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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1958

A G E N D A

Prayer.

Minutes December 12, 1957.

1. Public Hearing Re: Altering Building Line Lot #9 Dunvegan Drive.
2. Write Off Betterment Charges #24 Walnut Street (\$40.00)
3. Borrowing \$3,500,000.00 Anticipation of Fixing Tax Rate for 1958.
4. Settlement Hospital Account.
5. Accounts over \$500.00.
6. Taxation - Moirs Limited.
7. Legislation Re: Attendance Point Pleasant Park Commission Meetings.
8. Pottier Report.
9. Retirement Allowance School Board Employee.
10. Appointments.
11. Acceptance of Tapestry by Library.
12. City Solicitor Salary.
13. Application Beauty Parlor #165 Mumford Road (Recommended)
14. Resubdivision Lots A & B - Kaye Street (Recommended).
15. Application Plot of Land Fairview Cemetery - Last Post Burial.
16. Exchange of Land Kaye & Isleville Streets.
- 17A. Sale of Land Kempt Road.
- 17B. Sale of Land Kempt Road.
18. Blue Line North Street & Expropriation Garson Property.
19. School Board Deficit 1957.
20. Tenders Television Sets for City Home.
21. Petition Home Owners Ward 6 Re: Incinerator Site.
22. Extending 1957 Legislation to Present Employees who are over their Retirement Age.
23. Taxation Halifax Shipyards Limited.
24. Superannuation Hoseman W.A. Maguire.
25. Exemption N.S. Tuberculosis Association.
26. Request for Council to take over old Morris Street School Site.
27. Report Housing Committee.
28. Amendment Ordinance #51 "Smoke Abatement" (1st Reading).
29. Salaries.
30. Course Urban Renewal C.M.H.C. at Ottawa.
31. Sale of Pottier Report \$2.50 per copy.
32. Salary in lieu of Vacation Insp. R. Mitchell \$399.69
33. Installation new Burglar Alarm Panel - Police Department.
34. Subdivision Basinview Drive & Bright Street (Recommended).
35. Removal & Alteration Street Line Basinview Drive & Bright St. (Date for Hearing)
36. Tenders Traffic Lights - Barrington Street.
37. Lease to Board of Trade - Parking Lot Spring Garden Road.
38. Proposed Tree Planting - Spring of 1958.
39. Schedule of Meetings.
40. Sale Surplus Fire Ladder Truck \$1.00.
41. Provincial - City Highway Agreement.
42. Rezoning 8 Oxford Street (To T.P. Board)
43. " 10/12 Quinn Street ( To. T.P. Board.)
44. " 176 Oxford Street (To T.P. Board)
45. " Exhibition Grounds (To T.P. Board)
46. " R-2 Areas - Application withdrawn.
47. Notice of Action H.L. Cooper vs City of Halifax.
48. Questions.
49. Prefabricated Housing Operation.
50. March of Dimes Campaign.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Report Chief of Police Parking on South Street and Progression Traffic Lights on North Street (Circulated).
- List of Trees planted 1957 - Book # 2.
- Administrative Report for December 1957.
- Tax Collections.
- Tax Appeals Filed - 149.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 16, 1958,  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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

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

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the minutes of the meeting held on December 12, 1957 be approved. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS TO NEW ALDERMEN

At this time His Worship the Mayor presented Medallions of Office to Aldermen Butler, Connolly and Trainor who were elected to Council in October 1957.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: ALTERING BUILDING LINE LOT #9 DUNVEGAN DRIVE

A Public Hearing into the matter of reducing the building line on Lot #9 Dunvegan Drive from 20 feet to 14 feet was held at this time.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the matter had been advertised and that no written objection had been received.

No persons appeared for or against the application.

A formal Resolution as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the Resolution be approved. Motion passed.

January 9, 1958.

WRITE-OFF BETTERMENT CHARGE #24 WALNUT STREET ✓

January 9, 1958

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that a Tax Certificate was issued on August 17, 1956 on property 24 Walnut Street which omitted a charge of \$40.00 for pavement which was not posted to the ledger card until September 11, 1956. He suggested that this charge be written off.

Your Committee concurs in this suggestion.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

BORROWING \$3,500,000.00 - SECTION 351 CITY CHARTER ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance recommending that the sum of \$3,500,000.00 be borrowed from the Royal Bank of Canada under the authority of Section 351 of the City Charter in anticipation of the fixing of the tax rate for the Civic Year 1958.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT SETTLEMENT ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising of an offer of the R.C.A.F. Benevolent Fund to pay \$350.00 in full settlement of a V.G. Hospital Account amounting to \$708.45 against Mr. Walter A. Brown and recommending that same be accepted, as it would appear useless to sue for same.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.



January 16, 1958.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship, C.A. Vaughan, and  
Members of City Council.  
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr..  
Date: January 15, 1958.  
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 (Stores)	Hills & Sons Limited	Frames and Covers	\$1,556.88
"	Safety Supply Company	Fire Extinguishers	1,300.00
Finance	Seaman-Cross Ltd.	Mapogany Desk	542.40
Housing Survey	University of Toronto Press	Stephenson Report	5,123.82
Fire	S.P. Zive & Son Ltd.	Beds & mattresses	545.00
Works	Auto Parts Company Ltd.	Electric Impactool & Kit	520.40
	Brown & Hall	Drilling	2,748.10
	Dominion Building Materials Ltd.	Concrete	1,822.10
	The Gillis Company, Limited	Flanges, & Sprockets parts for Sweeper	574.40
	Industrial Machinery Co. Limited	Repair and parts for two Hugh payloaders	2,604.44
	Maritime Cylinder Grinding Co. Ltd.	Repair and cleaning engine	520.95
	Chas. Marriott	Sodding	736.44
	Piercey Supplies Limited	Lumber	911.00
	Seaman-Cross Ltd.	Steel Lockers	657.00
	Wilson Equipment Limited	Broom Filling Machine	680.00
City Home	The Robert Simpson Eastern Ltd.	Furniture	680.00
Civil Defence	The Royal Print & Litho Ltd.	Survival Instruction Booklets	2,346.68
			<u>\$23,869.61</u>

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

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

Alderman Dunlop: "Who is buying the mahogany desk?"

City Manager: "The Finance Department. It is for Mr. Romkey."

Alderman Dunlop: "That is a pretty expensive desk. It has to be paid for. Is it ordered, installed and in use?"

Commissioner of Finance: "Yes."

Alderman Dunlop: "I would suggest that, perhaps, an oak desk at half the price might be considered in future."

Alderman Dunlop also questioned the account of the University of Toronto Press for printing the Stephenson Report, contending that the cost was considerably more than the original estimate which he understood to be in the vicinity of \$1,500.00.

The City Manager explained that an additional quantity had been ordered at the suggestion of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation who wished to give the Report as wide a distribution as possible; also, the cost had been increased due to the fact that the estimate covered only one volume whereas the Report had been printed in two volumes. He said that it would not cost the City very much as Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation were underwriting 75% of the cost.

The motion was then put and passed.

TAXATION - MOIRS LIMITED ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Manager relative to Moirs Ltd., taxation.

He advised that he and His Worship the Mayor had conferred with Moirs Ltd., and it was suggested that the same phraseology be used for 1958 as was used in 1957 except the amount of tax be changed from \$60,000.00 to \$62,000.00 to reflect inclusion of the former College of Art property and the lot on the South used for loading purposes.

The report suggested a provision should be added that any new property acquisitions are not covered by this agreement.

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Your Committee recommends that Moirs Ltd. assessment be set at such an amount which will produce a total tax of \$62,000.00 and that the necessary legislation be obtained. This agreement does not provide for any new property acquisitions.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

LEGISLATION RE: ATTENDANCE POINT PLEASANT PARK DIRECTORS MEETINGS

December 19, 1957.

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

At a meeting of the Directors of Point Pleasant Park held on the above date the matter of attending meetings of the Commission was discussed.

It was pointed out that because of non-attendance of members, a quorum is sometimes hard to obtain.

It was agreed to recommend that legislation be secured at the next session of the Legislature to provide for the following:

"Where any member of the Commission has failed to attend three consecutive meetings of the Commission of which notice has been given to him, without having been excused from attending such meetings by a resolution of the Commission entered in its minutes prior to the close of the third of such meetings, such member shall thereby forthwith vacate his seat as a member of the Commission and shall be deemed to have resigned, and the remaining members shall at the next meeting of the Commission declare the seat to be vacated and the secretary shall immediately notify in writing the body which appointed such member and such body shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy".

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Alderman Dunlop: "How many Directors are there?"

Deputy City Clerk: "There are eleven. The number has been reduced from fourteen."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the number should be reduced further--down to, perhaps, six members, with three as a quorum; and the appointments should be made only to those interested enough to attend."

His Worship the Mayor: "Unfortunately, the legislation provides for four permanent appointees who appoint their successors. Some are getting on in years and one has not attended a meeting in 1½ years."

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Alderman Lane: "Can the legislation be re-drafted beyond this particular point? What about appointing the successors--that clause might be eliminated or changed to the benefit of the Park Commission. There are only one or two members who attend the meetings, and it is not too encouraging to attend. I agree it should be a smaller and more active Committee. It should be re-drafted further with some suggestions from this Council before it goes to legislation."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think it should be re-drafted on the same terms as the Recreation Commission (appointed by Council) and do away with the 'perpetual' terms."

His Worship the Mayor referred to the fact that certain titles to the lands of the Park were in the name of H.M. the Queen (Victoria) and the Trustees of Point Pleasant Park and suggested in view of the legal aspects of the matter, that it be referred to the City Solicitor for study and report, to which Council agreed.

#### POTTIER REPORT

His Worship the Mayor: "The report has been delivered to us and it is now formally accepted by Council, and I await your pleasure as to how you wish to deal with it."

Alderman Lloyd: "The Commission's Report reflects a searching inquiry into the complex elements of Civic taxation. The statistical comparisons with other Canadian cities present conclusive evidence of one of our major financial handicaps. I refer to the large amount of government property that still remains in the 'exempt property' class.

The Report indicated that the Canadian National Railways and the National Harbours Board hold some \$32,000,000.00 worth of real property, at our Assessor's valuations. That value does not include piers, breakwaters, trackage, bridges etc. If that valuation had been included in our tax base along with other Federal Government properties in 1957, our total assessment would have been \$152,922,000.00 on which the commercial tax rate is computed:-

Business Realty and Business Assessments	\$ 95,315,000.
Federal Properties under Municipal Grants Act	25,607,000.
C.N.R. and National Harbours Board	32,000,000.
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	\$152,922,000.

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The taxes levied in 1957 on properties classed as commercial, including the Federal Grants, amounted to \$5,743,795.00:-

Business Realty & Business Assessments @ \$4.75	\$4,527,462.50
Federal Realty under Municipal Grants Act @ 4.75	<u>1,216,332.50</u>
	<u>\$5,743,795.00</u>

The commercial rate for 1957 on all commercial assessments plus Federal Government property values would have been \$3.75. Under those circumstances the C.N.R. and National Harbours Board would have paid about \$1,200,000. instead of \$150,000.00 actually paid us in 1957. On the other hand commercial property owners, Business Tax ratepayers and the Federal Grants Commission would have shared an equivalent sum in tax reductions. The Commission, however, expresses some concern over the application of our two rate system to Federal properties, despite the fact that the Federal Government has accepted our \$4.75 commercial rate for 1957. The Commission, apparently, believes that our chances for success in obtaining full taxation of C.N.R. and National Harbours Board properties would be enhanced if we used a commercial tax rate equal to a single tax rate.

In fact, the Commission recommends a commercial rate of \$3.00, the single tax rate applicable in 1957, on the total assessments for that year, if we ignore the transfer from the current surplus account.

In essence the Commission recommends a tax structure which will limit the tax rate on property classes as commercial to the rate applicable under a single tax rate system. Instead of increasing the residential tax rate of \$3.00 on the single rate level, home owners and other occupants of residential property will pay retail sales and automobile taxes to achieve the same result to the Civic treasury. The only difference between the proposed tax structure and the return to a single rate system is in the method of extraction from the taxpayers' pocketbooks.

The Sales Tax, however, raises questions of administrative costs, tax avoidance and purchases outside the tax area. Before we seriously consider a retail Sales Tax we should make determined efforts to bring the C.N.R., National Harbours Board and Provincial Government real property to the position of full Civic taxation at current rates. In addition, we should examine the merits of the Gross Receipts or Turnover Tax in lieu of our present Business Tax. It

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should not be forgotten that in the last two years under the re-assessment program tenant occupiers of business realty enjoyed an average of 66 2/3% reduction in Business Occupancy Taxes. I believe that much of the burden on commercial realty is caused by the irregularities inherent in our present method of assessing business taxes. A Gross Receipts Tax would overcome those irregularities. We can then anticipate a larger percentage of our total revenue from that source of taxation.

The least observed but greatest disadvantage of a Retail Sales Tax is its reduction of the purchasing power in this area. The Gross Receipts Tax on business operations, on the other hand, applies to the operations of enterprises conducted by non-residents and is also, a deductible expense for Income Tax purposes. It is interesting to note that in the United States, where the Retail Sales Tax is popular, such tax payments, along with property taxes, are deductible for Income Tax purposes by individual taxpayers. That deduction is not permitted in Canada.

