

AFTERNOON SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
April 8, 1957.
4:30 P.M.

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

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

Commander A.B. Fraser-Harris of the Aircraft Carrier H.M.C.S. Magnificent, which is leaving Halifax to return to England, was present and on behalf of the Officers and men of the ship presented the City with a framed picture of Queen Elizabeth II.

His Worship the Mayor accepted the gift in the name of the citizens of Halifax and stated that the picture will be hung in the Council Chamber to be viewed and admired by all who work and visit here in years to come.

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

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

Legislation Respecting:

1. Multiple Voters.
2. Qualifying Mayor or Alderman on basis of Household Tax.
3. Voting by registered agents.
4. Appointment of Building Inspector.
5. "Conditional" rezoning.
6. Fixing taxation on proposed Dresden Arms Hotel.
7. Creating the City as a Limited Dividend Company under the National Housing Act.
8. To enable School Board Employees to make back payments under the 1954 and 1956 legislation and to extend the privileges of this years legislation to School Board employees - employees of other "City" Commissions.
9. Re: Port of Halifax Commission.
10. To reduce Business Tax of Murphy's Limited.
11. To extend provision of Charter Re: benefits where employees killed on duty to all employees.

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MULTIPLE VOTERS ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "The Election Committee met the other day and I suggested that we might have legislation that would take away the right of a person to vote for Alderman in more than one Ward. I felt that should be removed. The concensus of the Committee was that nothing should be done about it at this time."

Alderman O'Brien: "I feel the only change that would bring satisfaction in our voting qualifications would be a change in the direction of the Universal Franchise."

Alderman O'Malley: "On a point of order Your Worship the question before the Council is the Multiple Voter. The proposal of Alderman O'Brien would have to be a Notice of Motion."

His Worship the Mayor: "I must uphold your point. I would rule it a new topic and I suggest it be treated as a new item."

Alderman O'Brien: "On the point of order, this matter went to the Committee. Alderman Dunlop gave a Notice of Motion and it was referred to the Committee. This comes back from the Committee."

His Worship the Mayor: "In a word the Committee did not recommend that subject for discussion. I suggest it be done by a Notice of Motion."

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that no action be taken on the matter of Multiple Voters at the present time. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN O'BRIEN

Alderman O'Brien gave notice that at the second meeting in May he would move that legislation be obtained to adopt the Universal Franchise.

QUALIFICATION MAYOR OR ALDERMAN ON BASIS OF HOUSEHOLD TAX

His Worship the Mayor: "The Committee discussed this matter and it is the recommendation that no action be taken at this time. It seems we should broaden the rules to put in an assessed value of occupancy of a residential tax payer. The decision of the Committee was opposed to that end."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that no action be taken at this time.

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Alderman Dunlop: "I notice by the press that the Committee on Private and Local Bills have recommended that the 3 year term for Mayor be struck out of the Bill. I think we should try to have that decision reversed. I have something here I would like to propose as a substitution. If a plebiscite is held along with the election this fall and it is favourable I think the Mayor who comes in on that date should be able to hold office for 3 years. I have drafted an amendment for the House."

His Worship the Mayor: "I am afraid I can't accept it because of 2 absentees."

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

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN O'BRIEN ✓

Alderman O'Brien gave notice that at the second meeting in May he would move that legislation be obtained for the purpose of broadening of qualifications for Mayor and Alderman.

VOTING BY REGISTERED AGENTS ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "It was my suggestion that the power should be withdrawn. The Committee recommends that no change be made in the Charter affecting that point."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that no action be taken at this time.

Alderman Lloyd stated that taxation is directly related to the question of voting and he felt that a deferment of these matters could well be made until Council decided on what course it would follow later on.

Alderman O'Brien felt that Council was not tied by the Taxation Commission and that action could be taken on matters effecting elections and the two were separate matters.

Alderman Lloyd: "The present system is based on a tax payers right to vote. It is perfectly logical if you change it away from a tax payers vote to a Universal Franchise or proceed to any part of it, I think that matter should come under discussion as an entire question and not be separated as bits and pieces."

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

APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: March 19th, 1957.

Subject: Method of appointing Building Inspector.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the matter of the appointment of a Building Inspector was considered.

The Committee recommended that Legislation be sought to change the Charter so that the City Manager can appoint a Building Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Alderman DeWolf: "What are the qualifications for Building Inspector?"

City Solicitor: "He must be a Registered Professional Engineer with 5 years experience."

Alderman DeWolf: "It does not change the fact that he must be a Registered Professional Engineer and he must have 5 years experience?"

The City Solicitor then read the present section for the information of Council.

Alderman DeWolf: "I don't think that is sufficient. He should have definitely some experience in the building business. It would be a great mistake to put someone in there who had only had theory and not practical experience."

City Solicitor: "That particular qualification can be added by Council by Ordinance."

Alderman DeWolf: "He should have at least 5 years experience in the building business."

Alderman Ferguson: "I thought this was to facilitate the appointment."

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His Worship the Mayor: "It would divest the Council of that appointment and it would be on the recommendation of the City Manager."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think we should get a Building Inspector. I don't know what is in mind. I am against this matter of changing unless we get a Building Inspector."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is from among the engineers of the Department he would choose a person to act as Building Inspector."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think that would be a very good plan. I have heard of the plan of rotating them and I think that would be a very good one too. In view of what has been pointed out by the City Solicitor and what I understood verbally, I was under a mis-apprehension. I want to be recorded against this situation."

Alderman Macdonald: "That does not change the provision that if a person is not satisfied with the decision of the Building Inspector, he has a recourse to the Council?"

The City Solicitor then read the sections pertaining to the authority of the Building Inspector from which there is no appeal.

Alderman Macdonald: "In my position if the Building Inspector is appointed and he is qualified to do the job, I would not want to be in a position to argue with him on any of these matters."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is it not a fact that all of these powers are powers vested by legislation and they can be limited, modified or extended?"

City Solicitor: "They are powers granted by the Legislature of Nova Scotia. They are an act of the Legislature strictly speaking."

Alderman Lloyd stated that Council delegates these powers to the Building Inspector but a two-third vote of Council is necessary to dismiss him from office if he did not prove satisfactory. "The significant part is the two-third vote of Council. The Council could maintain in office a willy-nilly Building Inspector. It would mean that by a minority vote the Council could maintain in office an incompetent City Official and that is not desirable."

Alderman Dunlop: "How does this matter come before Council? There is nothing changed. It is only the form of an appointment. It is proposed that the City Manager will appoint this man. Is that all there is to it?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "The point before us is how the Building Inspector will be appointed. That is the only point at issue."

His Worship the Mayor to Alderman Lloyd: "Your remarks may concern members of this Council. I challenge you to make them more clear. I feel your remarks could be interpreted as casting a reflection on the reason why Aldermen vote in certain cases. I am sure you don't mean it that way."

Alderman Lloyd: "I am sure the record will show. The statement is quite simple and quite direct. I am allowed to make these statements in the Council and I am allowed to comment on what might become a dangerous practice. I don't think it is good to permit an official of this City to hold office with a two-thirds vote and that applies to the City Manager too. I think it should be a simple majority."

Alderman Dunlop: "Why is it desirable to have the appointment made by the City Manager and not the Council?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We used to have an official and that was all. Since he has left there has been efforts to have him re-appointed. That has been unsuccessful. The Commissioner of Works has acted in that capacity. It is taking too much of his time. One way to handle this is that some other engineer do the job. The Manager felt it might be a wise practice to rotate the appointment among the engineers in the Department. That was Mr. West's initial suggestion."

Alderman Fox: "When was the last Building Inspector appointed and by whom?"

Mr. West: "Three years ago. It is automatic that in the absence of the Building Inspector the Commissioner of Works takes over. I initiated this and not the City Manager and I discussed it with the City Solicitor. My reasons were to facilitate the appointment of a Building Inspector rather than take away any powers. It was not my intention to take away any of the powers as they are set out in the City Charter."

Alderman O'Malley: "After the message from the City Solicitor as to the discretionary powers the Official would have, I don't feel disposed to support it."

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Alderman DeWolf: "I don't care whether he is appointed by the Manager or Council but I did not realize before just exactly how much authority he has. I hope this matter will come up again for discussion. I would like to see the powers curtailed or at least on a very important matter that it should be before a Board consisting of Mr. West or an engineer to make a decision."

His Worship the Mayor: "You could give a Notice of Motion curtailing the powers of the Building Inspector."

Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to see it curtailed until we see who the man is."

Alderman Lane: "Some of the fears expressed are perfectly groundless. No matter who is appointed they have to carry out their duties in a way that complaints don't come in. The Manager would see that an efficient person is appointed to the job. I think we are attacking the problem with too much trepidation and fear. I have always considered that the powers of the Building Inspector were too wide. I still feel that is a bad feature. I think Alderman DeWolf has the right idea that we should review the powers of that appointee."

The Commissioner of Works stated that he only could issue the permits and that was the difficulty.

Alderman Dunlop: "It seems there should be a Deputy."

Alderman Ferguson: "The Building Inspector's Department should be set up and the Building Inspector under the Commissioner of Works. The Building Inspector would issue the permits and the appeals would go to the Commissioner of Works. I think that is the proper set up. I think we should defer the whole matter."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox that the matter be deferred for a recommendation from the Committee on Works to the City Council on the whole matter of the Building Inspector's powers.

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT - Aldermen Adams, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Wyman, DeWolf, Abbott and Lane - 8 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Lloyd, O'Brien, Dunlop and Macdonald - 4 -

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REZONING - BY-LAW ✓

His Worship the Mayor stated that quite often a person asks for rezoning and says he will erect a building 40 x 40 but after the zoning is changed a building 90 x 90 is erected or something else is placed on the land. He gave as an example the corner of Quinpool Road and Poplar Street where a service station is located there is also a used car lot adjacent to it. His thought was to have covenants running with the land to bind the people to what they wanted to place on the lots.

The City Solicitor stated that there is nothing to prevent the City from making an exception in any zone. He thought it was another way of getting at it and that it would not be spot rezoning entirely.

His Worship the Mayor: "I suggest we might refer this item to the Committee on Works."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

FIXED TAXATION DRESDEN ARMS HOTEL ✓

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

A request from Elliot Hotels Ltd. for a fixed taxation on a new hotel to be constructed on the present site of the Dresden Arms Hotel was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature enabling the City to grant tax exemption to a hotel.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Date: April 5, 1957.

Subject: Dresden Arms Hotel Exemption.

A meeting was held on April 5, 1957 of Mr. Elliott, proprietor of the Dresden Arms Hotel, H.B. Rhude, his solicitor, and the writer.

a). On the basis that the Lord Nelson Hotel addition will cost 10% of the taxes they now pay, Dresden Arms would pay about 50% of present taxes (21 rooms old hotel, 100 in new), or about \$2,400.00. This would make

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taxes for the new Dresden Arms about \$7,000.00 - (\$4600.00) although the comparison is not accurate since the old hotel is to be torn down which is not the case with the Lord Nelson.

b). If the Lord Nelson had 280 rooms (170 at present, plus 110 in the addition), and taxes were at the minimum \$60,000.00, that would amount to \$215.00 a room. A 100 room hotel would pay \$21,500.00.

c). If the Lord Nelson had paid taxes on the new addition in proportion to what it paid on the present building it would pay \$60,000.00 plus $\frac{110}{170}$ (rooms) or \$39,000.00

or a total of \$99,000.00 which is at the rate of \$350.00 per room. The Lord Nelson tax at the minimum would be \$60,000.00 which is 60% of the \$100,000.00. Dresden Arms might have been expected to pay 60% of \$42,750.00 (estimated full tax) or \$25,650.00.

Messrs. Elliott & Rhude pointed out that their hotel is entirely new, whereas the Lord Nelson is partly paid as regards capital costs (older portion).

Their offer is to pay \$150.00 a room for ten years at the end of which time the heavy obligations of financing would be at an end. They also stated they did not expect to ask for an extension of tax concessions at the end of ten years. Thus we would receive \$15,000.00 a year if their offer is accepted.

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

Alderman DeWolf: "What taxes does the Nova Scotian pay and how many rooms are in it?"

City Assessor: "They are assessed at \$300,000.00 at the business realty rate and also the occupancy tax."

His Worship the Mayor: "They have less rooms than the Nelson."

Alderman DeWolf: "They are not paying over \$140.00 to \$150.00 per room which would be in line with what these people ask."

Alderman Wyman: "I mentioned that to speak of the tax exemption on the addition to the Lord Nelson Hotel as being a concession in the total taxes is hardly a true picture because in the Dresden Arms you are talking about a brand new building. What we are asked for is a concession covering the first 10 years after construction. If we look back the Lord Nelson we find there was a considerable concession given to them at that time. From 1929 to 1937 they paid on a fixed business realty assessment of \$260,000.00 as opposed to an actual valuation of \$693,000.00 and business tax on a fixed assessment of \$94,000.00 as opposed to \$346,500.00. In 1938 a change was made and at that

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time the actual value was set at \$538,000.00 and the fixed assessment for business realty remained at \$260,000.00 but the value for business tax was \$234,000.00 and the fixed assessment for business tax was increased to \$117,000.00. What it works out to is this that over the first 11 years after the hotel was occupied they paid an average of approximately 38% of the actual taxation. The present agreement as I understand it correctly will provide that the new portion will only pay 8.3% of full taxation on the proposed value of the building. The taxes on the old portion is \$55,320.00 while the total taxes they would pay according to the agreement is \$66,376.00."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is the business tax based on 50% or 25%?"

City Manager: "50% in 1938".

Alderman Wyman: "Working this matter out to a basis of concession that the Lord Nelson has and will receive during the first 10 years of occupancy, that works out to an average of 16.32% of the total tax and taking that on the basis of the figure we have here for the value of the Dresden Arms \$42,750.00, that would work out to \$7,000.00. At least for my thinking it would indicate to use the Lord Nelson as a yardstick is somewhat extreme. It does indicate that we have given to the Lord Nelson considerably more in the way of concessions than the Dresden Arms is asking for."

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that legislation be sought to grant to the Dresden Arms Hotel the concession they ask for.

Alderman Dunlop suggested a tax somewhere between \$15,000.00 and \$25,000.00 as the \$4,000.00 they now pay will disappear when the building is torn down.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop that the taxes be fixed for a term of 10 years at a sum of \$18,000.00 per annum.

There was no seconder to the amendment.

Alderman Lloyd: "What is the merged tax rate this year?"

Mr. Romkey: "\$2.81."

Alderman Lloyd: "\$2.81 on \$900,000.00 would be \$25,290.00. In looking at this question of exemption one way of testing is to apply the merged tax rate to the assessment and that seems to me the point at which you could fairly

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and reasonably justify as a basis of taxation in the interim while you are trying to do something about the 2 rates. In that way it has some flexibility as to the City's needs. It would take it out of the category of fixing it at a sum of money. It seems to me that \$25,000.00 is a figure unless there are some extenuating circumstances. I don't like using the Lord Nelson as a criterion. I don't want to say that I am against this motion. It seems that that kind of an approach to it has some practical merit."

City Manager: "There is a possibility that the assessment actually would not be \$900,000.00 in total. I think Alderman Lloyd's formula might work very well. It might bring it below \$25,000.00."

Alderman Abbott: "I agree with Alderman Lloyd up to a point but the Elliott Hotels Ltd. might find themselves in 5 years paying \$25,000.00 on a merged rate. In all fairness we should give it to the Dresden Arms having given it to the Lord Nelson."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think this would lead to the re-development of the area."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think with the Lord Nelson so fresh upon us we are almost compelled to use it as a guide."

Alderman O'Brien: "I am afraid I find it very difficult to go for tax concessions although I feel the Judge looking into our taxation problem should bring us a policy which we can apply for new industries and I wish it were possible to avoid giving further concessions before that time comes along. The principle that Alderman Lloyd has enunciated is the kind that would be fairest to everyone. There are other tax payers who need some protection if we are going to get continuous requests for tax concessions."

Alderman Macdonald: "I am not too favorable towards tax concessions. I voted against the Lord Nelson concession for the addition but I feel in this case it is new construction and where the Lord Nelson has enjoyed such large concessions for so many years, I feel it is only right we should treat this in the same manner. What they are asking for is more fair than what the Lord Nelson asked for."

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Alderman DeWolf: "We are making a concession on one hand and making \$10,000.00 a year on the other. There is room for the hotel. It can be fairly stated that it is impossible to build a new hotel and make it pay without getting some relief from taxation. We are getting back an extra \$10,000.00 a year and we will get the people in the City who we need."

Alderman O'Malley: "I have given some consideration to the application of the Lord Nelson. What moved us most to grant the concession was that we would not be called upon to shoulder a burden of added cost because the services were available. Does that apply in this case? Are we going to be called upon to bear any other services?"

Mr. West: "I would be surprised. The sewer is there."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that we seek legislation giving authority to tax the Dresden Arms hotel for a period of 10 years at the rate of taxation that would apply on the merged rate basis provided that the assessment value of the proposed land and building does not exceed \$900,000.00 and further provided that the maximum in any year during the period shall not exceed \$20,000.00."

The amendment was put and lost.

Alderman Wyman: "What about the time limit? We should have some assurance that the hotel will be built."

City Solicitor: "That is in the agreement. Within one year after the legislation is approved. The tax goes on when 75% of the rooms are available for occupancy."

His Worship the Mayor: "What about the old structure? You are not going to have two buildings there over a period of years?"

Mr. Elliott: "No."

Alderman Macdonald: "Suppose the 75% are ready and the 25% are not, what happens then?"

City Solicitor: "Until that time comes they carry on the basis of the present basis of taxation."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think that is a real danger."

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It was then agreed to change the agreement to read "when 50% of the rooms are completed" because the same clause applied to the Lord Nelson Hotel agreement.

City Solicitor: "Should there be any time limit placed requiring the old buildings to be removed? Say 6 months from the completion of the building?"

As His Worship the Mayor had called for the vote before the City Solicitor asked this question no answer was forthcoming.

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

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Ferguson, O'Malley, Wyman, DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams - 9 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Fox, Lloyd and O'Brien - 3 -

Alderman Lane retires at 6.00 P.M.

EXEMPTION BUSINESS TAX 1957 J. & M. MURPHY LTD. ✓

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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 a request from Murphy's Limited for tax exemption.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the present session of the Legislature enabling the City to remit the business tax in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the year 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Dunlop suggested that the following be inserted in the legislation "on the portion used for manufacturing".

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

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

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Ferguson, O'Malley, Lloyd, Wyman, DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, and Adams - 8 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen O'Brien, Macdonald and Fox - 3 -

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The following legislation was submitted:

The business tax assessed for the civic year 1957 against Murphy's Limited in respect of its occupation of real property on Dutch Village Road for the purpose of manufacturing amounting to \$5,461.55 shall be and the same is hereby reduced to the sum of \$2,961.55.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the legislation as submitted be approved.

Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien, Macdonald and Fox wishing to be recorded against.

CREATING CITY OF HALIFAX AS A LIMITED DIVIDEND COMPANY UNDER THE NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that legislation be secured to create the City of Halifax as a Limited Dividend Company under the National Housing Act.

Alderman O'Malley: "I feel the City should request the C.M.H.C. to make available lands for private interest development as Limited Dividend Companies. I would not want to see the City embark on a program as a Limited Dividend Company if there are private interests that are willing to undertake the erection of housing for the residents of this City but failing private interests, I feel it is the responsibility of the City."

His Worship the Mayor: "The intended legislation is designed to facilitate the City to entertain such recommendations as Dr. Stephenson may make. If we had this power we might be clothed with all the powers we need."

Alderman O'Malley: "Once the legislation is secured to grant a Limited Dividend Company it will place private interests in a position that they will not be able to have an opportunity with the C.M.H.C."

Alderman Lloyd: "The field that is most clearly affected by rents in the City is the low income group and the Limited Dividend Company does provide housing for those in low income groups. This City must clothe itself with all conceivable powers especially when we propose to do away with Rent Control."

Alderman Ferguson stated that he supported the proposed legislation and that it is much more effective to have the Limited Dividend Company with the City than otherwise.

The motion was put and passed.

1957 Legislation

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 11 and 12 of the Superannuation Plan for the employees of the City, which was ratified and confirmed by Section 20 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1951, and subject to the approval of the Council, any full time employee of the Board of School Commissioners who was in the employ of the Board on the date from which the employees of the Board were admitted as members of the said Plan and who was in the employ of the said Board prior to six years prior to such date and who was eligible upon such date to be a member of the said Plan, and who has in respect of the years commencing with the said date of admission contributed to the Fund provided by the said Plan in the manner set out therein and who has also contributed to the said Fund towards past service benefits in respect of all of the said period of six years a sum equal to five per cent of the gross earnings by such employee from the Board in such years, shall be entitled to receive from the said Fund at his normal retirement date a past service benefit equal to two per cent of his earnings received from the Board during such period of six years and a further past service benefit equal to two per cent of his earnings received from the Board for the year immediately preceding the commencement of the said period of six years for each year of continuous employment with the Board prior to such period of six years in which he would have been entitled to be a member of the Plan had the Plan been then in effect.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 11 and 12 of the said Superannuation Plan, and subject to the approval of the Council, any full time employee of the Board of School Commissioners who was in the employ of the Board on the date from which the employees of the Board were admitted as members of the said Plan and who has in respect of the years subsequent to such date contributed to the said Fund provided by the Plan in the manner set out therein, and who has not contributed to the said Fund towards past service benefits in respect of all of the years in which such person was employed by the Board benefits have been made.

during the six years immediately preceding such date of admission the full sum of five per cent of the gross earnings by such person in such years, shall be entitled to receive from the Fund at his normal retirement date a past service benefit equal to two per cent of his earnings received from the Board in each year of employment with the Board during such period of six years, and a further past service benefit equal to two per cent of his earnings received from the Board for the year immediately preceding the commencement of the said period of six years for each year of continuous employment with the Board prior to such period of six years in which he would have been entitled to be a member of the Plan had the Plan been then in effect, subject to compliance with the following conditions, namely:

(a) that such person shall, prior to the 11th day of April, A. D. 1958, commence to contribute to the Fund a sum equal to that portion of five per cent of the gross earnings by such person from the Board in respect of the years or portion of the years during the said period of six years in which such person was employed by the Board for which such person did not contribute to the said Fund towards past service benefits.

(b) that the payment of the said portion of five per cent of such gross earnings may be made in yearly instalments of not less than ten per cent thereof; and

(c) that such person shall, within one year from the commencement of the said contributions towards such sum, contribute to the Fund an amount of not less than ten per cent of such sum and during each subsequent year of his employment contribute an amount of not less than ten per cent of such sum, provided, however, that the aggregate of such contribution shall not exceed such portion of five per cent of the total of such gross earnings for the said period of six years or portion thereof in respect of which no contributions towards past service ~~benefits~~ benefits have been made.

