

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
January 31, 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, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Public Hearing Re: Rezoning N/E Corner Oxford and Young Streets from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone.
2. Armdale Rotary Progress and Progress Payment
3. Sale of Land Cathedral Barracks.
4. Falkland Street Widening.
5. Bayers Road Fire Station.
6. Bayers Road Fire Station Borrowing.
7. Incinerator.
8. Railway Crossing Barrington Street near Site of Proposed Abattoir.
9. Questions by Aldermen.

CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRA SCHOOL ✓

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Mayor, Council and City Manager of Alexandra School were present at the meeting to view proceedings. He said he hoped they would benefit by their attendance.

Alderman Lane presented gifts to the young ladies representing the Council

NAVAL ASSISTANCE RECOVERING BODY OF LATE WILFRED RHUDA ✓

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had written a letter to the Naval Authorities thanking them for their help in recovering the body of the late Wilfred Rhuda of the Works Department who drowned in Halifax Harbour when his truck went over the wharf while engaged in dumping snow.

SALARIES DEPARTMENT HEADS

His Worship the Mayor submitted a report which he made with respect to salaries of Department Heads. Copies of the report were furnished the members of Council for their perusal.

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His Worship the Mayor: "My recommendation to Council so far as I am concerned is that I am not going to recommend any changes for two reasons: (1) The salary scales have been exhaustively surveyed a matter of less than a year ago by Griffenhagen and a committee of this Council. (2) I would consider it an open invitation to the vast of the employees to ask for a raise. I would draw your attention to the words in the Griffenhagen Report which make reference to certain jobs that their pay should be re-examined with an upward revision. If it were given me to accept the salary scales as they are one against another, I would have changed some amongst them. I am not completely satisfied in my own mind that they bear a too fair relationship one against another. There is no further action that I wish to take at this time."

PASSING OF MR. R. B. COLWELL

Alderman Lane suggested a resolution of sympathy be inscribed on the records of this meeting with respect to the passing of Mr. R. B. Colwell who was an Alderman some years ago.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that a letter of sympathy be extended to the widow and family of the late Mr. Colwell expressing appreciation for his services the years he served the City as an Alderman.

Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor: "I will write to the family."

PASSING OF MR. MARTIN LIVINGSTONE

Alderman Vaughan referred to the passing of Mr. Martin Livingstone and said he was very energetic on the Halifax Industrial Commission and did a lot for the community life as a whole.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that a letter of sympathy be extended to the widow and family of the late Mr. Livingstone expressing appreciation for his services to the City of Halifax while serving on the Halifax Industrial Commission. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING RE-REZONING N.E. CORNER OXFORD AND YOUNG STS. FROM R-2 ZONE to C-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of rezoning the above corner from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone was held at this time. No written objections were received.

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His Worship the Mayor asked if there were any persons appearing in opposition to the proposed rezoning to which the following stated they were against the application to rezone: Mrs. Frances Howe, 394 Young Street
Mrs. Roy Purcell, 389 " "
Mrs. John Wall, 383 " "
Mrs. Roy A. Williamson, 475 Oxford Street

Their main objection was traffic at that location now and felt that there would be a great increase if a service station were permitted. It would not add anything to the value of their properties and there already exists a service station just four houses down the street.

His Worship the Mayor asked if there were any persons appearing in favor of the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Donald McInnes, Q.C. representing the Imperial Oil Limited addressed the Council as follows: "Last year the Imperial Oil Limited had an option to build on a property across the street more or less. The City rezoned the west side. The option ran out and when we wanted to pick it up again the price had gone up. The owner of the property has expressed willingness to sell. I am going to pass these photographs around showing the type of service station to be erected. I suppose it will cost from \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 and will bring in about \$1,000.00 a year in taxes. The City is growing and we can't stop it. This section is the opening up into Bayers Road. That is going to be a large commercial entrance into the City of Halifax. The matter of traffic was investigated by the Chief of Police and he reported he had no views one way or the other. There are stores there and we are not changing the area. I would ask that the application be granted."

His Worship the Mayor to the Town Planning Engineer: "What is your recommendation?"

Mr. Snook: "Against sir."

His Worship the Mayor asked the City Solicitor if the law concerning the percentage of objectors in an area applied in this case.

The City Solicitor then read Section 16, sub-section 3 of the Town Planning Act which stated that at least 20% of the owners affected had to submit a protest in writing at least two days prior to the hearing which would call for a two-thirds vote of the Council to pass the amendment to the By-Law.

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His Worship the Mayor: "That does not apply here because there is no petition in writing."

A report was submitted from the Town Planning Board as follows:

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: December 4, 1956

Subject: Application to rezone the N E Corner of Oxford & Young Streets

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board, held on the above date, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending refusal of an application to rezone the north east corner of Oxford and Young Street from R-2 residential to C-2 commercial to permit the construction of a service station was considered.

The Board decided to refer this to City Council, without recommendation, 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 Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the recommendation of the Town Planning Engineer be upheld.

Alderman Greenwood: "I express my concern at the encroachment on the east side of Oxford Street. It has been looked into quite thoroughly by the Town Planning Engineer and we have done some changing of the zoning and I think we should hold our ground. I think we should protect the interests of the householders on the east side of Oxford Street. This application should not be granted."

Alderman O'Brien: "The area from Oxford Street east towards Windsor St is a fine residential area. In reply to Mr. McInnes' remark about taxes on commercial properties, residential properties count too. It is not just the one commercial property that is before us. There is a real traffic problem when service stations are created. The Chief has told us that service stations at intersections add to the traffic problem. Young Street is not a wide street. There is a good deal of traffic along with the trolley coaches now. I think it would be unwise to add further traffic difficulties in that area. Land use is within the jurisdiction of a municipality and I think we should have a

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clarification which would cover service stations. We cannot afford to allow our City to develop with service stations on every second corner. I feel we should oppose any further rezoning in that area."

Alderman Fox: "I must oppose this filling station from a traffic standpoint. We have trolley coaches running north and south on Oxford Street and east and west on Young Street. We have one of the largest transportation systems in the City housed within 100 yards of the intersection. A lot of money was spent for the widening of Bayers Road. When you come up to the corner of Oxford Street and Bayers Road, the City had some property there and instead of using that property to widen, I believe it was allowed to go for a station. The best way to eliminate bottlenecks is to handle them when they come forward. A filling station on whichever side of the street it may be only adds to the traffic hazard. It is one of the busiest intersections in the north end of the City. I think you will have a traffic snarl if permission is given to erect a filling station there."

Alderman Macdonald: "I have been opposed to spot rezoning and I feel the Town Planning Engineer has made a careful study of this area before he made his recommendation. I think we should try to protect our good residential areas. I think we have made a lot of progress during the last few years in planning and I hope it will continue. Probably in 25 years time we might feel we will have a well planned City."

Alderman DeWolf: "If an application were made directly across the street from that, where the whole street is zoned commercial, it would not come to Council."

His Worship the Mayor: "I presume it would be a matter for the Manager to decide."

Mr. West: "It would be up to the Committee on Works."

Alderman DeWolf: "I have no doubt that in future Oxford Street will be all commercial from Almon Street to Bayers Road."

The City Manager advised that in answer to Alderman O'Brien's remarks Messrs. Snook and Bethune were working on a special zone for parking and a special zone for service stations. Perhaps it would be helpful to Council if Mr. Snook would speak briefly on what has been done with zoning in that area.

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Alderman Vaughans: "I am objecting to the application because I watch these service station operations throughout the whole City. They have used the City streets for parking vehicles on. I recall one instance on Bilby Street where we had trouble where vehicles were pushed on the street in the morning and taken back at night. These vehicles would be thrown further abroad in the neighbourhood and be a nuisance to the residents there. This particular area, I know it quite well, over the last 20 years has developed into a very nice residential district. I think it is proper for us to maintain as long as possible these districts."

Alderman Dunlop: "I agree with Alderman DeWolf that it is only a matter of a short time when that area will be a business area. It is alright to talk about maintaining values. This is how we increase values. I believe this man is getting twice the price if it is zoned commercial than he would if it is residential. If this zoning went through the residential property would increase in value within 24 hours. I think a service station helps traffic. They are well run and are a credit to the companies who run them. I think this party is entitled to the same consideration in making some little extra money that was given to the man across the street."

The motion was put and passed 9 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Greenwood
Lane
Macdonald
Adams
Fox
Lloyd
Wyman
Vaughan
O'Brien

- 9 -

AGAINST IT

Alderman DeWolf
Abbott
Dunlop
Ferguson
O'Malley

- 5 -

ARMDALE ROTARY PROGRESS AND PROGRESS PAYMENT ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: January 22nd, 1957.
Subject: Armdale Rotary - Progress.

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

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attached report from the City Manager relative to progress on the Armdale Rotary, as at November 30th, 1956, 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: January 10, 1957.

Subject: Armdale Rotary - Progress and Progress Payment.

The Department of Highways reports progress on the Armdale Rotary as at November 30, 1956.

Clearing & Grubbing-----	100%
Excavation (Common & Solid Rock)-----	98%
Borrow Placed-----	98%
Foundation Excavation (Common)-----	98%
Foundation Excavation (Solid Rock)-----	98%
Catch Basins Complete-----	99%
Concrete Sewer Pipe-----	98%
Concrete Class "A"-----	99%
Reinforcing Steel-----	99%
Trench Excavation & Backfill-----	98%
Removal of Seawall-----	99%
Base Course-----	98%
Removal of Existing Curb & Gutter-----	98%
Removal of Existing Pavement-----	98%
Concrete Sidewalks-----	98%
Curb & Gutter-----	98%
Fine Grading-----	98%
Rock Fill-----	95%
Sodding-----	95%
Paving-----	93%
Masonry Wall-----	95%
Rip Rap Hand Laid-----	90%

They also request progress payments of \$13,280.21 and a release of \$20,000.00 of the 10% retainer of \$25,708.28.

Total expenditure to November 30, 1956	\$257,082.80
Less 10% retained	<u>25,708.28</u>
	\$231,374.52
Payment of \$20,000.00	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$251,374.52
Previously paid	<u>218,094.31</u>
Amount due	\$ 33,280.21

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

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

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SALE OF LAND CATHEDRAL BARRACKS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 22, 1957.

Subject: Sale of Land - Cathedral Barracks

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the City Manager relative to a request from the Dean and Chapter of All Saints Cathedral that the City convey to them that portion of a 20 ft. right-of-way running about 425 feet westwardly between their properties on Tower Road.

The Committee recommended that the land be sold to the Church for the fixed sum of \$500 00, subject to any encumbrance with the Army

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK

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

City Solicitor: "This is a lease. The City is not the only person with an interest in that property. The Sisters of the Sacred Heart I think have an interest in that property. They sit on it. I was going to recommend that we should secure legislative authority to protect ourselves. I think we should be a little more specific in the land we propose to sell. I suggest we have an exact description. We should also consider what we are going to do with the remaining portion. The Army has a lease of the Cathedral Barracks. They have expropriated an easement over the section of the land that lies within the bounds of the Cathedral Barracks. The Sisters have also leased their land to the Army."

His Worship the Mayor: "They closed off the westerly part that we leased to them. Ignoring the Army lease is it possible to walk from Tower Road to Summer Street over the lease?"

City Solicitor: "If they weren't there. We should have a plan showing the boundaries of what we plan to sell. What they have expropriated is the right to close it off against anyone else who may have an interest in it. I don't think there is any hurry about this thing. In a couple of months we could have this cleared through the House."

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Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the City offer to sell the land for the sum of \$500.00 to the Cathedral of All Saints provided there is no objections of the extinguishing of the rights of the Department of National Defence and any abutters to the property and if there are objections that legislation be secured to confirm the action.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane that this matter be deferred and legislation obtained extinguishing such rights as the public may have to use the lane.

Alderman Lane: "I would suggest that when the legislation is approved it be put up for sale by tender. I am quite sure that setting a price of \$500.00 would not be a bad idea. I am quite sure they could tender a lot less and it would be the only one in."

The amendment was put and passed.

FALKLAND STREET WIDENING

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: January 22nd, 1957.
Subject: Falkland Street Widening.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on the above date, the attached report from the City Manager relative to Assessment Values in the neighbourhood, and recommending acceptance of Mr. Thomson's valuation was considered.

The Committee recommended that the City Solicitor be asked for advice in writing as to the procedure to be followed in acquiring this land, and that the matter be filed until Falkland Street is widened.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Ferguson: "The title to that land seems to be in grave doubt and that had been up in the Committee. There is a blue line on Falkland Street and the Committee was wondering why we needed to acquire this land at this time with the existing blue line. In view of the fact that Mr. Doyle did report it would be very difficult for the present owners to give title, I don't think

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there is any immediate rush for the City to acquire this land. We are protected by the blue line. We felt it should be cleared through the Solicitor exactly what the situation was and what would be the City's way to receive title.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be filed and no action taken at this time and a report submitted from the City Solicitor on the matter of the title.

Alderman Dunlop: "I understand there is land we own and land they own. Whoever is behind it, if they get this piece of land will put something on it. People are parking cars on it and we are getting nothing from it. It is really an eyesore. I think we should decide what we are going to do with this piece of land. Clear it up and get it on the tax roll."

The City Manager gave a brief rundown of the history behind this matter and stated that the Chief of Police and Commissioner of Works were concerned with the width of Falkland Street from a traffic standpoint. He submitted a report and sketch of the property concerned and showed the portions of the land needed for the rounding of the curve from Gottingen Street to Falkland Street as well as the widening of Falkland Street itself.

Alderman Ferguson: "Aren't we protected by the blue line?"

City Manager: "We have to acquire the property. The blue line simply stops them from using it. We would be compelling them to pay taxes on vacant land. If they could get the back portion of the property they would have a sizeable lot. Five, ten or twenty years from now it would be even more difficult to get title."

Alderman Vaughan: "I agree with Alderman Dunlop in this case. This is a matter of a commercial street. This corner is an eyesore. I have been approached by citizens living on Falkland Street complaining of the constant passing of vehicles over the sidewalk to the lot. It is not being maintained in any way, shape or form."

Alderman O'Brien: "I do not recall that the Commissioner of Works was ready to take action on it if the property became ours. We should not file this matter if the Commissioner of Works is ready to proceed. Title is not a problem if we can expropriate."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I think he proposed to open at at the mouth of the street. This comes as a result of negotiations between our staff and the church for a swap. It is a two way trade. We would get part of the section of the old church property and we would throw into the pot \$2,500.00."

Alderman Lloyd: "How can we accept land where there is a doubt with respect to title?"

Alderman Lane: "My impression was that the Commissioner of Works was not ready to proceed on street widening for some time. In the meantime we would like to have this matter of title cleared."

Alderman Ferguson: "Is it the Commissioner of Works' intention to proceed with this work?"

Mr. West: "We could not widen the street at this time. It would just be rounding the curve off."

Alderman Ferguson: "You are not going to get any more traffic through there anyway. The background of negotiations for the back part never came before the Committee on Works that I know of. There was a fair amount of discussion from the Assistant City Solicitor and it was not clear to me just what was the legal status. We wanted it in writing."

Alderman Lloyd: "Can we accept title to that piece of land?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the answer could only be determined after the City Solicitor gives his report."

The City Solicitor advised that the title at the present time is on record in a deed 1876. He said "the only question I raise is this, are the people we are doing business with the Trustees. The Solicitor who acted for them phoned me and was apparently quite disturbed that my Department had raised the question about title and I said all we wanted was proof and he said he would be glad to supply me with a definite proof. I have not received it yet."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be referred to the February 5th. meeting of the Committee on Works and that the Solicitors for the parties concerned be present.

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the people who are interested could appear here and we could get it all cleared up."

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Alderman McLaughlin: "Can the Solicitor determine whether this body is a properly constituted one to take action?"

His Worship the Mayor: "That is what Solicitor will decide for."

Alderman Vaughan: "What is the expenditure and let the courts decide?"

City Solicitor: "That will be the proper course to follow."

The amendments were read and passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN VAUGHAN Re EXPROPRIATION

Alderman Vaughan gave notice that at the regular meeting of Council in February he would move that the lot on Falkland Street be expropriated for street widening purposes.

BAYEBS ROAD FIRE STATION AND BORROWING RESOLUTION

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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council

The matter of providing additional funds for the erection of the fire station at Bayez Road was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the 27th inst.

It was agreed to recommend that the amount provided for the borrowing of an additional sum of \$125,000 which had previously authorized be passed and forwarded to the Minister of National Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PATTERSON,
CITY CLERK

Alderman Vaughan: "Is the fire station to be built at the corner of Bayez Road and Ashburn Avenue where the school was to be built?"

Mr. West: "By the way, when did the land become available?"

Alderman Vaughan: "Were any test pits dug to ascertain the land?"

Mr. West: "They were taken by the Architect."

Alderman Vaughan: "Is there anything there extraordinary which would not apply on a normal lot. Are our costs more heavy by using that site?"

Mr. West: "Not at the immediate site. If it were a little more to the east, I have not come across anything to indicate that there would be any undue costs. I will check with the Architect. We roughly came up with that \$125,000 before the tenders came in."

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City Manager: "My recollection was that the borings did not have to go down an extraordinary amount."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think it was 18 feet."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the lowest tender be accepted.

Alderman Vaughan: "We should know in view of what did happen with a tender by the School Board in the same location. We had a very high tender and the Board abandoned the site at a considerable saving. The site may be wrong and I want to be sure it is not."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Lane that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for information requested by the Alderman.

Alderman Ferguson: "In view of the high tax rate I thought we might be able to defer it without too much harm."

The amendment was put and passed.

TENDERS FOR INCINERATOR

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 28th, 1957.

Subject: Incinerator.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached Tabulation of Tenders was considered.

The committee approved Metcalf & Eddy's recommendation that the bid of Francis Hankin & Co., Ltd., for the Travelling Grate Furnace in the amount of \$610,812.00 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the report be approved and an additional borrowing resolution in the amount of \$500,000.00 be passed and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

City Solicitor: "Before you can accept the tender you must have an approved borrowing authorization to put you in funds to carry the project through."

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Alderman O'Malley: "Is Council fully satisfied that a survey has been made into every field possible for the use of garbage disposal. In the earlier days when consideration of the new incinerator first came before Council the suggestion was that the seawall might be built out beyond the present dump. I was told that was not possible. I don't think any efforts were made to estimate costs of a seawall in that area. This new incinerator with this projected cost of a million and a quarter is a serious matter in capital outlay. On the other side of the harbour we have a gypsum plant and by using those cars which return empty there is a possibility the Company might be interested in taking the garbage back beyond the City limits. I think this whole matter should be looked into. Look what it is going to cost in capital outlay and the maintenance of the plant. I think all these factors should be fully considered and all these plans brought before us before we decide upon an outlay of money. It has a great effect upon the tax payers. Surely we want to do something to show we are heading in the right direction and survey every angle that is necessary to delve into. I am not against the incinerator but I want to be satisfied that there is no better method economically to dispose of our garbage."

City Manager: "It was never contemplated that the City of Halifax would build that wall. We said we would and the National Harbour Board would build it. I must say that the National Harbour Board will not permit us to dump garbage on the Bedford Basin as in the past. Our present incinerator is worn out. Unless someone can find a place to put the garbage we will have to build the incinerator."

His Worship the Mayor: "In looking around for some large items to cut in the budget the incinerator which is now to be about one and one half million dollars I hoped we could hold it off for another year. I have come to the inevitable conclusion after discussions with our City officials and others concerned, despite the heavy costs, the incinerator is a necessity this year."

Alderman Dunlop: "The incinerator is a necessity and it can't be compared with the Fairview situation. We should not discuss this matter at all. The time is when we are to put it in the budget. The sooner we get to work and build it the better. We have examined every suggestion including scows. There was a

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man who wanted to haul our garbage out for one half million dollars for 3 years. The present dump is a disgrace to the City of Halifax. If you can make land with the stuff you are putting on that dump now you surprise me. All you are getting now is junk and rubbish."

Alderman O'Malley: "I don't agree with Alderman Dunlop that this is not the proper time to discuss it. I think any time is proper even though we have placed in the budget a certain amount for capital outlay, if we feel in our own interests that the matter should be further reviewed. I don't like to see this matter of the seawall frowned upon too readily. I think we should look forward projecting what Halifax may be 50 years from now. That seawall may be worth \$12,000,000.00 then. I think it should be further perused before we settle on an outlay of one and one half million dollars for an incinerator."

Alderman Lane: "We having adopted the recommendation of the experts I cannot see where we can do anything but proceed as if it were pretty well an accomplished fact. I think we have to have this incinerator if it is the only version of a pied piper this City can come up with to get rid of the rats. I for one would like to see them go."

Alderman Lloyd: "The figures we had the other day should be observed to see what the annual cost will be. The significance of the net carrying charges should be expressed at this time. I think it is something in the vicinity of \$74,200.00 net for fixed charges. It will be \$130,000.00 less our present annual cost. A net increase of \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00 a year. For some \$80,000.00 a year we are finally solving a very serious menace to public health in this City."

Alderman DeWolf: "What was the cost for amortizing the bonds?"

City Manager: "\$74,200.00."

Alderman DeWolf: "If it is \$1,500,000.00 for the incinerator it will cost about \$150,000.00 a year."

City Manager: "Mr. Eddy has this spread over a 30 year period."

Alderman DeWolf: "It will cost about \$150,000.00 a year."

Alderman Lloyd: "Let us say it is \$100,000.00 a year net."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it is a necessary one."

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Alderman Greenwood drew attention to the fact that there is a valuable by-product from the incinerator in the form of land fill.

Alderman Lane: "If it will cost about \$1.00 per head extra, I am quite sure you would find any citizen who would not pay \$1.00 to get rid of it."

The motion was put and passed 13 voting for the same and 1 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood - 13

AGAINST IT - Alderman O'Malley - 1

USE OF INCINERATOR BY HALIFAX COUNTY ✓

His Worship the Mayor asked the Council if it wished him to write to the Warden of the County to see if they can share the use of the incinerator.