Finally, before we move to consider a Retail Sales Tax we should take into account the Provincial Government's assumption of Hospital and Welfare costs and the possibility of increased Educational Grants. The trend of public financing is towards a greater share of the costs of health and welfare and education being paid from Income and other ability to pay taxes levied by the Federal and Provincial Governments. That trend is gradually relieving the tax loads in the form of real property taxation. We should keep our tax structure in harmony with that trend.

Your Worship, I understand, has been engaged on extensive studies of the matter involved in taxation of the National Harbours Board properties in Canada and the Canadian National Railways. You have, also, been examining our fiscal relations with the Province. In keeping with those efforts and the points of view I have expressed this evening, I submit the following Resolution:-

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance and Executive Committee be directed and authorized to:

- (a) Review the basic considerations, statistical data and other evidence set forth in the Pottier Commission Report in support of its recommendations;

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- (b) Consider modifications of the Commission's proposals and alternative tax structures;
- (c) Convene public hearings at which our citizens will be invited to present their opinions of the Commission's proposals and other tax measures;
- (d) With the cooperation of our Provincial and Federal Members prepare submissions to the Canadian Government at the Cabinet level in support of our claim for (1) Full taxation of National Harbours Board and National Railways Real property at current commercial property tax rates; (2) A substantial adjustment grant to compensate the City for the tax revenue losses due to unreasonable delays in settling the City's claim to full civic taxation from the real property of the Canadian Government and its agencies in Halifax;
- (e) Present to the Provincial Minister of Education a submission containing the justification for increased educational grants;
- (f) Present to the Provincial Government a submission containing justification for its payment of taxes on its real property located in Halifax;
- (g) Undertake a detailed study of the experience of other cities with the administration of Gross Receipts or Turnover Taxes;
- (h) Solicit the cooperation of the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Attorney General in preparing the necessary legal authority to levy a Gross Receipts Tax in lieu of our present Business Tax;
- (i) Confer with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mayor of Dartmouth and the Warden of the County of Halifax on the matter of uniform tax policies in the Metropolitan Area of Halifax;
- (j) Report its progress on the matters referred to herein at each regular meeting of the Council.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the Resolution be adopted.

Alderman O'Brien: "Generally speaking, I would say that I agree with most of what has been said by Alderman Lloyd but I would prefer to see a motion carried out at a later date. I think we ought to be concentrating our attention on the current Budget", and he contended that the matter should be referred to a special meeting of Council to give the members a chance to discuss the Report freely and fully and then refer it to the Finance and Executive Committee for the action that is proposed. "Generally speaking, I think the Resolution sets forth a reasonable approach to the consideration of the Report."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the matter should come before the whole Council in the first instance. There may be some matters in the Report that the Council will reject right off and there would not be much use in the Committee spending

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a great deal of time on the matter. I am sure that we are going to accept it. The whole Council should be the Committee on Finance and Executive Committee so that when a matter is decided it will be decided once and for all. If we send it to a committee, it is a little bit more until we have a general discussion, and I will have to vote against it.

Alderman Lloyd: "Perhaps, it might be better if the matter was referred to the Finance and Executive Committee and they can report back if these are the steps. I do not want to defer action until the March meeting. I have studied it and I have reached some points of view. It is a very profound document and you will examine and re-examine it and you will find there are sound reasons for many of the conclusions. I think that there are certain matters involving general Government programs and Provincial Government arrangements that are to be processed as soon as possible in the Budget. We must proceed with care and care of organization and working with it. Perhaps, it might be better if we send the Resolution and report forward for discussion at the February meeting."

His Worship the Mayor: "As you know to the Council of Assembly) is likely to open February 15. We want to consider the Report and if we hope to bring forward draft legislation to enable us to implement any of the recommendations of the Report deemed feasible for 1959, we will have to move hastily. Delay would mean that we cannot impose any of the recommendations until 1960 because in each year our Budget must be in by February 28."

Moved in agreement by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the Resolution be referred for full discussion to a Committee of the Whole Council at the call of the Chair. Amendment passed.

RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEE CHARLES J. ALLAN ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that the Board of School Commissioners has requested a retiring allowance for Mr. Charles Joseph Allan who has been employed from June 1, 1946 to September 30, 1957.



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Mr. Allen was not eligible to join the new Superannuation Plan as he was overage. According to Chapter 62, Section 50, sub-section 5 of the Nova Scotia Acts 1957 he may be considered for an allowance of 15% of the accumulated service benefits to which he would have been entitled had he been a member of the Plan for the full period of his employment. In this case he may receive \$299.00 annually which amount should be made retroactive to October 1, 1957.

Your Committee recommends that Mr. Allen be granted an annual allowance of \$299.00 as of October 1, 1957 under the above authority.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

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

APPOINTMENTS - ELECTED OFFICIALS TO APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

Deferred in Committee.

ACCEPIANCE OF TAPESTRY BY HALIFAX MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A report was submitted from the City Manager advising that the Tapestry depicting the crests of Halifax, N.S. and Halifax, England which had formerly hung in the Mayor's Office had been offered to the Halifax Regional Library Board for possible use in the Halifax Memorial Library as a mural, which offer had been graciously accepted by the Library Board.

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APPLICATION FOR BEAUTY PARLOR - 165 MUMFORD ROAD

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: December 17th, 1957.  
Subject: Application for Beauty Parlor - #165 Mumford Road.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the Town Planning Engineer recommended approval of an Application to operate a Beauty Parlor at #165 Mumford Road, provided that no evidence of such use shall be visible from the outside.

The Board approved and recommended same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Pat. Allan R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

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RESUBDIVISIONS LOTS "A" AND "B" KAYE STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: December 17th, 1957.  
Subject: Resubdivision of Lots A & B - Sunnyside Subdivision - Kaye Street.

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on the above date, the Town Planning Engineer recommended approval of a Plan to move the boundary line two feet eastwardly, at the rear of the lots, because of an incorrect placing of the building on the Plot Plan.

The Board approved the resubdivision, as shown on Plan No. 00-9-13964 and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per...Allan R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

APPLICATION FOR PLOT OF LAND FAIRVIEW CEMETERY LAST POST FUND ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: December 17th, 1957.  
Subject: Application for separate Plot of Land in Fairview Cemetery for Last Post Burial.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date a letter from the Maritime Office, Last Post Fund, requesting that a separate Plot of Land at Fairview Cemetery be set aside for the burial of Indigent Veterans, for which they will pay the sum of \$35.00 for each burial, was considered.

The Committee recommended that a 130 Grave Lot, outlined by the Commissioner of Works, be set aside for the Last Post Fund, and that the Ordinance be amended to permit burials to be made at a cost of \$35.00 instead of \$40.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "I would like a little information. What is the status of Fort Massey Cemetery?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "It is only for men in the Armed Services who die on Active Service."

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

EXCHANGE OF LAND - KAYE AND ISLEVILLE STREETS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: December 17th, 1957.  
Subject: Exchange of Land - Kaye and Isleville Streets.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending an exchange of two small parcels of land at or near the intersection of Isleville and Kaye Streets, between the City and British American Oil Company Limited.

The Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council that the Company sell their portion of the City and the City sell their portion to the Company for the nominal sum of \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per...A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SALE OF LAND - KEMPT ROAD ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending that permission be granted to sell by tender a 50' x 150' piece of City-owned land (365' x 150') opposite Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow Ltd. on Kempt Road.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

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SALE OF LAND - KEMPT ROAD

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter was submitted from Mr. L.A. Kitz on behalf of Peerless Vulcanizing Co. Ltd., requesting the City to sell a lot of land on Kempt Road to them as that Company's place of business will not be fronting on the street should Kempt Road be relocated in the future.

After hearing Mr. Kitz it was agreed to recommend that the land be advertised for sale.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

EXPROPRIATION - GARSON PROPERTY - NORTH STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 14th, 1958.  
Subject: Expropriation Garson Property - North Street.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works regarding the expropriation of the Garson Property, on the northwestern side of North Street between Wood Avenue and Gottingen Street.

On Motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council a resolution to expropriate the property and that \$5,500.00 be paid into Court for this purpose.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per... A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Members of the Committee on Works.  
From: G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.  
Date: January 14th, 1958.  
Subject: Expropriation "Garson" Property - North Street.

In accordance with a decision of the Committee on Works, at a meeting held on December 17th, 1957, I wish to submit the following report on the expropriation of the property owned by Mary and Saul Garson, on the northwestern side of North Street, between Wood Avenue and Gottingen Street.

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Attached hereto is Plan No. RR-5-13518, showing the property involved, known as lot "B", outlined in red, and a description of same.

It is recommended that the City expropriate this property for street widening purposes, that the sum of \$5,500.00 be paid into Court and that appraisers be appointed to act on behalf of the City.

G.F. West,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "What is the reason for the expropriation? I thought it was decided otherwise."

His Worship the Mayor: "We did. It was brought forward again. The Commissioner of Works and the City Manager have recommended that we expropriate."

Alderman DeWolf asked if this would not be setting a dangerous precedent and contended that it would be unfair to the property owners "who are tied up".

City Manager: "It is only for the vacant land that we are recommending acquisition."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the matter be deferred pending receipt of a report from the City Manager of all properties that have a 'blue line', on which the City has not taken action.

Alderman Greenwood: "Is the piece of land the entire lot or enough to establish a blue line?"

City Manager: "The entire lot."

The amendment was put and passed.

SCHOOL BOARD DEFICIT 1957

January 16, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a request from the Board of School Commissioners for a supplementary appropriation of \$25,000.00 to offset a 1957 Budget deficit, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the request be approved and an amount not exceeding \$25,000.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,  
R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS TELEVISION SETS FOR CITY HOME

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date tenders for the purchase of 3 television sets for the City Home were opened as follows:

Mr. Andrew Mathews	21" (Cambridge)	\$760.08
" " "	21" (Monro)	865.08
Phinneys Ltd.	24"	807.00
R.C.A. Victor	24"	809.01
General Electric	24"	705.00
T. Eaton Co. Ltd.	24"	1,020.00
Ross Burner Co.	24"	858.00
Royal Supply Co.	27"	792.00

Your Committee recommends acceptance of the tender of the Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. at \$705.00, being the lowest and authorizes the Trustee of the McAinsh Trust, Mr. A.E. Stimpert, to purchase the sets and charge them to the Trust Account mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

PETITION HOMEOWNERS WARD 6 R<sub>21</sub> INCINERATOR SITE

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Works advising that after investigation it was deemed to be inadvisable to relocate the plant as, in its present location, the chimney will be better able to carry off smoke or fumes which should not be excessive with near perfect combustion; and, that care would be taken to locate the building on the site so that it will be as attractive as possible to the residents in the area.

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EXTENSION OF 1957 LEGISLATION TO EMPLOYEES OVER RETIREMENT AGE SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCE - MISS GRACE BOND

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date

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the matter of a supplementary retiring allowance for Miss Bond was considered.

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that her retirement date was October 1, 1956 and was granted a retirement allowance by the Retirement Committee of \$394.14.

The 1957 legislation which provides for supplementary grants to retiring employees, does not apply to her on account of her extended service over and above her retirement date. If this did apply she would receive an additional amount of \$154.49 giving her a total pension of \$548.63.

As there are several employees (members of the New Superannuation Plan) who are working beyond their retirement age, he recommended that legislation be secured at the next session of the Legislature to make the 1957 legislation relating to supplementary grants apply to them also as well as Miss Bond.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and authorizes the Health Department to keep Miss Bond on the payroll for the difference between a total pension of \$548.63 and her retiring allowance under the Plan of \$394.14 until the legislation is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Alderman Dunlop: "Would it not be better if we got legislation to try and put an end to this by placing a minimum sum?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It would be dangerous."

Alderman Dunlop: "This lady has retired and her contributions have ceased. This is going to cause an extra effort to keep people on whose length of service is not great. The Provincial Government has a scheme where the minimum pension is \$400.00. You get that and you don't get any extension of service. I would like to know the implication of this--how many it would affect? These things start very simply. You benefit one person and now it is going to be extended to them all."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is the reason it is brought forward. There are several others in a similar category."

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

TAXATION - HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date

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Messrs. W.H. Jost and R.J.R. Nelson appeared before the Committee requesting that the 1957 fixed assessment against the Halifax Shipyards Ltd. be extended for 1958.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and the necessary legislation obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

SUPERANNUATION HOSEMAN W.A. MAGUIRE ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Fire Chief recommending the superannuation of Hoseman W.A. Maguire who has been paying into the Old Pension Fund since May 1, 1920, which entitled him to 60% of his average salary for the past 3 years.

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that Mr. Maguire is entitled to the annual sum of \$1,968.81 as from January 31, 1958.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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

TAX EXEMPTION N.S. TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date an assessment notice was submitted from the Executive Secretary of the Nova Scotia Tuberculosis Association covering business on Bayers Road.

The Committee was advised that Council had power to grant an exemption under the authority of Section 310D of the City Charter.

Your Committee recommends that the Nova Scotia Tuberculosis Association be exempted from this assessment under the authority quoted.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.



January 9, 1958.

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

MORRIS STREET SCHOOL SITE - DISPOSITION ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter was submitted from the Board of School Commissioners declaring the site of the old Morris Street School as surplus and requesting Council to take over the disposition of same.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

REPORT - HOUSING COMMITTEE ✓

His Worship the Mayor advised that the report of the Housing Committee was not available as yet as negotiations with the other parties concerned had not been completed.