(3) In computing the number of years of continuous employment, where a period of continuous employment ends in a fractional period of six months or more, such fraction shall be deemed to constitute a full year of employment.

(4) No person as hereinbefore referred to who failed to commence to contribute to the Fund in respect of the said period of six years as hereinbefore provided shall be entitled to receive any grant from the Board for the purpose of supplementing any benefits to which such person may be entitled under the said Plan.

(5) The Board may pay to any employee of the Board who, because of age, was ineligible to become a member of the said Plan, upon his retirement, a retiring allowance equal to seventy-five per cent of the amount such employee would have been entitled to receive if he had become a member of the said Plan and had made the contributions to the Fund as therein provided in respect of the entire period of employment with the Board.

(6) No female person over sixty years of age and no male person over sixty-five years of age on the date that such person entered the employment of the Board shall be entitled, upon retirement from such employment, to receive any retiring allowance from the Board.

(7) The City may include in the estimates of the Board such sums as may be required by the Board to defray the obligations imposed upon the Board by this Section.

(8) The provisions of this Section shall also mutatis mutandis apply to the Halifax Forum Commission, the Directors of Point Pleasant Park, the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission, the Port of Halifax Commission and any other Board or Commission to which the City is authorized to make grants of money and to the full time employees of such Boards or Commissions.

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The following legislation was then submitted:

(1) The City of Halifax is hereby declared to have the powers of a limited-dividend housing company within the meaning of the Housing Commission Act of Nova Scotia and the National Housing Act of Canada and without limiting the generality of the foregoing to have powers to construct, hold and manage low-rental housing projects as defined in the said National Housing Act and generally to do all acts and things necessary or incidental or conducive to or consequential upon the carrying out of the said powers or any of them.

(2) Any sums required by the City for the purpose of constructing such housing and buying land necessary therefor shall be deemed to be sums required by the City for a City purpose within the meaning of the Municipal Affairs Act and may be borrowed by the City under the provisions of and in the manner provided by the said Act.

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

SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEES PERMITTED TO MAKE BACK PAYMENTS UNDER THE 1954 AND 1956 LEGISLATION AND TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGES OF THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATION TO SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEES OF OTHER "CITY" COMMISSIONS ✓

Legislation was submitted covering the above matter and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Alderman Dunlop: "How many years have they to contribute?"

City Solicitor: "6 years".

Alderman Dunlop: "When do they have to elect to make payments?"

City Solicitor: "One year after this and 10 years installments."

Alderman Dunlop: "I would like to see the 10 years shortened."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed. ✓

LEGISLATION PORT OF HALIFAX COMMISSION ✓

The following legislation was submitted:

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (5) and (6) of Section 4 of Chapter 90 of the Acts of 1952, "An Act to Incorporate a Commission for the Port of Halifax," any original appointee to the Port of Halifax Commission shall be eligible to be reappointed as a member of the said Commission immediately upon the completion of his original term as such member for a further term of three years.

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

EMPLOYEES KILLED ON DUTY - EXTENSION OF LEGISLATION ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "I wonder if the proper course would be to defer it? To widen this to our entire staff seems to be taking a step that is hardly

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necessary. We had an unfortunate accident in the Rhuda case. I think that can be treated as an individual matter. You might have to trace an injury that death may be linked with it directly or indirectly. I feel there are implications that might arise from this."

Alderman Dunlop: "We just can't shut our eyes to the Police and Fire Departments. I think the whole legislation should be repealed. We should do it by special legislation for the special cases. Perhaps we should have accident insurance."

His Worship the Mayor: "It would be out of the Council's hands then."

Alderman Dunlop: "We should put Mrs. Rhuda right in and treat her as a special case."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that special legislation be secured to grant Mrs. Rhuda an annual allowance as though her husband had been a member of the Police or Fire Departments and came under the legislation covering these Departments. Motion passed.

The following legislation was submitted:

(1) The City shall pay to Mrs. Margaret Rhuda, widow of Wilfred Rhuda, deceased employee of the Department of Works of the City of Halifax, as and from the 29th day of March, 1958, until her death or until her remarriage, whichever event shall first occur, an annual allowance of one thousand one hundred and ninety-seven dollars which shall be paid to her in monthly instalments in advance on the first day of each month.

(2) Any sums required to pay such allowance shall be shown in the estimates for the civic year in which such allowance is to be paid.

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

LEGISLATION DRESDEN ARMS HOTEL TAX EXEMPTION ✓

The following legislation was submitted:

(1) Notwithstanding the Bonus Act, and in lieu of all other rates and taxes except fire protection rates which shall be assessed upon the valuation of the real property owned by it and water rates payable to the Public Service Commission, Elliot Hotels Limited, its successors or assigns, (hereinafter called the "Company") shall pay to the City of Halifax in respect of its ownership, occupancy and use of its property, Dresden Row and Artillery Place in the City of Halifax, for each of the ten years following completion of a new hotel proposed to be constructed on the said property, as hereinafter set out, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

(2) If the said proposed hotel shall be so completed during any civic year, the amount of taxes to be paid in such year pursuant to this Section shall be apportioned as of the date of such completion and a similar apportionment shall be made in the civic year in which the expiration of such period of

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ten years occurs in order that the said Company may receive the benefit of the provisions of this Section for a full period of ten years.

(3) The provisions of this Section shall apply only during such period as the Company shall occupy and use as a hotel the new hotel proposed to be constructed on the said property.

(4) No tax shall be rated or assessed upon the Company in respect of the said proposed hotel prior to the completion of such proposed hotel as hereinafter set out, provided that if the work of construction of the said proposed hotel is abandoned, the same shall thereupon become liable to be assessed under the provisions of the Charter.

(5) For the purposes of this Section, the proposed hotel shall be deemed to be completed when twenty-five per cent of the hotel rooms are available for occupancy by guests.

(6) This Section shall apply only if the Company constructs the said proposed hotel in substantial compliance with a certain agreement between the City and the Company dated the 8th day of April, 1957.

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Malley that the legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Fox, Lloyd and O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

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

Meeting adjourned. 6:25 P.M.

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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W.P. PUBLICOVER,
CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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A G E N D A

Prayer.

Minutes (February 28 March 7, 14 and 28).

1. Motion Alderman Dunlop Re: Reconsideration Sale of Land Bell Road. ✓
2. Motion Alderman O'Brien Re: Rental Control.
3. Financial Statement Forum Commission.
4. Request Halifax Civic Employees Federal Union Local #143. ✓
5. Accounts over \$500.00 ✓
6. Resubdivisions:
 - (a) 18 Connaught Avenue. ✓
 - (b) 47 Basinview Drive. ✓
 - (c) Lot South Street. ✓
7. Proposed Revision of Zoning By-Law - Public Hearing May 30, 1957.
8. Letter Halifax-District Trades and Labor Council Re: Open Air Rinks.
9. Retirement M.B. Cuddy - \$542.40 ✓
10. Financial Statement December 31, 1956.
11. Tabulation of Bids - Ferry and Canteen Concessions. ✓
12. Permanent Stock Redemption Price.
13. Appointment to Architectural Development Commission.
14. Approval of Incinerator Plans. ✓
15. Personnel Approval. George Inspector Wrin. ✓
16. Rezoning South Side of Bayers Road between Connolly Street and Connaught A. ✓
17. Use of City Market by Rotary Club for a White Elephant Sale.
18. Applications for use of Commons:
 - (a) Scotia Branch Canadian Legion - Model Shows - May 20 - 2 weeks. ✓
 - (b) Walter Centre - Lynch's Shows - June 7 to 22. ✓
 - (c) Kiwanis Club - Clyde Beatty Circus - Monday July 15. ✓
19. Lease of Land Queen Street to Provincial Motors Ltd. ✓
20. Questions.
21. Extending Daylight Saving Time to October 27, 1957. ✓
22. Revocation of Borrowing \$90,000.00 - New Fire Station. ✓
23. Hospital Account Settlements ✓
24. Casser Canada Ltd. Hearing. ✓
25. Supplementary Appropriation Band Concerts - \$350.00
26. Confirmation City Prison becoming an object of Joint Expenditures. ✓
27. Declaring Rehabilitation Centre a Public Hospital. ✓
28. Assistant to City Manager.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Manager's Administrative Report.
Tax Collections
Approval Minister of Municipal Affairs.

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EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
April 11, 1957,
8:00 P.M.

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

After the meeting was called to order 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. DePard, Jr., W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, T.C. Doyle, L.M. Romney, J.F. Thomson, G.F. West, A.P. Flynn, W.A.G. Snook, V.W. Mitchell and Dr. A.R. Morton.

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES - FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 7, 14 & 28, 1957

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the minutes of the above meetings be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN DUNLOP RE- RECONSIDERATION SALE OF LAND BELL ROAD ✓

Alderman Dunlop advised that he was withdrawing his Motion of Reconsideration due to recent developments.

MOTION ALDERMAN O'BRIEN RE- RENTAL CONTROL ✓

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that Council provide for the re-instatement of rent control on May 1, 1957 and that a committee be appointed to report on a system of rent controls which would be adequate, effective and just to both tenants and landlords and which could be made possible through legislation.

Alderman O'Brien: "I believe rent control is vitally necessary in the City. Governments at various levels are engaged in controls and regulations but it is difficult when they can be justified on their own merits it is common practice to use controls. Rent control is not necessary in every municipality but because I believe

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Halifax is a special situation I should like to see us continue to have rent control. Halifax is a special situation for 2 reasons. (1) Our geographical nature as a peninsula means that water barriers effectively isolate us from the surrounding communities in such a way that the pressure on property values and rents is a good deal heavier in the City than it is in some of our neighbouring communities. I do not believe that Dartmouth needs rent control because there is lots of land to grow on there. We do not have the land to grow on here. With our land used up and being pretty well isolated, we have an unusual situation as far as property values and rents are concerned. Alderman DeWolf suggested that rents were higher in Halifax because of the shortage of residential property and the other reason was high building costs. The shortage of residential property is a real cause in my view. It is a cause which cannot be justified in terms of the landlords' cost but it has a very serious effect on the tenant when the demand for accommodation pushes rents up and up. The long range solution is not simply rent control. It would involve an integrated housing development program for the whole metropolitan area. It seems to me the long range solution involves the traffic problems being overcome and taxes brought somewhere more even so that living in Dartmouth and the County will become more attractive and the pressure will not be so great on the City. We have the problem of very high rents and much higher forecast if rent control comes off. There are 3 reasons why I think we should not take rent control off now (1) We have very high interest rates at the present time and new construction has been slowed to a walk. (2) We have a new Minimum Standards Ordinance in the City which will make necessary additional costs to a number of landlords. In many cases higher rents can be justified by the costs of our new Minimum Standards Ordinance but in some cases I feel the better accommodation tenants will get will be what they have been paying for all along. A form of rent control could prevent unjustifiable rents. (3) Recent changes in taxes in the City of Halifax. I know of landlords who are demanding higher rents because taxes are going up. In order to find out what taxes are being paid by landlords in the City, I asked the assessor for some figures which he gave me. It shows in 1955 for 14 properties with 126 units in them the total taxes were \$28,000.

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1957 the taxes were \$11,000.00. This means the landlords are paying 40% of the taxes they paid 2 years ago. The average per unit was \$18.50 a month; this year it is \$7.45 a month. There should be a reduction on these properties of \$11.05 a month on the rent. If we were on the business rate the taxes paid by these properties would be 105% of the figure of 2 years ago whereas it is 40%. The Council is partly responsible for the lower amount being paid in taxes but the landlords have appealed some of their assessments which have had an effect on tenants. An apartment building in the south end of the City was assessed at \$84,000.00 and reduced to \$50,000.00. The Assessor asked the City to appeal it but we did not. With this reduction the assessment on individual apartments for Household Tax purposes fell so low that some of the tenants are now paying a \$20.00 Poll Tax. The landlord has asked the tenants for an increase because taxes are going up. There are these 3 factors I suggest which should be considered in dropping rent control at this time. There is confusion in the public mind over recent tax changes."

Alderman Vaughan stated that he wanted to support the motion and that not only the bigger property owners are the biggest villains but quite often it is the owner of a basement apartment who is a vicious landlord. He went along with the motion although rent control may not be too effective or efficient. He said that some rent control is more desirable than none at all.

The City Clerk advised that he had received 12 communications requesting the continuance of rent control.

Alderman Lane: "I would like to commend Alderman O'Brien for the very excellent presentation of the case. I certainly feel that rent control as we have had it has been ineffective and no good at all. I propose to support the motion because I feel some form of rent control should be with us. I hope that such a committee would be appointed tonight and I would suggest that it report each month until something is finalized."

Alderman DeWolf: "What is the position of rent control as far as the Government of Nova Scotia is concerned?"

Mr. Doyle: "The Act is in force if the Municipality wants to take advantage of it."

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Alderman DeWolf: "Would we still only be able to carry on as in the past?"

Mr. Doyle: "I think we can draw an Ordinance which does not necessarily have to be the Ordinance in the past."

Alderman DeWolf: "Is there any clause that would safeguard the person being put out?"

Mr. Doyle: "The Act has specific provisions regarding dispossession."

Alderman DeWolf: "Can we cover that?"

Mr. Doyle: "The Act overcomes the Ordinance."

Alderman DeWolf: "I am sure that people in Halifax are paying too much rent the same as people are paying too much taxes. They are paying too much for their homes. The cost of a house in Halifax is greater than in Central Canada because they build large numbers of homes and they have one man for windows, one man for hanging doors and so on. How do the rents in the County and Town of Dartmouth compare with Halifax?"

Alderman O'Brien: "I am afraid I don't really know."

Alderman Dunlop: "I would say from reading the papers there is very little difference between Dartmouth and Halifax. I propose to vote against this resolution for the reason that I believe that rent control is not effective in a peacetime economy. I think this system is not classified as rent control at all. I think in December the number of applications made to the Rental Control Officer was 11. Some of those cases were perhaps not entirely voluntary but they were induced to make applications. The Act is the same that has been there all along. If we make regulations we are still helpless to deal with the obnoxious tenant and the man who does not look after the property. There are 2 sides to this question. I had quite a lot to do with rent control during the war. Rent control cannot be enforced unless you have an army of investigators. We are not going to make one more housing unit by rent control. As I understand the particular case about the apartment being reduced to \$50,000.00 they could not do anything about it because the building was sold for \$50,000.00 and I don't see how they could possibly have done anything else but to reduce it to \$50,000.00. To revive rent control I don't think would be of any effect."

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Probably there are some landlords charging more whether there is rent control or not. Without investigation you cannot enforce it."

Alderman O'Brien: "About this particular place we had to vote whether an appeal should go forward. He was asking permission of the Council or advice from the Council to the Solicitor to go ahead at the time. I remember the occasion well. There are a lot of tenants who have been afraid to go to the rental control authority because the pressure has been so tight they have been afraid they would be forced out. There are many people who are helped indirectly. There are many cases solved by agreement after they come to the attention of the rental authority."

Alderman Macdonald: "I am sure there is much can be said for and against the controls particularly in the effect of carrying out the controls. In this particular issue I have not had one call or a letter from a tenant in Halifax asking that the rent control remain in effect."

Alderman Lloyd: "I was in favor of the discontinuance of our rent control. I see no reason to change that viewpoint. I am going to introduce at the October meeting of Council a request that Council undertake a judicial inquiry into housing and rents in the City of Halifax. I believe that is the only way we can solve this problem of housing and rents in fairness to all in this City. I don't see how this Council can decide for one group and not the other. There are relatively few tenants who come under the kind of rent control legislation which we can operate under. It permits the tenant and landlord to make agreements. It is difficult to say how many people actually benefit from the kind of rent control we have. I believe that when a reasonably minded landlord is aware and conscious that study is proceeding to gain the information in support of the notice of motion, he will give myself and others who are like minded, a few months to see what happens when rent control goes off, to study the effect of it and gather information which will give us all the facts we require to give an intelligent answer to this very serious problem."

The motion was put and lost 6 voting for the same and 8 against it as follows:

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FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Lane, Fox, O'Malley, Wyman, Vaughan and O'Brien
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AGAINST IT - Aldermen Abbott, Dunlop, Macdonald, Adams, Ferguson, Lloyd,
Greenwood and DeWolf - 8 -

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORUM COMMISSION ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "I have been doing some survey work on this matter. It is the matter of the original borrowing of some \$200,000.00. These bonds do not mature until 1963. I think that some of these charges are proper charges to transfer to the Forum Account. I would like to defer this until the May regular meeting of Council."

The request was agreed to by Council.

REQUEST HALIFAX CIVIC EMPLOYEES FEDERAL UNION LOCAL #143 ✓

A letter was submitted from the above Union requesting the following:

1. A general across-the-board salary increase of ten percent for all civic employees for whom the said Union is the bargaining agent.
2. The immediate appointment of a Committee of Council directed to receive representations from the said Union and to examine the job classification of certain positions which, in the opinion of the Union, are now not properly classified, with power to recommend a revision of said positions to Council.
3. The increase of the overtime pay rate from \$1.55 per hour to \$2.25 per hour for all such employees for whom the said Union is the bargaining agent.
4. The application of the Rand Formula.

His Worship the Mayor: "I thought this matter should go to the Finance and Executive Committee."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we might as well deal with the matter as it arises. Anyone who talks about a 10% increase is unrealistic. If they were talking to the people who got their tax bills last week, they would find out that everyone has got a substantial increase in taxes. As far as I am concerned I will say 'no'. A man called me up after he got his bill and he said 'you should say no to everything'. I am going to say 'no' to those 4 requests. I think this is the place to deal with it. I don't think we can do those things."

His Worship the Mayor felt that it was just a short time ago that the Griffenhagen Report had been dealt with and there had been several meetings of the special committee on salaries which had made its report and had come up with a formula which he hoped would last for some time.

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop that the letter be filed.

There was no seconder to this motion.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee and that the City Manager report on the basis of his negotiations.

Alderman Vaughan: "We are the employers in this case and we do owe it to our employees to give them a hearing as good labor relations policy. I am not committing myself to any increase at all."

Alderman Lloyd: "It is up to us to consider the matter without prejudice, examine it and make our decision as fairly to all parties as we can after we review all the facts."

The motion was put and passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00 ✓

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

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

Date: April 10, 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>
Mayor	Arthur Thomas Limited	Cuff Links & Earrings	\$1,095.00
Finance	Canadian Westinghouse Supply Co.Ltd.	Lamps	518.62
	Copeland-Chatterson Ltd.	Ledger Leaves	822.19
	Major Brothers Limited	Insurance Motorcycle Policemen	533.00
Finance (Stores)	N-T Steel (Canada)	Steel	911.61
	Province of Nova Scotia	Share of Capital Costs re Hfx. Co.Vocational High School	16,490.25
Works	John Bury & Son Limited	supply & installation of linoleum	1,081.19
	Guardian Maintenance Co.	Supply & installation of 2,000 gallon gas storage tank - City Field	526.13

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Raymond L. Kaizer Limited	Applying Roxatone	598.00
Recreation Brookfield Bros. Limited	Lumber & nails	860.90
Brookfield Construction Co. Limited	playground slides with steps & frames	506.00
		<u>\$23,942.89</u>

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

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

ACCOUNT W.C. SAWLER \$1,238.00 (WADING POOLS) ✓

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the account be approved for payment. Motion passed.

RESUBDIVISION #18 CONNAUGHT AVENUE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 19th, 1957.
Subject: Resubdivision - 18 Connaught Avenue.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the attached reports from the City Manager and Town Planning Engineer relative to an Application for Resubdivision of Civic No. 18 Connaught Avenue in the Rosebank Subdivision was considered.

The Board approved the Subdivision, as shown on Plan No. 00-8-13722, with the recommendation that the City seek Legislation to have the Charter amended to permit this Subdivision.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

RESUBDIVISION #47 BASINVIEW DRIVE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: March 19th, 1957.
Subject: Resubdivision of Lot No. 47 Basinview Drive.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, a report

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from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a Plan to divide Lot No. 47 into two lots, one - 5000 square feet and the other 4700 square feet, was considered.

The Board approved same, as shown on Plan No. 00-8-13721.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

RESUBDIVISION LOT SOUTH STREET ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: April 2nd, 1957.

Subject: Resubdivision of Land - South Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the Town Planning Engineer recommended approval of a Plan of Subdivision, showing a large lot on South Street, near the North West Arm Rowing Club, being divided into two lots, one about 6400 square feet and the other about 5500 square feet.

The Board approved the resubdivision, as shown on Plan No. 00-8-13730 and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Alderman DeWolf: "One of the residents in that area asked me about the re-subdivision of that lot. They had the impression at the time the subdivision was made that it should only be one lot and remain as one lot. While the discussions took place there was no evidence to show that it should remain as one lot. I wonder if there is any further evidence in that respect?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Even if it had been it would not be binding."

The motion was put and passed.

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PUBLIC HEARING REVISION ZONING BY-LAW ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 2nd, 1957.
Subject: Re: Six Apartments in a Second Density Zone.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer relative to the revision of the residential section of the Zoning By-Law was referred to City Council, with the recommendation that a Public Hearing be Advertised, to be held on May 30th, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman O'Brien: "We had from the Town Planning Engineer two proposals for increasing densities in the City. It seems to me we are going a long way to get this higher density which is not in the interests of home owners in the R-2 area. The second alternative would not be so bad. I feel further consideration should be given to increasing the density in the R-3 zone where no rezoning is required, that we encourage people to do the increasing in density in the R-3 area and not bring further trouble to people in the R-2 areas. There are 4 apartments allowed there now. I think it is a serious mistake to spoil those areas with 6 apartments when we have a lot of area which can be built up. I would oppose this motion at this time."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, May 30, 1957 at 8.00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a hearing on this matter. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

LETTER HALIFAX-DISTRICT TRADES & LABOR COUNCIL RE: OUTDOOR RINKS

Read letter from the above organization requesting the construction of outdoor rinks at some future date because the only ice surface left in the City will be the Forum and it was felt that there would not be enough ice surface to meet the need for ice time.

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His Worship the Mayor: "The City Manager is recommending it in the Capital Budget for 1959."