Council agreed to the suggestion.

RAILWAY CROSSING ON BARRINGTON NEAR SITE OF THE NEW ABATTOIR ✓

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

From: Committee on Works

Date: January 22nd, 1957

Subject: Railway Crossing - Barrington Street.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on the above date, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works relative to the construction of a private railway siding leading to the proposed new Abattoir was considered.

The Committee approved same with the recommendation that the Commissioner of Works look into the matter of Traffic Signals and the City's share of the cost.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J. B. Sabeau,
Clerk of Works.

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

From: G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.

Date: January 22nd, 1957.

Subject: Railway Crossing - Barrington Street - Near Site of Proposed Abattoir

When the proposed new Abattoir is constructed on the land, recently sold by the City on the shores of Bedford Basin, the Co-operative Abattoir

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Limited intends to have a private railway siding leading to the Plant. This siding will cross the existing travelled way of Barrington Street, and in order for the C.N.R. to obtain the necessary authorization from the Board of Transport Commissioners, the City's concurrence is requested.

We have given this matter serious consideration and it is felt that Barrington Street, as we know it to-day, will retain its importance as a traffic artery for sometime to come and cannot be cut off immediately the Abattoir becomes a reality. We realize that the creation of a grade crossing may not be desirable from a traffic point of view but under the circumstances it is the only acceptable alternative.

It is, therefore, recommended that the construction of the crossing, in the location shown on attached plan No. RR-6-13666, be approved.

G.F. West,
Commissioner of Works.

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

HOUSEHOLD TAX CANCELLATIONS

Alderman Fox: "I would like to know at the next regular meeting of the City Council how many persons assessed for Household Tax in 1955 and 1956 have been cut from the rolls in 1956 and 1957 giving a breakdown by Ward and why."

Alderman Ferguson: "There is a new ruling now."

City Solicitor: "The regular occupier is supposed to be assessed for occupancy tax. I have had several calls. One was a case of a married couple. The husband was attending medical school and his wife was working and keeping up the house. He had no income and she in my judgment is the legal occupier of that house. The other case is where the man is living in a rented property and he signs the lease he would be the legal occupant. Previously I think if it were handled in a free way the husband would get a vote for the property assessment and his wife would get a vote for the household tax. I question in any of those cases whether the wife was the legal occupant of the house and liable to be assessed."

Alderman Lane: "Do I understand that we have been doing it illegally all these years?"

City Solicitor: "If the wives have been assessed when they should not have been, yes."

Alderman Lane: "From this year on the spouse is going to be disenfranchised?"

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City Solicitor: "I don't think so if she had no right to have it before. There is only one legal occupant in any household."

Alderman Lane: "Except the case where they enjoy the lease in common and joint tenancy."

His Worship the Mayor felt there should be a sensible law in this respect that could be administered.

Alderman O'Brien asked if the legal occupant in a dwelling meant that people in basement apartments would pay no household tax to which His Worship the Mayor answered in the negative.

Alderman Vaughan pointed out that the Province permitted the City to levy a household tax that was 10% of the value of the building. He asked if the household tax was a personal property tax or a tax for value in use.

City Solicitor: "It is not a personal property tax at all except that the instance of the tax falls on the property of the people who were assessed."

Alderman Vaughan: "Would it become a tax for value in use?"

City Solicitor: "It is a tax because a person is the legal occupier of premises. I suggest you are confusing value in use and value in exchange."

Alderman Lloyd: "The origin of the household tax was established by a Royal Commission in Ontario. They stated that the business tax was in fact an approximate substitution of a personal property tax. I presumed when we changed ours we did not say whether it was the substitute for a personal property tax and nobody could agree how to graduate them; 50% in the case of business and 10% in the case of household. It hits very heavily in the Ward I represent. There are people paying high rentals and a very substantial number of people making a degree of sacrifice than would be the case of other people living in other sections of the City. I take my own case based on this year's assessment at a rate of \$2.00 the household tax would be \$11.00 to \$15.00 on a rent of \$120.00 per month. Coming back to the question, the Federal Income Tax Department is always around the corner. I had the case of a gentleman who transferred the property to his wife and he got faced with the Gift Tax. That complicated the matter. I think you are going to get into endless confusion on the subject as to who has the right to vote until you admit either the wife or married

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people have the right to vote or you have the universal franchise. No other place in Nova Scotia except Halifax confines itself to a tax franchise. I think you would solve a good deal of your problem. You would get away from a lot of administrative expenses in the matter of elections and still further a great deal of confusion."

The matter was referred to the City Assessor for an answer.

Alderman O'Malley: "You have a Committee to deal with elections. Should not this matter be dealt with in time for legislation?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think that comes within the scope of the Election Committee. I think it should be considered by the Finance and Executive Committee."

Alderman O'Malley: "Legally or otherwise you had hundreds of housewives in the house voting for many years. This Council should not take any action to disenfranchise people at this time. I am happy to give all married women the right to vote in any civic election."

STANDING OF LAND SALE ACCOUNT ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "Could I have from the Commissioner of Finance the standing of the Land Sale Account and also have any sales been passed by this Council that have not been executed? Are there any amounts outstanding?"

Mr. Romkey: "There are none at the moment."

It was agreed that a report be submitted to the next regular meeting of the City Council.

EXTENSION OF TOWER TERRACE ✓

Alderman O'Malley: "A month or two ago I think the question was asked that the extension of Tower Terrace be taken under consideration and some report made back."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it should be routed through the Committee on Works."

The Commissioner of Works was requested to place the item on the agenda.

LAND FOR LIMITED DIVIDEND CORPORATIONS ✓

Alderman O'Malley: "At the Council meeting a month ago Dr. Stephenson made an interim report and at that meeting he discussed the phases of his

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report as well as with individuals. He indicated among other things he favored Limited Dividend plans. Would it not be advisable for the Mayor and Council to suggest to C.M.H.C. that if they have land and money available for Limited Dividend housing, that that information be made available so that those who are interested in proceeding with such a plan may know?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think they have and they are holding lands. I think they have lands available for that purpose."

Alderman O'Malley: "I think we should have just what land they have available. I think if we had information we could interest other people and the matter does not need to wait until we have the final report from Dr. Stephenson. We may relieve ourselves of a very heavy burden."

Alderman Lloyd: "I wonder if it would be possible to examine what we are getting into when we have a fixed tax on Limited Dividend Companies and we are proposing to raise our residential tax rates. I wonder if the old amounts fixed were reasonable. We fixed it at \$90.00."

City Manager: "The ones on Bayers Road were changed by the Council and the Limited Dividend homes item is on the agenda for the Finance and Executive Committee meeting."

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

Meeting adjourned. 10:00 P.M.

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CITY CLERK.

L.A. Kit,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
February 4, 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, Dunlop, Lane, Adams, Fox, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, Greenwood and O'Brien.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Accounts over \$500.00.
2. Estimates - 1957

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

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

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

Date: February 4, 1957.

Subject: Accounts over \$500.00

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

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Works	James F. Beeler	Mosher Vault Door	822.00
	T.P. Calkin Limited	Parts for City Hall Heating System	1,393.17
	Ralph H. Connor	Sanding floor & installing underlayment, "A" gauge linoleum and rubber base	998.00
	S. Cunard & Company Ltd.	Progress payment for heating System, supplying reinforcing steel and installing burners	8,591.00
	Dominion Sound Equipments Limited	Installing acoustical ceilings	1,688.40

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

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

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

ESTIMATES 1957

His Worship the Mayor: "We are going to take Commissions tonight. This is meeting No. 5 and we are not too far along. In most of our own departmental estimates the City Manager has given the lead offering proposed cuts but he has not done so in the 'outside' Commissions. Where possible we should have explanations from the members of Council on these Commissions and the chairman of the different Commissions."

Alderman Lane: "As the immediate retiring Chairman of the School Board I will call Council's attention to the fact that there is an obvious increase in the Budget but it was most carefully processed through the Board and the increase is very largely in the increase in salaries which was agreed to a year ago under an arrangement with the teachers. All others have been negotiated and there is no item which can properly be cut."

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the Budget be recommended as submitted.

His Worship the Mayor contended that a budget totalling a million and a quarter dollars must have some room for cuts in a economy-minded year.

Alderman Lane: "It has been customary in Halifax in order to cope with the higher cost of living in this area to pay a differential. The Pottier Report has been implemented and an increase granted to the teachers. The differential between male and female teachers was \$300.00 and the teachers agreed that this would be done in three steps. We are completing the second step this year. We would like to state that we might be faced with an additional \$56,000.00. The differential between male and female was implemented immediately. We still will have to add next year \$56,000.00 in our budget to bring it up to 100%."

Alderman Lloyd: "What is the effect on next year's budget of this year's expenditures. The question is directed more particularly on salaries than in the whole budget. I look at this years budget with some 'eye' to next year's as well judging what we might do this year by way of taxing. I just wondered if all commitments for

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salary adjustments were completed what would be the total budget next year?"

Mr. M. Keating (Asst. Super. of Schools): "Actually this year completes the scale with the exception of the \$56,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "Are we bound to do this in one year?"

Alderman Lane: "The \$56,000.00 was the balance required to close the differential between male and female teachers in Halifax. It is purely the ceasing of that differential. We did it in three steps. This year is the second step and next year will be the third step \$56,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "We made an agreement last year with the teachers which was very generous on the part of the City. One of the terms was that we close the gap between the pay for male and female teachers. I would not want to be faced with the moral and legal responsibility of not living up to the terms of the agreement."

Mr. Keating: "An Act was passed by the Nova Scotia Legislature last year prohibiting the paying of different rates to males and females for similar type work. As the budget was prepared that amount of \$56,000.00 was not included but when it was presented to the School Board it was drawn to their attention that the Act stated that legally they might be asked to pay an additional \$56,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "Do you think that is a possibility?"

Mr. Keating: "I have no way of knowing that. I think the Union should answer that. I believe there was a letter to the Secretary drawing it to their attention."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think we should cut our salaries to that amount but I think it would be an unreasonable request to be made."

Mr. Keating stated that they wanted the budget approved as submitted.

Alderman Lloyd: "We used to have the teachers grant shown separately. Is there any other grant?"

Mr. Keating: "There is just one grant - 25% of the Foundation Program."

Alderman Lloyd: "Which is expressed in the 'Revenue' and the teachers' salaries figure is shown in the total salaries in the Estimates. This is the entire salary?"

Mr. Keating: "Yes."

Alderman Dunlop: "The School Board started to bring up the differential before the Act was passed which showed that the City and the Board recognized the inequity of it and I don't think we should worry about it. It only requires you to pay a female the same amount as paid a male. Most of the jobs are staffed by females."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I think we would be fairly safe in ignoring it."

Alderman Vaughan: "What is the average number of pupils per class in our schools at the moment?"

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "I would say that the last number was 30. We know that number goes up every year from September by 2 or 3 points. It is now 31.5."

Alderman Vaughan: "When I was a member of the Board a few years back, did we not move to a plan whereby we could increase the capacity of the class rooms to accommodate 40 pupils. Has that procedure been departed from?"

Mr. R.E. Marshall: ^{"No} "The tendency across Canada and the U.S.A. is towards lower classes. This practice has been followed in Halifax to the advantage of the educational system of Halifax but it was the judgment of the administration of the School Board and the Board that there was an "efficiency point" in the supply of teachers and numbers of pupils in a class and it is our feeling that that "efficiency point" should not be below the figure of 30, and, possibly, around 32 or 33 for the average number of pupils in a class."

His Worship the Mayor: "That general observation is qualified by what the taxpayers could afford."

Alderman Lloyd: "32 is an average figure. I wonder is there a breakdown of that--how many classes of 40 and how many of 25?"

8:25 P.M. Alderman O'Malley arrives.

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "There are some classes over 40 but the number is fewer than last year. The Board is working on a plan of elastic boundaries. There are 44 out of 548 classes that have 40 or more registrations, one of them is 45 to 49."

Alderman Lloyd: "What about the "below 30" position?"

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "191 are below 30 as against 44 above."

Alderman Lloyd: "I suppose some would be special classes - auxiliary classes? Apart from the 'auxiliary', how many are below?"

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "18."

His Worship the Mayor: "160 to 170 regular classes of less than 30 pupils."

Mr. R.E. Marshall contended that situation in Halifax is better than that of most communities in Nova Scotia.

His Worship the Mayor: "I question whether many municipalities shoot for a target of less than 30 pupils per class."

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Alderman Lloyd: "Does the physical plant of the Board permit an improvement in that position?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Are our rooms designed to accommodate 40 pupils?"

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "The plan aimed at 35 as a normal seating capacity with an emergency seating capacity of 40 and it should not go beyond 40."

His Worship the Mayor: "I suppose if you were put to it to effect certain dollar cuts that, I presume would be an avenue that you would explore."

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "I think we can all remember when classes ran from 45 to 60 as a normal. Education was not so exacting then as it is today."

His Worship the Mayor: "By coupling classes you could increase your class room attendance and have less teachers."

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "The City can take for granted that the tendency will be not to lower the classes but probably to increase them and ways and means are under study."

His Worship the Mayor: "I can't imagine a more pertinent time to do that than right now."

Alderman Vaughan: "The first month Mr. Marshall took over as Supervisor I went to him with respect to a class in Bloomfield School. He made some re-arrangement between the boundaries of Bloomfield and Joseph Howe Schools and a class room was eliminated. Is it not possible for us to arrive at some figure in the course of the year. These boundaries are not as fixed and you have moved your boundaries from time to time. Would it not be possible for this Council to take off an amount from this figure budgetted for salaries?"

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "I don't think it is possible. Our population is growing. Approximately 600 pupils are added each year, at an average 35 per class, which you have to do to take care of your normal increase."

Alderman Lloyd: "Your normal increase will not require you to engage any more teachers if you re-arrange your classrooms. By a re-arrangement you avoid the necessity of engaging more teachers."

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "To cover special departments we know that if we did not do something about boundaries that we would require 24 extra teachers. Our request is geared to cover 16 more teachers for next year to cover the normal increase."

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His Worship the Mayor: "The you have allocated in your budget for 16 teachers to look after normal growth. I hope it would follow that we have got some lee-way since you budgetted for the increase to hope that there would be some saving by changing school boundaries and other arrangements to enlarge these 170 classrooms that now have less than 30 pupils."

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "We are not going to destroy the efficiency of our system to save the teachers."

His Worship the Mayor: "Ignoring the 600 pupils - ignoring the teachers required, this will continue."

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "We can't economize beyond that point."

His Worship the Mayor: "We would be delighted to have all of our classes numbering 30 or less but we have to save a dollar where we can."

Alderman O'Brien asked if the areas where the new pupils might come from would be opposite areas to where the classes with less than 30 are located.

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "The new area is the area where you have a small class."

He stated that sometimes conditions changed after planning was arranged and cited the cases of St. Catherine's School which was planned as a 14-room school and had to be built as a 22-room school. Also St. Andrew's school was built as a 14-room school and had to be added to. Also St. Agnes School when built was a few under the average but now had the largest registration.

Alderman O'Brien: "Are those 170 in the older parts of the City?"

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "They are scattered."

His Worship the Mayor: "Not in any ~~one~~ one section. I would suggest that the 16 new teachers be cut to 8 with an average salary reduction of 3,000.00 knocking off about 25,000.00 from the estimates without effecting the school plant too seriously."

Mr. R.E. Marshall stated he wished to co-operate but as experts he would advise against it, and it had not been done by any Council since 1924.

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His Worship the Mayor: "In the light of the information given me my conscience would not prick me too deeply. I realize one can't adhere to a slide rule. You have neighborhood problems, differences in religions and districts but I think it can be done."

Mr. R.E. Marshall: "I think you ought to consider whether you would be happy in order to keep classes over 30, if your child had to be quartered on Brunswick Street. You would be amazed to hear the violent re-action to such proposals. In asking for 16 teachers we have asked for \$20,000.00 from August 1st to December 31."

Alderman Dunlop: "On the School Board we are entitled to 6 members. We have not been exercising our full strength. We have only 5 members on the Board. They are familiar with the financial position of the City, and I consider that an alderman on the Board is there for the purpose of doing that one thing in particular. I presume the Aldermen there were fully cognizant of the Board's needs and brought in this Budget accordingly and it is not up to me to judge what is needed."

The debate has pointed up the desirability of having the Mayor on the School Board. I nominated his predecessor as a member of the Board but he is perhaps, a little more independent than the average Alderman.

The increase is mostly in salaries and for the additional teachers it is \$20,000.00. If you cut it in half it would be \$10,000.00 which is almost negligible in a budget of over \$4,000,000.00. The demands are reasonable and there are no requests for luxury items such as swimming pools."

Alderman DeWolf: "As a member of the School Board I agreed on the recommendation of the Supervisor and his staff that this Budget as presented is the amount of money that should be used to maintain the schools' efficient position but I still reserve the right to deduct any such sum as needed to reduce the expenses of the City. I feel this amount is needed for perfect efficiency but only if the City can afford it."

His Worship the Mayor: "I agree. There is a fundamental and elementary principle involved here. I think it is proper enough for members of Commissions to bring forward a sound program but unless we are merely a 'rubber stamp' ~~we~~ we have a broader duty and that is to co-ordinate all the demands from our clients."

"One final point: Speaking for myself I have purposely avoided going on the School Board as I have not the time to devote to it."

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Alderman Lane: "If you recall at the first meeting I suggested an over all percentage reduction. I have followed the Budget considerations for five years. I have watched the system that Council uses, cutting 50,000.00 here and there. When we arrive at the total we need and it is in excess of what the citizens might reasonably carry then an over-all cut is the answer, and cutting off small amounts here and there is not the answer."

Alderman O'Brien: "If there are to be cuts in education they should not be in the category of teachers' salaries. I would leave the number of class rooms to the staff but in the long run the economy should be effected in the school buildings and not in the staff."

Alderman Lane: "I mean that it should be fairly done so that all Departments must effect economies."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think you mean a 10% cut on a "line" basis" but on the total."

Alderman Lane: "I say, you are going to get 10% less and you make the cuts where ever practical."

8:50 P.M. Alderman Macdonald arrives.

Alderman Lloyd: "I agree with Alderman Lane and if we find that 200,000.00 would enable us to strike a rate this year it might be appropriate this year, and that 200,000.00 be obtained from all of those items over which we have some control."

Alderman Dunlop: "The only way would be by cutting the salaries of school Staff."

Alderman DeWolf: "My remark was not made with any idea of affecting salaries because we have a contract but it does remain in reducing services. It will not affect anybody who is working."

Alderman Vaughan: "We adopted the policy of taking the amount off for unfilled positions caused by reductions in staff by people leaving the employ. In the School Board it is a little different. When a member leaves the staff he is replaced by person coming in from other parts of the Province at the same rate and we get no break there."

His Worship the Mayor: "Can we have an explanation on the increase in the administrative staff."

Mr. Marshall: "There were certain increases given to our staff to bring them in line with increases granted to City Hall staff. Three new staff were added this

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year - two stenographers and a PBA operator. There was also contemplation of another new clerk. The item is as low as it can go."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would make two observations: (1) Your administration has gone up about \$9,000.00 a pretty big amount. I think with some changing around of classes you can cut down the number of teachers. I suppose if the Commissioners want to save some money they can save some on ~~the~~ ^{their} own salaries about \$9,000.00. In a budget of 4½ million dollars. I think there is room for some saving.

Alderman Lloyd: "When you have gone through the whole budget and you find that you want to show that there is an opportunity for savings through efficiency. I think some amount may be spelt out over the entire budget. I think we could take into consideration the amount at this time."

Alderman Greenwood: "If we added 5 pupils to those 70 rooms we would not seriously jeopardize our ratio. We would eliminate 8 teachers and could probably save 50 or 60 thousand dollars."

Mr. Marshall: "In theory it is a dandy arrangement but in practice it does not work out. I have to do that which the public requests. We change boundaries without causing parents too much heart failure but I think that this matter of economy as well as efficiency must be left to us to work out."

His Worship the Mayor: "Are you suggesting that there is no economy that can be effective?"

Mr. Marshall stated they had great difficulty in changing pupils from neighbouring schools even.

His Worship the Mayor: "The stern job which you refer to just cries out to be done."

Mr. Marshall: "We have done a lot to build up an efficient system and no system in Canada is any better. The Board has done that. We have moved towards economy but to have Council tell us to lop off \$100,000.00. If you do that are you going to be able to reduce your interest charges on your capital and you can't possibly touch that."

Alderman Dunlop: "Did the City Manager sit in with the Board on its budget discussion this year?"

City Manager: "No, I did not. I have been attempting to get the budget into Council's hands and passed before the of the year. It is wrong to start spending money even for 2 months, without having a budget in mind. This year I think the

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School Board was the last one I received. I think in past years the School Board has submitted close to the line. I had hoped it would be ready to take effect before the end of the year that the School Board would meet earlier. This year I had to take a budget from the administrative Staff without its being considered by the Board. Then subsequently I did not sit in on the meetings. I do not quite know what function the City Manager could serve in attending meetings of a board where half is composed of Aldermen who come back and feel themselves as spokesmen of the board. I think the alternative would be to have only one or two Council members on the Board, as Council members tend to be committed to the program as finalized by the Board but later in Council, see it in the general light of all the expenditures.

Alderman Greenwood: "The only place where anything can be saved is in the classrooms and administration. If we have a classroom occupancy of X our budget is so much and there will be very drastic reductions and we will have to decide what the classroom occupancy should be. If we decide it should be so many there we are bearing the responsibility we should bear."

Alderman DeWolf: "There are two ways of approaching the matter - one is the number of teachers. I am not disturbed if there are 35 or what numbers in a room. I don't think the children will miss anything. There are only enough dollars to educate the children in the rooms that we have. If the children must go a little farther away, the schools are not far enough away that the children will suffer any hardship. I would like to see the budget go through as is but if necessary I think it should be reduced in such departments as can stand a reduction."