Alderman Dunlop: "I notice in the report from the City Manager concerning owners of property in the clearance area that twelve owners own a third of the properties; and there is some question whether the Council wants the City Manager to negotiate. Is the Committee still working in an effort to secure an Administrator?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I wrote yesterday to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation asking for the services of one of their staff and we will have a person loaned to us for a year. He is a member of the Bar with a knowledge of property acquisition. He will take up residence in Halifax for a year and work for the partnership in the acquisition of the properties. We will have two more coming in our legal staff on February 1st who will learn the techniques."

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE No. 51 "SMOKE ABATEMENT" (1st READING) ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date

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the attached amendment to Ordinance #51 respecting "The Abatement of Smoke" was considered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENT ✓

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

Subsection (1) of Section 12 of Ordinance No. 51 is amended by striking out the words "within thirty days of the approval of this Ordinance".

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the amendment to Ordinance No. 51 set out above be read and passed a first time and referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

SALARIES ✓

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the report of the Salary Committee under date of December 12, 1957 concerning the City Manager and 4 Department Heads was considered.

After discussion it was agreed to recommend to Council that the report be approved. Alderman Lloyd and DeWolf wishing to be recorded against.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

REPORT OF SALARY COMMITTEE DECEMBER 12, 1957 ✓

In its report to Council on September 26, 1957, the Salary Committee indicated it would make a supplementary report before the end of 1957 with respect to the salary for the position of City Manager.

Since the September report, the Committee was asked by the Commissioner of Health to give further consideration to its recommendations with respect to Department Heads.

The Committee gave consideration to both of these matters during meetings held November 21, December 4 and December 10.

The case for further upward revision of the salary scale for Department Heads rest primarily on the fact that the Griffenhagen recommendation for these

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positions included both an interim and an ultimate scale, the former being S-17 (\$7280 - \$9190), and the latter being S-18 (\$8180 - \$10,320.). The committee decided that a reasonable interpretation of the word "ultimate" in the context of a job evaluation report might be five years after the job evaluation. This would mean 1960. The Committee felt that rather than on the interim scale until 1960 and then jump to the maximum of the higher classification that it would be reasonable to make the move in steps.

The first three salary figures in the Griffenhagen grade S-18 are the same as the last three in S-17. Hence two step increases by the Griffenhagen scales above the maximum of S-18. It is proposed that the last step be taken at January 1, 1960 and that the previous step be taken on January 1, 1959.

The Committee agreed that the 10% increase granted as of November 1, 1957 should apply to Department Heads as it has to others in their departments. Thus the figure for January 1, 1958 should be the third ultimate maximum plus 10%. This figure is \$9190 plus 10%, or \$10,109. Two Department Heads are now at this figure and one is at \$10,320. It is recommended that they stay at their present rates until January 1, 1959 and then receive the first of two step increases leading to the Griffenhagen ultimate plus 10%. By 1960 the scale for Department Heads would then be S-18 plus 10% (\$8998 to \$11,352). The 1959 salary would be \$10,714 and 1960 would be \$11,352.

In order to keep the salary for City Manager in proper relationship to those of other city staff, it is recommended that the same 10% granted all others be paid to the Manager. This will preserve the ratios established by the Griffenhagen study.

Allan O'Brien,  
Chairman Salary Committee.

His Worship the Mayor: "The original recommendation of the Salary Committee has been approved by the Finance and Executive Committee without change."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think an explanation from me is in order. I think most of the members of the Finance and Executive Committee present were members of the Salary Committee. There is also the question of differentials. I think that the City Manager's salary, tied to the scale and related to all heads of departments is just as embarrassing to the City Manager as it is to us on any other matter. The heads of departments salaries come up and when we put a straight ten percent increase to the heads of departments, that automatically goes to the City Manager. The City Manager's salary should be separated entirely from that of the heads of departments who are responsible to him. In the meantime some thought should be given to it in future. I do think the City Manager's salary should be separated as far as possible in its amount and the manner in which you set it from that of other heads of departments."

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the report of the Salary Committee be approved, the increase for the City Manager effective as from January 1st, 1958. Motion passed with Alderman DeWolf wishing to be recorded against.

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CITY SOLICITOR'S SALARY

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Manager requesting permission to pay the City Solicitor a salary of \$7800.00 effective as of November 1, 1957 which is one step above the minimum.

Due to recommended changes in the salary scale covering 4 Department Heads it was agreed to forward the matter to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

To: His Worship, C.A. Vaughan, and  
Members of City Council.

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

Date: January 10, 1958.

Subject: Salary - City Solicitor.

A recommendation was made by the writer that Mr. Doyle's salary be set at \$8,580 - (\$7,800 - plus 10% - second step). There was some question as to whether this was the correct salary.

The salary ranges are set forth below:

1).	8180	8670	9190	9740	10,320			
2).	7280	7720	8180	8670	9190			
3).	7500	7800	8100	8400	8700			
4).	7500	7800	8100	8400	8700	9190	9740	10,320
5).	8250	8880	8910	9240	9570	10,109 (a)	10,714 (b)	11,352 (c)

- 1). S-18 as set forth in Griffenhagen
- 2). S-17 as set forth in Griffenhagen
- 3). S-17 as amended by Council
- 4). S-17 & S-18 telescoped by Salary Committee (before 10%) -
- 5). S-17 & S-18 telescoped by Salary Committee with 10% -
  - (a) Dr. Morton to remain at \$10,320.00, Messrs. West and Romkey at \$10,109.00
  - (b) January 1, 1959 all three in (a) to be at \$10,714.00.
  - (c) January 1, 1960 all three in (a) to be at \$11,352.00.

The intention of the salary committee to date is that the range be line 5). In 1960 the range would be established at \$9,240. - 11,352.

The above is a recitation of what is understood from the Salary Committee's report. You will recall the matter was referred to the Mayor and City Manager. The Mayor believes -

\*it to be unfair to further extend the step increases in classification S.18 from 5 steps as recommended by Griffenhagen to 8 steps as suggested by the Salary Committee. The 8 steps as suggested by the Salary Committee were only brought forward to implement the ultimate salary range as recommended by Griffenhagen. The Committee has recommended a course of action which would implement the ultimate step as recommended by Griffenhagen and with this I have no quarrel.

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To give effect to a revision of this position it is recommended by Griffenhagen that we should establish this class of official at a level that will attract suitable applicants. I therefore recommend that classification S-18 as set out in the Griffenhagen Report plus 10% be established except where such scale would conflict with the Report of the Salary Committee with respect to the salaries of the Commissioner of Works, Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Health. This would produce the following scale for any new appointments to any of the three positions mentioned above or to any appointment to the City Solicitor's position. These would be in the range from \$8,998 on initial appointments, increased by annual increases in the following manner: \$9,537, \$10,109, \$10,714, \$11,532."

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

His Worship the Mayor: "The recommendation of the City Manager is that Line 5 should be the scale applicable to the City Solicitor's position."

City Manager: "That is the Committee scale and I have taken the second step."

Alderman O'Brien: "I have just now read your report and the suggestion that you make is that we take the normal number of steps which the Salary Committee had recommended to be effective for 1960, and you take one of the figures from that for this case. In effect, it seems to me, the recommendation of the Committee was that that be the scale in 1960, not in 1959. It would carry one step from the previous grade and it was gradually worked up so that in 1960 we were at the ultimate step and the two lowest steps in the scale were dropped off. If that interpretation was followed through we would have two other figures on top at the present time; and the City Manager's recommendation would be that the salary would be one beyond the minimum and it would get us to the figure, S-17 plus 10%, which comes to \$8,492.00; and then in 1959 we would be at \$8,998.00 which is into the ultimate scale plus 10%."

City Manager: "It just happens that my recommendation of \$8,580.00 agrees with what you said previously. I have established the same minimum for 1958 by backing down from the scale set by the Committee, in 1960."

Alderman O'Brien: "The logical way to see that is that we have a scale agreed on for 1960; and the implication of the Salary Committee Report was that the previous steps would be on in 1959, and the previous two steps would be

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there in 1958; and we would have a figure of \$8,492.00, being the step which would be applicable for 1958. I would move such a figure with the understanding that the scale be in line with this recommendation so that it would be automatic for 1958.\*

There was no second to the motion.

City Manager: "For the year 1958, the scale runs from \$8,580.00 to \$10,109.00; for 1959 the scale runs from \$8,710.00 to \$10,714.00; and for 1960 the scale runs from \$8,840.00 to \$11,352.00.\*"

Alderman O'Brien: "The City Manager has taken the scale which Council used in the implementation of the Griffenhagen Report; whereas, the Committee was dealing with the original Griffenhagen S-17 and 18. We get to that at the top of the figures which were just read, and I see nothing wrong in using the City Manager's figures.\*"

His Worship the Mayor: "Is it your intention that the man appointed would take eight years to reach maximum?"

Alderman O'Brien: "It would be five years, after this."

His Worship the Mayor: "Would you spell it out in steps, if the man is appointed?"

City Manager: "If appointed this year he gets \$8,580.00 and the scale only runs to \$10,109.00.\*"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the scale of \$10,109.00 is unrealistic. I recommended the other approach which would start at the minimum salary and go up in four steps. Nobody in the City Solicitor's position could reach that \$10,109.00.\*"

Alderman O'Brien: "If you follow the policy that has been suggested of using \$8,580.00, the first above the minimum in No. 5 group, it would mean that in 1958 the salary would be \$8,580.00 and it would go up one step each year until 1964 when it would go to the ultimate maximum \$11,352.00.\*"

Alderman Lloyd: "The scale in effect now is Line 5, with 10% added. So, for all practical purposes, we are talking about the application of Line 5. It would take six years to get to the maximum.\*"

His Worship the Mayor: "If a new appointment was made, he would come in at \$8,250.00. It would take seven years to reach maximum.\*"

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Alderman O'Brien: "The difference is that every year a figure will be dropped off until 1960. We would only have five steps number of figures, namely five, in the schedule as we have in any other position."

Alderman Wyman: "Some of this seems to be rather confusing. It seems to me you have got a situation of two scales here one of which was adopted immediately and the other ultimately and they have both got ten percent added to them. But the idea is that in 1960 the amended S-17 will be the scale for these positions. It isn't to be jumped to this year, not immediately in 1960 but worked up to gradually. The result is that in 1958 the scale will be S-17. The bottom would be \$8,580.00 and it would go to \$10,109.00. In 1959 the bottom would be \$8,910.00 and the top would be \$10,714.00, and in 1960 it would be \$9,240.00 to \$11,352.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is this the case you are making, dropping off the bottom each year. Supposing in 1960 Mr. Doyle is still Solicitor and resigns. He will be in his third year and his salary will come down at the same salary."

Alderman Wyman: "I don't agree. I think, in line with the discussion, that the City Solicitor each year will have to go to the corresponding step of the moved-up scale. He will move two increments each year."

Alderman Lloyd: "Let us assume that we agree he is to receive \$8,580.00 for 1958. In 1959 he will go to \$9,240.00. Is that the intention?"

Alderman O'Brien: "I think there is an error. In effect if there are five in each year, and the maximum for this year has been established at \$10,109.00, then the bottom figure must be \$8,580.00. If the Solicitor is to be put in one above the minimum for this year, it would be \$8,910.00. We would then get around this if in 1960 a new man came in."

His Worship the Mayor: "Next year he will be in the third step of the 1959 scale or the fourth step of the scale for 1958."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the following salary scale for the position of City Solicitor be approved:-

For 1958	\$ 8,910.00
* 1959	9,240.00
* 1960	9,570.00
* 1961	10,109.00
* 1962	10,714.00
* 1963	11,352.00

the above to be effective as of November 1, 1958. Motion passed.

COURSE URBAN REFIN. M.H.C.

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter was submitted from the Vice President of C.M.H.C. in Ottawa advising of courses to be held in February pertaining to Urban Renewal and inquiring as to how many City Officials would be attending.

Your Committee recommends that the Town Planning Engineer be granted permission to attend this Course.

Respectfully submitted, R.H. Stoddard, Deputy City Clerk.

Alderman Lane asked what amount of money would be required to which the City Manager replied \$250.00.

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

SALE OF POTTIER REPORT - \$2.50 PER COPY

January 9, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date it was agreed to set a price of \$2.50 per copy for the Pottier Report.

Respectfully submitted, R.H. Stoddard, Deputy City Clerk.

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

SALARY IN LIEU OF VACATION INSPECTOR R. MITCHELL

January 14, 1958.

To His Worship the Mayor & 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 advising that due to a heart attack suffered by Supt. Langille it was necessary to cancel Inspector Mitchell's leave so that he would carry on in a supervisory capacity.

He recommended that Inspector Mitchell be paid the sum of \$399.69 an amount equal to 4 weeks' salary in lieu of holidays he would normally have received in 1957 and that such sum be charged against the 1957 estimates.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted, R.H. Stoddard, Deputy City Clerk.

Alderman Dunlop: "Does this create a precedent? Vacations are for a particular reason. I think it only points up the fact that positions should be filled as soon as possible if a person is not liable to get back. It is hardly fair for the person who does the filling in. I think Inspector Mitchell should get his vacation; and it should be done only in the most extreme cases and I can't imagine what this would be."