Alderman Vaughan: "I remember on one occasion you (Your Worship) were speaking about this. I think you said you would like to see the Wanderers' Grounds used for this particular purpose. I understand the lease terminates on that property in 1959. I see by the press that the Club House is being used by some organizations but at the same time I am wondering if they are acquiring a vested interest in the property and I wonder if it will be lost to the Recreation Commission when we take over the property?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I remember that the Wanderers' Club have the right to remove any buildings on the grounds. I hope it does continue under some terms to be arranged. I think we have a duty to provide recreational facilities for old people as well. I suppose the best way to deal with this is when we consider the Capital Budget and at that time you will be in a position to ask that it be done at all or in 1958. Alderman Greenwood made a concrete motion on the subject a few months ago and the Council turned it down."

Alderman Lloyd: "We did not turn it down entirely. We said this could be a capital item next year. I think it was on that basis agreement was reached."

Alderman Greenwood: "It was the operating costs put in the Recreation Commission estimated that was turned down."

It was then agreed to consider this matter when the 1957 Capital Budget is brought forward for discussion.

RETIREMENT MR. M.B. CODY \$592.40 ✓

April 4, 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 Mr. Malcolm B. Cody be granted a retiring allowance of \$592.40 annually under the authority of Chapter 53 Section 46 sub-section 5 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1956

The Financial Statement ending December 31, 1956 was submitted.

Alderman Lloyd: "I see there was \$6,200,000 in the Current Surplus. For next year when we come to budget perhaps we might have some better understanding of our budget problem if we can get this information a little earlier. I think it is possible to do so."

His Worship the Mayor: "I have written the Manager to have in July a report giving a breakdown of where our Current Surplus came from in 1956, what items made it up in back years. I suggested 5 years."

Alderman Lloyd: "In 1948 it was well over \$1,000,000.00"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it would be very helpful to have a breakdown."

Mr. Romkey: "This Financial Statement is for the Independent Auditors and it comes back with a report from them and then you approve of it."

Alderman Dyer: "Where it comes back could Exhibit #21 be a little more amplified. There is a figure of \$28,000.00 for refunds. It should show the investments and what it costs to run the fund."

City Manager: "That is in the current estimates as \$1,458.00."

Alderman Dyer: "Just put a note there to see page so and so."

CANTEEN AND FERRY LANDING CONCESSIONS

A tabulation of bids received and recommendations from the City Manager respecting Canteen and Ferry Landing concessions was submitted as follows:

Gardens	C. Tsurubay	\$3,500.00	4 year term
North Commons (Mobile)	G. Covert	\$1,830.00	3 year term
Oakland Bldg. Ferry	E.L. Birrell	\$10.00	1 year
Fleming Park	R. Sperankes	\$250.00	1 year term

City Manager: "The report was circulated. With respect to the one for Fleming Park the situation is that each year we have told the County we were going to put up a new canteen. We have not done so as we have no water there. I received a letter from Mr. Bird pointing out that the present building was permitted to remain there on the understanding that it would be torn down at the end of the year. I hope the County will help us until we get a new building."

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I had reports that the canteen had been kept in a high state of cleanliness. The acceptance of the tender will have to be made with the understanding that we get the County approval."

His Worship the Mayor: "We discussed this last fall and the question was whether we could get a water supply. I asked the Commissioner of Works to inform us. It is not a very grandiose structure we are talking about building. What is the water situation? If it can't be done we should know it."

Mr. West: "By April 15 we should have something definite on it. We have bored for wells in various locations. We have checked with experts in the area and we have just not been able to find an adequate supply. Once we find the water the building will go up in no time."

Alderman Vaughan: "I understand it is possible to get water by pumps on the existing wells there."

Mr. West: "The crew we had testing it for the quantity of water available informed us that the most they could get was 2 gallons per minute. We did not think that was adequate."

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Abbott that we approve of the City Manager's recommendations with respect to tenders for concessions for the Oakland Road Ferry Landing, Public Gardens, North Commons and that the concession for the Fleming Park canteen be referred to the Committee on Works for further consideration and report from the Commissioner of Works.

Alderman DeWolf: "Could we treat the water in Frog Lane with chlorine and use it? Could that be examined?"

Alderman Macdonald: "When I was representing Ward 4 I had a considerable number of complaints about the location of the canteen on the North Commons. I wonder if the matter of location can be referred to the Committee on Works too?"

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the location of the Commons canteen be referred to the Committee on Works but that it have no effect on the awarding of the tender.

It was agreed to add this to the main motion and on being put was passed.

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Alderman Wyman: "Just what does the tender cover on the Commons?"

City Manager: "On the north commons."

Alderman Wyman: "Would this be the man who has a canteen on the commons across from the Vocational School in the morning?"

City Manager: "That is another one."

Chief Mitchell: "The man who gets the concession on the north commons is the only man who can go on the commons."

City Manager: "That is right."

Alderman Ferguson: "There have been complaints about the operation of a certain canteen on Robie Street. There are abuses to the area because of the location. If there is some other canteen it should not be on Robie Street."

Alderman Vaughan: "Who calls for tenders for the Central Commons?"

City Manager: "The Recreation Commission unless Council wants it otherwise."

Alderman Vaughan: "Should we put some limitation on mobile canteens going on the south commons?"

The City Clerk was instructed to place this item on the agenda of the Committee on Works.

Alderman Macdonald: "What about the mobile canteen that operates on the street. The Manager had a report to the Committee on Works on the operation of mobile canteens on the street and he said in effect that mobile canteens were undesirable. I agree with that thought and I will go a little further and say that they are undesirable and unnecessary because they detract from the location they are assigned to. I think they are a health menace as they contribute litter on the streets. They also interfere with the flow of traffic. We should not have any obstructions on the streets that will interfere with the flow of traffic. They compete with the small stores and I don't think that is a good thing. They operate their stores for a livelihood. I disagree with the point that the mobile canteen owners be given 3 years to pay off their investments. I think they are of very little value."

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN MACDONALD Re: MOBILE CANTEENS

Alderman Macdonald gave notice that at the May regular meeting he would move that mobile canteen licenses be not issued after the expiration of the 1957 license year.

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PERMANENT STOCK REDEMPTION PRICE

Deferred in Committee. No report for Council.

APPOINTMENTS TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

As the terms of Deputy Mayor Vaughan and Mr. Frank Covert, Q.C. had expired, His Worship the Mayor submitted their names for re-appointment.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that Deputy Mayor Vaughan and Mr. Frank Covert, Q.C. be re-appointed as members of the Halifax Industrial Development Commission for a term of 3 years expiring April 30, 1960. Motion passed.

COURSE ON "PERSONNEL APPRAISAL" INSPECTOR WRIN ✓

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date it was agreed to recommend that the sum of \$800.00 provided in the Police Department estimates for 1957 to cover "Traveling and Instruction" be used for the purpose of defraying expenses in connection with Inspector John A. Wrin attending a "Personnel Appraisal" course at McGill University, May 6 to 17, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

REZONING SOUTH SIDE OF BAYERS ROAD BETWEEN CONNOLLY ST. & CONNAUGHT AVENUE

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: April 2nd, 1957.

Subject: Rezoning - South side of Bayers Road, between Connolly St. and
Connaught Avenue.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the Town Planning Engineer reported an error in the Advertisement appearing in the newspaper and recommended that this matter be Readvertised and another Public Hearing held.

The Board approved and recommended that City Council set a date for another Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, May 30, 1957 at 8.00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a hearing into this matter. Motion passed.

USE OF CITY MARKET BY ROTARY CLUB FOR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: April 2nd, 1957.
Subject: Use of City Market by Rotary Club.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, a request from the Rotary Club for permission to use the City Market on Wednesday and Thursday, the 1st and 2nd of May, to hold a White Elephant Sale in connection with their Youth Work at the Rotary Boys' Club was considered.

The Committee recommended that permission be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

APPLICATION FOR USE OF COMMONS SCOTIA BRANCH CANADIAN LEGION-MODEL SHOWS 2 ✓
WEEKS FROM MAY 20, 1957

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that Model Shows be given no time until after June 24, 1957.

Alderman Fox: "Mr. Callow is representing a show that has been coming here for 30 years. Mr. Lynch will not show after Model Shows has been here."

Alderman Lane: "I rise to the fact that I would like to be informed as to whether or not Mr. Callow is presenting Lynch shows? I would like to know if the show has been cleaned up since last year. From one of the slideshows I got considerable complaints. The other shows had their dates set before Mr. Callow called. As far as I am concerned it is first come first served. I think the City would be a better place without any of them."

Alderman Dunlop: "It is a matter of a resolution of this Council passed about 3 years ago. That is on record in the minutes of Council. That was for the City Manager to look up."

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Aldermen Vaughan: "What are the usual terms?"

His Worship the Mayor: "\$50.00 a day."

Alderman Vaughan: "Surely we are entitled to more."

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

The matter of setting the dates for the Model Shows was then referred to the City Manager and the Committee on Works.

WALTER CALLOW - LYNCH SHOWS - JUNE 7 to 22, 1957 ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: April 2nd, 1957.

Subject: Application for use of Common - Lynch's Show.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date an application from Walter Callow for use of the Common by Lynch's Show, from June 7th to June 22nd, 1957 on the usual terms, was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the report be approved and the fee set at \$75.00 a day.

Alderman O'Malley: "I think it is coming at a late date to increase the fees. I think a notice of motion should be given that Council intends to set a fee above that which has been prevailing for many years. I still feel for what little advantage we are going to get out of it, it is a little late advising him."

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Fox that the fee be set at \$50.00 a day.

It was then agreed that all motions be withdrawn.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the license fee be set at \$75.00 for shows on the Commons effective immediately.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the license fee be set at \$75.00 for shows on the Commons effective as of January 1, 1958.

Alderman Lane: "What does this fee cover? Is there any cleanup, water service, etc?"

Mr. West: "It is just rental. They look after the water and lights."

Alderman Vaughan: "In the event any show played on the Exhibition Grounds what would be the fee?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It would fall into the Forum Commission business."

Alderman Vaughan: "No ground rental is paid to the City. If they went to the Exhibition Grounds it would still be \$50.00."

The amendment was put and resulted in a tie vote 7 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Adams, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Lloyd, Wyman, and DeWolf - 7 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Vaughan, O'Brien, Greenwood and Abbott - 7 -

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

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Fox that the Lynch Shows be permitted to play on the Commons under the usual terms and conditions. Motion passed with Alderman Lane wishing to be recorded against.

CLYDE BEATTY CIRCUS JULY 15, 1957

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: April 2nd, 1957.
Subject: Application for use of Common - Clyde Beatty Circus.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, an Application from the Kiwanis Club of Halifax for use of the Commons by Clyde Beatty Circus. for afternoon and evening performances on Monday, July 15th, 1957, was considered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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Alderman Vaughan: "Don't you think it should be a performance fee rather than by the day. One circus was here and put on 4 shortened shows."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the spirit behind your thought is good but it might be difficult to administer."

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lane that permission be granted the Clyde Beatty Circus to show on the Commons on July 15, 1957 for \$500.00 a performance.

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that permission be granted the Clyde Beatty Circus to show on the Commons on July 15, 1957 for \$250.00 per show with a minimum of \$500.00.

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

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

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that no application from a show of this nature be considered until after April 1st in each year.

Motion passed

LEASE OF LAND QUEEN STREET TO PROVINCIAL MOTORS LTD.

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

From: Committee on Works

Date: April 2nd, 1957.

Subject: Lease of Land - Queen Street.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the matter of leasing to Provincial Motors Limited a piece of land on Queen Street, approximately 1000 square feet, for a right-of-way, was considered.

The City Manager recommended a Lease for three years at a rental of \$64.00 per year, plus taxes.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

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REDUCTION INTEREST RATE ON CITY BORROWINGS ✓

Alderman DeWolf referred to the letter His Worship the Mayor had written the Aldermen advising that the Royal Bank of Canada had agreed to reduce the interest rate on City borrowings by $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% in line with the rate given a half dozen other leading Canadian Cities. He said the Mayor was to be congratulated on his efforts in obtaining the reduced rate. He also said that Halifax was the 7th leading City in the Dominion.

REPORT ATHLETIC COMMISSION ✓

Alderman Ferguson requested a report on the financial position of the above Commission.

City Manager: "They have turned over all their funds to us. The amount is \$3,643.56."

CITY DUMP ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "With respect to the Incinerator, some two years will pass before we will be able to get rid of the City Dump. Can anything be done during that period to get rid of the obnoxious situation? Smoke could be smelt as far down as North Street and we also have these hordes of rats. One got into a baby carriage on Basinview Drive. Surely we are bound to do something about this. Something should be done to get rid of the City Dump. Do it now and not in 1960."

Mr. West: "I am one of the first to sympathize with the people in the north end. We have tried everything in our power to alleviate conditions up there. We tried to get rid of the rodents by means of poison. We used about 1200 pounds. One of the main difficulties is due to the fact that we have to maintain an open face on the Basin. It is absolutely impossible to cover that because of the winds and tides. We can cover part of the dump with fill and that will not eliminate fires and rats. The County is having difficulties along the same lines. They have the same trouble with rodents. They have been trying for $1\frac{1}{2}$ years for a suitable site. One site they thought of is 9 miles from the City which would be an 18 mile drive at \$30,000.00 for the land they did not think it was practical to use it."

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We will do everything possible to prevent fires. We contacted the Harbour Board and Dockyard Fire Departments to get their boats for fires. The answer I got was if the Fire Chief could not afford to send equipment up they would consider sending the boat up. We can fight it. We have pumps there. We cannot prevent fire starting. The fire we had the other day from what we can find out from the men on the sight must have been caused from a cigarette dumped there. These fires are not set by our employees on the dump. Often you hear that we start the fires. Where we burn the brush is about 600 feet from the location of the actual fire the other day. All I can say is that it is a matter of policy what the Council wishes to do in respect to expenses in disposing of the garbage pending the building of the Incinerator. We can only keep doing what is humanly possible to keep it from being obnoxious."

Alderman Lloyd stated he was concerned about the rat situation and felt there should be some control by poison even though the control of fire is difficult.

Alderman Fox advised there are plenty of rats on Windercrest Terrace and Edinburgh Street as well.

Alderman Vaughan requested the Commissioner of Works to produce costs of garbage disposal at sea pending the completion of the incinerator.

Mr. West stated his Department had a plan to be tried for the elimination of the rats.

VALUATIONS - LAND AND BUILDING

Alderman Lloyd: "The Federal Government allows owners of real property to depreciate their property. They also have a clause which says if you sell the property at some date the depreciation you have written off since 1949 will be recaptured and in that year you are taxed on the amount of money received. The further along the road we go the problem becomes acute. When the building is sold it is necessary to separate the land from the building. It is a problem before the Tax Department to come to some agreement as to how much is recaptured. Recently there was one case in which land and buildings were involved and the appellants argued that the land had a high value. The Minister before the Appeal Board presented land and building values from a municipality. The

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Assessor's value was the basis of the Minister's case the Court recognized. It was felt we should no longer give out separate land and building values. I ask is there any particular reason why the Assessor cannot continue to give us separate values on land and buildings?"

City Assessor: "Last year we were giving our information out to the appellant who was going to take the case against us. If we were low in our land value they would accept it and they would argue on the basis of the building. When the assessments go out we do not separate land and improvements. This year when that matter came up I felt I was not going to submit all my evidence to the appellant and let him prepare his case against mine. The land value in Halifax is increasing rapidly. Our residential land is slightly low."

Alderman Lloyd: "Has not the Assessor the right to deal with his reasons for having the land value at a higher figure in relation to the building? He has every opportunity before the Court to discuss every element on the total."

City Assessor: "When a person comes against me in Court he doesn't know how much he paid for the land. He knows what he paid for the building."

Alderman Ferguson: "I have discussed this with the Assessor. You may have a low land value of say \$1,000.00. When you sell that building for \$30,000.00 the actual value of the land is \$5,000.00. I had 2 or 3 cases in which that question came up. I can't agree with the Assessor when he says our land maybe low or high. If it is low it should be raised and where it is high it should come down. I was under the impression the Tax Appeal Court had ruled this information could not come out."

Alderman Lloyd: "Would the Assessor be able to do a better job in relating the Tax Appeal Court decisions with his judgment of value if the Appeal Court would separate the land value from the building value?"

City Assessor: "I would say 'yes sir'. If the Tax Appeal Court gave me the land value, it would be a good guide on a vacant piece. They don't give it to me."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the Assessor is on much safer ground than he was last year. If anyone is interested they can look at the judgment of the Georgian Building. While it maybe desirable to have this information for the

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reason the Alderman mentions, we will have to change the law. The Tax Appeal Court is following the law.*

EXTENDING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TO OCTOBER 27/57

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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 Daylight Saving Time be continued to 12:01 A.M. Sunday, October 27, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed with Aldermen Dunlop and O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

REVOCATION OF BORROWING \$90,000.00 FIRE STATION BAYERS ROAD ✓

April 4, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to revoke under the provisions of section 10 of the Municipal Affairs Act the authority to borrow the sum of \$90,000.00 for the erection of a new fire station in the north west end of the City which was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on August 20, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT SETTLEMENTS ~

April 4, 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 offers of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Army Benevolent Funds to settle accounts for hospitalization as follows:

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	<u>NAME OF ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF ACCOUNT</u>	<u>OFFER OF SETTLEMENT</u>
1.	Charles W. Blythe	\$54.00	\$38.00
2.	Gordon MacPhail	45.00	32.00
3.	Ronald J. Walker	752.19	400.00
4.	H.W. Drew	126.00	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

HEATING - COSSOR CANADA LIMITED ✓

Deferred.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BAND CONCERTS \$350.00 ✓

April 4, 1957.

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

Representatives of the Halifax Musicians Association appeared before the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date and urged that the appropriation for Band Concerts be augmented by the sum of \$350.00 so that additional concerts may be provided.

Your Committee recommends that an additional sum of \$350.00 be appropriated under the authority of section 316C of the City Charter to that provided for in the Current Estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

CONFIRMATION CITY PRISON BECOMING AN OBJECT OF JOINT EXPENDITURES ✓

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

The Public Health & Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend that the operation of the City Prison become an Object of joint expenditures commencing with the year 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

April 11, 1957.

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

REHABILITATION CENTRE DECLARED A PUBLIC HOSPITAL ✓

Mr. Doyle: "Mr. Bethune told me we require legislation and he suggested that this matter be deferred."

The matter was then deferred.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ✓

The City Manager submitted the following report:

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

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

Date: April 8, 1957.

Subject: Assistant to City Manager.

This matter was brought up at the Finance & Executive Committee meeting on April 4 in connection with the writer being away for six weeks. Reference was made to the possibility of the Manager being sick. The usual provision is to retain him in service with or without pay, depending on the length of the illness. If he ceases to serve, a City usually advertises the vacancy and Council makes its selection.

City Council may not be aware of the situation on assistants to City Managers. A directory published in December of 1956 shows 259 cities had 336 assistants. Nine Canadian cities had one assistant each. There are various types of assistants as follows:

- 1). Administrative Interns. These are usually college graduates in the field of public administration who serve for one year on a grant or fellowship basis or at a salary of about \$3,000-4,000 a year.
- 2). Administrative Assistant. These individuals serve on a more permanent basis at a salary of \$4,000-6,000 a year. Some may become division or department heads or move to a small community for their first city managership.
- 3). Assistant to the City Manager. These individuals seem to be at a slightly higher level than administrative assistants and might command a salary of \$4,000 - 7,500.00.
- 4). Assistant City Manager. These positions carry some authority of their own. Salaries might run from \$6,000-16,500 for an assistant city manager in one city of 251,000 population.

The directory mentioned above is available for inspection by Aldermen.

City Manager comparisons for 1955 and 1956 as to former positions show the following.

COMPARISON OF CITY-MANAGER APPOINTMENTS

	<u>For 1955</u>		<u>For 1956</u>	
	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
GOVERNMENTAL:				
Manager promotions from other cities-----	76	29%	102	33%

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Former managers accepting appointments-----	22	9%	24	8%
Administrative assistants and asst. managers-----	42	16	46	15
Public administration specialists-----	13	5	6	2
Other public administrative positions:				
Engineers-----	3	1	24	8
Finance Officers and clerks-----	15	6	17	6
Other city department heads-----	24	9	18	6
Federal, state, and county-----	15	6	13	4
Miscellaneous-----	14	5	8	3
NONGOVERNMENTAL:				
Business and industry-----	7	3	29	10
Engineering-----	5	2	6	2
Miscellaneous-----	3	1	3	1
UNKNOWN-----	20	8	7	2
Total Appointments-----	259	100%	303	100%
Appointments from outside city-----	187		229	
Per cent of outside appointments-----	80%		78%	

Dealing specifically with Halifax and training in City Management the following can be said.

1). All department heads are receiving some training in city management through our agenda meetings. One advantage is that we deal with problems within the framework of our City Charter. A disadvantage is that wherein our Charter does not conform to the usual pattern department heads might not know what is the usual practice.

2). There are 6 department heads older than the writer, 3 are younger. If we are thinking of succession in the usual way in business, older men usually do not follow a younger man. In addition, because of complexities of the job situation and pressures upon a city manager, the custom of appointing a non-resident is more likely to increase. For the period 1940-49 only 58% were outside appointments, now the percentage runs in the upper 70's.

3). Very few successors to managers come from within a city, except in small communities where salaries will not attract outsiders. Halifax would not be such a City and would normally be expected to widely advertise if a replacement were needed.

4). All nine department heads have enough to do in their own departments so that they cannot spend any great amount of time understudying the manager's work, although as explained in 1). above, some opportunity is afforded.

5). An assistant to the city manager is most desirable -

a). Because Halifax as one of the larger cities having council-manager government has an obligation to train personnel for, not only itself, but for the field of municipal government.

b). There are certain tasks for which I do not seem to find time - employees' manual, retirement plan revision (recommendations which might be made), etc.

c). While an assistant would be of benefit to the writer, his service to the Council would be even greater.

6). If someone other than a present department head is to understudy the manager's position, the City would be faced with what amounts to a promise to a newcomer or a junior employee that he would succeed the manager. City Council would have to determine if they wished to create a position of Assistant to the City Manager which would probably not imply succession or the position of Assistant City Manager which might imply succession.

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If such a position is to be created I would recommend that applications be received not only from present employees, but from others. I would further recommend that a job specification be prepared before the position is created.

The matter which brought this discussion to the fore is the necessity for someone to carry on during my absence.

No present employee can do as much as he and I together can do. During one's absence some work is necessarily left undone.

In the past Mr. Publicover has willingly and ably served during my absence without any request for extra compensation. In accordance with the provisions of Section 118A (5) of the City Charter, I recommend to the Mayor that he appoint Mr. Publicover Acting City Manager for the duration of my absence,

A.A. DeBard, Jr,
City Manager.