Alderman Lloyd: "This is just a meeting for our guidance. Will we have more details on the School Board Budget than we have at present."

Mr. Bezanson: "We can supply any information required."

Alderman Vaughan: "Could we have a list of Schools in the City listing the number of classrooms and the number of pupils in each class?"

Alderman Dunlop: "That information should be given to all the Aldermen."

His Worship the Mayor: "We are getting a breakdown of the enrolment of classrooms in each school with explanatory notes."

Alderman Lloyd: "On the other question of the maintenance, we should have a report on that too."

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Alderman Lane stated that while she was Chairman of the Board pressure from various sides was exerted to make provisions for the 'gifted' child and the Board was regarded as being backward in its thinking for 'holding the line' and not asking for money for this purpose.

She contended that in restricting the number of departments and teachers the Council is on dangerous ground.

His Worship the Mayor: "In a budget of $4\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars. I am not so sure there is nothing being done for the advanced child."

Alderman Vaughan: "Would it be possible to get from the Board the total list of pupils from 1945 up to the present and the number of teachers on the staff each year?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Are you agreed to the motion?"

Alderman Macdonald: "As far as the budget is concerned I am satisfied to go along with it. We cut it where possible. There is just one item which I differed with, with one Commissioner. I had to vote against it in the Board, and that was the matter of Commissioners salaries. I was prepared to go along with the salary of the Chairman. They have a tremendous responsibility and the two Chairmen are doing an excellent job.

Alderman DeWolf: "I believe that there was some change. I would suggest that the Chairman get more money but I was not aware there was anything proposed for anybody else."

His Worship the Mayor: "The present emolument is \$400.00 for members and \$600.00 for the Chairman and the suggestion is that it be increased to \$600.00 and \$900.00?"

Moved in amendment by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the allowance for members of the School Board be \$400.00 and \$900.00 for the Chairman.

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

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Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that \$,500.00 be provided in the Estimates for the operation of the Africville School Bus. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that further consideration of the school Board budget be deferred to a meeting at call of the Chair. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor: "I would think we could take a 'saw-off' on conventions and save \$1,000.00."

Alderman DeWolf: "How many janitors are included in the figure."

Miss Burns: "Two janitors."

Alderman DeWolf: "Are they out of line?"

Alderman Vaughan: "They are very efficient and perform duties beyond the normal requirement."

His Worship the Mayor suggested that 20-19 (convention expenses) be cut out.

Alderman Vaughan: "It is out in Vancouver."

Alderman O'Brien: "If we are going to cut out this one we should follow the same plan with regard to all Departments. You wouldn't cut out the Library and leave the others in?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think the same person should go to all conventions. I don't think the Chief of Police, for example, should go year after year. I don't think we should send two people to Winnipeg for the Library Board. It is an expenditure we can't afford."

Alderman Lloyd: "I disagree. I have been a party to advocating the retention of outside Council and after a long series of observations of outside talents. I have come to the conviction that perhaps the same person should not go but the more we send our people away and they come back and use their own talents in a variety of ways we can save money by having our people go away to observe and learn."

Alderman Dunlop: "We have a representative of the Library Board here. They should give their views." I would like to associate myself with the Mayor who is economy minded and has been that way for the past four years, and I would like to be classified with you in that regard."

Miss Eileen Burns: "You see our budget is one of about \$140,000.00 which represents an increase of approximately \$500. over last year. Most of that increase

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is due to the fact that during the year we did increase the salaries of our Librarian and janitors. That additional amount that we are asking for will be offset somewhat but our revenue which will be up. Instead of a grant from the Province of \$29,000.00 we will be getting a little over \$31,000.00 and I think the revenue from the library proper will amount to \$8,000.00 so that we can expect an overall income of \$40,000.00 which means that you will have to find about \$100,000.00."

Alderman Dunlop: "This does not include the \$45,000.00 for capital carrying costs?"

Miss Burns: "It appears that I must make it clear that this is an honest budget. The members of the Board have done their best to make it low. We cannot see any place where we can eliminate or pare down the cost. So tight are the estimates that we felt if anything is taken off we will be in desperation. We had hoped that you might increase it. We budgetted last year for some items which we did not use. We wanted to bring the "young" section from downstairs to upstairs. We budgetted for the shelving and extra personnel needed. Our attempts to overcome the lack of space were defeated because the Engineer told us that we could not put any extra load on the second floor. This year we hope by re-arranging the down stairs to put in extra shelving I am sure that the Public will be glad about that. It is extremely gratifying to tell you that the Public is using the Library at an increasing rate each year. The patronage has increased by 70% between 1952 and 1956. There are 22000 borrowers at the present time. The Board is satisfied that excellent service is being given. The resources of the Library are being used to the limit and beyond. We have a problem of a lack of space and we will need more space to accommodate the increasing use of the Library.

Alderman Vaughan: "With regard to the Regional Library the Board was created at our request the Province paying matching dollar for dollar with the Regional Board at a 35¢ per capita rate, which is low today. My argument is directed along the lines that this is more than a Regional Library and our Library performs a greater function than those in other centres because of the value to the Universities and we are providing a broader service and have an argument for increased per capita contribution from the Province."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is one of the points we will take up with the Province when our Brief is considered this month."

Alderman Lloyd: "What are the conventions?"

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Miss Burns: "Maritime Librarian Association Conference which is held in S. dce, where common problems are discussed.

The Canadian Librarian Association is composed of two sections - Trustees section and Professional Section. Conference is held in Victoria."

Alderman Vaughan ; "Miss Burns, I understand you attended last year. From your observations did you find that we have more professionals on our staff than other cities."

Miss Burns: "I do not know how our own library manages to give the service it does with the small number of Professionals on the staff."

Alderman O'Brien: "I would like to ask if Miss Burns could say whether it would be a serious thing if we skipped the conventions which are west of Winnipeg?"

Miss Burns: "I do not know. I think it is good public business to send delegates to these conventions and last year our representatives took a very active part in the deliberations."

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman O'Malle, that the Estimates proposed for the Library for 1957 be recommended to Council.

Alderman Vaughan: "The physical lay-out of the Library does make it difficult to work out but if you had a different set up could you cut down the number of Professionals on your staff?"

Miss Cameron: "I do believe we could reduce by one or two at least."

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't think it is any use to cut it down. The way I look at conventions they are of some benefit. I don't think anyone get a renewed education. I think the benefit that way is over-rated but the social contacts and the meeting of other people doing similar work is of benefit. The amount allocated is \$1,000.00 which would allow two members to go. The members of the Board are serving free and I believe that in these organizations you can't go one year and stay away another year. There must be some sort of continuity. Take for instance the Union of N.S. Municipalities - the Mayor could not be President of the organization because the Mayor is only in office for 3 years. Actually the amount of money spent for the elected representatives is a very small sum and I think conventions are worth while. There is no middle ground. Either drop out entirely or keep going."

The motion was passed.

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RECREATION

Moved By Alderman Vaughan that the present budget less \$2,000.00 reducing salaries by that amount and the total budget to \$57,400.00 be recommended to Council.

Alderman Greenwood: "I understand the Recreation Commission passed an item for skating rinks but through a clerical oversight it is not included."

City Manager: "It was not in the budget requested."

His Worship the Mayor: "\$5,000.00 for ice rinks operation is to be included?"

Alderman Greenwood: "The Commission did pass it at their budget meeting."

His Worship the Mayor: "The request is for Maintenance of \$5,000.00."

City Manager: "It is \$65,000.00 but it is not in the Capital Budget for 1957."

Mr. A.B. Dawson: "We have just had a discussion with regard to conventions Halifax is to be host to a very important convention this Summer. The CAPHER will come to Halifax this year. It is the largest organization of its kind in Canada and delegates will be here from all over Canada. So, there will be no requests for money for delegates from Halifax. The item for skating rink we havenot got. I was instructed by the Treasurer that we could not put in an item of that kind because we have not a rink. I just hope Council will consider the real necessity for one. I hope the day will come when we can have an outdoor artificial rink. They have them in other cities and they can be operated in temperatures up to 85 degrees.

The amount of salaries was low our current budget was for \$36,936. and the budget asked for is \$37900.00. We operated without a director last year. I was acting only and carried the load alone, and we are still corresponding for a new and qualified director. I had a letter today from a man and I wrote and asked him what salary he would expect. He is in a City of 30,000 receiving \$5100. and would expect at least \$6,000. So you will have to consider a definite increase in salaries if you are going to have a well qualified director. I have been ^{HAPPY} hoping to serve as Acting Director. This is my seventh year and I enjoy the work very much and to me it just a privilege of service and salary has not been too important."

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City Manager: "In addition to these items, there is another item of Referees Fees for Hockey and Umpires for Baseball. It was on the plan."

Mr. Dawson: "We spent about \$2,000.00 last year for minor baseball."

His Worship the Mayor: "You had something last year?"

Mr. Dawson: "About \$1400. It was down under "Salaries and Equipment."

His Worship the Mayor: "Last year you spent \$33,000.00 for salaries and this year you are requesting \$38,000.00 - a \$5,000.00 increase."

Alderman Greenwood: "The position of Director is to be filled and certainly, the salaries listed here will not qualify us to have a Director and assistant Director. We should consider that the \$4200. (Acting Director) is liable to be a higher figure. If we can cut \$2,000.00 from the salaries we are going to be short in our budget to hire a qualified director. I think a cut of \$1,000.00 would be alright."

Mr. Romkey: "I don't think you could legally put in maintenance for ice rinks which you have not got at the moment."

Alderman Greenwood: "The answer is that it is quite possible that if we have good weather we could have good outdoor non-artificial ice rinks."

Alderman Lloyd: "We could start the operation of those rinks January 1, 1958; then you could prepare your operating budget for the ensuing year."

His Worship the Mayor: "I am not too worried about the legality of it."

Alderman Greenwood referred to the loss of the arena on Shirley Street and stated that he had ^{Been} given a tentative figure for a double rink at a cost of \$48,000. to be erected on open ground as the common. A single rink could be erected for \$35,000.00."

Alderman Lane: "Does that guarantee us any more home-grown hockey players?"

Alderman Greenwood: "In Toronto outdoor rinks are accommodating 1800 people in one day on week ends and they are developing a lot of young players."

Alderman Lloyd: "It is in the field of Capital Expenditures which occur from month to month. I suggest a development of this matter so that they could plan capital construction, say during the Fall of 1957, not requiring operating expenses until 1958. At least we are putting it ahead and not losing sight of the providing of the facilities ."

Moved an amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the salary account #21-1 be reduced by \$1,000.00. Motion passed.

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Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the Ice Rentals account #21-111 be increased to \$2500.00. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the Public Service Commission Account #21-47 be increased to \$2500.00. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the budget as amended be recommended to City Council. Motion passed with Alderman Greenwood wishing to be recorded against.

POINT PLEASANT PARK

His Worship the Mayor: "There is an amount of \$1200.00 to be added for a parking space just outside the Squadron entrance. There are some 1500 trees down as a result of the storm and it is a scene of desolation. The staff are cutting and taking the logs out carefully. Certain of those poles will be used in that \$1200. parking item but there was going to be a request that the budget be enlarged by \$3,000.00 to look after the cost of the fallen wood but it was thought that that might wait until we see what the actual expense might be; and there will be some salvage from sale of logs."

Alderman Lloyd: "What is the item "Tower Road Improvement?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Smith Chairman of the Park Commission would perhaps answer your question."

Mr. Smith: "It is for a parking area at the Tower Road Entrance that we have built and graded and are covering with an asphalt surface now. The intention was to pave the whole area with the \$1500.00. We have 3 parking areas: (1) The Tower Road one. (2) The one mentioned by the Mayor on the Parkside of the road leading into the Yacht Squadron which will accommodate 27 cars will cost \$1200.00. (3) The third is the one I have been fighting for since 1953. An agreement was made with the Federal Government in 1913 and this has been taken up with the Federal members. It is on the Harbour side of the road from the Squadron to the Seaward Defence. It will accommodate approximately 50 cars."

His Worship the Mayor: "The two parking areas will not necessarily be inconsistent, if the one proposed by Ottawa goes through."

Alderman Lloyd: "We could get along without that improvement this year."

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His Worship the Mayor: "It is an opportune time while we have the poles and could be done more economically at the present."

Alderman Greenwood referred to Item # 22-274 and contended that there are not enough signs directing people, especially tourist to the Park and suggest that this item of the budget be increased.

Alderman Lloyd suggested that the \$1500. item be transferred to this need.

Alderman Macdonald: "We may possibly develop a Drive around Point Pleasant Park. It has been talked out many times and if it were so, a parking area at the Point would be the proper place and I think it would be one of the greatest assets to the City as far as tourists are concerned. I think we are wasting the natural beauty of the Park because of the lack of the driveway, so that people could get down there and stroll around and see the beauty of the Park."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the Chairman will bear me out that that would not have the consent of the Staff."

Mr. Smith: "That matter was brought up five years ago. It created a bit of a flurry. The Commission look at it with an open mind. The opinion seems to be that people want a place to take their families where they need have no fear of traffic hazards. It would also be a problem for the Police Staff to patrol the roads; especially after dark. It is a nice spot and let us keep it that way."

Alderman O'Brien: "The answer is to get increased facilities for parking at the entrances to the Park and, thus, more people will have greater access to the Park."

Alderman Vaughan: "This is the one occasion during the year when we discuss Point Pleasant Park. I agree with the idea that the Park be retained and used in its natural state and I think that the Park use should be extended by implementing the proposals put forward last Fall."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think the Provincial Government is prepared to go ahead with the establishment of the aquarium or Wild Life Exhibit. I had non-official word that the Government would not entertain any co-operation in these proposals at the present time."

Alderman O'Malley: "Have you ever brought before the commission the thought of a Band stand at Point Pleasant Park? The aldermen have been making suggestions of ways and means of making the Park more attractive and I think it is an item that should be considered."

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His Worship the Mayor stated he personally, would not bring forward a suggestion for bandstand in the park and referred to the Band Concert at the Forum of the massed bands of the Army which was poorly attended, and contended that you could not get people to congregate at the Park for band concerts. The Public Gardens is the only spot for that purpose.

Mr. Smith: "We have one space for that purpose."

His Worship the Mayor: "When was it last used?"

Mr. Smith: "Eight years ago and it did not enhance the attendance."

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't think we should worry about getting people down there. The people who love nature will go there. The thing to do with Point Pleasant Park is to leave it as it is. The Park is not large enough for any of these things and I am not greatly concerned about people going there."

Alderman Fox: "I think it would be worthwhile for every member of Council to take a trip through Fundy National Park in New Brunswick and see what they have there."

It was agreed that the Budget as proposed with the addition of \$200.00 for parking space and increasing a/c #22-121 for Trees Seeds and Plants to \$600.00 be recommended to Council.

Alderman Lloyed: "What about Capital Expenditures for Point Pleasant Park?"

Mr. Smith: "There is just one item - the new Rest Room at Black Rock."

His Worship the Mayor: "We don't consider those items now."

Alderman Lloyed asked why \$1500.00 item for Parking Space is not in the Capital Budget.

City Manager: "We are not putting in those items which are less than \$10,000.00 in the Capital Budget but are carrying them on Current Account."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is there not an outstanding report which we are awaiting?" Who is the Chairman?"

Alderman DeWolf: "I am. We had a couple of meetings and discussed the points with the City Solicitor who drew up a form of legislation following the suggestions; and there it stopped. I don't think the committee is ready yet to produce anything. I am not so sure that I want to go any further with it."

Moved ;by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the question of Rental Control be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

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CIVIL DEFENCE

Alderman Vaughan: "Was the budget considered by the Civil Defence Committee?"

Mr. Vickery: "I discussed it with His Worship the Mayor, only."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the Budget be referred back to the Civil Defence Committee for consideration and report.

Motion passed.

PORT OF HALIFAX COMMISSION

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the budget recommended by the City Manager be recommended to City Council,

Alderman Dunlop: "With regard to item 25-134, Business Promotion. I think we are getting too many commissions. We should merge these commissions and the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax should be in on it. I understand our man does work for all of them and they should all be paying on them. There is not sufficient work for an energetic man to devote his time to the City only."

His Worship the Mayor: "The port of Halifax operation is very largely a shipping development job. They have to do with Stevedoring and the Port facilities I think they can point with some satisfaction to the fact that they have been instrumental in having the construction of the new grain loading pier in the south end of the City. I see them both doing work that is beneficial to the City."

Alderman Lloyd: "I see some justification for the Port Commission but the Industrial Commission is a Provincial Government function primarily or at least a metropolitan one and I think that it is a expenditure that should not be borne by the City."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the answer is that the Province of Nova Scotia has an obligation in trying to establish industry here. They limit their function to showing what the over-all opportunities are in the Province but our Industrial Commission tries to get people to establish here. It is a job requiring patience and there are a lot of disappointments. Perhaps, Mr. Post should circulate some information on the efforts he has taken to interest firms to come here. I think one successful enterprise would pay for the operation of this commission for 10 years and more. It is true that we have helped the County but I hope that we have helped the City, too."

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Alderman Lloyd: "Were any overtures made by our representative to the Company that finally established at Ingrahamport so that Provincial assistance might be forth coming?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

City Manager: "I think it is more in the line of printed matter. It is not the type of Business Promotion which does not really over-lap with the Industrial Commission. The suggestion was made three years ago that the Port of Halifax Commission and Tourist Bureau be rolled into one."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should look at the idea of combining some of these things."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would think that if the new Board of Trade building goes through it might be time to consider something along the lines of combining these functions."

Alderman Lloyd: "This is a function that the Province might very well take over and I question whether the City should continue it."

Alderman Vaughan: "Generally speaking, the information on markets is now factual."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Commission is seeking to do something about a large piece of land which has been a problem for many years."

Alderman Macdonald: "I spoke to a member of the Sherbrooke Commission who said that they provide land and assist in other ways and they felt that if they got one or two new industries a year they were doing very well."

Alderman DeWolf: "I think we are lucky to have a man like Mr. Post. Unfortunately Council has no way of knowing what Mr. Post is doing, but I would say that he is 'on the ball' all the time. Even if you only pick up the average of one industry a year the money is well spent."

Alderman O'Brien: "What liason is there between ~~one~~ commission and APEC? Have we adequate liason so that if there is to be development in the Maritimes we will get our share?"

Alderman Vaughan: "With regard to Metropolitan promotion some approach has been made to Dartmouth and the County. The County is preparing a brochure and the County and Town of Dartmouth are contributing to the cost of printing the pamphlets

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It was decided to recommend the Budget for the Port of Halifax Commission and Industrial Commission to City Council.

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

Meeting adjourned 11:05 P.M.

L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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W.H. Noonan, Limited	Span Joists	2,242.00
Offman Furniture Company Ltd.	Supplying & installing carpet, rubber underlay and smoothedge	778.96
Seaman-Cross Ltd.	Chairs, backdrop, combin- ation desk, Aldermen's desks, tables, Rails, spectator seats	<u>13,069.40</u> <u>\$29,582.94</u>

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

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

ESTIMATES 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.

11:05 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, O'Malley, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

1. That the Allowance for the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners be increased from \$600.00 to \$900.00.
2. That the allowance for members of the Board of School Commissioners remain at \$400.00 per annum.
3. That \$3500.00 be provided in the School Board Estimates for the operation of the Africville School Bus.
4. That further discussion of the School Board Estimates be deferred to a future meeting.
5. That the Estimates for the Regional Library Board be approved as recommended by the City Manager.
6. That the Salary Account of the Recreation Commission be reduced by \$1,000.00 to \$16,900.00.

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- 7 That the Ice Rental's Amount of the Recreation Commission be increased by \$4,000.00 to \$14,000.00.
- 8 That the Water Amount in the Recreation Estimates (Public Service Commission) be increased by \$1,000.00 to \$4,500.00.
- 9 That the sum of \$2,000.00 be provided in the Estimates of the Recreation Commission to cover the costs of Referees and Umpires.
- 10 That \$2,000.00 be added to the Point Pleasant Park Commission Estimates to provide a parking space at the Park entrance along the Road running parallel to the Squamish Road.
- 11 That the amount for Trees, Seeds and Plants in Point Pleasant Park Estimates be increased by \$400.00 to \$600.00.
- 12 That question of continuance of Rental Control be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for further consideration.
- 13 That the Estimate submitted for Civil Defence be referred back to the Civil Defence Committee for further study.
- 14 That the Estimates as submitted for the Port of Halifax Commission and Industrial Commission be approved. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

I. A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
February 14, 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 Deputy City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the minutes for meetings held on January 3rd, 11th, 17th, 24th and 31st be approved.

Motion passed.

MOTION - DEPUTY MAYOR VAUGHAN Re: FALKLAND STREET WIDENING ✓

Deputy Mayor Vaughan asked for permission to withdraw his motion in view of the action taken by the Board of Works.

His Worship the Mayor: "What happened was that the Board of Works decided that the matter should be deferred until June, it being anticipated that in the meantime the Stevenson report will probably deal with it."

TRAFFIC CONTROL PROGRAM (ALLEN-CORGILL REPORT)

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Allen of the Allen-Corgill Company is here tonight and at his request you have before you the Traffic Control Program as prepared by the Company."

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the Traffic Authority be directed to submit a report through the Safety Committee to Council on this matter.

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Dear Mr. Mayor: I am pleased to hear that the report has been received and that you are planning to discuss the report with the Mayor. I was very glad to hear that you are planning to discuss the report with the Mayor. I was very glad to hear that you are planning to discuss the report with the Mayor.

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We would be glad to have a formal brief in our representation. In the past, we have presented various proposals and suggestions that grew out of our thinking. On the analysis of the report, I was more prepared to try to answer any questions that you may have regarding the various points involved. I would like, just to mention, that the thinking which is reflected throughout the report is based on the latest report which was submitted in the past. The report is based on the phases of law enforcement and traffic control. The necessity of our recommendations is to bring you up to date with the need for a traffic control program which will help in reducing traffic congestion.