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



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INSTALLATION NEW BURGLAR ALARM PANEL - POLICE STATION ✓

January 14, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date a letter was submitted and read from the Dominion Electric Protection Company requesting authority to install a modern Burglar Alarm Panel in the Police Department.

This equipment is installed, maintained and serviced at no expense to the City and the Company is prepared to sign an agreement whereby it agrees to pay the City the sum of \$15.00 per annum for each protected premises connected to the panel.

Your Committee recommends that the installation be carried out and the agreement signed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

R H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Moved by Aldermen Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SUBDIVISION BASINVIEW DRIVE AND BRIGHT STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: January 14th, 1958.  
Subject: Resubdivision - Basinview Drive and Bright Street.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Town Planning Engineer showing a rearrangement of lands at the above intersection to provide an additional lot.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Aldermen Trainor, the Board approved the Subdivision, as shown on Plan No. 00-9-13983 and recommended it to City Council.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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

REMOVAL & ALTERATION STREET LINE BASINVIEW DRIVE AND BRIGHT STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: January 14th, 1958.  
Subject: Removal and Alteration of Street Lines - Basinview Drive & Bright St.

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The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the City Engineer recommending the removal of the existing official street line at the above intersection and relocating the same, as shown on Section 6-D1, in order to provide an additional lot of land.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that public notice be given of the date on which Council will consider the removal and alteration of the street line.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.....A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the report be approved and that Council fix Thursday, February 27, 1958, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, Nova Scotia, as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

TENDERS TRAFFIC LIGHTS BARRINGTON STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 14th, 1958.  
Subject: Tenders - Traffic Lights Barrington Street.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the following Tenders were received for supplying Traffic Light Equipment for Barrington Street.

Northern Electric Co. Ltd. - \$4,102.00.  
Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. \$4,644.00

On motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Committee recommended to City Council that the lower Tender, that of Northern Electric Co. Ltd. for \$4,102.00, be accepted, providing it conforms to Specifications.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.....A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

LEASE OF PARKING LOT SPRING GARDEN ROAD TO BOARD OF TRADE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 14th, 1958.  
Subject; Lease to Board of Trade - Parking Lot Spring Garden Road:

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At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the above date, the matter of leasing the Parking Lot on Spring Garden Road to the Board of Trade was considered.

On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Committee recommended to City Council that the above Parking Lot be leased to the Board of Trade for a one-year term, on the same basis, as the Grafton Street Parking Lot.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per...A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

PROPOSED TREE PLANTING - SPRING OF 1958

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 14th, 1958.  
Subject: Proposed Tree Planting - Spring 1958

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on January 14th, 1958, considered the attached report from the City Manager on the proposed Tree Planting Program for the Spring of 1958.

On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Committee approved the report and recommended the Proposed Program to City Council.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per...A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship, C.A. Vaughan, and  
Members of City Council.  
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,  
Date: January 14, 1958.  
Subject: Tree Planting - Spring 1958.

The following streets are proposed for Tree Planting - Spring 1958.

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of trees</u>
Robie	Cabot	Duffus St. Ext.	west side	15
Gottingen	Kane Pl.	Dartmouth Ave.	east side	10
St. Andrews			both sides	45
Howe Ave.	No. 7	No. 13	east side	4
Morningside Dr.			both sides	35
Lexington			north side	8
Melton			both sides	15
Barrington	Duffus	1590 Barrington	west side	27
Robie	Leads	High	west side	12

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High	Robie	Leeds	South side	14
Normandy	High	Bright	South side	5
Bright	Leeds	Basinview	West side	7
Memorial	Leeds	39 Memorial	East side	15
Normandy	Rosemeade	Robie	South side	5
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Estimated cost per tree.....\$ 5.00  
 Total estimated cost.....\$1,193.50

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

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the report be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

His Worship the Mayor: "We received the Budget late this year and I am going to suggest that we meet on Monday and Thursday of each week until the Budget is completed. The first meeting on the Budget will be called for Monday next (January 20) and we will meet as a Committee of the Whole. We have taken this action over the past few years to expedite the finalization of the Budget."

SALE OF SURPLUS FIRE LADDER TRUCK FOR \$1.00 TO TOWN OF SPRINGHILL

January 9, 1958.

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 a surplus fire ladder truck be sold to the Town of Springhill N.S. for the sum of \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
 DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

PROVINCIAL - CITY HIGHWAY AGREEMENT

His Worship the Mayor requested the authority of Council to enter into an agreement with the Provincial Government whereby the Province would pay fifty percent of the cost of maintenance of City streets which are considered part of the Provincial highway system.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that His Worship the Mayor be so authorized.

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Alderman Greenwood referred to the paving of Howe Avenue and asked if the matter would be followed up.

His Worship the Mayor: "I addressed a letter to the Minister (of Highways) ten days ago and have received no reply. The matter is being considered and I hope to have an answer soon."

The motion was put and passed.

REZONING - VARIOUS PROPERTIES ✓

Applications to rezone the following properties were considered at this time:

8 Oxford Street  
10-12 Quinn Street  
176 Oxford Street  
Exhibition Grounds.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the applications be referred to the Town Planning Board for report. Motion passed.

REZONING R-2 AREAS ✓

The application to rezone R-2 sections of the City submitted by Mr. B.M. Hatfield was withdrawn at his request.

NOTICE OF ACTION H.L. COOPER VS CITY OF HALIFAX ✓

A notice was received from E.F. Cragg, Esq., Solicitor for Herbert L. Cooper advising that it was intended to bring action against the City of Halifax for compensation in connection with expropriation of lands of Herbert L. Cooper situate on Lady Hammond Road and MacIntosh Street; which lands had been considered as a site for the new incinerator.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd that the City Solicitor be instructed to defend the action on behalf of the City.

There was no seconder to the motion.

Alderman Dunlop: "How much is the action for?"

His Worship the Mayor: "There is no amount stated."

Alderman Dunlop: "The late Solicitor estimated the damages were very small. I think the City should accept the liability and pay that amount into Court. If Mr. Cooper gets even one dollar, he gets costs."

City Solicitor: "I have unofficially received letters back and the sum is quite substantial."

Alderman Dunlop contended that there is no question that went on Mr. Cooper's property but there is a question of whether his property was damaged; and he suggested that the City might save money by settling with Mr. Cooper if the claim was for a reasonable amount.

The Commissioner of Works said that in addition to any damage that may have been caused as a result of the investigation of the site, there are other charges being claimed for, such as loss of business, which may be confused with the actual damage; and he said that the Surveying Crew of the Works Department had cut only two or three trees, not two inches in diameter, which would amount to very little.

Alderman Dunlop: "The matter should be looked into by the City Solicitor and proper officials and I think there must be some damage; and they should determine the amount which should be paid into Court."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the City Solicitor be instructed to study the matter and advise Council the course of action to be followed. Motion passed.

FIRE ESCAPES ✓

Alderman Lane referred to the disastrous fires which had recently occurred in the City and said that she had made an examination of buildings and was surprised to find no evidence of fire escapes; and she asked if fire escapes on wooden buildings are only required if the buildings are above two storeys regardless of how high they are.

The Commissioner of Works replied in the affirmative and stated that two storeys could not be more than twenty feet from the ground level and any windows would probably be a fourteen-foot jump.

Alderman Lane contended that there are a good many buildings on Water Street and other parts of the City with only two storeys that are higher than twenty feet and requested that a report be rendered to the Safety Committee recommending an amendment to the regulations which would give a larger measure of safety to the citizens of Halifax living in that type of accommodation until they can be offered better housing.

The Commissioner of Works was requested to report on this matter to the Safety Committee.

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PREFAB HOUSING OPERATION ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Manager respecting the operation of the Prefabricated houses and answering several questions arising from previous meetings.

After discussion it was agreed to recommend that the City Manager notify all purchasers that they are enjoying a lower rate of interest than that prevailing outside and the City intends to review the situation by March 31, 1958 and their co-operation would be appreciated before that date.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Alderman Dunlop: "I thought we directed the City Manager to use his discretion. I read in the minutes that the City Manager said that he had no instructions from Council. I thought we gave the Manager a 'free hand' a year ago."

His Worship the Mayor: "He explained that in Committee."

Alderman Dunlop: "I thought the responsibility was his. He doesn't need instructions from a Committee."

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

TAXES - NOVA SCOTIA LIQUOR COMMISSION ✓

His Worship the Mayor stated that he and the City Manager would be conferring with the Hon. E.D. Haliburton, Minister in Charge of the Liquor Control Act, with respect to taxes on the Liquor Commission properties in Halifax on Friday (January 17); and he said, "They have indicated that they are prepared to pay taxes on their property as outlined in the Pottier Report. A formula is being drafted by members of the staff. The Liquor Commission doesn't pay realty taxes on their building on Granville Street. On their property on West Young Street they pay the real property taxes only, and not the business tax."

REQUEST TO USE PARKING METERS - MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN ✓

A request was received from the General Chairman of the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis and Rehabilitation, Nova Scotia Chapter, for use of the

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City parking meters as a method of raising funds during their March of Dimes Campaign during the period January 6th to February 3rd, 1958.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the request be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF R.J. RANKIN TO NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD

Alderman Greenwood: "I would like to see this Council express its gratification at the appointment of Mr. R.J. Rankin to the National Harbours Board."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we should register our pleasure at the appointment of Mr. Rankin as Vice-Chairman of the National Harbours Board, the man who originated the Port of Halifax Commission."

REPORT CHIEF OF POLICE RE: PARKING SOUTH STREET AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS NORTH STREET

A report was submitted from the Chief of Police with respect to parking on South Street and the installation of progression traffic lights on North Street, copies of which had been circulated to the members of Council prior to the meeting.

FILED

LIST OF TREES PLANTED IN 1957

A list of Trees planted in 1957 (Book No. 2) was submitted from the Commissioner of Works.

FILED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1957

A report was submitted from the City Manager for the month of December 1957, and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes. Copies of the report were circulated to the members of Council for their information.

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

Meeting adjourned. 9:30 P.M.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
January 23, 1958,  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items of business:

1. 1958 Estimates.
2. Report Housing Committee.
3. Legislation.
4. Fairview Overpass.

FAIRVIEW OVERPASS - PROGRESS PAYMENTS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 21st, 1958.  
Subject: Fairview Overpass - Progress Payments.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, recommended to City Council payment of the first two progress statements from the Province of Nova Scotia, for the construction of the Fairview Overpass.

April 1, 1956 - March 31, 1957 - City's share -	\$1,508.21
April 1, 1957 - December 31, 1957 - City's share -	<u>\$56,649.50</u>
	<u>\$58,157.71</u>

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per..Allan R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

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NOTICE OF MOTION - ALDERMAN ABBOTT RE: POLL TAX

Alderman Abbott gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Council he would move that legislation be obtained to authorize the City to impose a Poll Tax on all persons employed in the City of Halifax, but who do not reside therein.

REPORT - HOUSING COMMITTEE

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Housing Committee had not as yet completed its consideration of the draft agreements and therefore, no report was available.

Alderman Lloyd: "I wonder if it would be in order to ask a question about the Gottingen Street Parking Area?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The Solicitor for the merchants appeared before the Committee today and filed with the Committee a document supporting the stand of the merchants and urging early consideration. It is now before the Housing Committee.

Alderman Lloyd: "Is there anything definite on it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No, because the ceiling amount placed by the Cabinet on this project is such that it would not permit us to include the Gottingen Street area in our first project."

In answer to a question by Alderman Lloyd, His Worship the Mayor stated that the Cabinet's offer to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation was \$1,850,000.00, based on the discussions with the Council, on the first proposal of the Stephenson Report.

Alderman Lloyd: "Is this authorized for the particular program we are working on, Scheme 9? Does that mean that this is a limit applicable to that portion of the Report, so that the Gottingen Street Parking project, as part of the Stephenson Plan, has to be a separate proposal?"

His Worship the Mayor said that it could be but that during discussions with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation officials they had intimated that there will be no barrier to our including that as a project to follow Scheme 9 and that the people who would be displaced in the Gottingen Street Area could be placed as tenants in the Mulgrave Park Housing as there will be ample room for them.

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Alderman Lloyd: "The parking lot as outlined by Professor Stephenson would not become a reality until at least the housing project is completed in the Mulgrave Park Area."

His Worship the Mayor: "Not necessarily completed, not until some of the units are completed."

LEGISLATION - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Alderman Butler: "Some time back I asked about the Public Service Commission in respect to the equity we would have in case liquidation of the assets took place; and I wonder what progress has been made by the Finance and Executive Committee in that respect; and I would ask that it be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. It was suggested that the possibility of legislation in that respect might be well taken at this time."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is a lengthy matter. Following the meeting of Council members with the Public Service Commission shortly before the end of the year, we had a meeting in my office, the City Manager, City Solicitor and Mr. Moseley, the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, on this particular question. We made reference to the other similar utilities in the Province and their operation as to title and we reached no conclusions at the time. It is a matter which requires study and very serious consideration before bringing it to the Finance and Executive Committee. The securing of background information takes a great deal of time and the work load on our staff at the present time is a heavy one and we might well let this matter go for a while to clear the heavier items first."

Alderman Lloyd: "What is the last date for legislation?"

The City Solicitor said he had been advised by the Attorney General's Department that the City Bill would be heard within the first three weeks after the House opens on February 15th and he asked that proposed legislation be submitted not later than February 13, 1958.