Alderman Dunlop: "I am disappointed in the report of the City Manager that he is not recommending someone who might get some training for this job while he is away. We don't expect the City Clerk to do the Manager's work. I would like to know if we have in the employ of the city some fairly young and potentially qualified person who could receive some training towards becoming City Manager someday or must we do what has been done before which is leave this matter alone until some vacancy occurs and employ Stevenson and Kellogg to find some other man. I think we should try to get such a man and at least give him an opportunity to get some training."

His Worship the Mayor stated the City Manager recommended the City Clerk to act during his absence but he preferred to see the City Solicitor serve in that capacity.

Alderman Lloyd: "I feel what is required here for 2 months is somebody to act as a media between the Departments and Council; someone closely allied to Council. I think the recommendation in those circumstances is quite in order. I think that is all we need for the moment. If we are going to discuss the system of City Manager you are going to open up a lot of matter for debate."

Alderman Lloyd moved that the City Manager's recommendation be approved but was ruled out of order by His Worship the Mayor as it needed no action on the part of Council.

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Alderman Ferguson: "The assistant to the City Manager I think is a very important issue and for that reason it should be deferred tonight and we should set a time when it could be fully discussed."

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be deferred until the July regular meeting of City Council.

Alderman Vaughan: "I am not in favor of an assistant City Manager. I am in favor of an understudy."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it is almost essential that in every responsible position that some person give 5% of their time so there could be a fit-in when the Manager goes on his holidays."

Alderman Vaughan: "Did the City Manager approach any member of the staff and ask if he would act in his absence?"

City Manager: "I approached Mr. Bethune the first time I went away."

Alderman Vaughan: "Did you do it this time?"

City Manager: "No, for reasons I believe you are aware of."

His Worship the Mayor: "I spoke to the City Solicitor on my own violation. Nothing can be done without the approval of the Manager and myself."

Alderman DeWolf: "For the last 3 or 4 years or more Mr. Publicover has acted and he must have acted very efficiently because there were no complaints. If he is not going to act there should be no reflection on his carrying on his excellent work in the past. There were no complaints whatsoever."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will give my reason. My ideas have nothing to do with Mr. Publicover's ability."

The motion was put and passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN LLOYD RE: GREATER HALIFAX ✓

Alderman Lloyd gave notice that at the June regular meeting of Council he would move that negotiations be undertaken with Armdale and other suburban areas with a view to becoming part of a greater Halifax.

INCORPORATION PLANS

His Worship the Mayor: "The information we sought is not available at the present time."

Mr. Doyle: "Mr. Parr has said he had engaged an appraiser."

by: Worship, L. A. Kitz, and
 Members of City Council,
 to: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,
 date: March 31, 1957
 subject: Monthly Administrative Report for March, 1957

1. Electrician's Department

109 wiring inspections made, permit income \$ 30,708
 Revenue from license fees 2,100
 2 New fixtures on Columbus & Bilby streets

2. Building Permits

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dwellings, new	3	\$ 98,000.00
Commercial, new	1	70,000.00
Garages, new	1	2,000.00
Dwellings, repairs	81	74,234.00
Commercial, repairs	28	144,937.00
Institutional, repairs	4	7,836.00
Garages, repairs	7	535.00
Government, repairs	1	1,000.00
		<hr/> \$ 482,437.00

3. Claims

Helmuth H. Koerner	Police Department vehicle	79.80
R. H. Terrio	" " "	303.60
Irving Oil Ltd.	Fire Department vehicle	57.20
Windsborn - Dec. 1956	All City properties	2,871.00

4. Streets & Sewers

Square yards of streets graded	397
Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	374
" " " " stoned & oiled streets	127
Cubic yards of material used on streets	11,050
Number of street signs maintained (new)	3
" " " " "	56
" catchpits repaired	3
" " constructed	2
" manholes repaired	8
" " constructed	2
" junctions installed	8
" catchpits cleaned	68
Miles of streets swept by hand	139
" " " " machine	306

5. Garbage

2,107 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 506 tons were burned
 together with 2,051 tons of privately collected materials. Total amount processed
 2,557 tons with incinerator in operation 421 hours.

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Alderman Dunlop: "I was looking at the public abattoir site. I believe that site, if it is large enough, would be a suitable one. We own the land and we only get \$2,000.00 from Marden Wild Limited. The building is actually an eyesore. Instead of going into this big sum of money, we should demolish it."

City Manager: "There is a lease on it."

His Worship the Mayor: "I trust it won't be long till we know about the price of land I will try to see that the matter will be on the April 25th meeting of Council."

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT MONTH OF MARCH

A report was submitted from the City Manager for the month of March and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of the report were furnished the members of Council prior to the meeting.

FILED

APPROVALS DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ,

The following approvals were reported:

1. Revocation of borrowing \$15,000.00 St. Patrick's High School.
2. Rezoning South Side of Yale Street between Monastery Lane and Harvard Street.

FILED

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

Meeting adjourned. 10:30 P.M.

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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
April 25, 1957,
8:00 P.M.

A Special 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, in prayer, repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, McArthur, Lewis, Lloyd, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Also present: Messrs. J. DeBard, Jr., R.H. Stoddard, J.P. Bethune, Q.C., L.M. Ronkey, J. W. Mitchell, F.G. MacGillivray, W.A.G. Snook, W.J. Clancey, J. H. Thomson and Dr. A.R. Morton.

The meeting proceeded to consider the following items:

1. Public Hearing on application to rezone a lot of land on the south side of Stairs Street (presently zoned General Residential Zone) to C-3 Zone (Industrial Zone)
2. Approval of Incinerator Plans
3. Appointments:
 - (a) Industrial Development Commission.
 - (b) Recreation Commission
 - (c) Public Services Commission
4. Canteen Construction Floating Plans
5. Easement Gladstone Street for P.M.C. Dockyard
6. Questions
7. Tenders:
 - (a) Waste Pits
 - (b) Concrete Scaffolding, Gable Gutters & Siding
 - (c) Asphalt Paving
 - (d) Sewer Construction (Trenching)
8. Laying down Roadway Line between City and Army - Old Kent Road.
9. Emergency Shelter at Margrave Park
10. Application Halifax Harbour Horse Club for use of Command - October 1, 1957 to May 1, 1958.
11. Release of Sewer Easement - Neptune Drive, Maritime Auto Supply Co. Ltd. and R.R. Power

PUBLIC HEARING RE ZONING - SOUTH SIDE STAIRS STREET FROM R-2 ZONE TO C-3 ZONE

A Public Hearing on application to rezone a lot of land known as Civic No. 118 Stairs Street (presently zoned General Residential Zone) to C-3 Zone (Industrial Zone) was held at this time.

A petition signed by certain property owners in the area was submitted protesting against the proposed rezoning of the land.

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Kenneth Smith, Q.C., Counsel representing a group of home owners in the area addressed the Council as follows: "I am appearing on behalf of the majority of the residential home owners in the immediate locality who are opposing the application. I might make mention of the fact that in accordance with the newspaper notice that appeared written objection was filed with the City Clerk. This locality is on the border line of the area where the Town Planning Board some time ago defined the area 'residential'. This has been a general residential zone and it joins certain commercial enterprises in that area. There has to be a dividing line somewhere and in this locality on Robie Street will be found a number of residential properties which would be very seriously affected by this proposed rezoning."

His Worship the Mayor stated that the petition is signed by more than 20% of the property owners in the area who object and, hence, it will require a two-thirds majority of Council if this motion passes.

Mr. Smith: "The first thought in opposition to the application is one that originated in this Council Room a few years ago. You may recall that there was an effort made by the owners of the Whitsman Junk Yard, which is a blot on the locality, to have another piece of land rezoned so that they could extend their activities. That application was thrown out. That particular area is within 100 feet of this particular lot of land. If this application by some misfortune for the home owners in that locality, should be approved, it would be nothing less than a wide open invitation for the earlier Whitsman application to be revived and go through because there would be no valid reason to prevent its passage if this one passes. In this locality you will observe that all but two of the signers of the petition own their own homes, and a number of them are present in the Council Chamber tonight. There are many arguments that the granting of this into an industrial area is one that would have a very adverse effect on the residential values and on the residential enjoyment of these people who live in the immediate locality. In all fairness these home owners have asked this Council for the protection to which they feel they are entitled. They are vigorously and strenuously opposed to this application which would destroy their homes and open up the way for this junk yard to expand."

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Mr. H.B. Rhude, counsel for the applicant addressed the Council as follows: "I would like to call your attention first to the Zoning of the area and particularly to the map issued in 1950, and if you will, you will see that this property is bounded on three sides by an industrial area. In fact, it is a little piece that is colored yellow which just intrudes into the industrial area. If this particular property were re-zoned, the land separating the industrial property zone and the other would be more nearly straight. I would like to call your attention to the nature of that area now. This property is bounded on the south by a junk yard. Mr. Smith said some unkind things about this junk yard. One was that it is 99 feet away, which is not so --it adjoins this property. It is bounded on the west by a used car lot. It is bounded on the east by a residence. A railway siding runs to within a few feet of the property. I am submitting your Worship that this is essentially an industrial area both by zoning and in fact. The purpose of this request by Mr. Salsman is this -- he wished to erect a one-storey building of wood or concrete 30' x 70', a building to be used by Parker Bros., a painting contracting company owned by Mr. Salsman, with an office in front and warehouse space in the rear.

In returning to the map and the present zoning it is difficult to understand, having looked at the map, just why this little square was reserved out of this industrial area and tacked on the R-2 Zone. It does not seem logical. I request therefore that you rezone this property as 'industrial'."

His Worship the Mayor: "I will ask Mr. Snook to tell the Council what the recommendation of the Town Planning Board is and what his recommendation is."

Mr. Snook: "The matter was considered by the Town Planning Board and I recommended to the Board that the request be approved and the Board concurred." Mr. Snook explained the application and continued "To my way of thinking the lot is most unsuitable and I doubt if the lot will ever be used for residential purposes."

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the By-Law be approved changing the Zoning of 118 Stairs Street from R-2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to C-3 Zone (Industrial Zone.)

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Alderman Ferguson: "On a question of procedure the two-thirds vote, is that of the full Council, or of those present?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It requires a two-thirds vote of the full Council."

Alderman Vaughan: "I want to support the residents who are petitioning Council to maintain the area as residential. Mr. Rhude makes the point that this little 'island' should have been rezoned at the time the By-Law was passed. My objection to this rezoning is the same as I made against the permit to erect a garage at the corner of Young and Oxford Streets. I think that rezoning should emanate from this Council rather than from entrepreneurs who come here and usually do not have the public interest at heart. Since we have been operating as a Court on re-zoning we have provided a great field for lawyers. Mr. Snook says he approves of the application for the purpose of erecting a warehouse. Is it not a fact that immediately upon the application being approved and the rezoning is put into effect there is nothing to stop the owners from selling the property to somebody who wants to carry on another form of business?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Once it is rezoned the strings are off and any other type of contractors could operate."

City Solicitor: "There is a control. Any of the uses would be governed by an occupancy permit." He then read the Section of the City Charter dealing with the issuance of Occupancy Permits.

Alderman Vaughan asked how Council could justify turning down any future applications for extension of commercial enterprise if this rezoning is approved, "I feel that these people who have gone to the expense of retaining legal counsel and who have shown an interest in their own property by maintaining them in very good condition, should be upheld in their appeal to Council and that this application be turned down. If it was a case where no other land was available for such a building, I would be the first to vote for it, but there are other pieces of desirable land available for such purposes. There are at least two lots I know of being offered for sale at commercial prices to any person who wants to build a warehouse. Both are in commercial areas and there is no reason to break down R-2 areas unless no other land exists. I am opposed to one man wanting one lot re-zoned."

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Alderman Lloyd: "This Council has been described as a 'court'. As one of the 'judges', to be judicious about this matter, I suppose the collective potential loss of value to the home owners is greater than the potential loss to the present owner. The rest of the area that adjoins this property and East is entirely residential on Stairs Street and on previous occasions there have been fears about the extension of the waste yard of Mr. Whitzman. It is, naturally, an unsightly sort of operation and I feel, like Alderman Vaughan that the private home owners should be protected and I think we should not add anymore hazards to the residential area concerned. I think the total or collective loss to the home owners in the area would be more than to the one owner who has not yet erected a building and could acquire another site."

Alderman Dunlop: "Can we find out when Mr. Salsman bought this land?"

Mr. Rhude: "It was bought during the year 1956 -- about August."

Alderman Macdonald: "This rezoning has been recommended by the Town Planning Engineer and I believe the East side of Kempt Road from Robie Street right out is 'commercial' or 'industrial' and this lot is just adjacent to that industrial area, and the greater percentage of that area now is industrial or commercial."

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't think we should rezone one lot of land. Mr. Salsman bought this land last year knowing it was in an R-2 Zone. The person who lives alongside this lot, perhaps, has had his property for some years and has a right to expect that the zoning will remain the same. I think the whole area should be rezoned 'commercial' but it should not be done until the people are assured they are not going to lose for that reason. The City should take over the property and rezone it and sell it for commercial use. To approve this application will invite 'spot rezoning'. My observation is that the home owners will lose financially if this rezoning is approved. We should have some assurance that these people are not going to lose by it."

The motion was put and lost.

APPROVAL OF INCINERATOR PLANS

The Deputy City Clerk advised the meeting that this matter had been deferred from the last regular meeting of Council.

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City Solicitor: "As you know we have engaged an appraiser to give us an idea of the value of this property and I have had a preliminary verbal report from him but it would seem to me that if we proceed it is not unlikely that we may have to pay considerably more for the property than we paid into Court."

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the members of Council retire to the Mayor's office to discuss the matter of the value of the Incinerator Site.

Alderman Vaughan: "I am opposed to this idea. This matter has been discussed in Council and it was suggested that a figure be offered as an expropriation price. If that is the 'going' price, then I think we should pay that price for it. We have changed the procedure of selling property without calling for tenders and we adhered to that policy and we avoided criticism. If we are going to take this man's property from him we should pay the price. I understand from Mr. Eddy that this site was a good one for this incinerator. I understand it is a good site from the borings that were taken. The location is a good one. In an earlier discussion it was suggested putting the incinerator on the Basin Shore. The placing of an incinerator there would destroy it as an Industrial Area. I suggest that Council not go into camera, to discuss the matter fully. We have the plans as prepared by Mr. Eddy and plans are proceeding to start the construction and I would urge Council speed up the matter and pay the price as decided by the Court as a fair price."

His Worship the Mayor: "We want to pay the 'going' price but if the 'going' price is a figure which makes it uneconomical, we should not go forward. We should have the matter adjudicated and see what the price is, and if we think the price is too high, we can stop proceedings. There is another factor. There is the cost of the architect for preparing plans for this location. I think negotiations are possible. We should negotiate to see what value can be arrived at; and if the land is or is not too expensive, we can renounce our expropriation. In the meantime let the architect be instructed to hold up."

Alderman Lloyd: "I have some difficulty in following the procedure. Suppose we discuss the matter privately. Surely, in a public body, such as Council, I

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think we have to take the risks before the Courts. Even if we have the opportunity to negotiate, surely there must be some limiting bounds to the cost of this matter. I think we could say that the top sum should not exceed 'X dollars' and our Solicitor instructed to attempt to keep the price that was presented before the Courts".

His Worship the Mayor: "You must couple two things with that:

1. That the matter be considered as speedily as possible.
2. Suspension of the work by the architect, because the architect's fees might be fifty or sixty thousand dollars."

Alderman Lloyd: "My other point is that on these matters before Council, I think that letting the matter go to court keeps us completely clear of all questions involving prices."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think that is quite right. We know the man is going to get the full value of the land but before we go to Court I would like to know that 'X dollars'. The Solicitor should know. I suggest that it is the height of wisdom and we can't talk about it in public, and it is the height of wisdom to know what that 'X dollars' is. As a matter of fact that Irving land has a high potential value. How can we determine to go ahead with the expropriation until we know what the limit is, if 'X dollars' tells me that we are not prepared to go that far. I support the motion that we go into camera."

Alderman Ferguson: "The only reason I want to go 'in camera' is in case the figures are discussed."

Alderman Lloyd: "We have had an appraisal made?"

The Solicitor advised there was a discussion with the appraiser to obtain a figure to use in Court.

Alderman Ferguson: "There was another piece of land being considered partially owned by the City in the industrial land. At that time the Committee on Works was going to look into it."

His Worship the Mayor: "You mean the Marden-Wild land."

Commissioner of Works: "When we first investigated sites there were eight sites mentioned and that was one of them."

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His Worship the Mayor: "What do you think of that location?"

Commissioner of Works: "That was our No. 2 selection."

Alderman Ferguson: "That is our answer."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is under lease and can be bought. How long is the lease for?"

City Manager: "The lease ran from 1953 to 1958."

Alderman DeWolf: "Isn't that lease in two parcels?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We restricted the land area."

Alderman DeWolf: "I think there is enough for that purpose."

Alderman Macdonald: "I wonder if Mr. West could tell us if either of these properties would be large enough to handle the facilities of City Field and if it were so that we might decide to move the operation to that location."

His Worship the Mayor: "Not the one on Lady Hammond Road."

Commissioner of Works: "One reason why it would not be suitable, the area would be large enough but the contours of the land do not readily lend themselves without a great deal of levelling for our City Field operations."

His Worship the Mayor: "The lease amount is negligible and we could buy out the nub end of the lease which is not a very heavy thing to do. I would like to feel that we should negotiate with the owners and I would suggest that the matter be deferred for two weeks."

Alderman Greenwood: "Is the zoning right for our purposes -- the Marden-Wild area?"

Commissioner of Works: "It is R-2 Zone and when the City Prison land is developed it will be right in the middle of the area."

Alderman Ferguson and Lloyd contended that the Marden-Wild site was out.

Alderman Lloyd: "The site (Lady Hammond Road) is right and the difference between the appraiser's value and what the Court will arrive at is not great enough to stop our plans. All we have to do is to have the Solicitor send us a statement on the advice of the appraiser and then let us decide."

Alderman Dunlop: "We are not looking to buy this land tonight. I want to know the figure so I can decide if I want to think about it."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Let us do this. We will ask the Solicitor to circulate you with the figure and let us empower him to negotiate with the owners and see if it can be possible to come up with a figure at the May 16th meeting, to see if a more concrete solution could be arrived at."

Alderman Dunlop suggested that the members of Council adjourn to the Mayor's office tonight.

Alderman Lloyd: "I think we are entitled to the appraiser's figure in confidence, but I think it is bad practice to hold private meetings. The other procedure is quite feasible -- to have a figure placed on the desk of the different Aldermen."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we would be on good procedural ground if we try to negotiate with the owners and their solicitor and put the matter over for a fortnight."

His Worship the Mayor requested the Solicitor to pass the appraiser's valuation to the members of Council for their information.

Alderman Ferguson with the consent of his seconder, withdrew his motion to have Council meet in camera.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the City Solicitor be instructed to negotiate with the owners of the land on the Lady Hammond Road site, in order to arrive at an acceptable price. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT - INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that Mr. E. Finlay MacDonald be appointed to the Halifax Industrial Commission for a term of 3 years, expiring April 30, 1960, replacing the late Martin Livingstone.

Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS - RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION

The following Aldermen were nominated:

Alderman Abbott to replace Alderman Ferguson for a term expiring April 30, 1958.

Deputy Mayor Vaughan to replace Alderman DeWolf for a term of 3 years expiring April 30, 1960.

The above nominations were approved.

The appointment of a replacement for Mr. J.M.C. Duckworth was deferred until the regular Council meeting to be held on May 16, 1957.

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CLOCK - COUNCIL CHAMBER

His Worship the Mayor advised that the new clock would be mounted on the wall of the Council Chamber before the next meeting.

CARVING OF CITY CREST - COUNCIL CHAMBER

His Worship the Mayor stated he had been in touch with ex-Alderman A.H. MacMillan who advises that the carving of the City Crest would be completed and mounted on the wall of the Council Chamber within six weeks.

Council adjourned at 9:00 P.M. for a five minutes recess.

Council reconvened at 9:05 P.M. the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Macdonald, Fox, Lloyd, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

REQUEST FOR INCREASED PENSIONS FORMER POLICEMEN

His Worship the Mayor read a letter signed by 14 retired members of the Police Department requesting assistance by way of grants to augment their present superannuation income which they claim to be inadequate to meet present day living costs.

The letter was referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration at the May meeting.

MAYORS' CONVENTION

His Worship the Mayor: "The Mayors' Convention will be held in Murray Bay on June 12 this year. I am quite prepared to do as I did last year, appropriate an amount to send two or three people. If more want to go we can divide up the amount between the number who wish to go and they can augment this sum from their own pockets.

There is also the question of our return visit to Sherbrooke. We had hoped to do it prior to the Mayors' Convention and tie in the two together but the Federal Election makes it inconvenient. So we have agreed to put it off to a date to be arranged by the Chairman Deputy Mayor Vaughan. We can't do a coupling unless you want to do it at the end of the Mayors' Convention."

It was agreed to follow the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor.

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ADDITIONAL BORROWING - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL

A letter was received from the Board of School Commissioners requesting an additional borrowing of \$63,000.00 required for the addition to St. Thomas Aquinas School.

His Worship the Mayor: "\$200,000.00 -- I don't know if I want to 'rubber stamp' that request. I would like to be satisfied by the members of the Board that the architect was instructed to keep it down to the lowest possible figure.

The City Manager stated the lowest tender was \$175,000.00 and adding architects fees and furniture the cost would be \$197,000.00 and could go to \$200,000.00.

Alderman DeWolf: "In connection with that request, last year the Council passed a resolution agreeing to a certain number of dollars for 4 classrooms. It was found that the registration in September far exceeded the estimate, and for that reason to supply the space for the number of new pupils and the number in the basement these extra rooms were needed. The original estimate was \$135,000.00 and it is now advanced to \$170,000.00. A certain amount would be included in that for furniture and architect's fees but the amount of the contract was about \$175,000.00. The tenders were opened and agreed to subject to council's approval, but the estimate was \$200,000.00 so that the contract will be \$25,000.00 under the estimate of the architect."

His Worship the Mayor: "It seems to me we almost invariably take the lowest tender. In private practice when prices go high you sit down with the architect to see where you can 'trim down'. The price seems high for 6 rooms and an auditorium."

Alderman Dunlop: "I am on the Board and I voted for the Resolution and I think it has to go through. If we are going to cut down construction costs we must do it before the building is planned. This plan was originally for four rooms and gymnasium but by reason of increased registration it was found necessary to increase it to 6 rooms and gymnasium. It is attached to the other school but it is a separate building. I am sure that we were reasonably pleased with the tenders when they were opened because they were all very close but there is a time element involved and if we put it off until the regular meeting the construction will be delayed."