The report is based on the development of the traffic control plan of the City of New York, taking into the general business district. The traffic control plan is meant to provide efficient, convenient and safe movement of traffic on your streets. The basic principles which we outlined in our presentation were similar to things that would be applied by a Traffic Engineer. The Mayor's report is the entire answer but as only the first step in the development of a program to bring you up to date with the needs of the City of New York for future traffic demands, it was necessary to develop a program both in terms of organization, and the implementation of a program that will enable you to project ahead the various phases of traffic control, among which were: one way streets, one-way systems, street marking and allowed on-street parking. Many of these proposals were based on a factual study of the problem. The proposals were designed as part of an integrated program and could be implemented over a period of time. If you consider the one-way street package, the proposals for traffic control were designed with the one-way streets.

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They were put in an over-all plan to improve traffic movement and the elimination of accidents. We hope that when it comes time to deal with the report that you will consider it as a whole. If you do study and try to implement it 'piece meal', I am afraid that the intended relief will not result. Traffic in individual locations must be analyzed individually, the over-all picture must be considered in the overall system. Therefore, we have tried to review your present traffic situation, your control plan, in terms of your immediate needs and have tried to develop a foundation of a program which we felt was within the realm of your responsibility, something that would be economical and a practical endeavour, in the near future."

Alderman Lloyd arrives 8:05 P.M.

Alderman Lane: "We are grateful that we have this report without cost to the City, but there is just one question that I would ask. The Engineer you have recommended to train, does this man have to be a qualified Engineer or can an experienced employee take a course to qualify him?"

Mr. Allen: "Referring back to our first report, we recommended several possibilities. The first recommendation was that you select a qualified engineer to take specialized training in traffic engineering. There is the possibility that as a 'stop gap measure' a Police Officer with a working knowledge of traffic could be trained, but our first recommendation was that you select some one with engineering qualifications."

Alderman Dunlop: "Is Halifax big enough to need a full-time Traffic Engineer?"

Mr. Allen: "Yes, once you reach the range of 50,000 of population you need a fulltime traffic engineer. Traffic is one of the greatest problems and a continually growing problem."

Alderman Ferguson: "I would like to know what Canadian cities have Traffic Engineers? That is information I have requested and never received."

Mr. Allen: "We have not made a survey. I know that Toronto, Montreal and Quebec have but I am not familiar with too many Canadian cities."

Alderman DeWolf: "The trouble is, as I see it, that Halifax cannot grow any more geographically or in area, and those cities are growing. Would that not obviate the need of a Traffic Engineer?"

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Mr. Allen: "I believe your contiguous area is growing. Many people are commuting back and forth to the County and Dartmouth and that is, presently, part of your problem. They will be on your streets and I think it is justified and encourages development to want some of them. True, they represent a problem. The trend here is that you will have more cars and at your rate of increase, you are going to be like all other cities, your traffic problem is going to continue and grow."

Alderman Ferguson: "You say there are 1,000 engineers in your society and a number from Canada. Where would the rest of them be?"

Mr. Allen: "Several provinces have them and the departments of highways have them."

Alderman Ferguson: "Is that the Province of Nova Scotia?"

Mr. Allen: "Yes, sir. In these other cities you have more than just an Engineer. As cities get bigger, they need bigger traffic departments. We tried to determine what are the needs in the City of Halifax, and what is needed to bring about improvement."

His Worship the Mayor: "In your report you investigate the possibility of a number of traffic lights, separated by two or three blocks, on our main street at the main intersections. I presume that you would anticipate that they would be so synchronized to allow traffic to go along without undue delay?"

Mr. Allen: "We presented a timing diagram in our report."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is it harder to have your traffic flowing through lights where they are mounted on steep hill because of snow and other conditions?"

Mr. Allen: "If there is a problem of movement, then signals will not create too much of an additional problem in terms of specific operation. The City is very difficult to regulate due to the terrain and your East-West streets. Signals are put on short intervals, giving flashing signals, until salting and sanding is done."

Alderman O'Brien: "Do you feel that one Traffic Engineer would be adequate for this whole Metropolitan Area, rather than just for the City?"

Mr. Allen: "I would say 'No', at the present time. Also, you would have other problems in the over-lapping jurisdictions. The size of the City is such

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right now that an Engineer would have more than he could handle. We recommended in fact that the department should consist of three persons, an Engineer, an Engineer and clerk."

Alderman Lloyd: "I have not had an opportunity to study the report in great detail but there are two things that might be expressed by Mr. Allen two questions that might be answered. One, the urgency of this matter in Halifax. In your introduction, you are aiming at a solution to two problems, accident prevention and the relief of congestion. From your experience with other cities, is the degree of accidents in Halifax high as compared to other cities?"

Mr. Allen: "I would say it is high as compared to the other cities that have taken steps to alleviate them. It is difficult to make comparisons due to terrain, etc."

Alderman Lloyd: "There is some urgency to apply the recommendations relative to the relief of congestion. How do you describe the degree of urgency in the matter of relief of congestion?"

Mr. Allen: "Take any of your streets at five o'clock - coming in to any of your bad intersections (he named several) there is some concern and immediate need for alleviation of congestion. You cannot separate accidents and congestion they go together."

Alderman Lloyd: "We have had some discussions about the wisdom of sending one of our personnel to take the course of instruction in traffic engineering. In your opinion, should a man trained in this field work from a department of Works, or should he be part of the personnel of the Planning Division of the City; or do you see any choice; or, should he be an engineer attached to the executive staff of the Police Department?"

Mr. Allen: "First, I stated in my report that the Traffic Engineering Profession is an engineering subdivision. We took due cognizance of the fact that the Chief of Police has jurisdiction over the Motor Vehicle Act in the City. We recommended that it be set up under the Police Chief and then select a younger man from the City staff to take this specialized training, working with the

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Police Department. In time, as the traffic department grows it should be set up on a separate basis. This agency within the Police Department should not be under the present Traffic Division which should be concerned with law enforcement only."

Alderman Lane: "Mr. Allen has mentioned that the primary concern is safety. I note that according to the survey, a 12 hour count at Ahern Ave. Norton Park intersection, shows nearly 15,000 vehicles passing through. Could the Chief of Police advise us the accident incidence over a year?"

Chief of Police: "I have no idea."

Alderman Lane: "Were there a lot, or a few?"

Chief of Police: "Our accident experience a few years ago was very bad but after we installed traffic lights and made a one way street the number of accidents was reduced."

Mr. Allen: "As the result of our analysis in 1955-56, over a 30 month period, there were 50 accidents."

Alderman Lane: "Were there fatalities and injuries?"

Mr. Allen: "Injuries and property damage."

Alderman Lane: "It might be the result of that intersection could be caused by carelessness or driver error, or drunk driving. Also, the Willow Trees, is that another hot spot for accidents?"

Chief of Police: "Yes, it is. Even with the new timing, we have accident experience there."

Alderman Denlop: "What will a Traffic Engineer do about that?"

Mr. Allen: "He will recommend certain improvements to eliminate traffic through that intersection."

Alderman Macdonald: "Could Mr. Allen tell if there is any area in the city where he considers the traffic problem more acute than others - that might need early attention?"

Mr. Allen: "That is covered in our report - the main business district, and we gave ten specific intersections where traffic is critical."

Alderman DeWolf: "Would a traffic circle at the Ahern Avenue intersection be advantageous over the traffic lights?"

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Mr. Allen: "There you have the advantage of open land where acquisition is easier. However, you have not sufficient land to expand to provide a circle. Traffic circles are on their way out except in isolated situations."

Alderman DeWolf: "Did you look over the Fairview proposal?"

Mr. Allen: "No, sir. That is not a City problem."

Alderman Ferguson: "What is the coming trend?"

Mr. Allen: "If the community is willing to pay the price, you must elevate to relieve congestion. The trend is to physically separate the two traffic movements. Except in the most critical areas, most of your engineering work is trying to make best possible use of your present street system."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would ask Mr. Shakespeare of the Board of Fire Underwriters if the accident rate has gone up--has it been reflected in the insurance premiums. If there was a reduction in the number of accidents, could we anticipate a reduction in insurance rates?"

Mr. W.G. Shakespeare: "It would depend on the amount of claims."

His Worship the Mayor: "If your companies, in total, pay out less dollars, would not there be a lower rate?"

Mr. Shakespeare: "Yes."

Alderman Lane: "Mr. Shakespeare, are your rates not based on a national picture, rather than local?"

Mr. Shakespeare: "No, local."

Alderman Wyman: "Have we any information as to the relative severity of accidents during the past year? Has the total amount of claims been less?"

Mr. Allen: "There has been a reduction of 24% in the number of persons injured."

Mr. Shakespeare: "We do not know as yet. We will know sometime in June. A lot of claims are not settled for last year yet. You can't tell until you have the figures."

Alderman Dunlop: "Are there not Consulting Engineers. Would that not be a more feasible way of starting this for Halifax rather than going out and looking for a man?"

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Mr. Allen: "We have a consulting service on the side. We normally have a consulting service to communities of this size. If I were doing this consulting service, my fee would run about \$10,000 a year, plus \$5,000 a year for the city wants to get a consultant they can. I think you would save the cost running above that over a period of time, rather than if they set up their own Department. It is difficult for a consultant to produce more than a single plan."

Alderman O Malley: "What authority would a Traffic Engineer have over the Works Engineer?"

Mr. Allen: "No authority, normally."

Alderman O Malley: "What happens with regard to snow removal. If you are going to have a Traffic Engineer and the policy with regard to snow removal laid down by the Works Engineer, you are going to have confliction."

Alderman O Malley then referred to practice of plowing snow on the sidewalks which obstructs the traffic on the street.

Mr. Allen: "You would have no coordination between the different departments. They would sit back and work out what is the general policy."

Alderman O Malley: "That is a very serious matter."

Mr. Allen: "The only thing is to set down something in law, and have no jurisdiction as described in law."

Alderman Lloyd: "This staff operation that you have envisioned in your several reports, say for the next four or five years: one engineer and how many additional staff would be required?"

Mr. Allen: "Initially, you need an engineer, plus one sub engineer. I called him an aide. I paid, probably, one more. The other staff would be that now doing traffic work, in the Public Department."

Alderman Lloyd: "We would be faced with staff, plus a consultant for a year, and a permanent staff to be added to the other department."

Alderman Ferguson: "How much practical experience play for a Traffic Engineer. He will have little or no practical traffic experience. How long will it be before he will be of use?"

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We are going to have a technical man but he will have no practice. You have the experience and you could make a report."

Mr. Allen: "It depends upon the individual. In the graduate course of engineering there a lot of practical experience is embodied. The Community would benefit by getting a trained man. We thought it would be more feasible to select a younger person who would not be enticed to move away but would want to grow up with the city."

Alderman Greenwood asked if Mr. Allen considered whether a trained senior Police Officer would be an adequate, if temporary, substitute for the Traffic Engineer should a young staff engineer not be available for training for some years?"

Mr. Allen: "It would depend upon what you consider 'temporary' OR 'adequate'. It would be only a 'stop-gap' measure."

Alderman Greenwood: "Would he be accepted in the 8-month course at Northwestern University?"

Mr. Allen: "He would be accepted in police work."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Traffic Engineering course is at a graduate Engineering School?"

Mr. Allen: "That is right."

Alderman Fox: "Would you say we have as many accidents in Halifax and as much congestion as any comparable cities in the United States?"

Mr. Allen: "In cities the same size that have made no steps to improve their conditions, it would be comparable; but it is higher compared to cities that have taken some steps to improve."

He referred to New York where tremendous improvement has been made.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr. Allen for the most comprehensive report which he had given. The motion to refer was then put and passed.

TAXES - INTEREST RATE AND RATE

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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

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appears to be desired that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature permitting the City Council by resolution to fix the date on which interest shall start to accrue on unpaid rates and taxes as well as fixing the rate of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

SETTLEMENT OF HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS - ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

February 7, 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 acceptance of bills of the Army Benevolent Fund to settle the following accounts for hospitalization:

Name	Amount of Account	Amount of Settlement
1. Robert M. Wynn	\$162.00	\$110.00
2. John W. Collins	\$721.00	\$154.00
3. David A. Dixon	\$700.00	\$143.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship, I. A. Kitzel and
Members of City Council

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

Date: February 17, 1957

Subject: Accounts over \$500.00

In accordance with section 219E of the City Charter, the following accounts are submitted for Council's approval. These accounts have been certified and audited.

DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Finance	W. B. McInnes & Co.	Health Insurance	\$3,756.25
	The National Cash Register Company, Inc.	Equipment maintenance	624.80

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Police	Thomas J. Egan	Revolvers	705.00
Works	Automatic Sprinkler Company of Canada Ltd.	Changes in sprinkler system	3,250.73
	Canadian National Railways	25% share of installing signals at Bayers Road crossing	1,278.32
	Crane Limited	Water heater and regulator	1,466.65
	Industrial Machinery Co. Limited	Rental of Tractor & operator	528.00
	Lester R. Jackson Limited	lathing and plastering	5,116.17
	Raymond L. Kaizer Limited	Repatting Collector's Office	842.50
	The Mitchell Service Company Ltd.	Rental of 464 Barrington Street	1,778.00
	Northern Electric Co.Ltd.	Lamps & Fixtures	2,344.56
	Nova Scotia Light & Power Company, Limited	Street Lighting	9,995.66
	Public Service Commission	Chlorine, main repairs service box replaced	818.42
	The Robert Simpson Eastern Limited	Carpet, Drapes, rubber tile & base, Jaspe yd. goods & rubber base	4,165.90
Civil Defence	Consolidated Supply Company Limited	Johnson Viking Trans- mitter	<u>579.60</u> \$37,250.56

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

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

LEGISLATION RE: HAND BILLS ✓

February 5, 1957.

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

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval the attached item of legislation amending Section 500 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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(1) Section 500 is amended by inserting therein between the Section number "500" and the word "No" in the first line thereof the numeral and symbols "(1)".

(2) Said Section 500 is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(2) No person shall distribute, deposit, place, throw, scatter or cast any bill, placard or other advertising matter in or upon any automobile or other vehicle.

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

NORTHWEST ARM PATROL ✓

February 5, 1957.

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

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that Mr. George A. Perry be engaged to operate the Northwest Arm Patrol for the season of 1957 at the rate of \$3.50 per hour.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

COLLEGE OF ART BUILDING ✓

February 7, 1957.

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

The matter of the disposition of the old College or Art Building at the corner of Argyle and George Streets was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that tenders be called for the sale of the building or lease of same as is for a period of five years with the advertisement containing a clause that the highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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PURCHASE OF SALT ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: February 5th, 1957.
Subject: Re: Purchase of Salt.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Commissioner of Works relative to the purchase of Salt from two bidders, who had submitted identical bids.

He requested authority to purchase salt from both suppliers which in his opinion is best suited to weather conditions.

The Committee recommended that the Commissioner of Works' request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per: J. B. Sebean,
Clerk of Works

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

Alderman Dunlop: "I notice two types, one is Turks' Island and what is the other?"

Commissioner of Works: "It is 'Nappen'."

Alderman DeWolf: "I notice that we do a tremendous amount more salting of streets than we used to do. I was wondering if any Chemical Engineer could advise in connection with the use of salt because my belief is that under certain temperatures it has no particular value--temperatures have something to do with it."

His Worship the Mayor: "What is the action of the temperature on salt?"

Commissioner of Works: "One of the arguments advanced was that as the temperature lowered, one type could not be used by us but Nappen had been effective in lower temperatures."

Alderman DeWolf: "It must be costing a lot of money, and is it overdone in connection with our ability to make treatment that we could not, perhaps afford?"

His Worship the Mayor: "How much money are we spending?"

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Alderman Dunlop: "\$50,000?"

Alderman DeWolf: "I thought it was quite large and I was wondering if we were not too generous in connection with our efforts to reduce the Budget."

Alderman Lloyd: "The question was asked: What do other cities use by way of materials to stop sliding?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Allen, is salt used for cutting ice?"

Mr. Allen: "The most common practice is to use salt because of the ease of handling."

Commissioner of Works: "With regard to the use of salt and cinders, the cost would be reflected in the cost of clearing clogged sewers in the Spring if cinders were used."

Alderman Wyman: "Not being on the Board of Works, I am wondering if it is a matter of what he is going to do about the salt for the rest of the season or a matter of future policy regarding the use of salt."

His Worship the Mayor: "We had a letter from A. M. Smith & Company stating that while it had been decided that the salt would be bought from Smith and Burns on an even basis, in effect we have been buying about three times as much from Burns as from Smith. Mr. West tried both and said that Burns' type of salt acted better under conditions which he had most of, and the other salt was good in certain other conditions which did not occur so often and tended to clog the machines because it did not melt so fast."

Commissioner of Works: "I don't think it is fair to say that we are buying three times as much because now we are buying about even, and last year we had a situation that was the worst in 83 years."

Alderman O'Malley: "Back three or four years ago we bought a greater quantity from Smith, and Burns had tendered, and the claim was made that the Smith salt was giving greater efficiency in its operation. Is this the same salt?"

City Manager: "The Smith salt is about the same but the Burns type is better, making it more adaptable for our needs."

Alderman DeWolf: "One is 'solar' salt and the other is evaporated salt, which is more pure. I wonder if Mr. West could consult with a Chemical Engineer to find out why it works out better?"

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Alderman Wyman stated that the situation for the current year is settled but suggested that before tenders are accepted for next year that the matter be given careful study.

Alderman Dunlop: "We should be happy to know that our Nova Scotia salt has reached a stage where our City wants to buy it."

Motion passed.

The Commissioner of Works was requested to report on the matter at the August meeting of City Council.

The City Clerk was requested to place the item on the Agenda of the regular meeting to be held in August.

PREFAB HOUSING ACCOUNT ✓

February 7, 1957.

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

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

It was agreed that the City Manager should continue to operate the prefab houses and collect the accounts as in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK

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

5% PERMANENT STOCK ✓

February 7, 1957.

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

A report from the City Manager respecting 5% Permanent Stock was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that the offer to redeem this stock at 115 be not extended beyond March 1, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Date: January 28, 1957

Subject: 5% Permanent Stock.

On November 13, 1956 the Finance and Executive Committee recommended to City Council that the offer to redeem Permanent Stock at 115 be withdrawn on March 1, 1957. Since the inception of this provision to date, we have redeemed \$257,400.00 of this stock which has been outstanding over 70 years.

City Council passed the recommendation and after March 1, 1957 we cannot accept offers to purchase the stock.

Under the circumstances we have been very fortunate to redeem so much of the stock since there are two factors, both of them against us.

1. The stock has sold down at times in the past in the 80's. Assuming a purchase at 90, the yield is 5.55% and holders are unwilling to sell unless the yield is as high. At 115, if they can get another 5% investment the yield would be 5.75 and that makes it attractive to redeem our stock.

2. The stock has sold as high as 140. The yield at this figure is 3.57%. Sale at any price down to 115 involves a loss and holders are reluctant to sell. Redemption at 115 and reinvestment at 5% would give a yield of 4.32% for the next twenty years and because of the improvement in yield makes some to redeem their securities.

It is difficult to set a redemption price which will bring in all the stock. We have done very well at 115. If a change is made we will have broken the pattern. If the price is lower, holders will hold; if we raise it, which I presume is not the intention, holders would hold for an even higher price. It is recommended that we continue to offer 115 for redemption.

A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
City Manager

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

Alderman Lane: "How much did you get under that arrangement?"

Commissioner of Finance: "We have about \$320,000.00 in, quite a bit of which was redeemed in the last six to twelve months. There is approximately \$340,000.00 outstanding."

City Manager: "The reason that we have got so much recently is, simply that the money market conditions are such that people can transfer from the 5% Permanent Stock into something else at a profit, or even at no loss. After March 1st we can't buy that stock because we have no price. Council provided by legislation a set price. No matter if we think it is high or low, it is what the holder thinks."

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Alderman Lloyd: "What is your experience?"

City Manager: "It is bringing it in. They can get a 20- year bond at 5 or 5½% but, now, if they have paid 120 (the stock went as high as 140) they may be willing to surrender it at 115 for the added security for which they are switching. Each situation is different depending on what the holder paid for his stock. We have circularized them a number of times pointing out the termination date of March 1, 1957. We got a big block of \$60,000.00 from an insurance company that felt that they were in a position to surrender that stock and switch at a profit."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is it held in large blocks or in small pieces?"

Commissioner of Finance: "Some of it is small pieces but the majority is in large blocks."

Alderman Lloyd: "What are City of Halifax bonds selling at now, five and a quarter?"

Commissioner of Finance: "Five point forty-three."

City Manager: "I think it is market conditions and the price that we offer. It will probably cost us 5½ to take care of the premiums and issue securities to bring that stock in, but after twenty years we are through with it."

Alderman Lloyd: "Why make too much effort if it is going to be at that rate?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the answer is that this is an unusual market."

Alderman DeWolf: "What does the legislation say?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It gives us the right to pay them 100 for it at any price that we set."

Alderman DeWolf: "We could put it down at the end of this month. I can't see why any one would not take advantage of it."

His Worship the Mayor: "The only answer is that they are looking after the interests of their great grandchildren."

Alderman Macdonald: "We have redeemed about fifty percent of it and I think it might be advisable to continue it until a later date."

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Alderman Dunlop: "I don't think we should do anything about it until the expiry date. I think a senior member of the finance staff should see the large holders to put the position before them and find out if they will not co-operate."

Alderman Macdonald: "I think it could be done without cutting it off at that date."

The City Manager stated that approaches have already been made to the large holders and one had indicated that he would want 130 and 5% 20-year bonds before he would 'talk business'. Also some were willing to co-operate provided trusts would not be hurt but none appeared to want to make a great financial sacrifice.

The motion was put and passed, Aldermen Macdonald and O'Brien wishing to be recorded 'Against'.