Alderman Butler: "The matter could be brought up at a regular meeting of Council, say within three or four months' time so that it will not be delayed too long."

This was agreed to by Council.

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ESTIMATES 1958 ✓

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that Council adjourn and meet as Committee of the Whole to consider the Estimates for 1958.

Motion passed.

8:15 P.M. Council adjourned.

10:20 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

10:25 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

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C.A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 3, 1958,  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

There were present the Deputy Mayor Vice Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Lane, Butler, Fox, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., R.H. Stoddard, T.C. Doyle, L.M. Romkey, J.L. Leitch, G.F. West and J.F. Thomson.

The meeting was called specially to consider:

1. Report Housing Committee.
2. 1958 Legislation.
3. 1958 Estimates.

8:05 P.M. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

10:25 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

AMENDMENTS TO 1958 ESTIMATES

February 3, 1958.

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

The Committee of the Whole Council at meetings held on January 23 and February 3, 1958 recommends to Council the following amendments to the 1958 Estimates:

	<u>ADD</u>	<u>DELETE</u>
City Manager's Salary	\$1,304.00	
Revenue Fleming Park	700.00	500.00
City Advertising General		4,000.00
Assessment Appeal Court		500.00
Halifax Natal Day		5,000.00
Bank Charges, Overdraft Interest Etc.		5,000.00
Housing Redevelopment		1,100.00
Clothing		
School Crossing Guards	1,100.00	
School Board General Office Supplies		2,500.00
" " Conventions Entertainment		1,000.00
Superannuations:		
Fire W.A. Maguire	1,804.75	
Contributions for Past Service	1,127.32	
Tourist Bureau:		
Clothing Account	320.00	

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Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

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

Meeting adjourned. 10:30 P.M.

C.A. Vaughan,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

EVENING SESSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.  
February 10, 1958,  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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

The meeting was called specially to consider:

1. Report Housing Committee.
2. Legislation.
3. Notice of Motion Alderman Wyman to Rescind Resolution of Council Re: Incinerator Site.
4. 1958 Estimates.

NOTICE OF MOTION ALDERMAN WYMAN RE: INCINERATOR SITE

Alderman Wyman gave notice that at the next meeting of the City Council he would move that the resolution passed by Council under date of September 12, 1957 respecting the incinerator site, be rescinded.

Alderman Wyman: "At the time the discussion took place when the Council decided to drop the expropriation of the Cooper property there were a number of matters discussed. A number of alternatives were also discussed that involved or might have involved considerable delay as of that time. Subsequently there have been certain changes which to my way of thinking would warrant a review of the situation and of the determination we came to at that time. We have had some rather strong representations recently with respect to the site, that is, the decision of the Council to use and it seems to me that it is possible for us to look the matter over again without unduly delaying the completion of the incinerator and with the possibility of a considerable saving financially and certainly saving as far as the public re-action of some of the people are concerned."



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

10:40 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

AMENDMENTS TO 1958 ESTIMATES

February 10, 1958.

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

The Committee of the Whole Council at a meeting held on February 10, 1958 recommends the following amendments to the 1958 Estimates:

	<u>ADD</u>	<u>DELETE</u>
Library Salaries	\$2,021.55	
Revenue Library Fines	2,000.00	
Janitors Salaries	265.00	
Family Service Bureau	1,000.00	
N.S. Tuberculosis Association	60.00	
Nova Scotia Talent Trust	500.00	
Menstrie Castle	500.00	
Workmens Compensation		\$1,000.00
Library Development	500.00	
Revenue T.B. Hospital	18,747.00	
Athletic Commission Revenue	2,000.00	
Interest on Debenture Debt.		5,080.00
City's Share C.N.R. Taxation Fund	344.09	

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

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

Meeting adjourned 10:40 P.M.

C.A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

CITY OF HALIFAX  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1958

AGENDA

Prayer.

Minutes December 19, 1957, January 16 and 23, 1958

1. Motion Alderman Abbott Re: Poll Tax.
2. " " Wymen Re: Rescission of Resolution September 12/57 Re: Incinerator Site.
3. Quotations for Microfilming Equipment.
4. Acceptance of Desmona Ave. as City Street.
5. Accounts over \$500.00.
- 6. Suggested Brief Hospital Costs.
7. Taxi Stands (Deferred in Committee)
8. Amendment Ordinance #51 "Smoke Abatement" 2nd Reading.
9. Scale of Fees for Shows. (Deferred in Committee.)
10. Resubdivision Sullivan Estate - Kempt Road (Recommended)
11. " Pinewood Acres Lots 1 & 2 Dutch Village Road. (Recommended)
12. Final Certificate - Street Paving - Standard Paving Maritime Limited.
13. Revised Plan & Description - Halifax Airport.
14. Amendment to Agreement - Land Halifax Airport.
15. Pension School Board - Employees - Halfyard and Duggan.
16. Permanent Stock - Extension of Date of Redemption.
17. Pensions and Employment - Overage Employees.
18. Cemetery Lot and Perpetual Care Certificates.
19. Mounted Squad.
20. School Crossing Guards - Rate of Pay.
21. Legislation Re: Provincial Constables.
22. Salary Dog Catcher.
23. Assessment Childrens Aid Society - 24 South Street.
24. City's Share Expenses-C.N.R. Taxation
25. Sewer Rebate Desmond Avenue.
26. Legislation Tax Rate on Clubs, Associations etc.
27. Agreement City & Province - Maintenance of Streets.
28. Y.M.C.A. Life Saver Sale.
29. Public Service Commission - Request for Increase in Payment to City.
30. Daylight Saving Time.
31. Action H.L. Cooper vs City of Halifax.
32. Appraisal Course - Assessor's Staff.
33. Lease R.C.A.F. Cathedral Barracks.
34. Assessment Foundation for Poliomyelitis & Rehabilitation - 301 Spring Garden Road.
35. Application to Rezone Lot Lynch Street from R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone (To. T.P. Board)
36. Applications Junk Dealers License.
37. Settlement Hospital Account.
38. Progress Payments Bayers Road Fire Station.
39. Collection of Waste Paper.
40. Sewer Assessments Dutch Village Road.
41. Payment for Damages to Roof Grandstand Buildings.
42. Survey - Third Entrance to City.
43. Sale of City-owned Land Bayers Road & Ashburn Ave.
44. Final Certificate for Sidewalk Construction - Bianco Bros. \$30,419.84.
45. Taxation Nova Scotian Hotel.
46. Agreement for Oxygen for Hospitals.
47. Report Commissioner of Finance Re: Parking Meter Collector.
48. Questions.

DEFERRED ITEM

Motion Alderman Lloyd Re: Judicial Inquiry into Housing & Rents City of Halifax.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Administrative Report for January.  
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Poll Tax Report.  
Appreciation Springhill Nova Scotia - For Ladder Truck.

EVENING SESSION

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 13, 1958,  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Ferguson, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

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

The following named papers were submitted

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the minutes of meetings held on December 19, 1957 and January 16 and 23, 1958, be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN ABBOTT RE: POLL TAX ✓

Alderman Abbott submitted and read the following Resolution which was seconded by Alderman Macdonald:

BE IT RESOLVED that legislation be obtained to authorize the City of Halifax to impose a Poll Tax on all persons employed in the City of Halifax but who do not reside therein.

Alderman Abbott: "I realize that we have tried for this type of legislation once or twice before and it has not met with the approval of the Legislature; but I feel we should try once more. There must be thousands of people living outside the City who work in the City and make their living here and enjoy the advantages of the services offered and the protection of the Police and Fire Departments without paying any taxes. It is time that these people pay taxes

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to the City whose services they use and enjoy. I think this proposed tax is a reasonable and fair one. I know these people are having the advantage of all the City services, the same as our residents who pay the taxes. They have these services plus all-day parking which is costing the City a lot in traffic control. I think it is quite justified and I think these people should be asked to contribute something in the way of taxes."

8:05 P.M. Alderman Fox arrives.

Alderman DeWolf: "I would suggest that if a tax of this kind goes through that it be called a 'Service Tax'. And he asked if the people living outside the City are required to pay a tax, would they be entitled to a vote in Civic elections?"

City Solicitor: "I would like to say that I don't intend to put this in as a 'poll tax'. It is a non-residents tax. At the present time we have a section in the Charter that puts a tax on a non-resident of Nova Scotia. In 1946 we drafted legislation making that non-resident tax not applicable to New Brunswick but only non-residents of Halifax. Every person not a resident who is not otherwise assessed by the City, who, after the coming into force of this Section comes to Halifax to engage in employment, then they have to pay the same amount of Poll Tax."

Alderman DeWolf suggested that the mover, Alderman Abbott, might be willing to change the term.

Alderman Abbott: "I would leave it to the City Solicitor to change the wording."

Alderman Dunlop: "Every town has its problem and other places have tried to get a non-residents tax. I would think the only way that this will ever come is if it is, made a general application to all cities. I would suggest that we get a special Bill applicable to all cities and towns in the Province. I think you would have a better chance of getting it through instead of specializing it. At least, try to get Dartmouth to come with us. I feel legislation will never pass when it is applicable only to Halifax."

The City Solicitor stated that Sydney, St. John and Kentville have a 'Head Tax'.

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Alderman Lane: "Would this be imposed as other taxes are, for anyone working as of a certain date? Would it be collectible by a list supplied by the employer, as the Poll Tax?"

City Solicitor: "The employer cannot employ a person unless he produces a certificate that he has paid the tax, and the employer is liable to a penalty for every day the violation occurs."

Alderman Dunlop: "I don't see why the same pressure is not applied on our own poll tax payers. That is pretty drastic. I don't think we can go to the Legislature and ask for a law for persons outside the City, requiring them to pay \$20.00 tax, and allow our own people, at least half of them, to get off without paying anything at all."

His Worship the Mayor: "I would like to bring forward the suggestion that you couple with this the idea of a check-off of Poll Tax at source, which would show a better collection of our Poll Tax than we presently enjoy; and I think it would get over the objection raised about not taxing some people on the list."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think there is some merit in this effort to bring about equality and I think a strong case could be made in many instances. Persons residing in the areas around Halifax do use the streets of Halifax and it could be argued in support of the legislation that these people should contribute to the City. On the other hand, Cities are not like Federal or Provincial authorities conducting services on a much wider basis and I think we will run into trouble when we go outside our boundaries to tax people not in it." He contended that the cost of our services is borne to a large extent by the owners of residential property and no where in Canada do occupants of residential real property pay the full cost of services, and continued, "The Honorable Judge in his report has endeavoured to overcome that situation partially by proposing a Sales Tax. Supposing at some later date there was a sales tax in which we shared, then to the extent that the purchasing was done in this area, those outside would be contributing to the City's treasury. For that reason, until we decide our complete plan of taxation this matter should be held in abeyance."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Lane, that this matter be deferred until the recommendations of the Pottier Commission on Taxation are considered.

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The Deputy Mayor informed the meeting that he had checked with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs who advised there is no head tax in force in Sydney.

The amendment was put and passed with Alderman Abbott, Macdonald and O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

MOTION ALDERMAN WYMAN RE: RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION RE: INCINERATOR SITE

Alderman Wyman submitted and read the following Resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Connolly.

BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution passed by City Council under date of September 12, 1957 respecting the incinerator site, be rescinded.

Alderman Wyman: "I move this because I am convinced that events which have occurred subsequent to September 12, 1957 are such that they warrant this Council taking a second look at the matters that have transpired with regard to the incinerator site during that period. The choice of the site at that time was bounded by a number of considerations, not the least of which was the fact that the pursuing of what had previously been considered to be the best site involved a delay with regard to legislation; and since we have not proceeded any further, we are now in a position to secure that legislation and to review the matter without actually further delaying the construction of the incinerator."

His Worship the Mayor stated that under the Rules of Order of Council the matter could not be debated unless there were a majority vote of Council to do so.

The Deputy Mayor asked for a reading of the Rules of Order, contending that there should be a full debate on the matter.

After the Rules of Order were read by the City Solicitor, His Worship the Mayor ruled that a debate at this time was proper.