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop that the additional borrowing of \$63,000.00 for the addition to St. Thomas Aquinas School be approved.

City Solicitor: "There is no validity to this motion.

Alderman Dunlop: "It's time we were looking at our procedure."

Alderman Vaughan: "In the meantime can we get some idea of the plans from the School Board." He referred to the St. Andrew's School where a saving was effected by changing the design and location.

Alderman Ferguson: "What is the type of construction?"

Alderman DeWolf: "I presume it is brick. I specifically asked Mr. Freeman (Supt. of Buildings for School Board) if it was built as economically as possible and he assured me that all the frills were taken out and there was no way in which it could be reduced. C.A. Fowler is the architect."

Alderman Macdonald: "I will confirm what Alderman DeWolf has said because at the time tenders were called it was pointed out that frills would be left out to keep costs down."

It was decided to have the matter placed on the agenda of the Finance and Executive Committee meeting to be held in May.

TENDERS MOTOR EQUIPMENT - POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS ✓

The City Manager reported that tenders had been tabulated and considered by the Safety Committee and the lowest in each case was recommended.

It was ruled that the tenders could not be considered as the item was not on the agenda; and the matter was deferred until the next regular meeting of Council.

APPOINTMENT ACTING CITY MANAGER ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "On the question of the City Manager's absence from the City, he has recommended Mr. Publicover to me. It has been my feeling, reflecting that of yours, that this job should be handled by a person who could take over in the event of anything happening to Mr. DeBard. I am not anxious to see Mr. Publicover taking on this job for any length of time. I do not mean this as any reflection on Mr. Publicover, he is an extremely able and trusted official-but after all Mr. Publicover reaches retirement age next year and the experience gained would be lost to us.

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It is my feeling that the logical person to act would be Mr. Bethune. It might be helpful to have some sentiments from you on this matter. It has been discussed many times."

Alderman Dunlop: What is the position of the legal department at the present time. Are we still under-staffed?"

Mr. Bethune: "The situation now is that Mr. Stewart has been told it is necessary to get some one to take his place effective May 17th. He has been told that if he recovers he will be considered for other positions on the staff if and when they become available. Applications will be called for an assistant in the Department. Mr. Doyle advises that it is necessary to be away for the entire month of May to recover from a condition of ill health. That is where we are at the present time."

Alderman Vaughan stated that a parallel should be drawn between the City Manager's and Solicitor's positions and that we should be seeking a proper assistant to the Solicitor and accordingly the advertisement should read 'assistant City Solicitor' so that a better type applicant would be attracted.

His Worship the Mayor: "There are numbers of items on which I have asked for opinions that are outstanding. The Solicitor has been going all out and in my opinion the legal work is falling behind. I do not think that is an anomaly saying he should take on both jobs. I think the job ties in with his department and I think for numerous reasons that he is the man who should carry on with this job."

Alderman Lloyd: "The City Manager under the Charter, names his Deputy -- names a person to act in his place?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The Mayor may appoint a person which shall be selected by the City Manager -- that is a paraphrasing of the section."

City Manager: "I would like to hear the Solicitor's interpretation of Section 118A Clauses (5) (a) & (b)."

The City Solicitor then read the section for the information of Council.

His Worship the Mayor: "If the City Manager dies and can't act then I have the power of appointment."

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The Mayor contended that the City Manager has the right to nominate the acting manager but it goes further and says the Mayor may appoint -- to consider whether it is the proper selection.

Alderman Lloyd asked the Solicitor to express his interpretation of the Section.

City Solicitor: "The Mayor under that Clause cannot appoint a person who is not recommended by the City Manager."

Alderman Lloyd: "You favor rejecting the City Manager's recommendation?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I will reject it because I think it is an unwise selection."

City Manager: "I wrote the Mayor a recommendation. Before I asked this Council to be away I went to Mr. Publicover and asked him if he would be willing to serve for a period of six weeks. He agreed. I then came to Council for permission to go away and council agreed. As it came close to the time for me to go away there were some comments in the Finance Committee concerning who might serve in my place and I was asked to make a report and I gave a report and I re-iterated my recommendation of Mr. Publicover. As far as Mr. Bethune is concerned I did not know that Mr. Doyle was to be away but I know that Mr. Stewart was not likely to be here because of his physical condition. With Mr. Bethune the only solicitor, the only member of his staff being available, I don't think he can do my work. His legal training may tie in with my work but there is not five percent of my work that is related to the legal field. I wrote to the Mayor saying that as far as this time is concerned I would have to stand by my recommendation of Mr. Publicover but in future would take under advisement what has been said by all of the Aldermen. I suppose in the last five years I should have trained somebody to take over my job. (The Manager referred to two or three matters which he had been reluctantly unable to attend to and which could be assigned to an assistant.) When I come back I think we will have to run a class-- department heads and divisions heads and others can come into it.

I think Mr. Publicover is perfectly capable of doing my work while I am away. I think he can carry on satisfactorily. I disagree with the Mayor's

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interpretation of turning down my recommendation. The section provides for a replacement for the City Manager. If I am ill or away I am still the City Manager and that is the reason the clauses are worded that way because the responsibility is mine.

His Worship the Mayor: "The parallel is quite easily drawn. In the case of the Assessor, you will recall that the City Manager brought forward recommendations which the Council rejected. I think I am reflecting the views of the Finance Committee as well as others that there can be no question of the Solicitor's ability. He was the initial choice of the Manager when he first went away. He served at that time and he is willing to serve again. Let me say quite frankly I think it is time to bury the hatchet."

9:30 P.M. Alderman Wyman arrives.

Alderman Ferguson: "When you say you speak for certain members of Council I want to assure you that what you say is said for me in particular. The City Manager said that while he is away he is responsible but I feel that certain responsibilities rest on the elected members of Council. I think the policy is wrong. I don't think we should have any paid official who will say in his absence who would be his successor. I think it rightly belongs to the Mayor and Council. While I find no fault with Mr. Publicover's administration, I certainly would support Mr. Bethune. They are two of the topmost and most trustworthy members of our staff. (He contended that Mr. Bethune's legal training would fit him better for the portion of the City Manager's work which has to be done in his absence.) If we had a little more co-operation things would run a lot smoother. There seems to be an under-current and this is one case where it shows up."

Alderman O'Brien: "With all deference to you and the Solicitor, I feel in view of the work situation and the staff situation in the Legal department that I would favor the Manager's recommendation rather than your own. I am not competent to express a view on the legal position but that is my view on who should be appointed."

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Alderman Vaughan: "I think the Mayor is the person who names the acting Manager. I am quite sure the person who acts as Mayor comes in contact with the top officials and is the person who should appoint a replacement." He contended that an understudy is generally looked upon as the successor to the City Manager.

Alderman Greenwood: "The answer to a lot of this is that the six weeks leave of absence for this year should be discontinued until our staff is properly organized again."

Alderman DeWolf: "This matter has not come up before but it seems to me that in the next legislation the Charter should be changed in relation to the City Manager's authority and how far it should go. I agree with your suggestion. There is another clause which the City Manager may spend up to \$500.00 but the City Council may not spend up to \$500.00 without the sanction of the City Manager. I never liked that Clause."

City Solicitor read Section 119F of the City Charter dealing with this matter.

City Manager: "Both of us have to get approval for Accounts over \$500.00 from the Council."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should say that that legislation was passed by a former Council. It is rather regrettable that this impasse has been reached. I am disappointed that the Manager did not recommend a much younger man for the 6 weeks. I have no objection to Mr. Bethune but he is very busy and is carrying a heavy load. I would suggest the name of Mr. Hagell."

Alderman Fox asked if Mr. Bethune had indicated whether he would be willing to accept the added duties for the 6 week period.

His Worship the Mayor: "I have asked him and he said 'yes'."

Alderman Fox: "I know that Mr. Bethune has been here a long time and I know he is quite capable to act as is Mr. Publicover but there might be things arise on which Mr. Bethune might have to make a decision."

Alderman Lloyd: "Twenty years ago this month I entered this Council for the first time and had quite a meeting in the Green Lantern Building and there was quite a number of citizens present and they were disturbed about the type

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of administration we had at City Hall. They decided to form an organization and bring about a type of administration under the City Manager system, and eventually we came to the situation where we finally did have a form of City Manager system brought into the City. I still hold the view that what we have is a compromise which reflects many of the techniques of the system in the pure City Manager form of Government. One of the main arguments advanced was that this would give us an opportunity for aiming our sights on long-term objectives; and, another one was the opportunity for 'In Service' training, particularly of those most likely to come to our mind should we require a replacement for the City Manager or Heads of Departments. Ever since we adopted the system I have felt that the 'In Service' training has applied to the Manager down, and I would repeat that.

I think the Manager came to us with a great potential and has proven that potential in many ways; but he, too, has learned a great deal about civic administration while with us. With that thought I think we should go around the Heads of our Departments. I would like to see Mr. Bethune. At one time when I was Mayor I deigned to suggest that we had a good capable executive around whom we could build all those things that make a complete system. I felt that Mr. Bethune would have made a man quite acceptable, quite qualified, for that purpose, as an answer to those who said, 'Where do you get such a man?'. I think we have come to a cross-road. As far as I am concerned, I think there is no reason whatsoever practical or otherwise why Mr. Bethune should not act during Mr. DeBard's absence. I can't see how he would disturb the peaceful course of events. I would be disappointed if Mr. Bethune was not appointed to act in Mr. DeBard's place for six weeks."

His Worship the Mayor: "I say now that I reject the City Manager's recommendation and I ask him to bring forward another recommendation."

Alderman Macdonald: "With all due deference to your appointment and the ability and qualifications of Mr. Bethune to carry out those duties, due to the desperate shortage of staff in his Department and the burden of work, I think it is really too much of a burden for him. In the past Mr. Publicover has acted

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for the City Manager in his absence and I have not heard one word of criticism and I suppose that this would happen on this occasion."

His Worship the Mayor questioned whether the full scope of the Manager's work was performed during his short absences.

Alderman Macdonald suggested that would also apply to Mr. Bethune's appointment.

Alderman Vaughan suggested that Dr. Morton, Commissioner of Health and Welfare would be a capable successor and asked what happens in the event that no recommendation is accepted before the Manager leaves.

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think that is likely to occur. With good judgment I look to the City Manager to bring forward another recommendation."

Alderman Vaughan: "I must admit I have noticed more of a stiffening of the City Manager's backbone on this issue."

Alderman Dunlop: "It seems to me to be a ridiculous situation. In the matter between the City Manager and Solicitor we are getting to a stage of 'armed neutrality'."

Alderman O'Brien: "It has come out that we are advertising for new staff in the legal department and Alderman Vaughan has raised the point that that should be for an Assistant Solicitor. I wonder if action can be taken to forward the suggestion that Alderman Vaughan has expressed."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that is an administrative matter."

City Manager: "There is the question of salary."

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the advertisement should state that the salary was to be negotiated.

Alderman Vaughan contended that the advertisement should read "Assistant Solicitor" as a better type of applicant would be attracted.

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't think we should take on anyone and promise them that they will be assistant City Solicitor."

He contended that a successful lawyer would not necessarily be a satisfactory assistant City Solicitor.

Alderman Lloyd: "I hope that the matter is resolved speedily and if it isn't it indicates something is lacking in the administration. It is deplorable

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that we cannot resolve ourselves on this matter -- how to run our affairs, and it is time to come out in the open and vote on it if necessary. No City Manager system is going to function well unless there is a feeling of goodwill between the Aldermen and administration in their common interests."

SIX APARTMENT BUILDING IN R-2 ZONE ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "Last Sunday while passing on Howe Avenue I saw an apartment house where the basement apartment was occupied. Were Occupancy Permits granted for this property?"

Commissioner of Works: "There is #45, #47 and #49. I think if there are basement apartments in #45 and #47 they are occupied legally. In #49 there are only two apartments occupied."

Alderman Vaughan: "Could we have a report from the City Manager." He referred to remarks being made 'outside' that Council is protecting a member of Council who built these apartments, and continued "I don't think any member of Council should be unfairly accused if the remarks are not true. If there is any violation of the law, an alderman, more than other citizens, should obey the Law. I think we should have a full report on all aspects of the granting of those permits."

City Manager: "I will do that but I have already presented a report on that". He referred to the case where permits had been issued in error due to an incorrect legal ruling, and landlords who had leases would be allowed to continue.

He continued "There was no owner who violated except insofar as we issued the permits in error."

Alderman Ferguson: "I would like to hear charges that these are occupied. If we can get the definite proof there will be more action. No 45 has two tenants and the others have 4 tenants. I would like to track down these malicious rumors." He referred to an item in the Press which he contended was in error and gave the wrong impression and continued "Statements are being made without foundation and I would ask the Commissioner of Works to clear the matter up."

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Commissioner of Works: "I would like to say that I pointed out the City's side of the story quite definitely. Of the three buildings on Howe Avenue, two are occupied. The third apartment building, there are only two tenants in it. That was one of the addresses included in the list."

RENTAL CONTROL STAFF ↓

Alderman Lloyd read a letter from Mr. G.H. Ferguson, Rental Control Officer, respecting severance pay for the Rental Control Staff which would not be required after April 30, 1957.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration at the May meeting. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN O'BRIEN RE: AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF ORDER OF COUNCIL ↓

Alderman O'Brien gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Council he would move an amendment to the Rules of Order whereby an item may be added to the agenda of a special meeting of Council without the unanimous consent of the whole Council.

INCREASED GRANTS ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "Recently we secured legislation to pay increased grants. When can we start paying them?"

The Commissioner of Finance stated that a report is being prepared and that a report will be submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee.

ORDINANCE RE: TRAIN WHISTLES ✓

Alderman O'Brien: "We secured legislation which would permit us to pass an Ordinance restricting the blowing of train whistles in the City. It seems to me the next step would be to have the Ordinance drafted. I would like to see it go forward."

City Solicitor: "It has been to the Supreme Court of Canada and they approved of the legality of a similar Ordinance in Sydney."

ROCK PILE - CITY PRISON ✓

Alderman Lloyd asked about the rock pile at Rockhead Prison.

His Worship the Mayor: "I have been concerned about it because I have had some advice which I respect. The situation at City Prison where there is no

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occupation for those incarcerated is not a good one. I have conferred with Mr. Arnott of the John Howard Society. I am going to have a meeting next week with Dr. Morton to seek further assistance and ideas; and two members of the Board of Trade and Trades and Labor Council to see if we can come up with some solution. To go back to the rock pile would be a backward step but surely some non-competitive work can be done for our own benefit. The Report of the Committee on Penitentiaries has recommended that the Federal Government be responsible for persons who are incarcerated for periods over 6 months. If any alderman has any ideas, we welcome them."

Alderman Dunlop: "It is not easily solved because a good many inmates are not able to work."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would not object to the rock pile if the work was done with other than little hammers."

APPOINTMENT - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ✓

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Fox that Mr. George B. Robertson be appointed as a member of the Public Service Commission for a term of 3 years expiring April 30, 1960, replacing Mr. Melvin S. Clarke.

Motion passed.

EASEMENT - GLADSTONE STREET FOR H.M.C. DOCKYARD ✓

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

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

Date: April 25th, 1957.

Subject: Easement - Gladstone Street - H.M.C. Dockyard.

We have a request from H.M.C. Dockyard for an easement along the east side of Gladstone Street, between North and Alton Streets, parallel to the Naval Stores building. This easement will extend approximately one hundred (100') lineal feet and will not encroach more than four (4') feet at any point.

The purpose of this request is to facilitate the installation of a Sprinkler System in the building. Detail plans have not been presented to us, as yet, because the necessary authorization for the work has not arrived from Ottawa, but we would recommend approval, in principle, of this request in order that there will be no undue delay in the installations.

G.F. West,
Commissioner of Works.

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

TENDERS DUE

12.00 NOON, APRIL 2, 1957

TENDERS OPENED

SIDEWALKS - APRIL 2, 1957
(WORKS COMMITTEE)

PAVING & SEWERS - APRIL 4, 1957
(COMMISSIONER OF WORKS OFFICE)

CITY OF HALIFAX

WORKS DEPARTMENT

TABULATION OF TENDERS

RECOMMENDED TENDERS

(SUMMARY)

ITEM NO

ITEM

1	Concrete Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters & Guttering
2	Asphalt Paving
	Sewer Construction (10 inch dia)

RECOMMENDED TENDERS

Stance Iron	Unit Prices
Standard Paving	" "
Standard Paving	" "

[Signature]
 J. P. WEST
 COMMISSIONER OF WORKS

WORKS DEPARTMENT
 1111 BARRACK STREET

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FOR
CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, CURBS, GUTTERS & SODDING

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ITEM #1	BIANCO BROTHERS	WALKER & HALL	BRUCE HAVILL
LOW BID	12 ITEMS	3 ITEMS	18 ITEMS
IDENTICAL BID			
LOW	4 "	2 "	4 "
HIGH	1 "	3 "	2 "
HIGH BID	5 "	12 "	6 "
INTERMEDIATE	15 "	11 "	7 "
TOTAL ITEMS BID ON	37 "	37 "	37 "

DENOTES LOWEST BID ON MAJOR ITEMS, WITH THE RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FOR 1957 LOW BID ON THESE ITEMS MAKES BIANCO BROTHERS LOWEST TENDERER.

LOWEST TENDER RECOMMENDED BIANCO BROTHERS

[Signature]
 COMMISSIONER OF WORKS

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FOR

ASPHALT PAVING

(ITEM #2 OF SPECIFICATIONS)

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ITEM #2	STANDARD PAVING	MUNICIPAL SPRAYING	WARREN MARITIME
LOW BID	27 ITEMS	4 ITEMS	1 ITEM
IDENTICAL BID			
LOW	4 "	4 "	4 "
HIGH	1 "	1 "	1 "
HIGH BID	13 "	19 "
INTERMEDIATE	5 "	15 "	12 "
TOTAL ITEMS BID ON	37 "	37 "	37 "

DENOTES LOWEST TENDER

LOWEST TENDER RECOMMENDED - STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LTD.

G. I. WEST
REGISTERED CONTRACTOR OF WORKS

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SEWER CONSTRUCTION

(TRENCHING)

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	STANDARD PAVING	R. S. ALLEN
LOW BID	47 ITEMS	13 ITEMS
IDENTICAL BID	2 "	2 "
HIGH BID	13 "	47 "
TOTAL ITEMS BID ON	62 "	62 "

DENOTES LOWEST TENDER

LOWEST TENDER RECOMMENDED - STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LTD.

G. J. [Signature]
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS

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TENDERS FOR WASTE PAPER ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Tenders for Waste Paper.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, recommended acceptance of a Tender of \$525.00, from Whitzman & Sons Ltd., for the privilege of picking up all waste paper from City Streets from May 1st, 1957 to April 30th, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

TENDERS SIDEWALKS, C. & G. SODDING, PAVING AND SEWER CONSTRUCTION ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Tabulation of Tenders.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached Tabulation of Tenders, was approved and recommended to City Council..

1. Concrete Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters & Sodding - Bianco Bros.
2. Asphalt Paving - Standard Paving Maritime Ltd.
3. Sewer Construction (Trenching) - Standard Paving Maritime Ltd.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

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LAYING DOWN BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN CITY AND ARMY -- OLD KEMPT ROAD ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: April 23rd, 1957.

Subject: Laying down Boundary Line between the City and Army -- Old Kempt Road.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached report from the City Engineer recommending approval of laying down a boundary line between the City of Halifax property on the Southern side of Kempt Road and the Army Garage property at Willow Park was considered.

The Committee approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

EMERGENCY SHELTERS AT MULGRAVE PARK ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: April 23rd, 1957.

Subject: Emergency Shelters at Mulgrave Park.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached letter from the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, was considered.

It was suggested that instead of more Dalhousie Students being housed at Mulgrave Park that the City Manager place City Applicants in the building now being administered by Dalhousie and the Applicants be selected according to age, education, etc., in order to make them compatible with Dalhousie Students living there. This was suggested because it was felt that it would be easier to have the building vacated than to allow more Students to occupy the building and probably have a similar request for extension next year.

The Committee recommended that the City Manager try to work it out as suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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Alderman Dunlop: "In view of the fire in the temporary building the other day, the whole subject of people in emergency shelters should be reviewed. We should have a report from the Fire Chief as to the safety of the people in these buildings. I want to be sure that the people who are using them are going to be able to get out in case of fire."

His Worship the Mayor: "We hope to have the Emergency Shelters at the north end of Barrington Street torn down shortly and the people placed in better housing. The matter is tied in with the Stephenson Report." He said that a plan of gradual elimination of Emergency Shelters was being followed and tenants are being transferred from buildings scheduled for demolition as vacancies occur in the better type buildings, and there has been no relaxation in the checking of possible fire hazards.

Alderman Fox asked if Professor Stephenson would bring in a report on Wellington Court as the buildings are no better than slums and may be there for another ten years.

City Manager said he did not think that Professor Stephenson would submit a report on Wellington Court specifically but that it would be included in his recommendation with regard to substandard housing and continued: "I don't think they should be referred to as 'Slums'. There are many buildings worse than those in the City, and they are better than many others."

Alderman Fox: "If they are not slums, we have none in Halifax. When you see a foot of water around the building what would you call that. I would like to see Professor Stephenson tell us what he thinks about them."

Alderman Vaughan asked if the Glacis Barracks building has been moved yet.

City Manager: "Not as yet but we are working on it."

Alderman O'Brien stated that he felt that the construction of new housing accommodation should not be delayed pending implementation of the Stephenson Report as valuable time would be lost and we should start plans on new construction as soon as possible.

His Worship the Mayor said that there was the question of where they would be located and we would have to await Professor Stephenson's recommendation

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Alderman O'Brien: "If our Housing Committee were to tackle the job they could line up one project before the Report is fully considered."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it would be making haste slowly."

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

USE OF COMMONS BY HALIFAX HARNESS HORSE CLUB ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: April 23rd, 1957.

Subject: Application - Halifax Harness Horse Club.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, an Application from Halifax Harness Horse Club for permission to use part of the North Common for horse races, from October 1st, 1957 to May 1st 1958 was considered.

The Committee recommended that permission be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Pobjacover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Mr. Rogers, counsel, representing the Halifax Harness Horse Club, briefly addressed the Council requesting that the application be deferred until the next meeting of Council in order to give him time to prepare his representations.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox that the matter be deferred until the second meeting of Council in May.

Alderman Vaughan suggested that the Club confer with the Recreation officials and Mr. George Power with regard to the effect of the Club's operations on the surface of the Commons.

Alderman O'Brien asked if the City Manager could report on what alternative plans there were for use of the Commons with which horse racing would interfere.