LICENSE FEES ✓

February 7, 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 considered the matter of license fees generally and decided to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature permitting the fixing of all such fees by ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

RENTAL CONTROL ✓

Alderman O'Brien: "I do not know the form in which it comes to us tonight. On July 26, 1956, a Committee was set up to propose certain amendments which would make Rent Control more effective. Certain Members of Council expressed a willingness to continue the controls in an amended form but not in the old form. On September 13, 1956, Alderman Ahern asked why the Committee had not met, and directions were given for it to meet. Shortly after, there were two meetings and there seemed to be some agreement regarding the amendments. It was left to the City Solicitor to draft legislation or prepare a memorandum on

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it, and five minutes prior to the Council meeting on December 13 the Committee was called together and the Solicitor's memorandum placed before the Members. There was no time to consider the memorandum in detail. Rental Controls were extended according to the minutes. The date of termination is not listed. It was a motion of Alderman Ferguson in amendment to another motion. We still have this memorandum which has not been considered in detail by the Rental Control Committee, or any other Committee, and the Chairman of the Committee has not called a meeting. I do not feel that the directions given to the Committee have been carried out. I don't know if there is time yet for legislation if the ideas agreed on by the Committee are approved, but the Committee has not got a report of sufficient proportion to present to Council because they have not had an opportunity to discuss the details. I think it still should be done.*

His Worship the Mayor stated that, in fairness to the Chairman of the Committee, the proposals made were put in a form by the City Solicitor and the report was circulated and before the proposals could be implemented it would be necessary to have the Legislature change the Nova Scotia law as it applied to Halifax.

The City Solicitor stated that the only authority is the Rentals Act which is a Provincial Act and was intended to control rents until we got back to a 'free' market. It was intended to apply only to the cheaper-type accommodation and not to new property.

Alderman O'Brien: "It seems to me that the Council must decide, first, whether they want an amended Rent Control system; and if they do, they must decide what amendments they require, or what type of control they require, and then we should seek authority from the Provincial Government in whichever form they may be able to give and our Officials may recommend. The other thing is, pressure on rents is rising. Because of high interest rates the construction of new housing is slowing down. There is no land to build on and, I think, because of the anticipated raise in the residential tax rates, the pressure will increase and this is not the time to drop controls but to improve them so that they will work to the benefit of the community."

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Alderman Abbott: "I do not think that the present rent controls I think it is the time to get rid of controls and that they should be dropped altogether. In the newspaper tonight you will find sixty apartments to rent and eighty odd rooms to rent. Rent control does not provide for cost housing and it should be abandoned altogether."

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that effective as of April 30, 1957 (1) Rent Control in the City of Halifax be abolished (2) The Rental Control By-Law be rescinded and (3) The appointment of the Commission be terminated.

Alderman Lloyd stated that he was reluctant to see the control go for the reasons cited by Alderman O'Brien but that the only way to defeat it is to provide enough units to supply the demand. Undoubtedly, many will take advantage of any increase in taxes to raise rents but what we have now is ineffective. It is costing the city money and if we are going to introduce a new system the old will have to go. If it is found that circumstances warrant the imposition of controls, they should be along the lines as suggested by the City Solicitor.

Alderman DeWolf contended that the number of cases being handled by the Rent Control Office was small because most people feared eviction procedure subsequent to their appeal to the Controller. He stated that the present controls were not worthwhile because the Act covers so few.

Alderman Ferguson: "Our present Rent Control is not effective. It is serving no useful purpose. I would suggest it is working the reverse and is holding a floor under the older type housing. Controls are going to discourage new housing. It is a case of providing subsidized housing, limited dividend housing or some form of socialized housing." He contended that mortgage money was available for new housing but that private enterprise was hesitant to take the risk if controls were continued because of high costs of acquiring sites and construction.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the matter be referred back to the Rental Control Committee for a definite recommendation with respect to an improved system of Rental Control, and the report forwarded to Council for action.

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Alderman Dunlop: "This matter has been debated for years. In 1955 we recommended that rent control be dropped but it has been continued ever since. Actually, I think it is an ineffective form of legislation. I don't think it can be enforced in times like the present. Certainly, it can't be enforced unless we employ an army of investigators which would mean spending a great deal of money. The number of cases before the Rental Board in December in which there was a fixation of rent was eleven. It is true that under the legislation you are supposed to file with the Board your agreements, which is in effect only putting a rubber stamp on them because the Rental Authority has no control. Most people in the City disregard the control. I doubt if we need legislation for apartments renting for \$100.00 per month. The type of control we need is a type that is hard to make effective. We are the only City in Canada that has Rental Control. In New York they have a control which applies only to certain classes. If the Legislation would apply to all classes, it would be a backward step and would not be to the advantage of anyone. Look at Dartmouth! If we need it here, surely, they need it there. Mr. Ferguson's views in 1955 were that the controls should be tapered off and I think that at the end of April it should be dropped."

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Lane
Fox
O'Malley
Wyman
Vaughan
O'Brien

AGAINST IT

Alderman Dunlop
Macdonald
Adams
Ferguson
Lloyd
Greenwood
DeWolf
Abbott

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Alderman Macdonald: "There must be quite a small percentage of the people that are actually under rent controls in Halifax, and I am wondering if it is policy to enforce controls that affect only a percentage of the people. Controls of this nature should affect everyone in the business and I question whether it is right to have partial controls that affect only part of the people."

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

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Macdonald
Adams
Ferguson
Lloyd
Wyman
Greenwood
DeWolf
Abbott
Dunlop

AGAINST IT

Alderman Lane
Fox
O'Malley
Vaughan
O'Brien

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BAYERS ROAD FIRE STATION ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: Feb. 5th, 1957.
Subject: New Fire Station - Bayers Road.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the matter of the New Fire Station was further considered.

The Committee confirmed its previous recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor stated that Deputy Mayor Vaughan had questioned the suitability of the site selected for the Fire Station and felt that if the ground was not solid it would cause construction costs to be increased.

Commissioner of Works: "I think the question was raised as to the condition of the soil and the possibility that the base would not be adequate. From the test borings, I don't see that we could get a site that would permit construction at less than \$125,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "That does not specifically answer the question. Does the site raise the cost of construction?"

Commissioner of Works: "As I understood the question, the Deputy Mayor thought that maybe another site could be found where it could be built more

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cheaply. Actually, you get to solid rock within a distance of six to eight feet where the building is to be constructed."

His Worship the Mayor: "Does this building have a basement?"

Commissioner of Works: "Under part of the building. It is considered a good building site where you can get rock from six to eight feet."

His Worship the Mayor (to Mr. J.P. Dumaresq, Architect): "If the ground there were hard would you have to excavate six to eight feet to get to the rock foundation? Would it be necessary in any event?"

Mr. Dumaresq: "I would like to make it clear, in connection with the site for this building, that the portion of the site that was allotted for this building is perfectly dry and hard. There are other parts of this site, as the Deputy Mayor well knows, that are not dry and hard--in fact, have no bottom with a sounding of twenty-five feet, but this picture does not apply to the portion of this site that was allotted to this building. At about six feet we have, in fact, solid rock under the entire building. In answer to the question of whether we would be digging, I would say partly 'yes' and 'no', because part of the building has a basement. It would be necessary where the building has a basement. Where we have no basement we would not need to excavate."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the tender of Foundation Maritime Limited at \$124,2²99.00 be accepted subject to the ^{7/1/23} approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to use the Land Sale Account for the whole amount and, failing that, that funds be provided by Capital Borrowing.

Alderman Vaughan: "I am opposed to the building of this fire station at this time. What we know of the tender price would mean that for the next twenty years we would have to pay \$12,000.00 a year. To equip it we would have to pay \$50,000.00. In addition, three shifts of men come to \$99,000.00 a year, bringing it to a total of \$116,000.00 for the operation of a fire station at this site. Is it necessary at this time? Does there exist a request from the Safety Committee to build on this site, and is there a report of the cost? There is very little multiple construction in that area with the exception of the Bayers Road Housing project. The commercial and educational facilities built in that area are equipped with sprinkler systems. The record of fires in that area is

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very small. At this stage of the City's finances I feel that this is no time to engage in further capital expenditures."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the acceptance of a tender be deferred until such time as this Council is supplied with a record of fire calls in Ward 7 for the year 1956.

Alderman DeWolf: "When this matter came up, it was my impression that the Young Street station was to be eliminated."

His Worship the Mayor: "Chief, was it your intention to do that?"

Fire Chief: "No, not at this time. Young Street was built as a temporary measure and the building is of temporary construction."

His Worship the Mayor: "Would it be abandoned after the Bayers Road Station is built?"

Fire Chief: "Not immediately."

His Worship the Mayor: "Do you mean, six months?"

Fire Chief: "In recommending the construction of the station, it goes back ten years--as the area was growing. In that area we have industrial, commercial, apartment houses--we have a super market, schools, churches--everything has been provided but safety to the lives and property of the people in the area, and I thought it was my duty, pointing out these things to the Council. The property was City owned and I thought it was the logical site. With regard to equipment, we have enough ladder trucks to cover the City. We would just widen the boundary lines to include this area. My idea was to take a ladder truck out of Young Street and move it to the new station."

His Worship the Mayor: "Keeping Young Street with one piece of apparatus, how many extra men would be employed per year when you had the Bayers Road Station completed?"

Fire Chief: "Next year, it would require a crew of five men on day shift, fifteen men for this piece of apparatus."

His Worship the Mayor: "How many men on Young Street?"

Fire Chief: "Twelve men--2 shifts."

His Worship the Mayor: "How many men with Young Street and Bayers Road operating?"

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Fire Chief: "There is a difference of fifteen men, on the new hourly basis."

Alderman Dunlop: "A matter of \$116,000.00 is an important matter in this City, but when you come to the matter of lives of people, you can't match dollars against lives. This fire hall has been talked about since I have been in Council. The question was asked, by building a central station could we eliminate the Young Street station? The Chief was of the opinion that it could not be done immediately. The time to discuss whether we should build or not-- the policy should be decided--when we provide the money. Certainly, up until the awarding of the tender, never in this Council did I hear that this station should not be built. The suggestion comes late. I think we employ the Chief to give his recommendation, and for some years he has been urging this."

Alderman Lloyds: "I feel that the concern is largely a matter of capital expenditures and the current expenses that go with it. I understand from the Commissioner of Finance that we, probably, can't award the tender tonight because we have only authority for \$90,000.00 and we have \$216,000.00 in the Land Sale Account for capital purposes. I wonder if this very vital service could be the first one we take from that source; and in view of the fact that we can't award the tender, perhaps, the matter could come back to us and we could ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs to approve of our taking the extra amount from the Land Sale Account for this purpose. We could apply first for approval for use of the Land Sale Account, and accept the tender subject to approval of the Municipal Affairs' Department. How much is the total price?"

His Worship the Mayor "\$140,000.00."

Alderman Ferguson asked the Chief if the station was necessary to give adequate protection to this area.

Fire Chief: "Yes; also, to the Arm Bridge and Fairview area."

Alderman Wyman: "The Chief said, 'Since the City owned the land, I feel that it was the logical location for it'. I would ask the Chief, where was the ideal location otherwise?"

Fire Chief: "I see no other site. I picked the site ten years ago and was not influenced by the fact that the City owned the land."

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Alderman O'Brien: "The Deputy Mayor suggested that the Safety Committee had not asked for this station. In the few months I have been on it, I am sure that we have endorsed the motion on many occasions."

Alderman Vaughan stated that he did not recall the question having been debated before, and referred to the fact that the Chief of Police supplied information to support his requests for additional shifts while no report had been submitted from the Chief of the Fire Department showing the incidence of fires in the area to support the need for the new station; and he stated that he was not going to be a 'rubber stamp' for the Department heads.

Alderman Dunlop: "When I was on the Safety Committee, I think the Chief brought in a report on the incidence of fires in that area. This matter has been considered time after time and we were told how long it took an engine to cover certain ground and I thought we could build one station at the corner of Bayers Road and Oxford Street which would take the place of Young Street but no action was taken."

The amendment was put and lost. Working for the same and all against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman O'Malley
Vaughan
Alcott

AGAINST IT

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

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The motion was put and passed.

PURCHASE OF LAND PINWOOD ACRES SUBDIVISION

To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Members of City Council.
From: G. F. West, Commissioner of Works.
Date: February 14, 1957.
Subject: Purchase of land Pinwood Village Road Widening.

At the City Council meeting of City Council, it was decided to

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purchase certain land from Mr. Laurie A. Nightingale, for the widening of Dutch Village Road, at the rate of ten cents (\$0.10) per square foot.

Since our records do not indicate where the money was to come from we hereby recommend that the amount of Three Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty Dollars, \$3,120.00 for the acquisition of 31,200 square feet of land, from Mr. Nightingale be taken from the "Land Sale Account".

G. F. West,
Commissioner of Works.

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

HALIFAX NATAL DAY (AUGUST 12) ✓

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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 that Monday, August 12, 1957 be observed as a Civic Holiday in celebration of Halifax Natal Day. It was further agreed to recommend that Alderman Greenwood be appointed to act as a Natal Day Committee with power to add.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Lloyd suggested that Council Greenwood, when adding to his Committee, might consider ex Aldermen as members.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (APRIL 28 to SEPTEMBER 29) ✓

February 7, 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 daylight saving time be observed in the City of Halifax from 12:00 A.M. on Sunday April 28 to 12:00 A.M. on Sunday, September 29, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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UNDERSIZED LOT - 5 COLLEGE STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: February 5th, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot - #5 College 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 convert a single family dwelling, situated on a lot 31 feet x 167 feet into a duplex dwelling, was considered.

The Board approved same subject to the removal of the small ell on the side of the house to provide access to the rear yard.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

His Worship the Mayor: "If you approve the application before the ell is removed, all you have is a 'pious hope' that it will be done. The better way is that no action be taken and they be advised that Council will agree to its use after the ell is removed."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the matter be referred back to the Town Planning Board. Motion passed.

UNDERSIZED LOT - GREEN STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: February 5th, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot - Green Street

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a request to erect a single family dwelling on a lot 36' x 75', an area of 2700 square feet, and that necessary legislation be sought, was approved and recommended to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the
Town Planning Board

From: W.A.G. Snook, Town Planning Engineer

Date: January 31st, 1957

Subject: Undersized Lot - Green Street

Attached is a request to erect a single family dwelling on a lot 34' x 75' and an area of 2,550 square feet.

Our records show the lot size as 36' x 75' and an area of 2,700 square feet.

The plot plan of the proposed dwelling satisfies all the building requirements, however, the zoning by-law prohibits the erection of a dwelling on a lot of less area than 3,000 square feet (Part XV, paragraph E).

Therefore I recommend the Board approve this request and that legislation be sought.

Respectfully submitted,

W A G. Snook,
Town Planning Engineer

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE - WALKER & HALL LTD., SIDEWALKS \$17,482.36 ✓

A Final Certificate was submitted from Walker & Hall Ltd. for sidewalks amounting to \$17,482.36

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE - STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LTD. - PAVING - \$74,486.83 ✓

A Final Certificate was submitted from Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. for Paving amounting to \$74,486.83

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the Certificate be approved for payment. Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATE - STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LTD. - STREET PATCHING - \$5,622.68 ✓

A Final Certificate was submitted from Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. for Street Patching amounting to \$5,622.68

Moved by Alderman MacDonell, seconded by Alderman Adams, that the Certificate be approved for payment. Motion passed.

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REMOVAL OF PRISONERS COUNTY JAIL TO CITY PRISON.

His Worship the Mayor: "I want to advise you that Doctor Morton told me that the County Jail is filled and that some arrangement has been worked out whereby some of the guests have been moved from County Jail to the City Prison. I pass that on to those interested because of the meeting of the Arbitration Committee which is to be held within a few days."

APPLICATION FOR TAX CONCESSIONS - PARKDALE REALTIES LTD.

His Worship the Mayor submitted and read a letter from Parkdale Realities Ltd., requesting tax concessions on a proposed apartment house project on Oxford Street.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the request be denied.

Alderman Lloyd: "Before we do that, did we not grant the Hotel Company some concessions, recently?"

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Lord Nelson Hotel Company had proposed to enlarge their premises to include a large banquet hall, and had requested certain tax concessions but that the project had not been undertaken.

Alderman Lloyd referred to the practice of taxing new construction and contended that consideration should be given to the question of taxing buildings only after they are completed.

Alderman DeWolf: "I agree. The taxing of partial buildings is not good. The owner can get no revenue from those premises and it would be better to put a special tax on the building from the date it is finished. It is fair to do that because for some reason the owner might be held up in the construction."

Mr. Fletcher Smith, President of Parkdale Realities Limited, addressed the Council and stated that building costs in Halifax are fantastic and they had found that the proposed building would cost over a million dollars which would necessitate seeking outside capital which would only be interested in the investment if they considered it safe; and he contended that if Council would give an assurance that the tax will permit it, it is desirable and necessary to bring it to Halifax.

As this matter was not on the agenda it was agreed to suspend the rules of order of Council to consider same.

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Alderman Lloyd (to Mr. Smith): "What form does the financing of this project take?"

Mr. Smith: "The basic form is a mortgage of \$600,000.00. which expires March 1, 1957."

Alderman Lloyd: "Would the Company consider a maximum residential tax rate of \$3.00, as suggested by the Board of Trade?"

Mr. Smith replied that he thought any maximum rate would be helpful to any investors to determine whether they are interested.

Alderman Lloyd: "A stabilized rate may have some merit and for that reason the matter should be left open for further representations to the Finance Committee."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for further consideration.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Fox
O'Malley
Lloyd
Wyman
DeWolf
Lane
Macdonald

AGAINST IT

Alderman Adams
Ferguson
Vaughan
O'Brien
Greenwood
Abbott
Dunlop

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His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favour of the amendment and declared it passed.

PROVINCIAL GRANT ✓

Alderman Dunlop: "Your Worship, I notice by tonight's paper that you gave a short summary of your visit to the Government. I was wondering if you were going to elaborate on that?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I would be happy to but I would not go beyond the fact that it was not for publication."

Alderman Dunlop: "I thought that there was one matter in particular about which there was nothing confidential. There was a lot of talk about tax-relief

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about what we can do. We know where we stand about the major items and I think that, too, should be made public. We should tell our Commissioner who is investigating our tax situation, and I think this Council should know about the thinking of the Government."

His Worship the Mayor: "There were some items which were quite categorically treated with."

Alderman Dunlop: "We should know before we consider the budget again."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think he is right. What would happen if a certain service was discontinued, and we got the answer that the Province of Nova Scotia was prepared to carry on such service."

Alderman Dunlop: "Perhaps, you could clear it with the responsible authorities and call a special meeting of Council."

His Worship the Mayor stated that the matter would probably be made known at the next budget meeting.

ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE #34 ✓

Alderman Greenwood asked if Ordinance No. 34 regarding children being on the streets at night is being enforced.

The Chief of Police stated that he would prefer to submit a report on the matter.

PLASTIC SUBSTITUTE FOR WINDOW GLASS ✓

Alderman Lloyd: "There is a company in the City that has a particular type of clear plastic which is designed to cut the cost of broken windows. They wondered if this kind of material had any utility in public buildings. They considered it would save considerable cost. I suggest that the City Manager might inquire into the use of plastic in place of glass."

DISPOSAL OF BOOKCASE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: February 5th, 1957.
Subject: Re: Disposal of Bookcase.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the Commissioner of Works advised that a large bookcase was being removed from the City Solicitor's office and the Public Archives would take it.

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The Committee recommended that this bookcase be given to the Archives for the nominal sum of \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

TREE PLANTING - SPRING OF 1957 ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: February 5th, 1957.
Subject: Tree Planting - Spring 1957.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached List of Streets on which it is proposed to plant 250 Trees at an estimated cost of \$1,312.50 was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

To: Mr. George F. West, Commissioner of Works.
From: Mr. George J. Power, Supt. Public Gardens.
Date: January 30, 1957.
Subject: Tree Planting, Spring 1957.

The following Streets are proposed for Tree Planting - Spring 1957:-

<u>STREETS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>No. TREES</u>
Edgewood	Connolly	St. Catherine's School	North Side	7
Connolly	Edgewood	St. Catherine's School	East side	13
Claremont St.	Connolly	Maxwell St.	West side	23
Claremont St.	Connolly	Oxford	East side	13
Windsor St.	399	447 Windsor St.	East side	22
Romans Ave.	Mumford	Bayers Road	Both sides	60
Ernest Ave.		Both sides		13
Elliott St.		North Side		10
Geo. Dauphinee Ave.	Bayers Rd.	No. 75	East side	13
Memorial Drive	No. 41	Robie St.	East side	20
Lynch St.	Duffus St.	Rector St.	West side	8
Rector St.	Albert St.	No. 41 Rector St.	North side	5
Duffus St.	Barrington	No. 21 Duffus St.	North side	8
Fenwick St.	Both sides	Queen to South Park		35
				<u>250</u>

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Estimated Cost per Tree	\$ 5.25
Total Cost	1,312.50

George J. Power,
Superintendent - Public Gardens.

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

LAND (ASSESSMENT - VACANT AND NON-CONFORMING USE) ✓

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered the manner in which vacant land and non-conforming uses are presently being assessed.

It was decided to recommend that a public hearing be held by the City Council on February 28, 1957 so that interested persons may express their views as to the suggestion that these lands be assessed in accordance with the zoning of the areas concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that legislation be sought to enable assessment of these lands in accordance with the zoning of the area concerned, without the necessity of a public hearing.

Alderman DeWolf: "There is a lot of merit up to a point. Is the idea, also, that owners be taxed occupancy tax on the same basis?"

His Worship the Mayor: "If vacant land is being used on a commercial basis, the whole thing would be on the commercial rate."

Alderman DeWolf: "Take the case of vacant land owned by a firm which is used for parking cars. In one breath we ask the people to provide their own parking space, and in the next, say we are going to charge you plenty. I don't think we should move too quickly. We may, in that way, influence people to dispose of their land, doing away with parking space in the City. I would like to hear some people speak on it and see what their attitude is."