Alderman Wyman: "At the meeting of Council held on June 6, 1957, at which time there was a motion before us to abandon the expropriation proceedings with regard to the Cooper property, the other Alderman for Ward 6, yourself Your Worship, proposed that the Irving Oil property might be abandoned and left for the development of those industries which the Irving Oil Company had advised

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might be placed on that land and on account of that proposed use, the price they were asking for that land was very high; and that, as an alternative, we might with the Company's consent abandon the site, use the Cooper property that we were considering at the time, and then obtain the land to the East of MacIntosh Street from there to the Standard Paving property, close MacIntosh Street and provide another street at one side or the other to give access to the land at the back which MacIntosh Street was intended to serve. When that proposal was put forward, the objection was immediately made by one of the Aldermen that we would not be able to deal with that until we obtained the necessary legislation to close MacIntosh Street; and I think it is fair to say-- it is true to say that both you and I felt that, while we favored at least exploring this possibility, we didn't favor anything that would involve a year's delay--waiting for legislation before anything could be proceeded with. I should also add that I, subsequently, privately obtained an opinion from the City Solicitor with respect to the matter and he told me that nothing could be started on that land until legislation was obtained and we would be stalemated until that legislation came through. Consequently, that idea was not pushed forward. At the present time we are in a position to obtain that legislation, to seek that legislation if we wish; and, if I understand the situation, as it stands the present plans could be changed from the present proposed site to that Cooper site so modified, without making any appreciable difference in the time element as far as getting along with the job. Another consideration, the abandoning of that expropriation proceedings was based on the anticipated price we might have to pay for the land. I have never been able to fully subscribe to the argument in that line because I have felt that in an expropriation proceedings you are going to have a competent court consider the matter of value and place a fair value on it; and, unless we are choosing a piece of extremely valuable land, I don't think we should expect the price to be unreasonable." He contended that would not be the case with the Irving Oil property as the Irving Oil Company brought forward the idea that there were three industries who wished to establish on that land. "Further to the matter of price, we now find that in abandoning the expropriation we have left ourselves open to a

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substantial suit for damages. The amount claimed is large and will considerably add, if it were granted, to the cost of our incinerator site. Even if the amount that is claimed is not gained, we still have the expense of defending the suit and some damages will be obtained, and that weighs in the balance against the saving that might be effected by changing the site. The one other thing is the fact that the site which we have chosen as of September 12th last and which stands at present as the City Council's choice has been protested a number of times by people who live in that area and those people are still protesting; and of all the sites that have been considered, except those on the shore of the Basin with expensive deliberations, have been protested by at least some segment of the citizens of Halifax, and there has never been any objection raised to the Cooper site. When it was first proposed to us, the Commissioner of Works was strong in claiming that the Cooper site was the best that could be found in the City."

Alderman Trainor asked if the different sites could be pointed out on a map for the information of the new Council members and to refresh the other members' memories.

The Commissioner of Works displayed maps of the area pointing out the location of the various sites; and he advised that if the Cooper site was chosen it would involve the relocating of MacIntosh Street which has a fairly good surface, has sewer for about 150 feet from Lady Hammond Road and has water almost to Bayne Street, which services may have to be relocated depending upon the location of the incinerator on the site. He said the cost would not be materially changed but would be about the same. He advised that the assessment of the properties required amounted to \$75,000.00 (approximately), including the Cooper property where the swimming pool is located, along with a portion of the Irving Oil land; and he estimated the cost of relocating the services to be about \$10,000.00 and the cost of relocating MacIntosh Street would be about \$11,000.00.

Alderman Dunlop: "Does that include the Irving Oil land?"

Commissioner of Works: "No, it excludes the Irving Oil land. We would have to acquire a 60-foot strip of the Irving property for the road that is on the Irving Oil property. I have not the assessment."



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Alderman Wyman asked if the land in question was not sufficiently large to take the street out and still have enough for the incinerator.

Commissioner of Works: "Not for approaches."

Alderman Butler: "How many square feet is covered by the area in green? What is the square footage?"

Commissioner of Works: "14,250 square feet."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we should show the Aldermen the site passed by Council on September 12, 1957."

The Commissioner of Works displayed a map showing the location of the proposed site.

Alderman Abbett asked how much had been spent on this site to date.

Commissioner of Works: "We were authorized to carry out test borings on this City-owned property. We have spent close to \$5,000.00 on these borings to date, plus clearing."

His Worship the Mayor: "Does the City own all the land?"

Commissioner of Works: "The City owns the land on which the incinerator would be located. We would require a right-of-way over the Standard Paving property." He then displayed a map showing the site generally. "The shore line is not shown here", he said.

Alderman DeWolf: "We seem to be getting into a discussion of other sites. If we are going to do that I would like to ask how big is the site owned by the Provincial Government immediately to the North, presently used by the Highway Garage. Have we the measurements?"

Commissioner of Works: "The Highway Garage would be on the far side of the Irving Oil property?"

Alderman DeWolf: "I can't say. Would it be suitable for an incinerator?"

Commissioner of Works: "We could put it there. Whether or not you would want it alongside that Overpass----?"

Alderman DeWolf: "I was thinking maybe the Highway Garage would not be big enough for their purposes. They might be glad to dispose of--make some kind of exchange. We may as well consider all the sites."

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Commissioner of Works: "The Provincial Government is negotiating with us to deed to them the extreme western end of Barrington Street and they will build a road parallel to the eastern boundary of their property. It would seem to me to indicate that they plan to stay and develop their property."

Alderman Dunlop: "We should be talking about the present site. That was only defeated by one vote. The present site is available. It cost us nothing and it is entirely suitable. I will vote to rescind if I am sure that site will be taken but I will not vote for the Cooper site. I would like to ask the Commissioner of Works how far the plans have proceeded. Could we go to the City incinerator site without any great loss in the cost of plans?"

Commissioner of Works: "It would cost in the vicinity of \$50,000.00."

Alderman Dunlop: "Would we require a new set of plans?"

Commissioner of Works: "Very little time has been spent as far as plans are concerned."

Alderman Dunlop: "The site that I would advocate is the present site which we have gone into and found suitable."

Alderman Lane: "Are we not debating a motion to rescind? Are we not going too far in considering sites?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It is proper for the Aldermen to point out other sites and to point out desirable sites."

Alderman Connolly: "I seconded the motion because so many people from that section of the City have telephoned me protesting about the incinerator. They claim that if they had known it was going to go on that spot they would not have sacrificed and built their homes there. They have received letters from the Sun Life Insurance Company advising that the properties will depreciate in value if the incinerator is built there. The fact remains that these people are on Memorial Drive with an incinerator stuck in their faces." He referred to the fact that the matter has been debated since 1956 and many different sites considered. "The people in the extreme north end of Ward Six are definitely against the proposed location of the incinerator."

Alderman Abbott: "Is it possible to move the incinerator a little closer to the shore line of the Basin and, thereby, overcome some of those objections?"

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Commissioner of Works: "We have three locations. (He pointed them out on the map). The first one was thought to be good as far as location was concerned, and the final location is the one which is 675 feet from Memorial Drive."

His Worship the Mayor: "How far down in grade from the Memorial Drive level?"

Commissioner of Works: "It would be about fifty feet below the level of Memorial Drive."

His Worship the Mayor: "How far is the Cooper site from Memorial Drive?"

Commissioner of Works: "It would be about 1000 feet."

Alderman Wyman: "I don't think there is any choice among the residents as to the three sites. There is no objection to the Cooper site. Between the Cooper site and Memorial Drive you have the Standard Paving plant. In this case you have the street and railway track, and that is all."

Alderman Butler: "Could Mr. West indicate where the incinerator would be located if it was on the Cooper property?"

The Commissioner of Works pointed out the approximate location, saying that it is about 1000 feet away from Memorial Drive.

Alderman Butler: "Not having been in the Council, I am curious to know what particular reason there was for choosing the particular site as compared to the Cooper property. Was it money, or location?"

His Worship the Mayor: "There were many reasons that can be brought forward. One reason was money."

Alderman Wyman: "With regard to the abandonment of the Cooper property, the argument was based entirely on a matter of money. There was no objection to the site other than that it would cost us more than we should pay."

Alderman Dunlop: "When the Cooper property was before us we were told that we had to acquire additional land from the Irving Oil Company. The Irving Oil Company told us plainly that if we put the incinerator there, certain industries they intended to put there would not be put there."

Alderman Wyman: "I admit that. I do wish to say that this proposal that I have made of using land to the East, was made at that time."

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

FOR THE MOTION - Aldermen Wyman, Connolly, DeWolf, Dunlop, Butler, Fox and Lloyd - 7 -

AGAINST IT - Aldermen O'Brien, Greenwood, Abbott, Lane, Macdonald, Ferguson and Trainor - 7 -

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favor of the motion, and declared the same passed.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop that the incinerator be located on the present site on Kempt Road.

There was no seconder to the motion.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he is advised by the City Solicitor that the action of Council in rescinding the motion concerning the selection of the site does not permit the discussion to pursue a new site, unless Council agrees by a vote of least 12 members to proceed with the consideration of sites.

Alderman Dunlop: "Who decides what goes on the agenda, and how do matters get on the agenda? I have not been able to find any rules about that."

City Manager: "Anything which is recommended by a Committee goes on the agenda. If the Mayor has a matter which he wishes to bring to the attention of Council, if something comes up in Administration, we put it on the agenda. The selection of a site is of some urgency. We ordered incinerator equipment involving \$299,000.00 a year ago. We have no price protection. The suppliers are able to leave the price with the understanding that if within 60 days the price has advanced we will pay the difference. It is a matter of some importance. If the material comes we have to determine whether we will accept delivery and store it."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the matter of incinerator sites be considered at this time.

The motion was put and lost as three Aldermen were recorded against.

Alderman Lloyd: "If we did discuss another site tonight we would be up against the same problem. No matter where you go you come within some distance of a residence. You have some objection and if you recognize the right of these people, we should recognize the request of people in that area to have the

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matter re-considered. Now, if we go to the Kempt Road site tonight, surely it would be exposed to the same argument that we should have a public hearing. I would like to have a meeting at an early date and to see the Aldermen fully acquainted with the site on the shore of the Basin, as close as possible to the County line. It may not be the best site in many ways, but it seems to me to be the best one."

His Worship the Mayor advised that the question of Incinerator Sites would be considered at the meeting of City Council scheduled for February 17, 1958.

Alderman Macdonald asked if the grubbing work has been done at the site and the Commissioner of Works replied that it had been done at a cost of \$2,000.00.

Alderman Lane: "If we have spent in the neighbourhood of \$10,000.00 on the site passed last September, on test borings---."

Commissioner of Works: "It is closer to five thousand."

Alderman Lane: "Is there any guarantee, if we select another site, that we will build on it? I protest this. It is based on some small majority and it is extremely bad procedure. I am ashamed to be a party to this. This City has been held up to ridicule because we can't make up our minds."

QUOTATIONS FOR MICROFILMING EQUIPMENT

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance listing quotations for microfilming equipment as follows:

1. Recordak Division, Canadian Kodak Sales Limited  
Reliant RM-1..... \$2,397.50  
PL Reader..... 475.00 \$2,872.50
2. Remington Rand, Limited  
Model 12 Dual Film-A- Record Recorder.  
(Demonstrator)  
Reduction 37 to 1.....\$1,500.00  
  
Model FO-77 Film-A- Record Electronic  
AO Reader.....\$1,232.00  
(plus freight charges)..... 5.00 \$2,737.00
3. Burroughs Adding Machine of Canada Limited  
BH 205 F Bell & Howell Micro Twin..... \$3,022.00

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He recommended purchase of the Micro-Twin from Burroughs Adding Machine of Canada Limited at a cost of \$3,022.00.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF DESMOND AVENUE AS A CITY STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 4th, 1958.  
Subject: Desmond Avenue Acceptance.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the City Engineer recommending acceptance of Desmond Avenue.

On motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council that Desmond Avenue for its entire length be accepted by the City as a City street.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.. Allan R. Barry  
for Clerk of Works.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00 ✓

To: His Worship, C.A. Vaughan, and  
Members of City Council.  
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,  
Date: February 12, 1958.  
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 (Stores)	Canadian Westinghouse Supply Co. Ltd	Light Bulbs	692.64

*City Clerk.*

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To: His Worship, C. A. Vaughan, and  
Members of City Council,  
From: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,  
Date: January 20, 1958  
Subject: Suggested Brief - Hospital Costs

There follows a suggested brief to the Hospital Commission pointing out present hospital costs to city taxpayers as compared to other places in the Province.

A short paragraph asks that consideration be given to assistance with capital costs.

Have you any suggestions for changes or additions to the brief?

*A. A. DeBard Jr.*  
City Manager.

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In presenting a brief to the Hospital Commission the City of Halifax finds that figures of total costs of local hospitals are not readily available. Net costs are available and these show that Halifax is paying 23.3% of the total net cost of hospitalization excluding Provincial institutions.

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Hospital Grants	\$ 58,500.00
T. B. Hospital	71,947.00
Infectious Diseases Hospital	40,748.00
City Home	127,856.00
Payments for hospitalising indigents	<u>194,815.00</u>
Total Halifax net costs	493,866.00
Incorporated Towns & Sydney Municipalities	579,767.00
	<u>1,042,619.00</u>
Total Province-wide net costs	\$ 2,116,252.00

1954-55 Provincial Hospital Expenses

Victoria General Hospital	2,262,340.83
Nova Scotia Hospital	878,492.95
Nova Scotia Sanatorium	906,994.49
Roseway Hospital	344,219.38
Point Edward Hospital	346,271.26
Tuberculosis Annexes	394,184.43
Per Diem Rate	<u>651,258.11</u>
	\$ 5,783,761.45

It is estimated that 40% of all admissions to the Victoria General Hospital are from Halifax thus that percentage of the revenues of \$1,521,660.00 or \$608,664.00 is paid by Haligonians. There are additional payments to the Childrens' Hospital, Grace Maternity Hospital and Halifax Infirmary. Total hospital costs paid by Haligonians as individuals and taxpayers probably fall between \$1,250,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00.

The City of Halifax, in the operation of the Health Department has paid out for maintenance or operation of the various hospitals the following amounts, with the collections from the said accounts and showing the net cost in each case for the three years, 1954-55-56 to the taxpayers of Halifax. There was a definite upward trend, but I do not believe it can be taken as a true index because in 1955 the per diem rate changed at the County Hospital and also again in 1956.