City Manager: "There is nothing planned for the winter until the outdoor rinks are provided. The only possible interferences, depending on the weather sometimes it is quite difficult to get the grounds back in condition. The

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horse racing people leave the grounds in excellent condition. They roll it out and turn in back in good condition. The Recreation Commission have a little problem in May which is close to the time when they want to put the grounds in condition for the summer activities. It has never affected the Recreation Program. There is the matter of horse droppings and the possible hazard of tetanus if a child were to fall on the ground where droppings are. I know of no case where tetanus has occurred."

The motion was put and passed.

RELEASE OF SEWER EASEMENTS - RAINNIE DRIVE ✓

The City Manager stated that the Committee on Works did not pass it because they did not know the sale condition on the land but we have since received a photostatic copy of a plan of the land; and he explained that what is being done is a relocating of the sewer and the easement would no longer be required.

His Worship the Mayor: "If we sold it with an easement and we are going to remove it, we will have appreciated the value and it should be withdrawn for consideration. "

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be referred to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.

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L.A. Kitz,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,
DEPUTY CITY CLERK .

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1957

A G E N D A

- Prayer
- Minutes (April 8, 15 and 25, 1957)
- Motion by Aldermen Macdonald Re: Mobile Canteens.
- Request Gyro Club to use Coat of Arms.
- Curfew Ordinance.
- Resolution Prefab Housing Account - Canadian Bank of Commerce.
- Accounts over \$500.00.
- Questions and short talk by Dr. Bruce Fergusson on Sir William Alexander.
- Grant Community Centre - Cornwallis Street Baptist Church \$1,000.00 per year for 5 years.
- Grants in Lieu of Taxes (Deferred by Finance & Executive Committee)
- Requests to rezone:
 - (a) St. Andrews Avenue (not recommended)
 - (b) Oakland Road (Date for Hearing)
 - (c) Chebucto Road (To T.P. Board)
- Undersized Lots:
 - (a) Vernon & Larden Streets (not recommended)
 - (b) 119 North Street (Recommended Single Family Dwelling only)
 - (c) Lady Hammond Road (not recommended)
 - (d) 351 Young Avenue (Recommended)
 - (e) 424 Agricultural Street (Recommended)
- Laying down & Altering Official Street Lines:
 - (a) Clinton Lane, Chebucto Road, Clinton Ave & Dutch Village Rd.
 - (b) Wade Avenue
 - (c) Warren Street.
- Rents Control Office - Personnel
- Traffic Engineer.
- Supplementary Grants to Retired Employees.
- Release of Legislative Grants.
- Sewer Easement - Rainnie Drive.
- Tenders:
 - (a) Motor Equipment Police & Fire Departments.
 - (b) Raincoats Police Department.
 - (c) Uniform Caps, Fire Department & City Prison.
 - (d) Groceries and Fish.
- Emergency Shelters Malgrave Park.
- Tower Terrace.
- Armdale Rotary - Progress Payment.
- T.B. Program.
- Recommendation Re: City Prison.
- Additional Borrowing St. Thomas Aquinas School \$63,000.00.
- Building Line Göttingen Street (Date for Hearing)
- Resubdivision Lands - Stairs Sea & Morrow Ltd and Foundation Maritime Ltd. Water Street (Recommended)
- Sale of Land - Queen and Fenwick Streets (To be Advertised).
- Radial Brick Incinerator Chimney.
- Incinerator Site Expropriation.
- Acoustics and Lighting Council Chamber.
- Fire Alarm Box Connection - Simpson-Sears Ltd.
- Purchase & Installation Parking Meters.
- Tag Days.
- Appointments:
 - (a) Recreation and Playgrounds Commission.
 - (b) Forum Commission
- County Sewer Agreements.
- Letter Vice-President - Halifax Board of Trade Re: Land on Bell Road
- " Halifax Council - The Canadian Legion Re: Assistant City Manager.
- " Kiwanis Club of Halifax Re: Clyde Beatty Circus.

38. Capital Budget.
39. Acting Administrator Emergency Shelters.
40. Grant Y.W.C.A.
41. Stephenson Report.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Financial Statement Form Commission.
Rehabilitation Centre Declared a Public Hospital.
Cossor Canada Ltd. Heating Account.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

City Manager's Administrative Report.
Statement Trust and Savings Funds.
Tax Collections.
Poll Tax Collections.
Annual Report Public Service Commission.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
May 16, 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. W.P. Publicover, R.H. Stoddard, C.P. Bethune, Q.C., L.M. Romkey, G.F. West, J.F. Thomson, W.A.G. Snook, V.W. Mitchell and Dr. A.R. Morton, Acting City Manager.

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 11 and 25, 1957

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Vaughan that the minutes of the meetings as above be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN MACDONALD Re: MOBILE CANTEENS ✓

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Lane that at the expiration of the 1957 license year, no further licenses be issued for mobile canteens to operate on the City streets:

Alderman Macdonald: "I feel the time has come when we should take some steps to discontinue the operation of mobile canteens on the streets. These are on busy corners and I feel they interfere with traffic and a traffic danger considering they are so congested today. I think they are a discredit to the City because they are a type of vehicle which does not lend itself to adding anything to the appearance of the street. They are competing with small merchants in the City and there are many small stores around the City which can quite easily take care of this business. They are working under a strain and competition is very keen. They have been tax payers for years. I think it is some-

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what of an injustice to them. I think these canteens contribute to litter on the streets and that is one thing we are trying to overcome to keep our City clean. They operate under very insanitary conditions at times. It is also a danger to the health of citizens of Halifax."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that no licenses be issued for mobile canteens to operate any longer than April 30, 1960.

Alderman Vaughan: "I think this is a reasonably fair approach to the problem. I do say a number with all good faith have acquired equipment in the last year and in fairness to them the Council might give them an opportunity to work out the investment on those vehicles."

Alderman O'Brien: "I would suggest that we consider the one to remain on the Commons where a large amount of people congregate in the summer without stores close by. I think that most of us would like to see the mobile canteens come to an end but to do it is a little too quick considering the investment they have in them."

Alderman Lane: "I feel that 3 years is a pretty liberal period of time to allow them for a recovery of the capital investment in the canteens. If they are not well equipped and in good condition, they should not be on the streets. There are other municipalities that would be prepared to let them operate. We might agree to operate one on the Commons but I think one year is long enough."

Alderman Macdonald: "I don't think the investment is very great. There is one at the corner of Bayers Road and Connaught Avenue and one on Creighton Street. I don't think you will find them operating in any other City in Canada."

Alderman Vaughan: "I make this 3 years knowing some of these people are only little people. They are not big business men with large capital behind them. They are doing this to get along. I know of one in particular who built a canteen at quite a considerable cost. To rule them out in one year, they would suffer some hardship on their investment. I go along with the idea that we rule them out after a fixed term. There should be no new licenses granted in the meantime. That should be understood."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I think the Committee on Works would take cognizance if this resolution passes."

The amendment was put and passed 8 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Fox, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien, DeWolf, Abbott and Dunlop - 8 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Ferguson, O'Malley, Greenwood, Lane, Macdonald and Adams - 6 -

REQUEST GYRO CLUB TO USE COAT OF ARMS

A letter was submitted from the Gyro Club of Halifax requesting permission to use the Coat of Arms of the City on badges to be distributed in connection with a convention to be held in Halifax on June 30, July 1 and 20, 1957.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman Fox that the request be granted. Motion passed.

CURFEW ORDINANCE ✓

A report was submitted from the Chief of Police setting forth various sections of the Ordinance and stating there are two weaknesses in it for which there is in his opinion no practical remedy.

Alderman Greenwood: "For a number of years I have become interested in the vandalism in the schools. We have an Ordinance which I gather from the Chief's report is completely ineffective. I wonder if we should have another Ordinance or re-write this one. We might have another Ordinance with some teeth in it. We might have some type of punishment for these junior vandals. I think we should study the Ordinance and see if it can be improved with the ultimate aim of cutting down the Police costs in the City and the making of better citizens of our children."

Alderman O'Brien: "Can the Chief tell us how he is attempting to deal with the situation around St. Andrews School. The lights in front were broken and the windows in the gymnasium were cracked. I wonder what plan the Police Department have for dealing with it?"

Chief Mitchell: "At the moment there are 12 plainclothes men assigned to that each weekend. To give an opinion on how a proper Ordinance could be written, at this time I cannot state. I would like to examine curfew ordinances in other cities."

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Alderman Vaughan: "The Chief could give some attention to this matter at the Chief Constables Convention."

His Worship the Mayor: "Street lamps have been removed from the railway bridges on Coburg Road."

Alderman Lloyd: "Has anyone made inquiries about the plastic material that is available. Plastics Limited on Gerrish Street have the material. The man says it is suitable for this purpose."

Alderman Macdonald advised that the Board of School Commissioners ordered the lights to be taken off the standards near St. Andrews School and the standards capped.

The Chief was requested to make a report to the next regular meeting of the Safety Committee on this matter.

RESOLUTION PREFAB HOUSING ACCOUNT CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

May 9, 1957.

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

A resolution providing for the extension of the borrowing from the Canadian Bank of Commerce respecting the prefabricated housing account for a further period of one year was recommended for approval by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship, L.A. Kitz, and
Members of City Council.
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,
Date: May 14, 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>
Finance	R.K. Kelley & Co.Ltd.	Fleet Insurance	\$8,017.88

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	L.E. Shaw Limited	Concrete sewer pipe	608.62
Police	Municipal Supplies (W.S.Darley & Co.)	Traffic police belts	639.70
Works	Coffin, Blois & Hicks	Professional services re examination of titles at Registry of Deeds, Reports on certificates of titles in Kelley Lake area	560.00
	Fabrics Reg'd.	Professional services Council Chamber - Planning & selection	525.00
	The Halifax Seed Company Limited	Park Special 30" Toro	561.00
	Industrial Machinery Co.Limited	two snow plow blades	2,475.00
	Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited	Parts for Tractor	643.50
	Workman's Compensation Board of Nova Scotia	Provisional Assessment for Streets & Sewers	7,941.90
	F.L. Worth	Ductwork in Paint shop Roller Shed; ventilation system Council Chamber; monopivent system City Field garage	1,529.30
			<u>\$23,501.90</u>

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

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

GRANT COMMUNITY CENTRE - CORNWALLIS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH \$1,000.00 PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS

May 9, 1957.

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

A request from Rev. W.P. Oliver for financial assistance towards the erection of a Community Centre in connection with the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to contribute to this undertaking the sum of \$1,000.00 annually for a period of five years beginning with the year 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Dunlop wishing to be recorded against.

GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES ✓

Deferred by Finance and Executive Committee hence no report for Council action.

REZONING ST. ANDREW'S AVENUE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Request to Rezone - St. Andrew's Avenue.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer relative to a request to rezone the area known as St. Andrew's Avenue from R-1 residential to R-2 residential was considered.

The Board recommended that the Zoning remain as it is R-1.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

Alderman DeWolf: "Would the owners be permitted to be heard. I think that is fair."

City Solicitor: "If this were turned down without a public hearing it is equivalent to the rules of order of Council and could not come up again for a year. You are deciding in the negative by not going any further with it."

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that this matter be referred to the June 4th, meeting of the Town Planning Board.

Amendment passed.

REZONING OAKLAND ROAD ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: May 7, 1957.
Subject: Request to Rezone - Oakland Road.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date the

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attached report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a request from 75% of the property owners that the zoning be changed from R-2 residential to R-1 residential was considered.

The Board recommended that a public hearing be held by City Council at the second meeting in June.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, June 27, 1957 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

Mr. George Robertson appeared on behalf of the residents on Oakland Road asking that no building permits be issued which would not conform to the R-1 Zone.

The City Solicitor read Section 19 of the Town Planning Act with respect to the granting of building permits.

Mr. West: "I might point out that there has been an application made for a 4 apartment building in the Oakland Road area. As far as the Building Inspector is concerned there is no reason for us to refuse this permit."

The City Solicitor stated that Council could pass a resolution which would prohibit the issuance of building permits for a period of two months or for such lesser time as the amendment to the Zoning By-Law is approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Alderman Lane: "Would a corner property come under this?"

Mr. West: "You could have a property where the zoning would be different on one street or the other."

His Worship the Mayor: "Properties within 100 feet of Oakland Road I think would be alright."

Alderman Wyman: "This is strictly a question of principle I would like to hear the City Solicitor give his opinion if a street is zoned R-1 can a property which has a side on that street be R-2 because it happens to face on a side street?"

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The City Solicitor then read Section 5 of Part 3 of the Zoning By-Law dealing with the Alderman's question.

Alderman Lloyd: "Include it in the public hearing."

Alderman Ferguson: "Say the rear lines of existing properties which abutt on Oakland Road."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that building permits for other than R-1 uses be withheld with respect to buildings on all properties abutting on both sides of Oakland Road between Robie Street and Beaufort Avenue for a period of two months from the date of the passage of this resolution or until the matter of the application for the rezoning of such properties from R-2 Zone to R-1 Zone has been heard and determined by the Council, whichever event shall first occur and that the City Clerk forthwith notify the Inspector of Buildings of the passage of this resolution.

Motion passed.

Mr. West: "Can a building be turned around under this interpretation the Solicitor just gave? Can it be faced on another street and take advantage of the R-2 Zone?"

REZONING CHEBUCTO ROAD ✓

An application was submitted by Messrs. Daley, Ritchie, Black and Moreira on behalf of the Irving Oil Limited to rezone the properties known as 159, 161, 163 and 165 Chebucto Road as Commercial.

Same was referred to the Town Planning Board for a report.

UNDERSIZED LOT VERNON & LINDEN STREETS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot - Vernon and Linden 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 convert an existing two flat and store dwelling into a three flat and store building was considered.

The Board approved the Town Planning Engineer's recommendation that this request be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Town Planning Board.
From: W.A.G. Snook, Town Planning Engineer.
Date: April 15th, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot, Vernon and Linden Streets.

This matter was considered at the last meeting of the Board and was deferred until this meeting.

The request is to convert an existing two flat and store dwelling into a three flat and store building.

The lot is size 34' x 100' or 3,400 square feet. The Zoning by-law requires an area of 5,500 square feet, plus, for the proposed alteration and an area of 5,000 square feet for the present use, therefore the lot is now undersize for the existing use and about 38% undersize for the proposed use.

I suggest this is badly overcrowding the land and would recommend the Board refuse this request.

Respectfully submitted,

W.A.G. Snook,
TOWN PLANNING ENGINEER.

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

UNDERSIZED LOT #119 NORTH STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot - 119 North Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer relative to an application to build a house and basement apartment at 119 North Street was considered.

The Board approved the Town Planning Engineer's recommendation that only a single family dwelling be permitted to be erected on this lot.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "The cost of building single family dwellings is getting almost prohibitive. There are many apartments on lots much smaller than 33 x 100 feet. This man should be given the permit if the plans meet the approval of the Building Inspector."

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Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the matter be referred back to the Town Planning Board for further consideration.

Motion passed.

UNDERSIZED LOT LADY HAMMOND ROAD ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot - Lady Hammond Road.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a request to construct a basement apartment in an existing three apartment building at 72 Lady Hammond Road, and refusal of a request to replace an existing dilapidated cabin located on this lot, was considered.

The Board approved the Town Planning Engineer's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Town Planning Board.
From: W.A.G. Snook, Town Planning Engineer.
Date: April 15th, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot, Lady Hammond Road.

Attached are two requests as follows:

1. to construct a basement apartment in an existing three apartment building at 72 Lady Hammond Road. This dwelling is located in a lot 36' frontage and an area of 6,100 square feet. Due to the large area I would recommend the Board approve this request.
2. to replace an existing dilapidated cabin located on this lot and used as a dwelling, with a new cabin without sanitary facilities. This would cause two buildings to be located on one lot, and further the proposed building would not meet our building code requirements and I would recommend the Board refuse this request.

Respectfully submitted,

W.A.G. Snook,
TOWN PLANNING ENGINEER.

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

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UNDERSIZED LOT #354 YOUNG STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot - 354 Young Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the Town Planning Engineer recommended approval of a request for permission to build a single family dwelling on a lot 33' x 100'.

The Board concurred in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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

UNDERSIZED LOT #464 AGRICOLA STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Undersized Lot - 464 Agricola Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the Town Planning Engineer recommended approval of a request for permission to build a single family dwelling on a lot 33' x 100'.

The Board concurred in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per J.B. Sabean,
Clerk of Works.

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

Alderman Vaughan referred to the fact that there are several lots 33 x 100 feet around the City and the law should be changed so that permits may be issued to build on them without Council authority.

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LAYING DOWN OFFICIAL STREET LINES CLINTON LANE, CHEBUCTO ROAD, CLINTON AVENUE
AND DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Alteration Northwestern Official Street Lines of Chebucto Road, at
Dutch Village Road.
Alteration Official Street Line at the Northeastern corner of Clinton
Avenue and Dutch Village Road.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the
attached report from the City Engineer relative to the laying down of
new street lines and alterations, where necessary was considered.

The Board approved the recommendation that this be referred to City Council
to set a date for a Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report
be approved and Council fix Thursday, June 27, 1957 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the
Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public
hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

ALTERING OFFICIAL STREET LINE HOWE AVENUE

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Alteration Official Street Line - Southern Portion of Howe Avenue
between Dutch Village Road and Elliott Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the
attached report from the City Engineer relative to altering the street
line of that portion of Howe Avenue between Dutch Village Road and
Elliott Street was considered.

The Board recommended that this be referred to City Council to set a date
for a Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, June 27, 1957 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

ALTERING OFFICIAL STREET LINES WARREN STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Re: Altering Official Street Line - Warren Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the attached report from the City Engineer relative to altering the eastern official street line of Warren Street was considered.

The Board approved the recommendation that this be referred to City Council to set a date for a Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, June 27, 1957 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

RENTAL CONTROL OFFICE PERSONNEL ✓

May 9, 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 providing severance pay for personnel of the Rental Control Office.

It was agreed to recommend that the personnel of the Rental Control Office be granted three months severance pay each and the funds provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, June 27, 1957 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

ALTERING OFFICIAL STREET LINES WARREN STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 23rd, 1957.
Subject: Re: Altering Official Street Line - Warren Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the attached report from the City Engineer relative to altering the eastern official street line of Warren Street was considered.

The Board approved the recommendation that this be referred to City Council to set a date for a Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, June 27, 1957 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

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Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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TRAFFIC ENGINEER ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: May 7th, 1957.
Subject: Traffic Engineer.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on the above date, the attached report from the City Manager was considered.

The Committee recommended that Mr. Snook be sent away to take the course and on his return he act as Traffic Engineer and Town Planning Engineer.

Aldermen Lane and O'Brien opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the report be approved and after his course is completed that he remain with the City for at least a period of 3 years.

Alderman O'Brien: "I opposed this because I felt we should have some definite understanding that we would not be without Town Planning staff during the period of time Mr. Snook would be away. We should be starting to deal with the Stephenson Report during that time and that requires the help and advice of a Town Planning Engineer. I have to oppose this unless the Acting City Manager or the Commissioner of Works advise plans are being made to have adequate staff or some replacement for Mr. Snook."

His Worship the Mayor: "I join with Alderman O'Brien's objection. I would like to suggest that we apply for the opening and by August we would be in a position to see if we could afford to dispense with his services. His services would be of greater need and value at that time."

Mr. West: "There was a chap interviewed to replace him and in the report of the City Manager it stated he was in favor of a replacement for Mr. Snook. My point was that this chap was only interested in planning and my thinking on the matter was that we wanted help more in other ways than strictly planning and if we had a Building Inspector most of the work of the Stephenson Report would fall on his shoulders."

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His Worship the Mayor: "It is your opinion that if Mr. Snook were to go that the carrying through of the Stephenson Report would not be necessarily prejudiced?"

Mr. West: "I think other engineers on the staff could take on extra duties with regard to planning. If we get a Building Inspector, he can carry most of the load."

His Worship the Mayor: "I take it that you are not opposed to Mr. Snook taking this course. Would you use him for other work if he were here?"

Mr. West: "I thought that Planning and Building Inspection were closely allied. That is my personal opinion. I do not want to give anyone the impression that I want to belittle the efforts of any one individual."

Alderman O'Brien: "I would like to suggest that with a new Minimum Standards Ordinance going into effect we have a full-time job for a Building Inspector the next 2 or 3 years giving effect to that Ordinance and we should have a full-time planner with the Stephenson Report."

Alderman Lloyd: "Provided a Building Inspector is appointed before Mr. Snook goes on his course."

Alderman O'Malley: "If I am correct I believe the Traffic Engineer would be still in our Works Division. I feel he should be under the Police Department. Traffic and Police go along with each other. I think Town Planning and Building Inspection should be together. I would be happy to support him as a Traffic Engineer solely within the Police Department."

Alderman Ferguson: "I would be against bringing in a person as in the Manager's Report. A person without any knowledge of the City would be of no benefit to us whatever. Just getting through a course thousands of miles away does not give him any background. We should get somebody who is going to be at least permanent. I think any investment we do put in him would be a poor one. Increase the staff with someone we can train for the future."

Alderman Wyman: "If Mr. Snook goes on the course the time when he comes back, what is going to be our situation at that time. At that time he would be trained as a Building Inspector and also Traffic Engineer. I would like to know whether a year from now if one man can do these three jobs?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "As I understand the anticipated procedure Mr. Snook will do two jobs that of Town Planning and Traffic Engineering. Mr. Snook, you have never been Building Inspector?"

Mr. Snook: "Only during vacation time."

Alderman Wyman: "At the end of one year or June 1958 in order to cover the 3 jobs mentioned, should we have one man, two or three and if it is less than 3 which job should be tied to which?"

Mr. West: "I was not thinking of the Town Planning Engineer being Traffic Engineer and Building Inspector at all. In the Allen-Corgill Report it was suggested that the Traffic Engineer be in the Police Department. If the Planning Engineer is under Works he might also do Building Inspection I think that has to be settled whether he is going to be under Works or Police."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should look to the proper person for a recommendation on this and that is the Commissioner of Works. I think we should have an out and out recommendation from the Commissioner of Works. I am not thoroughly sold on the idea of a Traffic Engineer. Why has not Mr. Snook been doing some traffic engineering? The financial end is going to cost \$10,000.00 to qualify him. We are going to pay his salary and course and pay for another man. I don't think the City is large enough that it has to have a full time position to give a man a job."

Alderman Abbott: "I agree with Alderman Dunlop we struggled with this item in Committee on Works and I am of the opinion that we should not have a full time Traffic Engineer and that is why I moved that the two be combined. I would be willing to let this go back to Mr. West and get a report from him."