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

The amendment was passed.

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LEGISLATION ITEMS 48A and 48B (POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS) ✓

ITEM 48A

Sections 249 and 250 are repealed and the following substituted therefor:

249 (1) The Chief of Police shall be responsible for keeping of discipline in the Police Force.

(2) The Chief of Police may reprimand, fine or suspend from duty without pay for a period not exceeding one month, or otherwise discipline, for dereliction or breach of duty, for conduct unbecoming a member of the Police Force, for negligence in the discharge of his duties, or for breach of the regulations of the Police Force, any member of the Police Force and may also summarily dismiss any member of such Force of the rank of constable, having less than one year's service as a member of such Force, if in the opinion of the Chief of Police such member is unsuitable to continue or to be a member of such Force.

(3) Any fines so imposed shall be deducted from the pay of the member concerned in such manner as the Chief of Police shall determine.

(4) The Chief of Police may summarily reduce in rank any member of the Police Force within one year from the date of the appointment of such member to any rank if, in the opinion of the Chief of Police such member is incapable of properly performing or has failed to properly perform the duties appertaining to such rank or is otherwise unsuitable to hold such rank.

(5) The Chief of Police shall report at once to the Chairman of the Committee, for the information of the Committee, all such reprimands, fines, suspensions, dismissals, demotions or other disciplinary measures given, imposed, made or taken.

(6) If the Chief of Police shall be of the opinion that a punishment greater than a suspension from duty for one month, a fine or a reprimand should be imposed and shall so recommend to the Committee, the Committee may impose such punishment, or, if the Chief of Police so recommends, dismiss such member of the Police Force from his employment.

(7) Upon the dismissal of any member of the Police Force, the Committee may, upon receipt of a written recommendation from the Chief of Police, appoint the person so recommended to the position held by the Member so dismissed.

Item 48B

Subsections (5), (6) and (7) of Section 840 are repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(5) (a) The Chief Officer shall be responsible for the keeping of discipline in the Fire Department.

(b) The Chief Officer may reprimand, fine or suspend from duty without pay for a period not exceeding one month, or otherwise discipline, for dereliction or breach of duty, for conduct unbecoming a member of the Fire Department, for negligence in the discharge of his duties, for breach of the regulations, rules or ordinances of the said department, whether general special or verbal, any member of the Department, and may also summarily dismiss any member of the said Department of the Rank of hoseman, having less than one year's service as a member of such Department, if in the opinion of the Chief Officer such member is unsuitable to be a member of such Department.

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(c) Any fines so imposed shall be deducted from the pay of the member so concerned and the amount so deducted the Chief Officer shall determine.

(d) The Chief Officer may directly reduce the rank any member of the Fire Department within one year from the date of the appointment of such member to any rank. If in the opinion of the Chief Officer, such member is incapable of properly performing or has failed to properly perform the duties appertaining to such rank or is otherwise ineligible to hold such rank.

(e) The Chief Officer shall report at once to the Chairman of the Committee for the information of the Committee, all such reprimands, fines, suspensions, dismissals, demotions or other disciplinary measures given, imposed, made or taken.

(f) If the Chief Officer shall be of the opinion that a punishment greater than a suspension from duty for one month, a fine or a reprimand should be imposed and shall so recommend to the Committee, the Committee may impose such punishment or, if the Chief Officer so recommends, dismiss such member of the Department from his employment.

(6) Upon any dismissal of any member of the Department, the Committee may, upon receipt of a written recommendation from the Chief Officer, appoint the person so recommended to the position held by the member so dismissed.

(7) The Committee may from time to time make such regulations for the Fire Department, not inconsistent with the City Charter, as the Committee may deem necessary.

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

SIX APARTMENT UNITS IN A ONE DENSITY ZONE

An application was submitted by Mr. B. M. Hatfield, on behalf of a client, to permit the erection of a six apartment building in an R-2 (Residential) Zone.

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

PROPOSAL BY ALDERMAN LLOYD RE: CIVIC TAXATION

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration.

1957 LEGISLATION

A letter was submitted from the City Solicitor dated February 13, 1957 dealing with the proposed legislation for 1957. Paragraph 3 pointed out inconsistencies regarding the Household Tax and Poll Tax legislation and he requested direction as to which course to follow.

Alderman Vaughan: "I believe the deletion of one section of the Charter would give effect to what I am trying to do. My suggestion was to abolish the Household Tax."

to: His Worship, L. A. Kitz, and
 Members of City Council,
 from: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,
 date: February 14, 1957
 subject: Monthly Administrative Report for January, 1957

1. Electricians Department

234 Wiring inspections made, permit income \$356.31
 Revenue from fire alarm boxes 412.50
 5 street lights rewired, 12 new heads installed.

Fire Alarm Telegraph

1½ miles new wire, Quinpool & Tower Roads
 Repaired number of circuits damaged or short circuited in snow storms

2. Building Permits

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dwellings, new	3	\$ 68,000.00
Commercial, new	3	87,000.00
Dwellings, repairs	35	32,260.00
Garage, repair	1	468.00
Commercial, repairs	21	129,915.00
Institutional, repairs	1	400.00
Government, repair	1	9,000.00
	65	\$ 327,043.00

3. Streets and Sewers

Square yards of streets graded 6,240
 Tons of hot patch used on paved streets 66
 " " " " stoned & oiled streets 14
 Cubic yards of material used on streets 150
 Number of new street signs 60
 " street signs maintained 20
 " sewers cleared and cleaned 5
 " manholes repaired 1
 " junctions installed 2
 " catchpits cleaned 50

4. Garbage

2,798 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 585 tons were burned together with 1,853 tons of privately collected materials. Total amount processed - 2,438 tons with incinerator in operation 421 hours. Hired trucks 26 hours collecting 40 tons.

5. Snow Removal

2,400 miles of streets were plowed and 3,622 miles of streets were salted using 36,227 bags of salt. 20,410 cubic yards of snow were removed.

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Salting streets - labour	\$10,241.05
" " salt	34,213.44
" sidewalks	570.44
Flowing "	702.24
" streets	13,755.36
Clearing City Properties	1,675.52
" catchpits & crosswalks	5,045.00
Removing snow	10,403.16
Sanding streets, filling sand boxes	222.96
Miscellaneous	194.54
	\$ 77,023.71

Prefab Housing

Houses completely paid	372
Current Accounts	<u>440</u>
Original number of houses	812

Mortgages Receivable, December 31, 1956	\$990,653.91
" " January 31, 1957	<u>980,925.21</u>
" " decreased during month	9,728.70
Total borrowing, December 31, 1956	270,629.52
" " January 31, 1957	<u>257,231.57</u>
Borrowing decreased	13,397.95
101 accounts two or more months in arrears	16,267.04

7. Claims

Wallace Cartage & Storage	Traffic lights - Robie & North Sts.	\$35.00
Farnhill's Transfer	Traffic light - North & Agricola	75.00
Mrs. Nina Hilchie	Post & railing - Bayers Rd. Bridge	79.30
Her Majesty the Queen	Tree - Kaye Street	5.50

8. Sewers

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>Total Feet</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Right-of-way	15" - 18"	11/16/56	370	45%

A. A. Seabard

City Manager.

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Alderman Lloyd: "I think this matter can be resolved if Alderman Vaughan will express to the Solicitor a simple resolution which will flow to this Council; and Alderman Wyman, also."

Alderman Wyman: "The two proposals that the City Solicitor is thinking of originated with Alderman Vaughan and myself, at the time I hoped that the City Solicitor would draft a resolution that would give effect to both our thoughts and we could consider which one the Council required. Since that time I have had an opportunity of giving more thought to the ramifications of the two proposals and I am quite satisfied in my mind that the proposal that I made is not as satisfactory as the other. I would be quite prepared to withdraw the request for that legislation."

Alderman DeWolf: "The removal of the Household Tax is not simple. If Household Tax goes on the property, all rentals will be changed and will result in increased rents."

His Worship the Mayor referred to the fact that where there were leases in effect, rents would not be able to be changed.

Alderman DeWolf: "It works both ways and it won't work equitably. I think it would be alright next year but it will have to stand this year."

Alderman Vaughan: "There are difficulties but in view of the other aspects of the matter, I think we should abolish the Household Tax."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the Solicitor has enough information. The Solicitor and Deputy Mayor can draft what he wants."

CITY MANAGER'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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

FILED

POLL TAX COLLECTIONS

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that Poll Tax collections for the quarter ending December 31, 1956 amounted to the sum of \$21,349.11 which was an increase of \$192.43 over the same period last year. Total collections for 1956 were \$121,853.52 which was a decrease of \$5,494.86 over the previous year.

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF DECEMBER 1956

CIVIC YEAR	RESERVES	O/S BALANCE NOVEMBER 1956	NEW ACCOUNTS & ADJUSTMENTS	DECEMBER 1956 COLLECTIONS	O/S BALANCE DECEMBER 56
1954	74,225.42	163,741.27	Cr. 72.43	11,056.85	152,611.99
1955	60,053.97	353,058.17	Cr. 8,090.54	13,326.30	331,641.33
1956	83,040.92	905,379.80	Dr. 13,633.91	116,200.58	802,813.13
		1,422,179.24	Dr. 5,470.94	140,583.73	1,287,066.45
Tax Years Prior to 1954 (covered by reserves)				599.01	
				<u>141,182.74</u>	

POLL TAXES

1954	15,803.81	257.36	15,546.45
1955	8,647.44	654.14	7,993.30
1956	8,532.88	2,316.82	6,216.06

Poll Taxes other than listed above

3,228.32
309.81
3,538.13

Total Collections in December 1956
Total Collections in December 1955

144,720.87
130,709.89

Current Taxes Collected Jan. 1st.
to December 31, 1956

6,509,802.15

Corresponding Period 1955

6,589,552.95

Tax Arrears Collected Jan. 1st.
to December 31, 1956

753,163.99

Corresponding Period 1955

647,386.20

Poll Tax Collections Jan. 1st
to December 31, 1956

114,779.75

Corresponding Period 1955

119,919.25
7,377,745.89 7,356,858.40

AMOUNT
COLLECTED
JAN. 1st to
DEC. 31st. %

Tax Levy 1956	7,215,880.21	6,509,802.15	90.21
Tax Levy 1955	7,437,406.78	6,589,552.95	88.60
Tax Arrears January 1st 1956	1,293,653.31	753,163.99	58.22
Tax Arrears January 1st 1955	1,119,041.92	647,386.20	57.85
Total Collections to December 31st, 1956		7,262,966.14	100.65
Total Collections to December 31st, 1955		7,236,939.15	97.30

Respectfully submitted,

H.R. McDonald,
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

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INTEREST RATES ✓

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that effective as of February 4, 1957, the interest rate on treasury bills and time notes (not to exceed 90 days) will be $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ and on overdraft and demand loans 5% . Also, effective as of February 1, 1957, the interest rate on deposits would be increased from $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ on the minimum quarterly balance.

FILED.

LICENSE FEES SECTION 361 CITY CHARTER ✓

The City Solicitor submitted a letter dated February 6, 1957, stating that the Premier advised him that the Province is going to pay the City the sum of \$119,513.70, representing the amount of license fees uncollected by the City up to December 31, 1956.

FILED.

LETTER CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND RE: GRANT ✓

A letter was received from the Superintendent, Canadian National Institute for the Blind acknowledging grateful receipt of the fourth quarterly instalment of the City's grant for 1956.

FILED.

APPROVALS - MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ✓

The following approvals were reported:-

1. Re-zoning - Northwest Corner North & Gottingen Streets.
2. Amendment to Ordinance #13
3. Borrowing - \$30,000 00 additional City Hall Renovations
4. Borrowing - \$215,000 00 City's share - Improvements to Fairview Entrance to City of Halifax.

FILED.

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

Meeting adjourned 11:15 P.M.

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I. A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. P. Sullivan
W. P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
February 19, 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 Deputy City Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present the Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Lloyd and O'Brien.

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

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

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

8:05 P.M. Council adjourned.

10:55 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: The Deputy Mayor; Chairman, Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Fox, O'Malley, Lloyd, Wyman, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council be ratified:

1. That the Government of Nova Scotia be notified that 6 months from March 1st, the City will discontinue the care of Tuberculosis patients and the Tuberculosis Control program and that the estimates be reduced accordingly by the sum of \$25,000.00.
2. That the item "V.G. Hospital & Local Hospitals" be increased by the sum of \$6,000.00.
3. That the item "Truants, Neglected & Feeble-minded Children" be increased by the sum of \$20,000.00.
4. That the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the City Home be called in future the Halifax City Hospital and the estimates reduced by the sum of \$1,000.00.

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
February 19, 1957,
8:05 P.M.

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The meeting was called to consider the 1957 Estimates.

POLICE MAINTENANCE

Approved after deleting the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Salary Account.

Alderman Dunlop asked about ; the person who painted the white lines on the streets and suggested that it should be done by members of the Works Department rather than a Police Officer. He felt the matter should be looked into.

The Chief of Police advised that employees of the Works Department are used for the spring season.

8:10 P.M. Alderman Wyman arrives.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - T.B. HOSPITAL

Alderman Lloyd: "It was up to us to decide whether we wanted to continue the service to the Tuberculosis patients. Is Tuberculosis Control carried out in the Province by the Province?"

Dr. Morton: "Yes. They have 9 centres with 75 nurses. Part of their work is Tuberculosis Control."

Alderman Lloyd: "With respect to the City of Sydney do they use this branch for public Tuberculosis work?"

Dr. Morton: "Yes. Our work is more extensive. The total cost for Tuberculosis Control is \$37,986.00. \$24,670.00 is for salaries and the balance is made up of administrative expenses."

Alderman Lloyd: "If we were to discontinue this service, the Province as I understand it is prepared to take on the Tuberculosis patients?"

Dr. Morton: "Not this service."

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Alderman Lloyd: "Why not Halifax when they do it in Sydney?"

Alderman Dunlop: "They made it clear they would carry out the program of Tuberculosis Control."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is there any Statute for us to carry out this work?"

Dr. Morton: "No. This program was started as one of the recommendations of the Rockefeller Report in 1942. About 30% of the people at the diagnostic clinic are people who work in the City and live outside."

Alderman Lloyd: "Was there any agreement with the Province that we should do this when the V.G. Hospital was constructed?"

Dr. Morton: "If the City organized and modernized its Health Department by providing health nurses, an assistant for me and construct an addition to the Tuberculosis Hospital, the Government would go ahead with the building of a new V.G. Hospital. That was in a letter to Mayor Donovan in 1941."

Alderman Lloyd: "Don't we also receive substantial grants from the Rockfelle Foundation?"

Dr. Morton: "\$15,000.00; \$10,000.00 and \$5,000.00."

Alderman Lloyd: "The Province is really doing this work. It appears to me that we should consider the discontinuance of Tuberculosis service and control. By the facts we have gotten so far it appears there is no obligation on us legally. If we were to discontinue it the Province would pick up and continue Tuberculosis care of patients. Some question exists around the question of contro but there is no Statute on that and the Province does it throughout the Province I would suggest that we seriously consider the discontinuance of that service."

Alderman Lane: "I have heard this discussion every year and we never seem to get anywhere. How long a notice should the Government have advising that we are discontinuing this service?"

Dr. Morton: "I don't know if any time is required. They would have to get personnel to do it. They would have to take on a full time medical man as well as some of our own staff."

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that we recommend to City Council that the Government of Nova Scotia be notified that 6 months from March 1st. the City will discontinue Tuberculosis treatment and the Tuberculosis Control Program and that the sum of \$25,000.00 be deducted from the estimates for 1957.

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Dr. Morton: "If the hospital is closed these patients might have to go to Kentville. There is also the matter of teaching at the medical school. The medical students do go in the Tuberculosis Hospital for teaching. The Government would operate the 3 hospitals and it would mean there would be no place in the immediate vicinity for the medical school to have access to Tuberculosis patients for teaching purposes. About a year ago the Council agreed to care for some patients for the Province."

Alderman O'Brien: "It seems to me that there would be an advantage both to the City and to the Province if at some date within the next few months some kind of a compromise might be worked out on this. The Province is going to have extra expenses if they take over the work the City is doing. If we were to pass this motion now and negotiate with the Province the change-over they might be in a better position where they might accept the financial responsibility and leave the rest to us. There is an advantage to the City in having the service here. If there is any change of heart by the Province, I think it should come to the Council."

8:35 P.M. Alderman Greenwood arrives.

Alderman DeWolf: "Rather than see it thrown out my financial part of me says go along with this but on the other hand there is the part about the medical students. I am thinking of the patients in Halifax who must seek treatment; will they go to Kentville? I don't think we should jump at it. I would like to have the Doctor tell us whether he has any thoughts in the matter where the financial phase of it could be reduced?"

Alderman Lane: "I suggest that the matter of educational training for the medical students is at Dalhousie University. I don't know why the citizens of this City should continue to bear the expenses of Tuberculosis when other places don't have to. A motion such as this will at least bring the matter to a head. An agreement may be reached that would be advantageous all around. I feel that unless we take definite action this will go on for another year and we will be no further ahead in Halifax."

Alderman Wyman: "If you discontinue the control work the people from Halifax will have to go to other places. Does the Province pay the travelling expenses?"

Dr. Morton: "No."

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Alderman Wyman: "Is the control program as operated by the Province as intensive as ours?"

Dr. Morton: "No."

Alderman Wyman: "We provide periodical examinations among large employers of people. Will the Province carry on those programs?"

Dr. Morton: "The miniature X-Ray is given to us without the Federal Health grant. We put it in various places in the City to do the employees. That equipment really does not belong to the City. It belongs to the Federal Health."

Alderman Wyman: "With regard to the specialists available here and not at the locations elsewhere; I presume that means if we discontinued the operation of the Tuberculosis Hospital that either those patients would have to be put in the general hospital or the Province would have to take them to Kentville?"

Dr. Morton: "They would have to go to Kentville."

Alderman Lane: "Have you any reason to believe that the Province would not start up another location?"

Dr. Morton: "The Province has closed 4 Tuberculosis Annexes. They would not take over another one."

Alderman Lane: "They agree that the incidence of Tuberculosis has dropped that they don't need these."

Alderman Dunlop: "Any Alderman who was at the meeting and heard the Minister who was a former Mayor say that as far as the Government is concerned they are not asking us to keep it open. We can save \$65,000.00 a year and \$25,000.00 in this year's budget. If this work is dropped I have no doubt the Government will do what we are doing and they may have to come back to us. This hospital is performing a national service with these Hungarians coming in. The Province does not ask us to continue. We should indicate that we will close 6 months from now. If we put our case before the people they will understand."

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARIES AND MAINTENANCE

Approved.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT SALARIES

Approved.

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WELFARE MAINTENANCE

Dr. Morton advised that it would be necessary to add \$6,000.00 to Item 14-66 V.G. Hospital and Local Hospitals and also \$20,000.00 to Item 14-67 Truants, Neglected and Feebleminded Children.

It was agreed to add the amounts as suggested. The estimates were then amended according totalling \$456,443.93, and passed.

9:00 P.M. Alderman O'Malley arrives.

Alderman Lloyd stated that with the adoption of the National Health Scheme some relief may be found for the items above.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL SALARIES

Approved after deleting proportionate share for salaries as of September 1, 1957 when the hospital is closed.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE

Approved after deleting proportionate share for maintenance as of September 1, 1957 when the hospital is closed.

Alderman DeWolf: "What about our employees when we close the hospital?"

Dr. Morton: "There are quite a number under the superannuation plan and there are very few who have 20 years in who could leave and take other employment. It would ^{be} rather difficult to absorb them into the City Home. I think they deserve some type of protection."

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL SALARIES

Approved.

Alderman Dunlop: "What about the Infectious Diseases Hospital, when will it be closed?"

Dr. Morton: "I trust before the end of the year it will be closed."

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE

Approved.

Dr. Morton advised that Sales Tax Rebates were received from Ottawa on purchases of supplies for City Hospitals but not so in the case of the City Home.

Alderman DeWolf suggested renaming the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the City Home "The Halifax City Hospital".

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the City Home be renamed "The Halifax City Hospital" and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be deleted from the estimates of the City Home for medicines.

Motion passed.

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CITY HOME SALARIES

Approved after deleting the sum of \$7,000.00 from "Extra Attendants City Home".

OPERATION PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Alderman Lloyd: "Should we not also consider the operation of Public Health in the City? Perhaps we may have to consider this one too before we are finished. We are going to be faced with these increased costs on the welfare side."

City Manager: "I don't think it is the same thing as with the Tuberculosis."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the Province will recognize in this area there is a different situation. It is true they don't carry out public health services in rural areas. What about Sydney?"

Dr. Morton: "I think they have a part-time medical officer. I think they have one or two school nurses and one or two of the towns give a large grant to the V.O.N. to do their health work. The City is spending about \$2.03 per person and that includes the Tuberculosis program."

Alderman Lane: "How does that compare with other places?"

Dr. Morton: "Toronto is \$2.90; Montreal is \$2.50 and Vancouver is \$3.00 approximately."

Alderman Lane: "Then we are not far behind?"

Dr. Morton: "No."

CITY HOME MAINTENANCE

Approved after deleting \$1,000.00 from the item "Medicines".

CITY PRISON SALARIES

Approved.

CITY PRISON MAINTENANCE

Approved.

The Deputy Mayor suggested the City Prison should be treated as a County Jail Annex."

WORKS DEPARTMENT SALARIES

Several classifications were shown in the estimates at the full amounts for a year without names and the Deputy Mayor asked if persons had been appointed as yet to fill these positions.

The Commissioner of Works advised that most of the appointments had not been made.

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It was then suggested that a fraction of a year should be deleted from the figure so as to cut down the total amount for salaries. After going over the various positions it was agreed to increase the "Allowance for Unfilled Positions" to \$12,380.85 leaving a total salary appropriation of \$266,000.00.

