hour week."

Alderman Fox: "Did any men leave their jobs to get on the Department?"

Fire Chief: "Yes there were."

Alderman Lloyd: "I look upon the next 2 years to level out anyway. You might as well do it this year as next year as I see it. You might as well do it this year in view of the circumstances."

His Worship the Mayor: "It would be about 14% reduction in time at one time."

Alderman Lloyd: "Let us go to the representatives and ask them."

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His Worship the Mayor: "The Association could be bargained with on the two points. There might be some merit in that."

Alderman Ferguson: "On the wages we will receive a request from the Police. We will have to consider other groups."

His Worship the Mayor: "Bargaining should be done with the City and all groups of our labor. I would suggest (1) Grant the Firemen a reduction in hours to 60 and (2) The question of a wage increase be done by the City Manager with all of our labor force."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Abbott that we include in the budget a sufficient sum of money to implement the 56 hour week as from February 1, 1957. Motion passed.

The item \$80,600.00 for the 56 hour week was reduced to the sum of \$73,600.00.

REQUESTS FOR INCREASE

It was agreed that all requests for increases be referred to the City Manager for bargaining and that he report direct to Council.

Page # 45 & # 46 - Fire Department \$690,339.22

Approved.

Pages # 25 & # 32 Police Department \$597,000.00

His Worship the Mayor: "with respect to the 14 additional men at \$36,400.00 what the Chief has done is that he has picked up those extra men he might have had when he put in the 40 hour week. I think if the Chief could get on with more doubling up and inner administration, the number might be cut down to 7."

Chief Mitchell: "I feel 14 is a minimum. I would prefer to have more than 14."

Alderman Vaughan: "During the night on the beat patrol are there any places where they do more than try the door?"

Chief Mitchell: "Yes. On some places the doors inside are tried."

Alderman Vaughan: "Is it not true that you try the door and windows on one building in the north end?"

Chief Mitchell: "Yes."

Alderman Vaughan: "That is a watchman's service. Is it necessary that we have to provide service for the laxity of the staff who might not have locked the doors or windows?"

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Alderman DeWolf referred to the fact that 7 of the additional men were to be attached to the Traffic Division.

Chief Mitchell: "Just 4. The rest are patrol activity."

Alderman DeWolf: "How many are connected with traffic?"

Chief Mitchell: "32 and these would make it 36 including the female clerk."

Alderman DeWolf: "Would it be 20%."

Chief Mitchell: "Yes and that I might add is low."

His Worship the Mayor: "Chief MacGillivray of your total personnel what is your overall strength?"

Chief MacGillivray: "202".

His Worship the Mayor: "How many Hosemen?"

Chief MacGillivray: "169."

His Worship the Mayor: "Are these 169 men interchangeable?"

Chief MacGillivray: "There are 64 licensed chauffeurs."

His Worship the Mayor: "Are the balance not qualified?"

Chief MacGillivray: "There are some men who don't want the responsibility of driving."

Alderman Abbott: "I feel the Police Department has given and is giving excellent service in the City as well as the Fire Department. I feel the taxpayers are getting their money's worth out of the Police Department."

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane that the Chief of Police be authorized to hire 14 additional constables at \$36,400.00. Motion passed.

It was felt that the 14 men could not be made available in one month's time which meant 2 months would pass before they would be on the Department, therefore the sum of \$6,000.00 could be cut off the original figure of \$36,400.00.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the sum of \$6,000.00 be cut off Police Department salaries. Motion passed.

Alderman Macdonald: "I think the Police Department has to have personnel to do its work. I am willing to go along with the increase in the staff."

Alderman DeWolf pointed out that 20% of the Police Department is engaged in traffic work and the City gets no revenue from the Gasoline Tax. He suggested that when His Worship the Mayor submits his brief to the Province that this item could be mentioned which costs the City \$100,000.00 a year.

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

Meeting adjourned. 11:20 P.M.

L.A. Kitz,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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