Alderman Wyman: "We have the report of the traffic survey made in the City. When one of the authors appeared before Council he recommended that a City of this size needed a full time Traffic Engineer. I have not heard an opinion expressed by our own Officials whether they concurred with that or not. With regard to the work of a Traffic Engineer, the work would be very much the same as the work that was carried out in the survey only on a continuing basis. I question whether we need an employee to carry on the same type of thinking further."

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Alderman Lane: "The problems of traffic are delegated to the Traffic Authority under the Motor Vehicle Act and that is the Chief of Police. If an engineer were sent away and qualified under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Works, what is his capacity? Can he say to the Chief of Police that he is wrong? Who is going to supercede who?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The engineer would be made the Traffic Authority under the Motor Vehicle Act or the Traffic Engineer could be an advisor to the Chief."

Alderman Lane: "That proves to me that the Traffic Engineer should be in the Police Department."

Alderman DeWolf: "I would like to know from the Chief what his opinion is of the situation?"

Alderman Lloyd: "Then let us hear from Mr. Snook what he thinks."

Chief Mitchell: "For the past 5 years the need for a Traffic Engineer has been pressing on us. This thought was based on the Royal Commission on Insurance Rates. I discussed the matter with Mr. Corgill. This matter of a full time Traffic Engineer was talked over with him. The report was submitted and I made a recommendation that a full time Traffic Engineer be appointed. I am still of the same opinion that one is needed today. It was decided we should not have a full time Traffic Engineer but rather a part time one. I feel the day will come when it will become a full job. At the moment we are dealing with problems as they arise. It should go far beyond that. In Halifax we have special problems. I think it needs a great deal of visionary planning. I think the Traffic Engineer upon graduation could be appointed Traffic Authority. We could work with that man. Our purpose could be enforcement or he could be an advisor to the Traffic Authority."

Alderman Macdonald: "I think some consideration should be given to Mr. Snook taking this course. I feel there is a growing need for a Traffic Engineer and it has been recommended. Mr. Snook knows traffic conditions in the City. Traffic conditions I think enter into phases of his work. As far as Building Inspection is concerned, I think it is necessary that we should have a full time Building Inspector. If that is so, why not go looking for a Building Inspector. I think we should have a qualified man to carry that out."

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Mr. Snook: "Sometime ago Mr. DeBard asked me if I was interested in this type of work. I said I was. I feel that planning and traffic are visionary work. I have been doing quite a bit of traffic work in co-operation with the Chief. I feel this work will give me the theory side of traffic. It is planning work also. There are projected traffic counts, etc. I would not want to take on a position of Traffic Authority without having that background knowledge. I am quite willing to do what is best for all concerned."

His Worship the Mayor: "Do you reckon it would be a full time job?"

Mr. Snook: "I do think I can handle traffic and planning both. I think it would be impossible to take on a third job."

Alderman Fox: "Has there been any agreement to have Mr. Snook 12 months after he finishes his course?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I presume he would remain for a period of at least 3 years after his return."

Alderman DeWolf: "The point that interests me is that Mr. Snook said he would get a theoretical training in college but where is he going to get the practical training. I think we would be just as well off to give him the funds to go to the Cities and see what they are doing and get the benefit of practical experience and it would be as much advantage to the City."

Alderman O'Malley: "I feel this whole debate tonight has created a considerable amount of confusion in the minds of the Aldermen by the statements of the Officials as to the Traffic Engineer; should he be a part time one; should we have a full time Building Inspector and whether or not the appointment should be one that encompasses the Town Planning Engineer."

Moved in amendment by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Wyman that this matter be deferred for a written report from the Commissioner of Works and Chief of Police to be submitted to the next regular meeting of City Council.

Alderman Wyman: "I would like to ask that the report give us an actual picture of what the Commissioner of Works anticipates will be the set-up as relating to Building Inspector, Town Planning Engineer and Traffic Engineer after we have had this man trained."

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Alderman Lloyd: "There is one thing missing in this whole business. We are supposed to be mainly concerned with policy. We are once again discussing a matter of administration. We pay \$13,000.00 for an experienced, trained administrator conversant with municipal government. He came to us on that basis. I say to him to bring in a report that is comprehensive. It is quite plain that the Commissioner of Works feels that the Building Inspector and Town Planning Engineer can go together and Traffic Planning can go on its own. I hope the paid executives get their heads together and come up with an answer fast."

Alderman O'Brien: "We have had the individual reports of the Chief of Police and I have here 2 or 3 reports on this matter. I think we have plenty of information. I don't think we should delay action in getting a Traffic Engineer."

The amendment was put and passed 8 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT - Aldermen Ferguson, O'Malley, Lloyd, Wyman, DeWolf, Dunlop, Adams and Fox - 8 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen Vaughan, O'Brien, Greenwood, Abbott, Lane and Macdonald - 6 -

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS TO RETIRED EMPLOYEES ✓

May 9, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the Commissioner of Finance respecting Supplementary Grants.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

From: L.M. Remkey, Commissioner of Finance.

Date: May 1, 1957.

Subject: Supplementary Grants.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

Under Chapter 63, Section 21 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1957, we have

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acquired Legislation supplementing pensions to retired employees who were members of the New Superannuation Plan, retroactive to 1956.

Following is a list of employees who will be receiving a supplementary grant under this Act:-

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF PENSION FROM SUPERANNUATION FUND</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT FROM CURRENT REVENUE</u>	<u>TOTAL PENSION AND GRANT</u>	<u>RETROACTIVE TO</u>
A.J. Yeadon	\$1,211.06	\$1,009.44	\$2,220.50	April 1/56
Everett B. Lloy	1,537.74	715.27	2,253.01	Oct. 1/56
Lillian Rafuse	660.92	539.08	1,200.00	Oct. 1/56
James W. Baker	1,910.60	819.49	2,730.09	March 1/57
James D. MacDonald	552.65	189.17	741.82	Feb. 15/57
Mrs. Lucy Mombourquette	473.75	249.96	723.71	April 1/57

I therefore request authority under Section 316C of the City Charter to pay these supplementary grants.

Respectfully submitted,

L.M. Romkey,
Commissioner of Finance.

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

RELEASE OF LEGISLATIVE GRANTS ✓

May 9, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the Commissioner of Finance respecting Release of Legislative Grants.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

From: L.M. Romkey, Commissioner of Finance.

Date: May 1, 1957

Subject: Release of Legislative Grants.

We have acquired permissive legislation under Chapter 62 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1957, to pay the following Grants:-

SCHEDULE "A"

To pay as a grant to the Salvation Army (Red Shield Campaign) ----- \$2,000.00
the sum of-----
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Cancer Society, the sum of----- 1,000.00

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To pay as a grant to the Halifax Community Chest, the sum of-----\$9,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Red Cross Society, (Nova
Scotia Division) the sum of----- 2,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Red Cross Society, (Home
Makers Service) the sum of----- 2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the St. John Ambulance Assoc'n the sum of----- 750.00
To pay as a grant to the Board of the Maritime Museum (Citadel
Hill) the sum of----- 3,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Nova Scotia Opera Association the sum of----- 500.00
To pay as a grant to the Maritime School of Social Work, the sum of----- 500.00
To pay as a grant to the John Howard Society, the sum of----- 1,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Board of the Army Museum (Citadel Hill)
the sum of----- 3,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Maritime
Division) the sum of----- 500.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers, the sum of----- 1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Symphony Society, the sum of----- 2,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Musical Festival, the sum of----- 750.00
To pay as a grant to the Family Service Bureau of Halifax, the
sum of----- 4,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Walter Gallow-Wheelchair Coach Fund,
the sum of----- 500.00
To pay as a grant to the Maritime Conservatory of Music the sum of----- 5,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Springhill Disaster Fund, the sum of----- 5,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Rehabilitation Centre, the sum of----- 1,000.00

We have provided funds in the 1957 Budget to pay the above items,
and we require City Council authority before the above Grants can be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

L.M. Romkey,
Commissioner of Finance.

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

SEWER EASEMENT RAINNIE DRIVE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: May 7th, 1957.
Subject: Sewer Easements - Rainnie Drive.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the
question of releasing easements for sewer over the land sold to
Maritime Auto Supply Co. Ltd. and R.R. Power Ltd., was again
considered.

The Committee recommended that these easements be released.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

May 16, 1957.

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

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

Date: May 1, 1957.

Subject: Sewer Easement - Rainnie Drive.

The Legal Department brought forward the lease of a Sewer Easement across land abutting on Rainnie Drive and the matter was held up by City Council on the ground that the giving up of this land might involve some compensation to the City.

In his report to the Council, Mr. Doyle pointed out that the land was sold subject to the relocation of the existing drain. It would seem, therefore, that whatever price was paid for the land at the time included compensation to the City for removal of the drain, otherwise the price might well have been more than the price that was actually received.

Unless there is some point which the administrative officials do not see, we do not feel that any compensation is due to the City.

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

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

TENDERS MOTOR EQUIPMENT POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ✓

A report was submitted from the City Manager listing tenders received for the above equipment and making the following recommendations:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Net Tender</u>
POLICE CARS	Wood Motors (NS) Ltd.	Ford	\$7,350.44
POLICE MOTORCYCLES	G. Colquhoun		\$8,983.40
FIRE DEPARTMENT CAR	Purdy Motors Ltd.	Chrysler	\$3,150.00

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

TENDERS FOR RAINCOATS POLICE DEPARTMENT ✓

May 7, 1957.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Chief of Police recommending that raincoats for the members of the Police Department be purchased from Schooner Outfitting at \$19.00 per coat.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

May 16, 1957.

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

TENDERS UNIFORM CAPS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY PRISON ✓

May 7, 1957.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the following tenders were accepted to supply Uniform Caps for members of the Fire Department and City Prison:

14 Navy Blue Uniform Caps - Stokes Cap & Regalia Ltd. @ \$3.30 each
(City Prison)
108 Navy Blue Uniform Caps - Morris Goldberg Men's Wear @ \$3.18 each.
(Fire Dept.)

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS GROCERIES AND FISH TUBERCULOSIS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITALS, CITY HOME AND CITY PRISON ✓

A report was submitted from the City Manager listing tenders received for the above supplies and making certain recommendations. The report is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

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

EMERGENCY SHELTERS MULGRAVE PARK ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: May 7th, 1957.
Subject: Emergency Shelters - Mulgrave Park.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached report from the City Manager, relative to apartments available for housing City tenants was considered.

The Committee recommended that we abide by the arrangement previously made that eight apartments be made available.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

TABULATION OF GROCERY TENDERS

F O R
HALIFAX TUBERCULOSIS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITALS

<u>GROUPS</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>HOWARDS LIMITED</u>	<u>SCOTIA FLOUR & FEED</u>
Group #1	Canned and Dry Fruits Jams and Juices	\$ 4,854.73 *	\$ 4,977.48
Group #2	Canned and Dry Vegetables	\$ 2,752.25	\$ 2,742.63 *
Group #3	Canned Soup, Bottled Sauces, Chow & Pickles and Canned Fish	\$ 3,794.40	\$ 3,475.55 *
Group #4	Cereals, Coffee, Tea, Flour Sugar, Biscuits and Cheese	\$10,185.59 *	\$10,585.48
Group #5	Soaps, Cleaning Materials	\$ 680.87 *	\$ 725.20
Group #6	All other supplies	\$ 2,932.62 *	\$ 2,991.14

RECOMMENDED BIDS.

Howards Limited	-	Group #1 - Canned and Dry Fruits Jams and Juices	-	Lowest Tender
Scotia Flour & Feed	-	Group #2 - Canned and Dry Vegetables	-	Lowest Tender
Scotia Flour & Feed	-	Group #3 - Canned Soup, Bottled Sauces Chow & Pickles and Canned Fish	-	Lowest Tender
Howards Limited	-	Group #4 - Cereals, Coffee, Tea, Flour Sugar, Biscuits and Cheese	-	Lowest Tender
Howards Limited	-	Group #5 - Soaps, Cleaning Materials	-	Lowest Tender
Howards Limited	-	Group #6 - All other Supplies	-	Lowest Tender

A. A. DeBard
.....
City Manager.

CITY OF HALIFAX

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TABULATION OF FISH TENDERS, HALIFAX TUBERCULOSIS
INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITALS, CITY HOME AND CITY PRISON.

ESTIMATED QUANTITY FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 20, 1957 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1957.	"A" BURNS FISHERIES	"B" FISHERMAN'S MARKET	"C" BOUTILIER'S	LOW TENDER
Fresh Codfish	.10	.09½	.11	"B"
Fresh Haddock	.15	.16	.16	"A"
1/2 lb Fillets	.27	.27	.29	"A" & "B"
Cod Fillets	.18	.18	.20	"A" & "B"
Haddock Steak	.17	.18	.19	"A"
Halibut Steak	.35	.42	.37	"A"
Cod Steak	.23	.23	.14	"A" & "B"
Salmon Fillets	.30	.32	.32	"A"
Salmon, Dressed	.31	.31	.33	"A" & "B"
Salmon, Frozen	.50	.54	.62	"A"
Fresh Herring, dressed, heads off.	.08	.08	.09	"A" & "B"
Salt Herring #2 1 Bbl.	8.00	7.45	8.50	"B"
Dressed Mackerel, Fresh Heads on.	.14	.14	.15	"A" & "B"
1/2 lb	.16	.16½	.17	"A"
1/2 lb Haddock	.24	.23	.26	"B"
1/2 lb Boneless Cod	.25	.26	.26	"A"
1/2 lb Codfish, Salt	.16	.17	.17	"A"
1/2 lb Scallops	.50	.54	.54	"A"
1/2 lb Smoked Cod Fillets	.17	.18	.18	"A"

Recommended Bidders indicated in 4th Column to the Right.

Two Bidders - Burns Fisheries Limited and Fisherman's Market Limited quoted identical prices on Six Items - (See Low Tender - 4th Column to right) at a cost of \$237.50, respectively, and it is recommended that the Tender be split on a monthly rotation basis for these Items.

A. A. DeBorja
City Manager.

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The Acting City Manager advised that Dr. Kerr had requested the use of another apartment.

It was agreed that the Acting City Manager make the best arrangements possible.

EXTENSION OF TOWER TERRACE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: May 7th, 1957.
Subject: Tower Terrace.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached report from the City Manager relative to the extension of Tower Terrace, through to Wellington Street was considered.

The Committee approved the City Manager's recommendation that this extension not be made because it is too costly.

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: May 7, 1957.
Subject: Tower Terrace.

Arising out of need for better drainage on Tower Terrace consideration was given in 1955 to the extension of Tower Terrace through to Wellington Street.

The street would have to be extended 117 feet and property would have to be acquired from #73 Wellington Street and #77 Wellington Street. The width would only be 37 feet, the same as the present road.

Figuring the land required at 80¢ a square foot, the cost in 1955 would have been -

Land from #73 Wellington St.	\$2,720.00	
" " #77 " " includes cost	2,510.00	
" " " " cost of garage	1,400.00	
Clearing and grading	1,200.00	\$7,830.00
Sidewalk, Curb and gutter		

These costs would amount to \$1.85 per square foot of street extension or \$66.65 per running foot. With advances in costs, a final cost of \$10,000.00 would be closer to the final results.

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It is recommended that this extension not be made because it is too costly. Curb and gutter is in the proposed capital budget at a cost of \$1,550.00 for length of existing street.

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

A letter was submitted from Mr. Andrew Mathews advising that from a petition on file it was never the intention of the petitioners to have sidewalk and gutter without the street going through to Wellington Street. He advised that he had information that Mr. James Moriarty had been approached by a local Trust Company to purchase the land and should the sale go through the extension would never take place. Negotiations are under way for the erection of an 18 apartment building on the north side and another of 12 apartments on the south side. He stated that the city would have everything to gain and nothing to lose by extending Tower Terrace through to Wellington Street.

Alderman DeWolf: "I suggest that that street is half way through from Tower Road and Wellington Street. I believe it is narrower than the usual street. If you put in the curb and gutter as proposed, it will be practically impossible for a car to turn in that street. It is a great convenience for pedestrians to walk from Tower Road to Wellington Street. I do not think \$10,000.00 is too great for the benefits that may be received. I suggest that the cost of putting the street through would come back to the City in a very few years. People must put their cars in the alleys to turn. I believe we have the opportunity of buying these pieces of land that we might not have at a future date."

It was agreed to defer this matter until the special meeting of City Council to be held on May 23, 1957

ARMDALE ROTARY - PROGRESS PAYMENT ✓

May 9, 1957.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the City Manager respecting Armdale Rotary - Progress Payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

May 16, 1957.

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

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

Date: May 9, 1957.

Subject: Armdale Rotary - Progress Payment.

We have received the following progress estimate from the Province as of April 30, 1957.

Clearing	\$ 260.00
Grubbing	960.00
Common Excavation	7,183.80
Solid Rock Excavation	16,107.84
Borrow	22,780.95
Foundation Excavation Common	7,383.40
Foundation Excavation Solid Rock	3,150.40
Catch Basins, Frames & Covers	9,360.00
Rock Fill	1,566.45
Laying Concrete Pipe 12"	935.85
" " " 15"	396.15
" " " 18"	918.72
" " " 24"	325.65
Concrete Class "A"	35,853.00
Reinforcing Steel	7,995.48
Concrete in Bus Stops	9,270.25
Reinforcing Steel in Bus Stops	3,180.48
Sodding	11,316.00
Removal of Sidewalks	460.60
Rip Rap Hand Laid	5,484.60
Removal of Curb and Gutter	683.00
Surfacing Class "A"	1,633.70
Laying Concrete Sidewalks	8,737.68
Removal of Pavement	1,422.60
Masonry Wall	2,322.00
Fine Grading	1,081.74
Base Course	53,078.70
Bituminous Mixed Material	23,186.54
Extra Work	2,509.49
Removal of Sea Wall	584.20
Trench Excavation Common	3,248.00
Trench Excavation Solid Rock	1,875.80
Laying Concrete Curb & Gutter	16,463.70
Total	\$261,716.77
10% Withholding	26,171.68
Released	235,545.09
	20,000.00
	255,545.09
Province's half	127,772.55
City's share	127,772.54
Previously paid	58,510.34
This payment	<u>69,262.20</u>

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

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

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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ✓

His Worship the Mayor outlined what had taken place with respect to the conference held in the office of the Minister of Health on the matter of the Tuberculosis Treatment and Control Program. He said he was requested to write a letter and suggest a short term agreement or make any other proposition the City wished to advance. He had done this and was awaiting a reply.

CITY PRISON ✓

May 16, 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 a report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending that the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated under the authority of section 316C of the City Charter for the purpose of providing some kind of employment for the prisoners at the City Prison and the Mayor and Acting City Manager be empowered to spend such sum in the wisest manner possible subject to the legality of any work to be undertaken for the welfare of the prisoners.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

ADDITIONAL BORROWING ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL ✓

May 9, 1957.

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

A report from the Board of School Commissioners advising that an additional sum of \$63,000.00 will be required to complete the extension to St. Thomas Aquinas School was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was agreed to recommend that application be made to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for authority to borrow the sum of \$63,000.00 in addition to the sum previously authorized for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present

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and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Adams, Fox, Ferguson, O'Malley, Lloyd, Wyman, Vaughan, O'Brien and Greenwood.

A Borrowing Resolution amounting to \$63,000.00 was submitted.

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

BUILDING LINE GOTTINGEN STREET ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: May 7, 1957.

Subject: Building Lines - Gottingen Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on the above date, considered an application from 41 residents of North Gottingen Street requesting that the building line on both sides of Gottingen Street from Duffus Street to Glebe Street be reduced from 15 ft. to 10 ft.

The Town Planning Engineer recommended that the building line on the east side be reduced to 10 feet and the building line on the west side maintained at 15 feet.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the report be approved and Council fix Thursday, June 27, 1957 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

RESUBDIVISION OF LANDS STAIRS SON AND MORROW LTD. & FOUNDATION MARITIME LIMITED ✓
ON WATER STREET

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: May 7, 1957.

Subject: Resubdivision of Lands Wm. Stairs Son and Morrow Ltd. and Foundation Maritime Ltd. - Lower Water Street.

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At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date a report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a Plan showing an exchange of land between the two Companies was considered.

The Board approved same as shown on Plan No. 00-8-13756.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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

SALE OF LAND QUEEN STREET AND FENWICK STREET

The City Solicitor suggested that this matter be deferred until the title of the land could be searched before it was sold.

The matter was then deferred.

CAIRN ✓

His Worship the Mayor advised that stones had been sent to Halifax from Menstrie Castle and the North British Society is going to request the Committee on Works for permission to use the south end of Victoria Park for the purpose of erecting the cairn.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works.

At this time Dr. Bruce Fergusson gave an interesting talk on the historical facts surrounding the activities of Sir William Alexander and for which the Council expressed its thanks.

IRVING OIL COMPANY LANDS LADY HAMMOND ROAD ✓

Mr. L.F. Daley appeared before Council on behalf of the Irving Oil Company who own land on Lady Hammond Road and a portion of which the City has expropriated for the incinerator. He said certain industries were interested in locating on these lands and it was probable that within one year a building worth half a million dollars would be erected and provide employment for 110 persons.

Alderman Vaughan: "I would request the Council to stay action on the use of the Lady Hammond Road site in view of the representations made by Mr. Daley on behalf of his clients."

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Mr. Daley: "These people are very earnest in their intentions about coming here."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Committee was of the opinion that the representations put forward were of a sound nature."

Alderman Lloyd: "What kind of business do Thorne's engage in?"

Mr. Daley: "About the same as Stairs, Son and Morrow and A.M. Bell; general wholesalers."

Alderman Lloyd: "The Stenpro Company; what products does it produce?"

Mr. Daley: "Oil burners, storage tanks and truck tanks."

Alderman Lloyd: "Where is their market?"

Mr. Daley: "Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Quebec."

LAND ASSEMBLY BEDFORD BASIN ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "I would like to bring before Council a request of the Industrial Commission. We have been studying the possibility of land assembly on the Basin Shores. To fully develop the land it would be impossible for any individual or firm to do so. The Commission has studied this matter and has had conferences with the C.N.R., N.H. Board and the Halifax Relief Commission to secure their co-operation. I urge that Council authorize the expropriation to secure the properties in the Basin Area. We feel the assessment will be of great benefit to the City. We are assured that there is a great urgency in securing title to these lands. The C.N.R. looks upon it most favorably. Mr. Butler of the Relief Commission was most co-operative. Any increase in value in that area is the direct result of the growth of the City of Halifax."

A plan showing the properties in question and outlined in red was submitted for the information of the Council.

Alderman Ferguson: "I think this would certainly be a forward step for Halifax. It is the only way to tidy up the area and make any progress. The Council should get the machinery under way to get this land at the best possible price being fair to all parties concerned."