In answer to a question from Alderman Lloyd concerning City Field wages, the City Manager stated there was nothing in the estimates for the 4% increase granted for 1957 since the budget was made prior to Council's approval of the increase. He said however, that the works Department would bend every effort to complete the work for the budgetted amount by close supervision.

9:45 P.M. Alderman Adams retires.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION # 1

Approved.

Alderman Lloyd suggested that whatever regulations existed with respect to Department cars should be enforced.

SURVEYING AND DRAFTING # 2

Approved.

STREETS # 3

Alderman O'Brien asked if Ashburn Avenue, south from Bayers Road was to be included in the program this year as the other part of the street had been done.

The Deputy Mayor: "On streets where there is curb and gutter?"

Mr. West: "That is right."

Alderman O'Brien asked if the walks in the Westmount #66 area that were estimated at \$500.00 were included in the program.

Mr. West: "We were asked to give an estimate as to the amount of the walk at the rear of Heinich Avenue. If it were all Westmount, it would run into considerably more."

Alderman Lane: "What about the craters in Ward 2?"

Mr. West: "If it is not shown here it will be in the recommended paving program."

Alderman Greenwood asked about the continuation of Connaught Avenue to Windsor Street and also Lloyd Fox Avenue. He wanted to know whether funds had been provided for that.

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Mr. West advised that Connaught Avenue was in for curb and gutter from Chisholm Avenue to Windsor Street. With respect to Lloyd Fox Avenue there was some grading to be done and they were trying to get straightened out with the contractor on the sewer in the area.

Alderman Greenwood expressed the hope that Barrington Street would be used when the abattoir was completed.

The City Manager stated it would be quite a while before the roadway would be needed.

Alderman Dunlop: "Are you cutting down on the stoning and oiling and doing more paving?"

Mr. West: "We are gradually cutting down. Stoning and oiling gives us a good base for paving."

Alderman DeWolf: "With respect to new streets; at one time did we not consider that a capital expenditure?"

The Deputy Mayor: "Not to my knowledge."

Mr. West: "Paving came under Capital."

Alderman O'Malley asked if Mr. West could say whether the streets were in a comparable state of repair this year to last year or were they in better condition.

Mr. West replied that he thought they were in better condition than last year even though there may be one or two streets that have potholes.

Alderman O'Malley said the Commissioner held the same opinion as he did and for that reason he thought the street program could be cut considerably.

No action was taken on the suggestion and the estimates were approved as submitted.

HOLIDAYS AND SICK LEAVE # 4

Approved.

SNOW REMOVAL #5

City Manager: "We have been spending a lot of money on snow removal and I think it is safe to say that we have not received any complaints in the year 1957 I have no received any. Most of the money is going for salt. \$34,000.00 is for that alone. We are spending about \$50,000.00 for the salt and its application. I think Mr. West had been bending backwards to avoid criticism and using dollars

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to meet tax payers demands. We get calls from business tax payers to move the snow from their premises. It is a matter of policy and what you think of the snow removal program. I think you should look at the dollars and say 'do we really want to spend'. We are almost sure to go beyond \$90,000.00 before spring. I would rather take a little criticism and not spend \$77,000.00 in one month."

Alderman O'Brien: "Does this mean the plan is to cut down the salting program in relation to the snow program?"

Mr. West: "We want to get the best job done at the most economical figure. We are certainly salting more streets now than we normally used to in the outlying districts. There are more cars, stop signs and people are more demanding. It is essential that we do salt a certain amount. We are going to do the main hills until we are called upon by the Police to do other areas."

Alderman O'Malley: "I would hazard a guess that there were fewer accidents by motorists by the added use of salt and I would advocate its continuance."

Alderman Macdonald: "With respect to plowing and snow removal. I have had some complaints about Water Street. The snow was piled up causing bad tie-ups. I wonder if that might be able to be overcome if we have other storms?"

The Deputy Mayor: "It is a question of spending money."

Alderman Macdonald: "Some firms have been very inconvenienced by not being able to get into their places of business."

Mr. West: "We hired equipment to plow Water Street. We only moved snow once this year and that shows you what it costs. It is only moved at night at time and one half and double time."

Alderman O'Brien: "I would suggest that we make our snow clearance and removal a little more efficient by more enforcement by the Police Department on parked cars. I have seen cars parked on the south side of Quinpool Road about 6 ft. out from the curb. We should not allow them to park until the snow is pushed back to the curb."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think snow removal is in a category that you have to take a reasonable sum and it will level out through the surplus funds. I think in your budget for this item you have an automatic reserve by the way you use your surplus funds to relieve your budget. I think we should use the \$100,000.00."

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Alderman Macdonald: "Is there any type of equipment that could be used to plow a street in 2 operations once up and once down?"

Mr. West: "That can be done by wing plows. In the City we run up against traffic or parked cars and there is the danger of damage to the cars and claims against the City."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the Snow Removal Account be increased to \$100,000.00. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Malley suggested taking \$10,000.00 off the street program and add it to the Snow Removal Account.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL - GARBAGE COLLECTION #6-1

Approved.

INCINERATION #6-2

Approved.

CITY DUMP #6-3

Approved.

CLEANING STREETS #6-4

Approved.

CLEANING CATCHPITS #6-5

Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS #6-6

Approved.

SEWERS #7

Approved.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE #8

Approved.

STREET LIGHTING #9

Approved.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS # 10

Alderman DeWolf asked if the lights were put in at the intersection of Connaught Avenue and Quinpool Road and was advised by the City Manager that that item was covered in 1956.

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Alderman Wyman: "Are the lights in this list fixed time or traffic actuated?"

City Electrician: "Fixed time."

Alderman Wyman: "Are any of them working that way now?"

City Electrician: "Most of them are."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Fox that \$10,000.00 be deleted from the Traffic Light Account.

Alderman O'Brien: "Is this program lined up to make sense whether we cut it in half or leave it all in?"

Chief Mitchell: "It would serve a purpose whether or not the overall plan would be put in."

Alderman O'Brien: "What would it do to the program you have in mind?"

Chief Mitchell: "I would like to see what it would do."

Alderman Wyman: "The list of lights on Page #6; half of those are through the business district of Barrington Street. We are in effect saying 'we will put lights through there or we will put none in'. I think the cut is too large if we are to do anything at all."

Alderman DeWolf: "You can put this in capital."

City Manager: "They won't let it go in capital. What Mr. Allen said the other night was that he felt we should adopt the whole program but with that I would not agree. The other thing that I think should be said in talking about this particular item before we put it in the budget is that we had a meeting in my office and I think there was some doubt as to whether we would want traffic lights on Barrington Street. There is no particular problem on Barrington Street."

Chief Mitchell: "At the peak we have men on there at 5 o'clock. The time might arrive where we will use men at each intersection which will cost more than the lights."

Alderman Lloyd: "We have not decided to adopt the Allen-Corgill Plan."

Alderman Macdonald: "I wonder if we could take out \$6,000.00 for two sets of lights. I wonder if it would be a waste of money to install traffic lights at the intersection of Lady Hammond Road and Windsor Street. One or two years from now they may have to come out."

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Alderman Macdonald moved that the sum of \$6,000.00 be deleted from the estimates but there was no seconder.

Alderman Greenwood: "I would like to hear the Chief tell us in his opinion whether it is imperative to have this."

Alderman Dunlop: "Barrington Street is only used during business hours."

Chief Mitchell: "In the light of what has been mentioned if we cut one set out at Lady Hammond Road and Windsor Street that would be the last. I think these are necessary and I would recommend them."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the sum of \$2,500.00 be deleted from the Traffic Lights Account and that one set of lights be eliminated from the program.

Alderman Lloyd: "I would like to see the money taken from the Land Sale Account if the program is to be an integrated one."

Alderman Lane: "I would suggest that this matter be deferred until Thursday night at which time we could have an answer to Alderman Lloyd's suggestion."

The matter was then deferred.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that this meeting do now adjourn and Council reconvene. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. 10:50 P.M.

C.A. Vaughan,
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5. That the item "Salaries for Special Positions" in the Works Department be increased to \$25,000.00 making a total salary account for the Department of \$260,000.00
6. That the item "Snow Removal" be increased to \$100,000.00.
7. That the item "Extra Male & Female Attendants" at the City Home be reduced to \$25,000.00
8. That the following departmental Estimates be approved:

Police Maintenance, Health Department Salaries, Health Department Maintenance as amended, Welfare Department Salaries, Welfare Department Maintenance as amended, Tuberculosis Hospital Salaries as amended, Tuberculosis Hospital Maintenance as amended, Infectious Diseases Hospital Salaries, Infectious Diseases Hospital Maintenance, City Home Salaries as amended, City Home Maintenance as amended, City Prison Salaries, City Prison Maintenance.

Moved by Alderman [Name] seconded by Alderman [Name] that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

C. A. Vaughan,
DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
February 21, 1957,
4:00 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, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Lloyd, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called to consider Estimates for 1957.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS #10-3

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Abbott that this item be reduced to \$10,000.00. Motion passed.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS - CURRENT #10-1

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Abbott that this item be reduced to \$3,000.00. Motion passed.

WIRING INSPECTION # 11

Approved.

TOWN PLANNING #12

Approved.

BUILDING INSPECTION #13

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the item "Demolition of Buildings" be deleted in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion passed.

CITY HALL #14-1

Approved.

COMFORT STATION #14--2

Approved.

GRAND PARADE #14-3

Approved.

FIRE ALARM BUILDING #14-4

Approved.

DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS #14-5

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane that this item be deleted from the estimates. Motion passed.

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City Manager: "We are almost sure to need 13-5. If we take down a building owned by a tax payer, we get the money back. We have to have something to charge it to in order to get the work done. That one we need. The one on Page 63 we don't know. We ;won't touch a building unless you provide the funds if you want a building torn down."

CITY FIELD #14-6

Approved after deleting the sum of \$1,800.00.

INCINERATOR #14-7

Approved.

TOURIST BUREAU #14-8

Approved.

POLICE COURT & MARKET BUILDING #14-9

Approved.

NIGHT SOIL PLANT #14-10

Included under Sewer Maintenance.

MISCELLANEOUS #14-11

Approved.

BOILER INSPECTION # 14-12

Approved.

ARM WALL REPAIRS #14-13

Approved.

PUBLIC GARDENS #15-1

Approved after deleting the sum of \$10,000.00 for repairs to Bandstand.

Alderman Wyman arrives 4:25 P.M.

TREE MAINTENANCE #15-2

Approved.

BOULEVARDS #15-3

Approved.

Alderman O'Malley suggested that the boulevards should be cut down in width so as to widen the streets concerned.

SALARIES \$15-4

Approved.

COMMONS #15-5

Approved.

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FLEMING PARK #16

Approved.

His Worship the Mayor asked if the canteen had been constructed as yet.

Mr. West: "There are health reasons why it should not be put there. We stipulated that it would depend on the water supply."

His Worship the Mayor: "If you feel you can't build the building we should know about it so we can get it off our minds."

Mr. West: "If we can't start it early in the spring we will recommend that it be cut out."

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY #17

Alderman Vaughan: "\$25,600.00 for Fairview Cemetery; is that not high?"

Mr. West went over the various items for the information of the members of Council.

Alderman Vaughan: "The maintenance seems to be very high."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is just improper for the City to be looking after the burial grounds for one section of its citizen at less than cost. If it costs \$10,000.00 a year we should look into it. Do we look after the County pauper burials or what is the situation?"

City Manager: "The County pauper burials are no responsibility of ours. Nothing was put away for perpetual care. We took the money from the sale of the lots and we used it. Hereafter when lots are sold 90% would go into a trust fund for perpetual care and 10% for revenue."

Alderman Lane: "Is there not revenue coming to the City from Trust Companies?"

City Manager: "Yes."

Alderman Vaughan: "\$16,000.00 for maintenance; is that for development of a new section?"

City Manager: "If there is a time when the staff is caught up in the back they use the ;men. I don't think Mr. Stairs has anyone there for that. There is not much ground there for broadening out."

Alderman DeWolf: "What is the status of the fund of \$40,000.00?"

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Mr. Romkey: "We only started in 1956."

The Estimates were then approved.

GRANTS

Alderman O'Brien: "The City Manager made a proposal to reduce grants. It seems to me that the City should give serious thought to the proposal the Manager has made. We go to the other levels of Government for grants ourselves."

His Worship the Mayor: "The other levels of Government have the sources of revenue. It is a matter of making proper representation. Many of these items to a certain extent it is true to say that if they were not done the City would be put to an expense to do it. I urge upon Council that if any of these can be cut we should do it."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think this is the time for you to speak about the other Government's position. It seems to me that should be made known."

His Worship the Mayor: "Our discussion with the Cabinet was a private discussion and they were to make verbal enlargements of the Brief. The Government is going to give us a reply. I hope it won't be as long coming as the other one. Speaking in a general way I think we can feel reasonably confident we are going to get some improvement in income. There was not too much said in a categorical nature to which we could fix too many dollar signs on the income side of our budget. On two items we were told we could expect to get as much as we did last year. I don't think they will hold some millions of dollars of increase without passing some of it to the municipalities. You took the action in regard to the Tuberculosis Hospital. I have letters here from several organizations I trust that if this is going to be done, which I don't oppose, I trust it will mean not only a saving in the Tuberculosis Hospital but in the Tuberculosis prevention work where we get back nothing. I wrote a letter to the Minister on that subject."

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GRANT

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the \$30,000.00 should be struck out. The City of Halifax is paying the same costs for its patients as any other municipality. We get no credit. We asked the Children's Hospital to give us credit for that. \$9.00 per diem does not pay their full rate of \$15.00."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I concur in your remarks. The Children's Hospital raise a large part of their funds from Halifax citizens. By this device we are paying part of the load for the Provincial Government. \$30,000.00 bears no relationship to the needs of other hospitals. The County gives \$500.00; Dartmouth \$12,000.00 and we give \$40,000.00."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the \$30,000.00 be deleted from the estimates.

Alderman Dunlop: "I was at the Pottier Commission hearing when a submission was made by a lawyer and one of the things mentioned was the large amount of grants given by the City."

Alderman Abbott: "In 1951 the Children's Hospital said they had a large overdraft and they wanted us to help them out. I left Council in 1952 and we have been giving them \$30,000.00 every year."

His Worship the Mayor: "Their grant was \$100,000.00 for capital."

Alderman Macdonald: "We made a grant and I think it was around \$30,000.00 or \$35,000.00. We were supposed to pay it off in 5 years."

City Manager: "That is right. Your costs would have been \$7,800.00 more last year by paying the per diem rate."

Alderman Dunlop: "The Board will be happy for us to do this. This \$30,000.00 will help to get the rest from the Provincial Government."

City Manager: "If they abolish the grant the Children's Hospital will go and try to get their per diem rate from everyone which is \$15.26 so our costs would be \$7,800.00 more."

Alderman Lloyd: "If we cut out the grant we should make some provision in the budget for the increase on patient days. I would say put \$5,000.00 in the Hospitals Account."

The motion was then put and the sum of \$5,000.00 added to the Local Hospital Accounts making a total of \$236,000.00.

Dr. S.T. Laufer appeared on behalf of the Halifax Symphony requesting an increase in the grant and spoke very briefly.

Alderman Lloyd: "I take the stand that there is a change in our activities these days. We should not be asked to share in these things when a financial

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statement shows \$17,000.00 to the C.B.C. I wonder where we draw the line. I can't see any increase in the grant and what the Manager said might apply to that type of grant."

Alderman Vaughan suggested money may be available from the Canadian Arts Council.

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't think we can increase any or cut any."

Alderman Lane: "I would like to be assured that \$4,000.00 is required by the Welfare Bureau. Why is it that we carry on a Welfare Department of the City as well as the Welfare Bureau. I claim there is duplication somewhere."

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the grant of \$500.00 to the Choral Society be deleted from the estimates. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the grant of \$2,000.00 to the Halifax Welfare Bureau as provided by the City Charter be deleted and a total sum of \$4,000.00 be granted to the Family Services Bureau of Halifax. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that a grant of \$1,000.00 be made to the Rehabilitation Council of Nova Scotia. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that a grant of \$450.00 be made to the Salvation Army for their property at #71 Seymour Street in lieu of taxes. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the grants be the same as last year plus the additions and deletions. Motion passed.

MOTOR EQUIPMENT WORKS DEPARTMENT #18

Alderman Lloyd: "What about this for Capital Borrowing. We used to put so much in the estimates each. year."

Mr. West advised the Committee that it was his feeling that the Works Department did not have the equipment to do a good job and that they were trying to bring it up to a standard for the work.

Alderman Lloyd: "Could we not come up with a with a figure for an annual outlay?"

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that an amount of \$75,000.00 be set for Motor Equipment and the Commissioner of Works and City Manager decide what would be purchased.

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Alderman Lane: "There has already been a cut of \$60,000.00 from this now."

Alderman O'Brien: "I think we ought to stay with \$97,000.00."

Alderman DeWolf: "Two months have gone by this year now. Could not the Commissioner of Works use a bit of haywire to fix up the equipment this year? Surely he can get by with \$22,000.00 less."

Alderman Lloyd: "It is better to take the \$21,000.00 item out and approve of the rest of the equipment."

Mr. West advised that was the piece of equipment that was needed most.

Alderman Dunlop: "Leave \$100,000.00 in the budget and the apportionment can come back to Council. There are some things we can't do without."

Alderman DeWolf: "Why not take it off the Works Budget for streets?"

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

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Vaughan, DeWolf, Abbott and Fox - 4 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Lloyd, Wyman, O'Brien, Greenwood, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald and Adams - 8 -

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Lane that the amount of \$97,525.00 as shown in the estimates be approved. Motion passed.

SUPERANNUATIONS

The Commissioner of Finance advised that it was necessary to add the sum of \$358.18 to the item "Operational Expenses".

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the item be increased to \$1,458.18. Motion passed.

Alderman Dunlop: "I would like to see a great amount of money invested in mortgages at 7 and 7½ percent. I would think that 50% of the funds would be a good amount."

His Worship the Mayor: "As a matter of courtesy we can discuss it with the Eastern Trust Company."

Alderman Lane: "With respect to the retirement of Mrs. Rafuse and Mr. Lloy, have funds been provided for them?"

Alderman Vaughan: "There was legislation to be studied by the Committee. We cannot include in the budget amounts not authorized."

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Alderman Lane: "Do I understand that when the legislation is passed the funds will be provided? Will that be retroactive to the date of retirement?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I would presume so."

The Superannuation Schedules on Pages 120, 121, 122 and 123 were then approved after adding the sum of \$358.18 to Operational Expenses.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL CLOSING

His Worship the Mayor submitted and read several letters in connection with the closing of the Tuberculosis Hospital on September 1, 1957.

His Worship the Mayor: "Should it not be made known that the City of Halifax will be placing themselves in the same position as the rest of the Province where the Province carries on a Tuberculosis Control Program and provides hospitalization for persons suffering from Tuberculosis. Our patients will get the same treatment and control as the rest of the Province are now enjoying. I will acknowledge these letters."

Alderman Lane: "In view of the grants made to the Medical School our co-operation with Dalhousie is pretty good."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that this meeting adjourn for a short recess. Motion passed.

6:00 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

7:00 P.M. Meeting reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Alderman Dunlop: "I can't see this \$8,000.00 for a trailer. I would like to see us leave that until you come back from the course. You can see what other cities are doing."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop that the \$8,000.00 item be deleted.

There was no seconder to this motion.

His Worship the Mayor: "The cost will be borne 25% by the City."

Alderman Lane: "I feel the term 'Civil Defence' is a misnomer. They are training for a disaster and disaster is not always war. I was an eye witness on what such an organization can do. It changed my thinking considerably."

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Alderman Dunlop: "Let us staff it with young competent people. Don't let us fool ourselves about the value of our civil defence in any disaster."

The estimates were approved with Alderman Dunlop wishing to be recorded against.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the sum of \$15,000.00 should be cut from teachers salaries. He stated he had received a report from Dr. Marshall on the school system.

Mr. Maurice Keating, Assistant Supervisor of Schools, addressed Council as follows: "In attempting to compile the estimates we did feel that 16 teachers probably would be required in the overall picture and we felt that 16 was a minimum. It was on the basis of that that the \$20,000.00 was included. There were 24 or 25 taken on last year and about the same number the year before. We did reduce it as much as we could. There has been a continuing increase in enrollment. There is a marked increase in Grade 4 over last year."

His Worship the Mayor: "You take no cognizance of the fact that you have 150 rooms of 30 pupils or less?"

Mr. Keating: "Some of these classes with 30 are basement classes. Some are Grade 9 where that is the limit of the children in that particular area."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is there some agreement about the size of the teaching staff?"

Alderman Vaughan: "I went to the Province of Nova Scotia Education Department and I got information there. The Education Act says where the class shows below 30 pupils the Board shall remove one teacher. The average of Halifax is 26.2 pupils for every teacher. From 1935 to 1955 the enrollment went up 2577 or 18.9%. In the corresponding period our teaching staff has gone up 61%. From 1935 to 1945 the enrollment went down and the teachers went up. Surely we could see where the cost of education is heading us. We are on the average providing teachers' salaries on a par with most of the major

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cities in Canada. These are my reasons why I will support your stand on this matter."

Alderman O'Brien: "On this list I see Sir Charles Tupper has 3 Grade 6's of 24, 25 and 26 pupils. That could be put into 2 classes of 37 and 38 pupils. There are 4 grade 8's in St. Patrick's that could be put into 3 classes of 33 pupils each. I wonder why and how that situation could have developed. I wonder if there is an explanation?"

Mr. Keating: "There are some cases in the Junior High School where the classes are split. In working out the average number of pupils according to the Provincial Regulations it is the average number per classroom and not the teachers on the staff. In most cases our schools are within regulations."

Alderman O'Malley arrives at 7:30 P.M.

His Worship the Mayor: "You took no action where the figures went below the normal nor do I assume you intend to take any action now."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the amount of \$15,000.00 be objected to for teachers' salaries due to the problem of the number of pupils per teacher and which we hope the Board will be able to improve upon in the next few months.

Alderman Abbott: "Last year I asked for a report. I wondered if it was necessary to put the brakes on. The report I got was startling. In the last 10 years our student registry has risen 24% while our classrooms have come up 48%. This increase is \$313,000.00 in teachers' salaries alone. In 1950 we did not have one room between 30 and 34. In 1956 we had 212 rooms. I am happy to see that the Board has taken some action."

His Worship the Mayor: "I hope we don't go above 40."

Mr. Keating: "It will probably take 3 or 4 years before it will show an effect of curtailment. You just can't cut off and parcel schools out. You must start to reduce it and over 3 or 4 years it will start to be shown. As a result of a policy laid down in 1947 we have classrooms under 40."

Alderman Lane: "I think I am the only one who has ; been physically in the classrooms. In some you are not going to be able ; to put 35 or 40 children because they are not that big. The decrease in the number of children per room comes as a result of the tax payers through the Home and School Association."

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Alderman O'Malley: "I feel it is unfair to make comparisons between 1947 and the present year because these reductions were created to a large extent to the new school buildings erected. It is doubtful if you can get 35 or 40 in some of the rooms. I would not care to support the full amount going out. By surveys they are justified in putting the full amount in."

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that \$2,000.00 be cut from the School Board Budget.

Alderman O'Brien: "I think some cut is possible but I think it is a very difficult administrative problem in one year to cut out anywhere near the whole 16. The Supervisor has given his word that they are trying to cut down the number of classes below 30."

Alderman DeWolf: "This cut would be about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the whole budget. There are ways and means. The maintenance is \$162,000.00. There might be a portion of \$12,000.00 deducted from the maintenance. \$12,000.00 from a budget of \$4,000,000.00 would not affect it very much."

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT - Aldermen O'Brien, DeWolf, Abbott, Macdonald, Adams, O'Malley and Lloyd. - 7 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Wyman, Vaughan, Greenwood, Dunlop, Lane and Fox. - 6 -

MISCELLANEOUS

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the sum of \$6,000.00 might carry the Tax Appeal Court this year due to the smaller number of appeals.

It was agreed that the amount for the Tax Appeal Court be set at \$6,000.00.

The estimates as amended were then approved at a total of \$198,849.45.

CITY PRISON -- JOINT EXPENDITURE COSTS

Alderman Dunlop referred to the fact that there maybe an arrangement worked out whereby there would be a saving of \$20,000.00 to the City this year. He suggested that \$20,000.00 be added to Income.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the sum of \$20,000.00 be added to Income. Motion passed.

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APPOINTMENT OF STREET COLLECTOR

The Commissioner of Finance requested the services of an additional street collector as he felt there should be one for each Ward which would require the sum of \$2,000.00 for the balance of the year.

Alderman Dunlop: "Should this not come through the City Manager?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The Manager is not in favor of hiring."

Alderman Dunlop: "They collect about \$12.00 or \$15.00 a day and it costs about \$5.00 to collect it."

City Manager: "I did not know that ;Mr. Romkey was going to bring it up tonight. I think you are working along the same lines that I am. I think we have had too many collectors. I don't think we need so many. I don't think we need worry about ward boundaries. Put them where they are best suited."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the request of the Commissioner of Finance be granted and the amount provided in the budget but by no means this be indicated as an intrusion of the City Manager's rights with respect to the staff.

Alderman Lane: "If it costs us \$30,000.00 a year to collect \$210,000.00 it costs 14%. What does a collection agency charge to do it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "25 to 33 percent."

Mr. Romkey: "They compile information on people moving from one place to another."

Alderman Fox: "I don't think the quantity means much in collecting taxes. I think quality means everything."

Alderman O'Brien: "Is the amount of ;work equal in each Ward? The answer is to redraw the boundaries for 6 men."

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

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Adams, O'Malley, Lloyd and Wyman - 6 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Vaughan, O'Brien, Greenwood, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald and Fox - 7 -

SALARIES CITY SOLICITOR AND COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

Alderman Lloyd: "The Griffenhagen people recommended four heads at \$7280.00 to \$9190.00 and then further to be considered at \$8150.00 to \$10320.00. The Commissioner of Finance and Works I refer to as recent appointments. On July 1st we had two low ones being brought up to the other two who had 18 and 25 years respectively.

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I feel that the scale for the Commissioner of Health and City Solicitor might very well go to the second one recommended by the Griffenhagen people and after a reasonable length of time, the other two go there."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the salaries of the Commissioner of Health and City Solicitor be fixed at \$10,320.00 per annum effective as of January 1, 1957 and that the funds be provided in the 1957 estimates.

Alderman O'Brien: "Have we a scale for these Department Heads?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Griffenhagen proposed \$9,190.00 with a step in the future or ultimately to go to \$10,320.00. I felt when I brought in a negative report, with the greatest reluctance, when I saw it took in more than 4 Department Heads. It took in about 10 altogether. The Chief of Police gets \$6,825.00. I found it impossible to recommend those alone without recommending the Chief of the Police and Fire Departments. I think there is a strong case to be made for those two and also one for the Chiefs of Police and Fire Department. The rank and file are asking for 10% overall. You have your Committee report of last fall."

Alderman Lloyd: "The Manager went to his maximum within a short space of time. When you look at the years of service of certain employees, those scales will fit in."

Alderman Fox: "I don't think this is the time to be raising salaries, especially for Officials."

City Manager: "The Police and Fire Departments requested 10% and you referred it back to me. I conferred with them and I told them I could not come to Council and ask for it. I don't think Halifax could afford to pay adequate salaries as in other cities. I just could not possibly come here and suggest we raise another \$140,000.00 or \$150,000.00 for the Police and Fire Departments. My report to you is that there be no increase in Police and Fire Departments."

Alderman O'Brien: "I would favor in principle the Heads being paid at a higher salary but I feel I would have to vote against this motion at this time as I feel the whole range should be considered at one time and if we get them out of relationship, we will be in serious difficulty."

Alderman Dunlop: "The Manager has already put in the budget an increase for four Heads."

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City Manager: "From 8,700.00 to \$9,190.00."

Alderman Dunlop: "I can't see that. Where do we go from here. I can see increases for a length of service. There is no question about our two professional men. Mr. West is a comparatively young man and Mr. Romkey has not been too long on the job. I can't see how we can do that for Heads without doing it for the Deputy Heads. It is most embarrassing and a most difficult question. If we give two I think we will have to go into the whole thing. We can't have too much of a differential between the Head and the man coming along to take his place. In some Departments it would be around \$5,000.00. I served on the Salary Committee and I am not going to be on one again. After battling it out we find our work is to go for naught. I am not going to sit on a salary committee again."

Alderman Lloyd: "Griffenhagen did indicate very definitely a scale. There were some discussions about this matter by one Official. There were some discussions that took place and there were indications that the matter would be reviewed. In addition to that in Provincial circles for equivalent positions the scales are around \$10,000.00. You are going to be faced with an increase in Police and Firemen. I think some consideration should be given in due course."

Alderman Macdonald: "This matter has come up on short notice. I will have to vote against it. I think all Department Heads should be considered at one time."

Alderman Fox: "I would like to know if there is a request from the Police and Fire Departments?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes there is."

Alderman Lloyd: "It has to be considered tonight."

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

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Adams, Lloyd, Wyman and Vaughan - 8 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen O'Brien, Greenwood, Macdonald, Fox and O'Malley

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Alderman Lane: "I am not prepared to consider increases for a Department this evening."

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City Manager: "I recommended against any increases for the Unions. Faced with a high tax rate I could not see my way clear."

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

Alderman Lloyd: "Could an amount be placed in the budget for salaries this year?"

City Manager: "Only for step increases. The Police and Firemen were \$20.00 below the maximum except that Griffenhagen recommended longevity. If you raise the constables and bring them closer to the other people you would be throwing them out of line. 10% increase for Police would be \$59,000.00 and \$64,000.00 for the Fire Department."

Alderman Lloyd: "I understand it is extremely difficult to hold constables."

Chief Mitchell: "We are up to strength at the moment for the first time in years. I know of 7 Policemen who are looking for other jobs. We asked for 14 men and Council has approve of that. There must be a reason why Police Departments are chronically short. Part of that is the basic initial pay for the constable. The Police Department did not request 10% across the board; it is just for the constables. The Army, Navy and Airforce pay more. We can't compete with them. They are offering \$50.00 a month more on the maximum pay."

Alderman O'Brien: "How do we reconcile 4% to the City Field and the decision a few months ago of saying 'no' to the requests of the City staff?"

City Manager: "We have a direct relation with another type of labor and that is the Dockyard where they got 5 or 6 percent. The Police and Firemen had their hours reduced and the City Field had not moved except for a small adjustment by Griffenhagen to get them into line where everyone got a few cents an hour."

Alderman O'Brien: "Should not the requests of the other City workers be examined? We must not take it out on those who have not the right of a strike."

Alderman Dunlop: "I find it difficult to follow the Manager's recommendation for top salary personnel and when they get down to the constable, there is no recommendatinn. I feel the grouping of Police, Fire and City Hall is all wrong. I feel the Police are a separate body. A good deal of the Firemen do a lot of work to supplement their income. I don't think the Police can. Firemen have 2 or 3 days off perhaps to carry on a business. We made a much larger differentiation between the Sergeants and Constables. I think we have to make some provision for

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an increase in salary. I find \$2,737.56 seems to be the average for a man who is in the Police Force. His pay is \$112.90 every two weeks is about \$56.00 a week. A man can't actually live in this City and keep the standard of living what we expect of a constable."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that \$30,000.00 be placed in the budget for an increase in salary for Constables effective as of July 1, 1957 to be distributed as seen fit.

Alderman Lane: "The Firemen are occupying their spare time on business to supplement their income. We have an official running a tourist home and one appearing on television. This Council should consider its action very carefully because increases made to public servants of this City are reflected to the detriment of private industry."

Alderman DeWolf: "How many men will be affected in this?"

Chief Mitchell: "120"

His Worship the Mayor: "It is idle to consider a motion of this kind because as night follows day the firemen will request similar treatment and you will be hard put to find any logical answer to refuse it. You should do both. Why fool ourselves? If you are going to do it why not face up to it?"

Alderman DeWolf: "I think \$30,000.00 will be at the rate of \$500.00 per year per man."

Alderman Vaughan: "Effective as of the first of this month the Fire Department will be reduced to the same hours as the Dockyard Fire Department. They are paid \$3,600.00 as compared with \$3,180.00. I would like to include some amount. If the amendment goes through we will find ourselves in trouble."

Alderman Dunlop: "I would like to know what the trouble would be. If someone wants to move that another amount be put in for the Fire Department that is a different matter. The only trouble would be that we are going to be asked for increases by other people. We should not ask the constables to patrol our streets for \$50.00 a week."

Alderman O'Malley retires at 9.00 P.M.

Alderman Wyman: "Is not the amendment out of order because it is negative to the motion."

His Worship the Mayor: "I rule that is right. The amendment is out of order. We will put the motion."

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

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Lane, Adams and Wyman - 3 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Greenwood, DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Macdonald, Fox, Lloyd, Vaughan and O'Brien - 9 -

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Fox that an amount of \$40,000.00 be placed in the budget to provide for salary adjustments. Motion passed with Alderman Dunlop, Lane and Wyman wishing to be recorded against.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL OPERATION

A report was submitted from the City Manager concerning the operation of the Tuberculosis Hospital and advising that an amount of \$22,500.00 could be cut from the estimates if the hospital ceased operating on September 1, 1957.

Alderman DeWolf: "We keep our streets, we provide streets for cars, snow clearance and the Province collects the tax for cars that run over the streets and also the gasoline tax. The cost to operate the hospital and the control program is \$75,000.00. That is 75 cents per head for the people of Halifax to have that control within the boundaries and to me that is a very cheap cost. When I am told we are going to save \$22,000.00 in closing the hospital, I don't see that. I think it will cost more than \$75,000.00 because you just can't discard these people who have been working for years. They have to be compensated somewhere along the line. Dr. Beckwith was talking to me. There are 1500 cases of Tuberculosis of which 3% are become active again. Of the school children examined, 30 turn up showing some tuberculosis. Will they be given that treatment? That is what I fear. It looks like we are putting the gun to the Government and that we are not looking after the people within our borders."

Alderman Dunlop: "We are just taking advantage of what the Minister of Health told us. He said 'if you want to run the Tuberculosis Hospital that is a matter of your business. We will provide for it'. I am sure this Council would be most happy to go along in view of the fact the Government says 'we will look after these people' and we only have 35 patients in there today. It is not a matter of \$22,000.00 this year. It is a matter of \$75,000.00 in years to come. I think we should stick to what we have agreed."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Lane that the sum of \$22,500.00 be deleted from the current estimates. Motion passed with Alderman DeWolf wishing to be recorded against.

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The City Manager submitted a report on Revenues for 1957 and stated it was his own recommendation that \$1,000,000.00 be estimated as the Federal Grant from Ottawa in lieu of taxes.

Alderman Lloyd suggested that the question of policy with respect to the Current Surplus and adjustment of the Federal Grant be deferred until the end of the budget discussion.

Alderman Vaughan: "The Annual Report of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited would indicate that the profits are up."

His Worship the Mayor: "There was an extra dividend given this year. We are geared to an agreement but the Solicitor could run over that very quickly."

The City Solicitor then went over the agreement for the information of the members of Council.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the sum of \$6,000.00 be added to the revenue item "Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co., Ltd.,"

Motion passed.

C.N.R. GRANT

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it is a reasonably well calculated approach to raise our estimates to \$150,000.00. On a straight calculation basis we would get about \$252,000.00. From that must be deducted certain properties which they hold must be struck off. I think we are safe in that it won't come down below \$150,000.00."

Alderman Lloyd: "Provided we hold the cushion in the Current Surplus and keep our eye on that collection service."

CURRENT SURPLUS ACCOUNT

His Worship the Mayor: "It is in excess of \$600,000.00. I think it is unfortunate we had a figure of \$200,000.00 and had to worry about the rate we have to fix. You have \$612,000.00."

Alderman Lloyd: "The matter of how much you should use is of serious concern."

PROVINCIAL GRANT

His Worship the Mayor: "The Premier made a statement that the matter will be considered on the opening of the House. I would like to think that

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There is no Government that would get five or six million dollars and not share it with the municipalities. I would like to say that our estimate of \$288,000.00 should be raised slightly. I would say \$300,000.00."

Alderman Dunlop: "There is the gasoline tax rebate on the Police Department."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, that ^{an} ~~the~~ amount of \$12,000.00 be added to the Provincial Grant making it \$300,000.00.

Alderman DeWolf: "In theory I think the City Manager is right but I don't think it is necessary to take it out again. We had a profit in the prefab account of \$750,000.00. We took out \$150,000.00 and applied it to the revenue for one year. It is true we did borrow the money. At the same time we still have over \$600,000.00 surplus in that account. There is no particular point in putting it back because we are paying the bank off at \$10,000.00 a month. At \$10,000.00 a month for two years, it is paid off. I do suggest that a very tactfully worded letter be sent to the owners of those houses saying they may pay off the amount they owe. I suggest that many of these people who owe only \$1,000.00 might borrow \$2,000.00 and remodel their houses and pay no more per month. They could be encouraged to pay us off. I think we could get at least 50% of it in."

His Worship the Mayor: "To take it back holas bolas this year the answer is 'no'. It will work itself out. I suggest that our Federal money should be \$1,000,000.00; C.N.R. \$150,000.00; Provincial Government \$300,000.00; Current Surplus \$300,000.00."

9:45 P.M. The Committee adjourned for a short recess.

10:15 P.M. The Committee reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan and O'Brien.

SCHOOL REBATE \$2,000.00

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Lane that the School Rebate be set at \$2,000.00. Motion passed.

TAX RATE FOR 1957

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the Residential Tax Rate be determined at \$1.75 per \$100.00 of assessment and that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to withdraw from the Current Surplus Account a sufficient sum to produce a Business Tax Rate of \$4.75 per \$100.00 of assessment.

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Alderman Lloyd: "That amount of \$47,000.00 should be left in the estimates because we propose to increase the Federal grant and C.N.R. grant. It is wise to leave something in the Surplus because of that. There is bound to be something during the year taken from 316 "C" for something unforeseen at the present time. I think it is the best we can do under the circumstances."

Alderman O'Brien: "I have worked from the ratio of the business tax to the residential. These rates are 2.7 to 1. We should work over the ten year period ahead to a single tax rate. It is better from several points of view. If we were to aim at that we would reduce each year coming down 2 points in the ratio and in 1966 it would be closed. It is a 25% increase for residential tax payers. I agree with those who said that our residential taxes have not been as high as they have been in other cities. We have businesses here which are important to us that sell their goods outside the metropolitan area and our future as a City depends upon port and being a distributive centre for the Atlantic Provinces and we are in competition with Dartmouth, Truro and other places. If we can close the gap between the business and residential rates, business may take heart and we may have some industrial development in the years that lie ahead. It is easier from an administrative point of view to have a single rate. I feel there should be some other kind of taxes on businesses and the nature of those must wait until that time. It would mean an increase of 10 points a year for the next 10 years in the residential rate."

Alderman Vaughan: "I would not want it to go abroad that the Council is working on a single tax rate, I with reluctance, have to go along with an increase in the residential rate. There is one pertinent factor we overlook when we talk about a residential rate and it is this; we have such a proportion of substandard housing in the City. One block downtown has an average assessment of \$1145.00 which indicates we are not getting enough revenue. I hope sometime in the future we will embark upon a program which will relieve the home owners."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Minimum Standards By-Law may in a small part correct the matter you point out. Now we have our rates fixed. That will be a large worrisome trouble behind us holding the business rate as it was. It was hoped it would go down. I have one target for the remainder of the year and it is that we embark on our housing program and I hope Dr. Stephenson will give us a good lead before too long."

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Alderman Abbott: "I am happy that the business rate can be held but I am not too happy that the residential rate is increased. I don't agree that we can bring the two rates together unless we can find some methods of taxing business. It would place too great a burden on the residential tax payer on the present day assessment. We would find a lot of homes forced on the market. We would find a lot of people selling at a reduced price. The people would come into the Tax Appeal Court to have their assessment reduced to the purchase price and we would be back to where we started. I believe we made a mistake in 1943 when we froze the residential tax rate at \$3.50. Unless we find some other method of taxing business, I am afraid we will not be able to run these tax rates together. I hope Mr. Justice Pottier will come up with something in his Report."

Alderman DeWolf felt that a single tax rate would work a great hardship on home owners as today many houses are assessed from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 which would result in yearly taxes around \$600.00 or \$700.00. "I have to go along with this rate tonight. I was hoping there would be some way it could be reduced. I suggest there must be some way of getting money aside from properties. There have been no suggestions that I have read of getting taxes from any sales of luxury items such as beer. An ex-member of the Government said 'tax beer 2 cents per bottle'. The same thing could apply to tobacco. There are several thousand people from outside the City working in the City who pay us nothing and they get the services from the City. I suggest our Assessor does not get the list of these people who live outside the City., We don't know whether there is 10,000 a day. If they were charged a \$20.00 Poll Tax, that would raise our revenue. It behooves us to increase our revenue and to get some items in the legislation so we can take advantage of that. "

Alderman Lloyd: "I don't believe you will ever have a uniform tax rate without having what Alderman Abbott has discussed. The law of Diminishing Returns will have to come into play. I look upon this raising of the residential rate as a reasonable step towards some reasonable conclusion which we hope Mr. Justice Pottier will be able to look upon. You have to get legislation next year and right now you continue the two rates."

His Worship the Mayor: "Whether there is a tax on beer, I am inclined to agree it is a cogent thought. I have in front of me a letter that is 6 years old

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When the City first received a grant on Federal property. It was in 1951 when we got around \$200,000.00. What kind of a rate would we have if we had not found \$1,200,000.00 on our properties tonight? As far as I am concerned to have the burden of cars thrown on us and have to provide everything, it is just an unfair stage. We may get some help when the National Health Program comes into effect."

Alderman Wyman: "I would like to point out the satisfactory conclusion of the great deal of hard work that has brought us to the rates when we look back at the projected rates of \$2.25 Residential and \$4.95 Business. In connection with the remarks of Alderman DeWolf regarding people from outside the City, there is a thought I would like to mention and that is the approach to the problem of collecting Poll Taxes from those people who come to board in the City and work here. I think we should give some thought to what can be done to collect from such people."

Alderman Dunlop: "I look upon this as a question of finance. I am quite satisfied in the budget that the services provided are called for and to pay for those services we have to get a certain amount of money. We are providing services to the people of Halifax which they want and they must be prepared to pay for it. I want the residential rate payers to know they are getting the \$1.75 rate because of the fact they are getting the benefit from the business tax payers. If we did not use the Current Surplus the residential rate would be \$2.00. We are really giving the business rate payer no relief at all. I quite agree with you unless there is some large source of income that will bring in two or three million dollars the other items will not take care of the increases of salary for the Police and Fire Departments let alone the teachers. I don't think we should apologize for our actions at all but we should tell the people if they want more service there is only one place and that is the tax payer. I don't see how it can possible come that the rates will merge in 10 years as suggested ;unless many millions are found to do so."

Alderman O'Brien: "I hold this as a target. I don't consider that those 10 years should be wasted. After the Commission Report we will have to examine

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the situation to see what we are going to do in this City in the way of other taxes. We have a request to make to ;the Provincial Government and we must expect the Federal Government will become aware of the plight of the municipalities. Every municipality is going to require additional sources of revenue. The items you suggested must be worked upon during the next 10 years. The method I suggested of getting there is that if we had to raise eight million dollars without additional sources of income it would mean 10 points on the rate each year."

Meeting adjourned 10:40 P.M.

L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.