Alderman Vaughan: "There would be levelling and additional fill on the dump site."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I have had some unofficial discussions concerning the abattoir; a change of site."

Alderman Macdonald: "This has taken a long time to get to the point where we are now to get the land for industrial purposes. The City will benefit by it. I am for it myself and I think it is a move in the right direction."

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the City Solicitor prepare an expropriation plan and proceedings to take over the land outlined in red on the plan.

Alderman Lloyd: "Have you any idea of the cost involved?"

Mr. Snook advised that it would be about \$14,000.00 per acre by one scheme and \$20,000.00 another. The assessed value of the land at the present time is 20 cents per sq. ft.

Alderman Ferguson: "We are looking to get industry on it in the future. Whichever way it goes it is a long term proposition. With the scarcity of land in the City I can't see any possibility that it can't be anything but a success."

Alderman Lloyd: "You have to have something to offer if you hope to attract industry. I do think you must have some round figure on what we are getting into. Is it \$100,000.00; \$200,000.00 or \$300,000.00?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I am sorry I can't give you a figure. If the figures are out of the way then we will forget it."

Alderman Lloyd: "We don't have to go through with it if the price is too high?"

City Solicitor: "That is right."

The motion was then put and passed.

USE OF FACILITIES WESTMOUNT SCHOOL ✓

Alderman O'Brien referred to the fact that the facilities at Westmount School were not available to the children playing in the area. He felt that the gymnasium should be used.

Alderman Lane: "It was pointed out to us that it is not the use of the facilities but rather the abuse. There is no adequate supervision. There is damage to the walls and woodwork in the school. The children are in the hands

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of young supervisors. It is the matter of damage to the buildings and that is the concern of the Board."

His Worship the Mayor: "Adequate supervision should be impressed upon the Recreation Commission."

Alderman DeWolf stated the matter was left with Mr. Freeman to discuss with Mr. Dawson.

STAFF CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE ✓

Alderman Ferguson asked what progress had been made with respect to securing additional staff in the City Solicitor's Department .

City Solicitor: "There has not been any formal application made but I have received 4 inquiries. I think further consideration should be given to the re-arrangement in the Department. There seems to be some hesitation among lawyers to come on as Assistant. I thought a Committee might be appointed to discuss the matter with me. In some municipalities there is a Corporation Counsel and a Solicitor to do the routine work. That is in effect in at least a couple of cities in Canada. In order to try to get somebody in the office who would be interested for a long term and would eventually take over the full operation, I think we might consider something along that line."

Alderman Lloyd: "What about a Deputy? What about the duties and salaries?"

It was agreed that a committee be appointed to bring forward a recommendation."

The following Committee was appointed: Aldermen Dunlop, Lloyd and His Worship the Mayor.

REVISION OF ZONING BY -LAW ✓

Alderman O'Brien: "On October 25, 1956 I asked the Solicitor about the revision of the Zoning By-Law if a two-thirds vote would be required and his answer was 'no' on the grounds that we are having a new By-Law. From the advertisement in the paper we are having a revision of only one section of it. I wonder if two-thirds would be required where more than 20% have registered objections?"

The City Solicitor then read Section 16 of the Town Planning Act and

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stated: "It seems to me that all persons affected in the R-2 Zone would be affected by that proposed amendment and would have the right to object in writing and if enough objected it could probably mean that the Council would have to pass it by a two-thirds vote."

Alderman O'Brien: "Suppose the people in one R-2 area of the area in excess of 20% object, can the rule be made to apply?"

His Worship the Mayor: We would take the advice of the Town Planning Engineer to define those persons who are affected in the words of the Act."

Alderman O'Brien: "Is it 20% of a given section or 20% City wide?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I would like to leave that for the opinion of the Town Planning Engineer. I think it is unlikely but it is for him to decide."

QUORUM REGULAR MEETING JUNE 13, 1957

Alderman Greenwood referred to the fact that several members of Council would be attending the Mayors' Convention at this time and a quorum may not be had.

It was then agreed to hold a Special Meeting of Council on June 6, 1957 to ensure a quorum being present.

PERMANENT STOCK ✓

It was agreed to offer this stock for redemption at a price of \$115.00 until September 15, 1957.

RADIAL BRICK INCINERATOR CHIMNEY ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: May 7th, 1957.
Subject: Radial Brick - Incinerator Chimney.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the attached report from the Commissioner of Works relative to using "Glasgow Brown" brick in the Chimney, instead of "Standard Red" brick, at an increased cost of approximately \$3100.00, was considered.

The Committee recommended that the Contract price be increased by \$3100.00 to permit the use of Shaw's Brown Brick in both the Chimney and the Building.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

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To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Members of the Committee on Works.
From: Mr. G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.
Date: May 7, 1957.
Subject: Radial Brick - Incinerator Chimney.

When the Perspective of our new incinerator was considered, along with the presentation drawings for the equipment and appurtenances, at the March 19th 1957, meeting of this Committee, it was pointed out that a shade of brick known as "Shaw's Glasgow Brown" would be used in the construction of the Building and it was generally agreed that this would present a most attractive appearance.

It created a problem for us, however, in that the specifications for the chimney, which was included in the Contract awarded to Francis Hunkin Co. Ltd., of Montreal, called for red radial brick. We wrote to the successful bidder and requested that they consider using the "Glasgow Brown" radial brick and they informed us by letter on April 26, 1957, that they could comply with our request but it would cost approximately \$3100.00 over and above the original tender. This figure was supported by an attached quotation from L.E. Shaw Ltd..

Our first impulse was to, dismiss any thought of using the "Glasgow Brown" brick in the chimney, and for the sake of uniformity, specify the "Standard Red" brick for the building also.

It occurred to us, however, that the Committee and Council might wish to increase the Contract price by \$3100.00 to permit the use of Shaw's "Glasgow Brown" brick in both the chimney and the building.

This information is presented for your consideration.

G.F. West,
Commissioner of Works.

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

INCINERATOR SITE ✓

Alderman Vaughan: "I think we should proceed with this site. We have bought the furnishings. It is just a matter of calling for tenders on the site."

Alderman Macdonald: "There were representations made by Mr. Daley on behalf of these two firms to put up buildings to be in operation within 2 years. We thought it might be possible to find some other site. I was very reluctant to go along with it as I thought this was the ideal site for the incinerator. I think the industries would be of greater benefit to the City and if possible another site might be found for the incinerator."

His Worship the Mayor: "The plans of Mr. Daley are not concrete."

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Alderman DeWolf: "The land the City bought from the Imperial Oil Limited is that big enough to put the incinerator on. The cost of the incinerator is going up quite considerably when we own land ourselves. I don't see why we can't provide enough land of which we own. Has the Tully property been considered? It may be the wrong spot."

Mr. West: "The Imperial Oil property is 8.9 acres. A lot of that is water lot. It did not appeal to me for a number of reasons. The incinerator would be much more expensive. We would have to build out into the water a bit pushing the re-location of Barrington Street further into the Basin increasing the cost of that tremendously. We were asked to look into the Strawberry Hill area. I was asked to report on the suitability of that for the incinerator and City Field operations. We investigated that and it certainly has a number of advantages. If the Lady Hammond Road site is abandoned and Council decides to move City Field the area there would be ideal. It would be adaptable also for the incinerator."

Alderman Greenwood: "Why not consider the placing of the incinerator on the same land as our industrial firms?"

Mr. West: "Both sites in that area were pretty well down on our list because they were so difficult to get at. Any area near the Basin will be much more valuable than any land close to Lady Hammond Road. There is going to be a seawall built at the 6 fathom line."

Alderman Lloyd: "On the matter I feel two ways about it. I would go so far as to make it a special meeting. I would be inclined to think that a few days might give us some opportunity to say Council has given intention to acquiring a new site; your plans are not definite in one way; can we get down to more specific cases on your proposal within one week or 10 days on the incinerator question."

It was then agreed that the matter be deferred until the special meeting of City Council scheduled for May 23, 1957.

Mr. Daley: "I don't think plans could be worked out in a week or perhaps in a month. I should add that nobody can give a guarantee that they are going to be there until they are there."

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His Worship the Mayor stated that there were two letters of objection received from residents on the matter of using Strawberry Hill for the incinerator.

ACOUSTICS AND LIGHTING COUNCIL CHAMBER ✓

May 9, 1957.

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

The attached report from the Commissioner of Works respecting Acoustics and Lighting Council Chamber was considered by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

It was decided to recommend against the installation of a public address system in the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

FIRE ALARM BOX CONNECTION SIMPSON-SEARS LTD. ✓

May 7, 1957.

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

The attached report from the City Electrician respecting Master Fire Alarm Signal Box, Simpson-Sears Limited, was considered by the Safety Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Electrician.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

To: A.A. DeBard, Jr., City Manager.
From: A.P. Flynn, City Electrician.
Date: April 23, 1957.
Subject: Master Fire Alarm Box

I have received a verbal request from Simpsons-Sears Limited for permission to have their master fire alarm signal box connected to the City's fire alarm system.

I would recommend that this request be granted with a yearly charge of \$50.00 as this box will not be accessible to the general public and that the City Solicitor be requested to draw up an agreement to cover this connection.

A.P. Flynn,
City Electrician.



To: Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee

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

Date: May 9th, 1957.

Subject: Acoustics & Lighting Council Chamber

1. Follow Up

2. Follow Up

3. Follow Up


4. Completion Date

In reply to a request to investigate ways and means of improving the lighting and acoustics in the Council Chamber we wish to state that both these matters have been investigated and our observations are as follows:

Lighting - it is possible that there may be a surplus of light in the Chamber but this can be solved economically by using only the amount of light required.

Acoustics - the only thing to do to improve the acoustics, in our opinion, is to install a Public Address system. The cost of such an installation would of course depend on the requirements of Council. It is felt however that \$2,000.00 is a safe estimate for the purchase and installation of equipment which would enable everyone to hear the Mayor and Aldermen clearly from any position in the Council Chamber.

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G. F. WEST
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS

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

PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS ✓

May 7, 1957.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the attached report from the Chief of Police respecting the purchase and installation of Parking Meters was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

April 2, 1957.

His Worship the Mayor,
Members of the Safety Committee.

Purchase and Installation of Parking Meters

To fill our future planning needs in relation to the installation of parking meters and to replace those meters damaged, destroyed, and/or lost during the winter months we must purchase one hundred and thirty-six (136) meters and this number is broken down as follows:

Forty-five Dual Automatic meters to replace forty-five Mico Meters which we presently have in stock and which are damaged, worn out, etc. We would like to replace these meters with Dual Automatic as mentioned above for we are offered a trade-in value of \$540.00 on these forty-five meters which would bring the approximate net cost of \$3,977.75.

Fourteen (14) Mico Automatic Meters for trial installation at Cheapside project at an approximate cost of \$1,260.00.

Twenty-five (25) automatic meters at an approximate cost of \$2,232.50 for the Sackville-Prince-George Street section.

Fifty-two (52) automatic meters for the South Park Street installation at an approximate cost of \$4,680.00.

Broadly speaking, our planning includes gradual changeover of our manual type meters to the automatic type for the following reasons:

(a) The automatic type of meter eliminates to a great degree the human error element which is always present in a manual type, i.e. a person depositing the coin and failing to turn the activating mechanism to a point which gives him the full time for the money deposited.

(b) Less damage to the automatic type of meter from a vandalism point of view and this is an important factor in our City as there has been a great deal of damage done to our parking meters, despite a considerable number of persons apprehended and placed before the Courts. From our experience we find the automatic type of meter, i.e. Dual Automatic, requires a greater application of force to open same than does the Mico Manual. As a matter of fact, in the installation at the Ferry Wharf, none of the Dual Automatic have been forced during the past ten months since they have been installed.

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(c) There is slightly less chance of freezeup in the automatic as opposed to the manual, with reference to the activating lever where it enters the case of the meter.

I would therefore recommend that the following meters be purchased:

1. Forty-five (45) one hour Dual Automatic meters for replacement.
2. Fourteen (14) Mico Automatic Meters (one-half hour for five cents) for the Cheapside installation.
3. Twenty-five (25) automatic meters (one-half hour for five cents) for a changeover from the present type of one hour for five cents to thirty minutes for five cents, for installation thus: The south side of Sackville Street between Hollis & Argyle --- 8 meters the south side of Prince Street between Hollis & Argyle --- 13 meters; and the south side of George Street between Hollis & Granville Sts. --- 4 meters.
4. Fifty-two (52) automatic meters for South Park Street between Spring Garden Road and Sackville Street as follows:

Forty only two-hour meters,
twelve only 1/2-hour meters.

I would further recommend that in relation to Items 3 & 4 we be authorized to purchase automatic meters of no specified type for there are one or two other types of automatic meters, i.e. Parco and Duncan-Miller, that we would perhaps like to purchase for a trial installation.

Yours very truly,

V.W. Mitchell,
CHIEF OF POLICE.

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

A Borrowing Resolution amounting to \$12,150.00 covering the above item was submitted.

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

TAG DAYS ✓

May 9, 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 applications for permission to hold tag days be approved as follows:

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The Salvation Army	June 7
Hon. Edward Cornwallis Chapter I.O.O.F.	June 22
United Boys and Girls Recreation Club	June 29
Camp Brunswick	October 25

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Lane wishing to be recorded against the application of the United Boys and Girls Recreation Club.

APPOINTMENT RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION ✓

His Worship the Mayor nominated Dr. Denis R.S. Howell to replace Mr. J.M.C. Duckworth on the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission.

The nomination was approved by Council.

APPOINTMENTS FORUM COMMISSION ✓

His Worship the Mayor nominated Alderman Lloyd to replace Alderman DeWolf on the Forum Commission for a term of 3 years.

The nomination was approved by Council and His Worship the Mayor then declared Alderman Lloyd duly appointed to the Forum Commission for a term of 3 years.

His Worship the Mayor nominated Mr. Harry Butler to replace Mr. J.H. Breen.

Alderman Lane nominated Mr. J.H. Breen and stated: "He is aware of the financial problems of the City and might use some restraint in the raising and spending of money on that Commission. Many citizens not in Council are inclined to spend money more freely."

Both names were then put to vote with Mr. Breen receiving a majority over Mr. Butler.

His Worship the Mayor then declared Mr. J.H. Breen duly appointed to the Forum Commission for a term of 3 years.

COUNTY SEWER AGREEMENTS ✓

Deferred to the special meeting of Council to be held on May 23, 1957.

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LETTER VICE PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRADE Re: LAND ON BELL ROAD ✓

A letter was submitted from Mr. F.H. Kernaghan, Vice President of the Halifax Board of Trade expressing appreciation to the City Council for considering their request to purchase a parcel of land on Bell Road and also to the special committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Mayor Vaughan.

FILED

LETTER CANADIAN LEGION Re: ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ✓

A letter was submitted from the Canadian Legion favouring the appointment of a Haligonian and a veteran to the proposed position of Assistant City Manager if and when the same is appointed.

Alderman Vaughan: "It should be pointed out that it has never been decided that an Assistant Manager would be appointed."

FILED

LETTER KIWANIS CLUB OF HALIFAX Re: FEES CLYDE BEATTY CIRCUS ✓

A letter was submitted from the above club requesting that the license fee for the Clyde Beatty Circus be fixed at a certain amount rather than by the performance.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN LLOYD ✓

Alderman Lloyd gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Council he would move that the matter of license fees for the Clyde Beatty Circus be reconsidered.

Alderman Dunlop: "There is a high-pressure method of selling tickets. I would like to know how much they get out of it? How much goes to the person telephoning?"

Alderman Lloyd stated that the Alderman's point was well taken.

CAPITAL BUDGET 1957 ✓

Deferred until the special meeting of City Council scheduled for May 23, 1957.

APPOINTMENT ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF EMERGENCY SHELTERS ✓

It was agreed that Dr. A.R. Merton, Acting City Manager, be appointed as Acting Administrator of Emergency Shelters.

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GRANT Y.W.C.A. ✓

May 16, 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 a request from the Young Womens' Christian Association for a grant to the campaign presently being conducted to raise funds for the purpose of erecting an addition to its building on Barrington Street.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be obtained at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City to contribute the sum of \$5,000.00 annually for a period of five years beginning with the year 1958 to the Young Womens' Christian Association for the purpose outlined above.

Respectfully submitted ,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Vaughan requested information as to what facilities would be provided.

Alderman Lane: "A swimming pool, gymnasium, additional club room space and some extension to the residence."

Alderman Dunlop: "Tonight we have had \$30,000.00 in grants. I feel that grants this size no matter how worthy they are should be submitted to the tax payers in the form of a plebiscite and give them a chance to express their opinions if they wish this money to be given. Grants like this should not be continued to be given in the face of our tax rate."

STEPHENSON REPORT ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "I have been in touch with Professor Stephenson and hope he will be here before or after the Murray Bay Conference."

The report was deferred until the special meeting of Council scheduled for May 23, 1957.

LIFE SAVING BY MR. CLARENCE MARTIN ✓

Correspondence was furnished the members of Council for their information on the life saving effort by Mr. Clarence Martin of the City Collector's Department.

FILED

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

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

May 7, 1957

Subject: Monthly Administrative Report for April, 1957

1. Electrician's Department

230 wiring inspections made, permit income	\$ 218.85
Revenue from license fees	230.00
" " fire alarm boxes	250.00
" " wiremen's exams	90.00
2 new street lights Edward Arab Ave.	
1 " " light Young Avenue & Harbourview Drive	

2. Building Permits

	<u>NO.</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Dwellings, new	7	106,500.00
Commercial, new	1	124,000.00
Institutional, new	1	500,000.00
Dwellings, repairs	146	72,457.00
Garages, new	6	950.00
Garages, repairs	9	1,260.00
Commercial, repairs	26	82,592.00
Institutional, repairs	3	162,564.00
Government, repairs	1	16,000.00
	<u>200</u>	<u>\$ 1,066,323.00</u>

3. Claims

Donald A. MacDonald - Stop sign and waste basket	35.00
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4. Streets and sewers

Square yards of streets graded	33,832
Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	234
" " " stoned & oiled streets	292
Cubic yards of material used on streets	1,120
Number of square yards sidewalk repairs	17
Lineal feet curb and gutter repairs	50
" " of new sewer	68
Number of street signs maintained (new)	30
" " " "	14
" Catchpits constructed	4
" " cleaned	62
" manholes repaired	2
" " constructed	2
" junctions installed	9
Miles of streets swept by hand	169
" paved streets cleaned	417

5. Garbage

2,484 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 355 tons were burned, together with 1,242 tons of privately collected materials. Total amount processed 1,597 tons with incinerator in operation 130 hours.

6. Snow removal.

111 miles of streets were salted using 1,106 bags of salt.

	Jan.-Mar. <u>1957</u>	April <u>1957</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salting streets - labour	17,849.88	785.49	18,635.37
" " - salt	53,457.24	1,008.00	54,465.24
" sidewalks	1,137.00	-	1,137.00
Plowing "	1,200.27	-	1,200.27
" streets	21,359.61	-	21,359.61
Clearing City properties	2,640.09	-	2,640.09
" catchpits & crosswalks	10,571.78	-	10,571.78
Removing snow	10,621.58	-	10,621.58
Sanding streets, filling sand boxes	532.04	-	532.04
Miscellaneous	1,287.39	29.56	1,316.95
	<u>\$ 120,656.88</u>	<u>\$ 1,823.05</u>	<u>\$122,479.93</u>

7. Prefab Housing

Houses completely paid	386	
Current accounts	<u>426</u>	
Original number of houses	812	
Mortgages receivable, March 31, 1957		\$ 944,435.94
" " April 30, 1957		<u>923,213.85</u>
" decreased during month		21,222.09
Total borrowings, March 31, 1957		212,407.01
" " April 30, 1957		<u>186,967.69</u>
Borrowing decreased		25,439.32
100 accounts two or more months in arrears		\$ 15,976.90

8. Sewers - Capital

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>Feet</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Service Rt. of Way - Cogswell to Rainnie Dr.	15-18" Conc.	Nov. 16/56	820	Apr. 8/57
Gottingen	15" Conc.	Feb. 18/57	480	70%
Newbery (So.)	12" Conc.	Mar. 19/57	255	95%
Newbery (No.)	12" Conc.	Apr. 1/57	161	30%
Windsor St.	12" V. C.	Apr. 4/57	31	98%
Dunvegan	12" Conc.	Apr. 15/57	34	50%
Lloyd Fox	12" Conc.	Mar. 27/57	260	Apr. 4/57
<u>Rehabilitation</u>				
Fier Nine	48" Armco.	Apr. 1/57	40	70%

A. A. DeBard
City Manager.

May 16, 1957.

REHABILITATION CENTRE DECLARED A PUBLIC HOSPITAL ✓

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the Halifax Rehabilitation Council in its operations at the building known as the Halifax Tuberculosis Hospital be declared a public hospital within the meaning of the Local Hospitals Act and that the City do make a grant of such sum as may be determined not less than \$500.00 and appoint a representative to the governing body of the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that Alderman Dunlop be appointed to the governing body of the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Council as the City Council representative. Motion passed.

FORUM COMMISSION STATEMENT ✓

Deferred until the special meeting of City Council scheduled for May 23, 1957.

COSSOR HEATING ACCOUNT ✓

Deferred until the special meeting of City Council scheduled for May 23, 1957.

TOWER TERRACE ✓

Deferred until the special meeting of City Council scheduled for May 23, 1957.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR APRIL

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

FILED

SINKING FUNDS AND TRUST ACCOUNTS ✓

A statement was submitted of Sinking Funds and Trust Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1956.

FILED

POLL TAX COLLECTIONS ✓

A report on Poll Tax Collections for the quarter ending March 31, 1957 was submitted as follows:

May 16, 1957.

Current Poll Tax Collections-----	\$ 240.00
Arrears " " "-----	10,298.62
Penalty and Interest-----	1,749.93
	12,288.55
Same Period previous year-----	14,197.60
Decrease-----	1,909.05
Amount collected by street collectors-----	3,938.29
Amount paid at Collector's Office-----	8,150.26
Total collections as shown above-----	12,288.55

FILED

ANNUAL REPORT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ✓

The Annual Report of the Public Service Commission for the year ending December 31, 1956 was submitted.

Copies of the report were furnished the members of Council for their information as well as City Officials.

FILED

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION PROVINCIAL MUSEUM CITADEL HILL ✓

A letter was submitted by the Curator of the Provincial Museum of Citadel Hill thanking the Council for the donation of the Mayor's Chair used in the Council Chamber before its renovation.

FILED

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

Meeting adjourned 11:30 P.M.

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