TABLE II  
EXPENSES

	<u>Nova Scotia Hospital</u>	<u>County Hospital</u>	<u>City Home</u>	<u>Total</u>
1954	\$ 3,006.00	\$ 38,883.81	\$ 234,049.24	\$ 275,939.05
1955	2,526.00	44,689.84	234,529.31	281,743.15
1956	1,969.15	50,021.41	268,682.45	320,663.01

COLLECTIONS

	<u>Nova Scotia Hospital</u>	<u>County Hospital</u>	<u>City Home</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1954	3,544.16	5,899.18	109,700.03	119,143.37	\$156,795.68
1955	2,222.01	5,669.60	106,671.40	114,563.01	167,180.14
1956	1,499.00	7,530.67	110,956.68	119,986.35	200,676.66



At the same time, the Halifax Infirmary, Children's Hospital, Victoria General Hospital and other hospitals throughout the Province increased their actual charges made against the City from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per day in 1955 and the actual credits the City was able to collect against these charges increased, but not in proportion.

In the following Tables III, IV and V are shown the actual cost of operation and the revenue received at the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the Tuberculosis Hospital in the City, and the net totals for each year including figures given in Tables II, III, IV, and V.

TABLE III

LOCAL HOSPITALS - CHARGES AND CREDITS

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Halifax Infirmary	\$ 1,278.00	\$ 1,557.00	\$ 1,727.00
Children's Hospital	33,900.00	66,354.12	61,837.97
V. G. Hospital	204,562.55	240,184.80	255,875.25
Other	3,031.40	1,991.93	1,780.11
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>242,771.95</b>	<b>310,087.85</b>	<b>321,220.33</b>
Children's Hospital	1,947.33	6,304.96	10,188.03
V. G. Hospital	111,115.64	100,766.17	122,652.72
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>113,062.97</b>	<b>107,071.13</b>	<b>132,840.75</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 129,708.98</b>	<b>\$ 203,016.72</b>	<b>\$ 188,379.58</b>

TABLE IV

	<u>Cost of Operating Infectious Diseases Hospital</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
1954	58,768.07	27,824.64	29,943.43
1955	39,823.00	19,883.62	39,939.46
1956	75,703.04 - 22,755.50 52,947.54	20,634.52	32,313.02

TABLE V

	<u>Cost of Operating Tuberculosis Hospital</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Total by City for Each Year</u>
1954	\$ 317,926.89	\$145,164.75	\$172,762.14	\$ 489,210.23
1955	315,304.92	243,417.25	71,947.67	482,082.99 23.3%
1956	298,062.17	260,241.19	38,820.98	459,190.24

In the totals for these three years, one finds a decreasing cost, actually, to the taxpayer of Halifax on a net basis. This has been due, of course, to some extent by the reduction of the net cost of operation to the Tuberculosis Hospital from \$172,762 in 1954 to \$37,820 in 1956. This, of course, being due to the increased payments by the Provincial Government towards the maintenance of this hospital whereas the other figures have shown considerable fluctuation. It is also pointed out in Table III the cost of cases charged to the City of Halifax from the Victoria General Hospital has shown a steady increase and there was a considerable difference in 1954 when the charges were \$6.00 per day, and in 1955 when the charges were \$9.00 per day.

In order to get a true picture of the actual cost of operation of hospitals one would have to have the audited figures of every hospital similar to ones given in this report on the Infectious Diseases Hospital and Tuberculosis Hospital; and in no other way would one be able to ascertain exactly what the residents of Halifax are actually paying for hospitalization.

If one figures that the total net cost is a proportion of 23.3% then one would also feel that probably this figure might be used to estimate the total expenditures of hospitalization if we had the total cost of operation; but again, I doubt if this would be an accurate comparison because, certainly, the cost of operating a diagnostic and teaching centre such as the V. G. Hospital, is far more expensive and our cost per day is higher than the cost of operation of a local hospital in one of the smaller towns. Therefore, our bills in Halifax for hospitalization of necessity are higher than what is paid by a resident in the smaller town.

As near as can be determined, the people of Halifax seem to be paying about 50% more for hospital costs than people in the rest of the Province ( $\frac{1}{4}$  costs,  $\frac{1}{6}$  of population).

There is one aspect of the hospitalization plan which reaches back to the Federal level. It has to do with capital replacement costs and capital costs of new construction. With hospital care more freely available patients will want to stay longer. There will be some control in obvious cases but there will be many borderline cases where an extra day or two will be taken. With the present arrangement all capital costs will have to be financed by deficit financing, gifts and bequests or higher costs on private rooms.

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Finance	R.K. Kelley & Co. Ltd.	Insurance	\$1,690.86
	National Cash Register Company	Maintenance	624.80
	Phillips & Marshall	Journals, Binders Ledger Sheets, Vouchers & Cheques	843.15
Police	Rockwell Manufacturing Company of Canada Limited	Parking Meters	2,942.62
Works	Department of Highways	City's share for maintenance of Dutch Village Rd.	1,182.19
	The Gillis Company Limited	Chain Link Fence & Gates	607.50
	Scotia Equipment	Truck Body	592.00
			<u>\$9,175.76</u>

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

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

SUGGESTED BRIEF HOSPITAL COSTS ✓

A suggested Brief to the Provincial Hospital Commission was submitted from the City Manager, copies of which had been circulated to the members of Council prior to the meeting, and a copy is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

His Worship the Mayor: "Since the Brief was circulated, we have made representations to the Province in view of the changes made by them with regard to general hospitalization costs, whereby the Province has agreed to pay one-half the costs of 1957, in 1958. I made, on behalf of the City, a request for one-half share of the Health costs and have received a reply from the Premier which I will ask the Clerk to read, and this may influence your thinking with regard to submitting a Brief to the Province."

The Deputy City Clerk read the following letter:

February 11, 1958.

Dear Mayor Vaughan:

Further to my note of January 31st, we have now had an opportunity to consider your Brief and your request that the City's expenditures on public health be regarded as analogous to municipal expenditures on general hospitalization with regard to the provincial offer to share general hospitalization costs.

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We believe that we are now in a position similar to that back in 1941 when the province built a new modern Victoria General Hospital on the understanding that the city would modernize and operate its own health department. The situation seems to be analogous because we are now faced with the prospect of a large addition to the V.G. Hospital which will cost the province several millions of dollars. The only alternative to an addition to the V.G. would be a city owned and operated general hospital. While we have made it clear that the building of hospitals is a local responsibility throughout the province, we recognize that the province has a responsibility in connection with the V.G. Hospital, and we are not asking the city to share in the cost of an expansion of the V.G.

On the other hand, we do believe that since the city will not be faced with this outlay, it would not be proper for us to regard your expenditures in public health as a substitute for general hospitalization expenses.

Should the city wish to discuss with us the possibility of assuming more responsibility for the construction of general hospitals in Halifax, and on the other hand having the province assume more responsibility for public health in the city, we would of course be happy to meet with you and talk over the possibilities.

Yours sincerely,

R.L. Stanfield.

His Worship  
Mayor Charles A. Vaughan  
City Hall  
Halifax, N.S.

Alderman O'Brien: "First, with respect to that memorandum it seems to me the City would be wise to permit the Province to build the new hospital because under the Hospital Insurance Plan that is to come into effect next January 1, the current cost of hospitals will be fully looked after along with the grants from the Federal Government, so that the major concern of most municipalities would then be the construction of hospitals and, if the Province is willing to undertake that, I think we should allow them to go ahead, and not get involved in sharing the cost of that new hospital. There is another point I would like to see added to the Brief to the Commission on Hospital Insurance and that is with respect to the coverage for mental and T.B. Hospital care. I know that is a political problem in a sense but the Prime Minister, at the Federal-Provincial Conference, did say to the provinces that he could arrange to have T.B. and mental cases covered, except that it might mean less in grants to the provinces. We, as a municipality, should urge on the Province that these two matters be fully covered in the Scheme. To exclude mental cases, in particular, is going to result in some abuses; and I think that there is a growing realization that

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mental cases should be treated on the same basis as other kinds of illnesses; and if they are not covered by the Scheme, if they are in a general hospital, there will be difficulties. I think we should urge on the Province to urge the Federal Government for that kind of a change in the over-all scheme."

His Worship the Mayor: "That has been done by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. The question is, do you want to proceed with this Brief?"

Alderman Dunlop contended that there was no point in proceeding with the Brief as it was too late.

City Manager: "They extended the time for receiving briefs."

His Worship the Mayor: "On November 1st there was no Brief presented on behalf of the City and I discussed it with the City Manager and Dr. Morton, and now it is too late. Also, we have a changed picture in view of the Premier's letter that other municipalities are faced with capital construction costs of the hospitals, and we are not faced with that."

Alderman Lloyd: "It is assumed that the hospital being operated by the municipality only serves residents of the municipality which operates it. That is the basis of all this reasoning. The hospital set-up doesn't follow the boundary lines of municipal areas; and, to use the arguments that the City of Halifax, because it doesn't have a municipal hospital, doesn't have to face a loss of revenue or deficit in the operation of a hospital (what that deficit would be I do not know) it would be interesting for some one to project those figures for us before we come to a conclusion. The matter should be pursued further. I am inclined to the view that the Finance and Executive Committee or a special committee should assist us in studying the matter a little further. Even though it may not be in time for the Commission, it will be in time to present to the legislative bodies."

Alderman Ferguson: "What do we have to lose by making a special effort?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Nothing at the moment but there are other matters. The Province is considering levying a 'per capita' tax on the municipalities to be used as a Hospital Construction Fund. That was a thought put forward to the Executive of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities last week. It wasn't too

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well received because some municipalities have hospitals at the present time and have been paying deficits for some years. It might be well to bring the matter to the Health Committee for further discussion."

Alderman Lloyd: "Bit by bit, the Provincial Government should take these services over in that field in view of the substantial increase in grants to the Province; and we should still hammer away at the sound reasoning of the economics of our time that we should not continue to burden residential properties as a tax basis for services which lie in the field of public health, public welfare and education. I think it is wrong in our time to do it and we should make another presentation, even if it is only to the legislative bodies, after the report of the Commission is filed."

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for further study.

TAXI STANDS ✓

Deferred in Committee.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #51 (SMOKE ABATEMENT) 2nd READING ✓

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date an amendment to Ordinance #51 respecting "Smoke Abatement" which was read and passed at the last regular meeting of City Council was again considered.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENT ✓

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

Subsection (1) of Section 12 of Ordinance No. 51 is amended by striking out the words "within thirty days of the approval of this Ordinance".

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Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the amendment to Ordinance No. 51 set out above be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

SCALE OF FEES FOR SHOWS ✓

Deferred in Committee.

RESUBDIVISION SULLIVAN ESTATE - KEMPT ROAD ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: January 21st, 1958.

Subject: Resubdivision - Sullivan Estate - Kempt Road.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held January 21st, 1958, considered the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a Resubdivision of the Sullivan Estate, Kempt Road.

On Motion of Alderman Trainer, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Board recommended to City Council that the Resubdivision, as shown on Plan No. 00-9-13993, be approved and that no public hearing be held.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.. A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

RESUBDIVISION PINWOOD ACRES LOTS 1 & 2 DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: January 21st, 1958.

Subject: Resubdivision - Pinwood Acres - Lots 1 & 2 - Dutch Village Road.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the Town Planning Engineer recommending approval of a Resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Pinwood Acres.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainer, the Board recommended to City Council that the Resubdivision, as shown on Plan No. 00-9-13994, be approved and that no public hearing be held.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.. A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

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FINAL CERTIFICATE STREET PAVING - STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LTD. ✓

To; His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 21st, 1958.  
Subject: Street Paving - Final Certificate - Standard Paving Maritime Ltd.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, recommended to City Council that Final Payment in the amount of \$56,444.68 be made to Standard Paving Maritime Limited on account of their Contract for Street Paving for the year 1957.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per...A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

REVISED PLAN AND DESCRIPTION - HALIFAX AIRPORT ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 21st, 1958.  
Subject: Revised Plan and Description - Halifax Airport.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works, requesting the authority of City Council to record with the Registrar of Deeds the revised Plan and Description of the Halifax Airport.

On Motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Committee approved the report and recommended it to City Council.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.. A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship, The Mayor, Chairman and Members of the Committee on Works.  
From: G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.  
Date: January 21, 1958  
Subject: Halifax Airport.

In order to expedite the expropriation of land for the new Halifax Airport our original Plan was compiled from Crown Land Plans and the County Assessor's Plans. Such a plan was not expected to be absolutely accurate and Mr. James MacKenzie, Provincial Land Surveyor was employed to carry out the necessary survey and furnish an accurate plan and description of the area.



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Mr. MacKenzie has completed his work and it is now necessary, under Section 629 of the City Charter, to register the revised plan and description.

We are advised by the City Solicitor that this registration will replace and have the same effect as the original plan of expropriation. It is therefore recommended to Committee and Council that the said plan and description be filed in the Registry of Deeds Office at Halifax.

G.F. West,  
Commissioner of Works.

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

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT - LAND HALIFAX AIRPORT ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: January 21st, 1958.  
Subject: Amendment to Agreement re Land Halifax Airport.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered a recommendation by the City Manager that ownership of the land of the Halifax Airport at Kelly Lake revert back to the City should the property ever cease to be used as an Airport.

On motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Committee recommended to City Council that the Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen be amended to include the clause that should the land at some future date cease to be used as an airport, ownership of the land would revert back to the City of Halifax.

Alderman Greenwood was recorded against.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per...A.R. Berry,  
for Clerk of Works.

Alderman Dunlop: "It seems to me that is an 'Indian gift'."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the original Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen and the City of Halifax respecting the land for the Halifax Airport be executed.

Alderman Lloyd stated that he could see no major objection to asking that if the land is not utilized in the future as an airport that it revert back to the City and he referred to the first Halifax airport site which is now the scene of a large scale housing development; also, the Forum Commission property was taken by the Department of National Defence during the War and was the subject of much negotiation to get it back; and he contended that it might be a wise clause to have in the Agreement.

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His Worship the Mayor: "The Halifax Airport was bought by the City and developed by the City of Halifax. The original Agreement with the Department of Transport was that we would acquire and convey the land to the Department and they would build, operate and maintain the Airport. It is a standard agreement across the country."

The motion was put and passed.

PENSIONS - SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEES HALFYARD AND DUGGAN ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that School Board employees Mr. Kenneth Halfyard and Mr. Joseph V. Duggan were not eligible to join the Superannuation Plan because of age and under the authority of Chapter 62, Section 57, sub-section 5 of the Acts of 1957 they may receive 75% of the accumulated service benefits to which they would have been entitled had they been members of the Plan for the full period of their employment which would be as follows:

Mr. Halfyard \$788.84 annually effective January 1, 1958.  
Mr. Joseph V. Duggan \$825.32 annually effective December 1, 1957.

Your Committee recommends that Messrs. Halfyard and Duggan be granted the allowance under the above authority.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

PERMANENT STOCK - EXTENSION OF DATE OF REDEMPTION ✓

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Manager advising that Council had authorized a redemption price of \$115.00 per share on Permanent Stock until December 31, 1957 and requested the extension of this authority until December 31, 1958.

Your Committee recommends that the City continue to offer redemption on these terms until December 31, 1958 with the understanding that if circumstances change the Council will be so advised by the Commissioner of Finance and City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

PENSION AND EMPLOYMENT - OVERAGE EMPLOYEES

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report from the City Manager entitled "Pensions and Employment - Overage Employees" was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft legislation in line with the suggestions in the report and that any changes deemed necessary could be made when the same is considered by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship, C.A. Vaughan, and  
Members of City Council.

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

Date: February 6, 1958.

Subject: Pensions & Employment - Overage Employees.

There are a number of employees who have continued in service beyond their pensionable age. By not taking their pensions they place themselves (or their families) in the position of receiving a return of their contributions if they die in service while not being pensioned. It is against good personnel practice to pay full salary to a person on pension.

This matter was considered by the Retirement Committee on January 17, 1958 and it was agreed to recommend to Council that any necessary legislation be secured to achieve the following end:

That all employees, upon reaching retirement age be retired, but if an employee is continued in service that the City Manager be authorized to pay the employee the difference between the pension and the salary for the position so occupied; the employee concerned is to continue contributions to the Pension Fund on the salary portion only.

The effect of this plan would be to guarantee to the employee 60 payments certain, even though he continued to work.

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

Alderman DeWolf: "In connection with that, I think I was the one in the Retirement Committee who suggested that the employee contribute. When I first suggested it, I thought it was for further benefit to him and I later realized that wasn't so. I feel that this clause should be deleted. There are probably not more than a dozen people involved by the amendment and, if it is only for

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the difference between the salary and pension, it is not a very great amount for the pension fund."

Alderman Macdonald asked what is the retirement age.

The City Manager explained that for male members of the Staff, other than members of the Police and Fire Departments, the retirement age is 65 years. For female members of the staff and members of the Police and Fire Departments the retirement age is 60 years.

Alderman Dunlop asked if an employee was retained after he had reached age 65, does he contribute during the extended period?"

Commissioner of Finance: "Contributions cease at sixty-five."

Alderman Dunlop: "If our plan is in line with the Federal and Provincial Plans, I don't think we should make any change. I think these things should be standard whether he works for any level of government."

His Worship the Mayor referred to an unfortunate case where an employee had continued in employment after reaching retirement age and had recently passed away and he was not on pension; and he stated that had the employee been on pension, his widow would have received the balance of sixty payments, whereas she is now entitled only to his contributions with interest.

Alderman Dunlop: "We should tend to retire employees at the fixed age; but if for some reason we keep them on, they should not lose anything or gain anything by it."

Alderman DeWolf: "It is generally at the request of the man. If a man remains on the staff and doesn't go on pension his estate loses the five years payments if he dies. The estate only gets the contributions."

Alderman Dunlop: "Would the man know the risk. We might as well get the legislation to pay that widow what he was entitled to; and people should be retired when they reach the age."

Alderman Lloyd suggested that the legislation be drafted, and said, "I just wonder whether there is some inconsistency here. If an employee reaches retirement age he has earned his retirement benefits. If the City and employee are mutually agreed that his services are desirable, it is a moot question."

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There is no doubt but what he is using his retirement to the benefit of the City and is entitled to his full salary. He is liable to be a person with special qualifications. Under those circumstances we have to face that situation when we are considering extensions of retirement. I would like to have the matter further considered. We may be in an inconsistent position."

His Worship the Mayor: "We could have our own Plan amended so that the five-year payment would go to the estate of such a person if a person died."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the City Solicitor be requested to draft legislation amending the Superannuation Plan to provide for the payment of sixty payments to retired members of the Plan, or to a member's estate in the event of his death. Motion passed.

CEMETERY LOT AND PERPETUAL CARE CERTIFICATES ✓

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Manager advising that Deeds conveying Camp Hill and Fairview Cemetery lots are signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and that perpetual care certificates are signed by the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer.

To relieve the Mayor he recommended that legislation be secured to provide that the signing officers be the Commissioner of Works and the Commissioner of Finance or their Deputies.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

MOUNTED SQUAD ✓

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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 a report was submitted from the Chief of Police listing 5 operations of the Mounted Squad with the cost of each.

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After considerable discussion your Committee recommends the adoption of Plan #7 at a cost of \$23,659.00. Aldermen Lane, Connolly, and Butler wishing to be recorded against.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Alderman Trainor: "I made the motion in Safety Committee that we accept Plan No. 7. Up to that time there were some facts with which I was not acquainted and I have since had numerous calls; and I would like to move that the Mounted Squad be again referred to the Safety Committee for further consideration."

There was no seconder to the motion.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop that the Mounted Squad be discontinued.

There was no seconder to the motion.

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

Alderman Lane: "When that recommendation was read in Committee, there were three aldermen recorded against it. The Chairman of the meeting was faced with exactly the same situation. There was a split vote

and he cast the deciding vote. Some of us felt strongly against the recommendation of the Committee and I, personally, am against doing away with one horse. My telephone has never stopped ringing since it was in the Press and it has certainly been well advertised that we are going to abolish the horse patrol. As far as the women are concerned, they are against seeing the patrols abolished. It is the only form of protection in the residential areas that we can see and appreciate. The patrol cars have not the time for the bit of extra protection that an old lady needs to get. It is a serious step and it should get the majority here for continuing the Mounted Squad."

Alderman Dunlop: "I attended the conference of Mayors and Municipalities recently and from there went on to Ottawa. At that meeting I took it upon myself to ask the Mayors of different cities of Canada about horses. I was told by the Mayor of Winnipeg, which has a good many parks, that they abolished horses fifteen years ago. The assistant Mayor of Toronto said they have a few for ceremonial purposes. In Vancouver they keep four horses for patrolling Stanley Park in the summer time. That is the situation as I found it across Canada.

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I think the man who should make the recommendation about the keeping of horses is the Chief of Police, and I fail to find it. Two horses to patrol the Park area doesn't impress me. The patrolling of Point Pleasant Park, an area of 200 acres, could well be done with the new motor scooters. I know there has been a great deal in the Press about what the horses do. I have the letter from Mr. Oland. Actually, most of the things in that resolution are not borne out by the facts. I made inquiries in London and they have only a few horses which are used around Pall Mall for controlling traffic and large crowds. As between Plans 7 and 2, I will vote for the 7. I think the importance of the horse in this day and age is greatly over-emphasized. It is used for one purpose, and for one purpose only."

Alderman Wyman: "When this matter was before us previously, I believe that it was decided to continue the Mounted Squad for a year when a comprehensive report would be forthcoming from the Chief of Police. I envisioned a report which would take account of all the various duties which it has been suggested by various people might be performed by members of the Squad and so far as I have been able to discover, there was no such report. It has been my belief that a Mounted Squad could do a great deal more valuable work than they have been given an opportunity to do. Men and horses trained to do proper police work can do a great many things. I don't want to put myself in the position of advising the Police Department on police matters but there are people who feel that the horses can do a great many more things than they have been asked to do; and I would like to ask the Chief if they can do those things, or what is the matter with the people who say they can do such things? It may be that more use has not been made of the Squad because the Squad may have suffered from the lack of complete training of men and mounts in horsemanship and the working of the horse himself; and I would like to mention that there has been made privately to a previous Mayor and to other members of Council and officials an offer from the Junior Bengal Lancers that their Instructor could be made available for a number of hours a day for such training of horses and men, in return for the many advantages that the Junior Bengal Lancers have had at the hands of City Council; and they have an Instructor who, before he came to this country, was a

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British Cavalry Instructor. I think we might well consider making use of that opportunity; and, rather than disbanding the Force, see if something more can be done and better use made of them."

Alderman Macdonald: "I did have the honor of casting the deciding vote in respect to this in Committee. I did not appreciate the honor very much, particularly where I was somewhat not altogether sure of my ground and I am not sure yet. On further thought I find it very difficult to properly assess the value of the Mounted Squad in comparison to the other systems of patrol. We have the man on the beat, we have the motor patrol and it seems to me there are many factors that enter into this situation. They all have value and the question is, which is the greatest? It is pretty hard for me to assess that and, whatever I do tonight, I may be wrong or right because I have not sufficient information to vote intelligently on the matter. I think the addition of the patrol cars is a vital necessity. They perform a good function and should be increased. There is a definite need for crime prevention and, if the Mounted Squad is of any value in preventing crime, I think we should consider very seriously keeping a sufficient number of them to do duty in that respect." He referred to the deterrent effect of the Mounted man in a residential area, compared to the man in a patrol car and he contended that a man on the beat is not too noticeable, and continued, "Those are factors which are hard to assess and, rather than dispense with the Mounted Squad, if they are of any value in that respect, I think we should consider retaining a portion of them."

Alderman Lane: "I am glad Alderman Macdonald brought up the crime prevention angle. I can mention one location in the City where only a horseman can prevent a crime, the field near the railroad cutting between Conrose Avenue and Jubilee Road. Peculiar persons have frequented that location and if the Squad have prevented one child from being molested, its retention would be justified: Chief, do you want the Squad disbanded?"

Chief of Police: "I have already recommended that Plan #7 be adopted. On the basis of 'if I want the squad disbanded', No: Plan #7 is one recommendation."



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Alderman Lane: "Do you prefer Plan #7 to the present method?"

Chief of Police: "That is correct."

Alderman Wyman: "To pursue the question, I would like to ask the Chief of Police if his preference for Plan #7 is based on the fact that he feels that otherwise he would not be able to obtain the money necessary for the additional constables and cars? Is it a financial thing or because he doesn't want any more than a two-man mounted squad?"

Chief of Police: "It is very definitely a financial thing."

Alderman Lloyd: "Sometime ago we had a motion that the matter be referred back to the Safety Committee. I would be happy to second the motion with the request that they separate the need for automobiles and come forward boldly and say whether more cars are required. I think it is wrong to be chewing at the Mounted Squad every year. It loses its effectiveness to have a debate every few months over the practical use of the Squad; and in the long run it is bound to end in a vote which is made out of frustration rather than reason, and I think the matter should be resolved once and for all, whether the Mounted Squad performs a useful purpose with the Police Department. I think it does and the Safety Committee should come forward with a recommendation on the Mounted Squad; and the subject of cars should be a separate question."

Alderman Greenwood: "I am concerned with the Safety of the City. The Chief told us that the highest incidence of crime was between the hours of nine P.M. and three A.M. There is not a horse on the street at that time. He told us the patrol does approximately ten miles a day. A one-man car will do thirty to forty miles a day; and, at a cost of \$15,000.00 extra, the patrol will do a 24-hour shift, making a total of 12 times the patrol mileage in the City. He also told the Committee he had the greatest difficulty in securing good horses and had a large turnover in horses and could see no improvement in the situation in the future."

Alderman DeWolf: "I have had several calls from people in Ward 1 and in each case they were very, very greatly in favour of the retention of the Squad." He referred to the matter having been discussed by outside groups and said "They have mentioned various factors when discussing it, among them being the

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prevention of crime; also, the value of the Squad to the children. Certain associations seem to be brought about by the young children and the Mounted Policemen and it seems to have great value; also, they mentioned the value from the tourist point of view. It might be a slightly added expense but there are certain things that one has to do, and I would vote for it because it has value."

Alderman O'Brien: "Alderman Lloyd has suggested that the two matters of the Mounted Squad and Extra Patrol Cars should be separated out. Actually, it would be only a temporary separation because we have to bring them back together at budget time and it is because we are concerned about total cost as well as protection that we, in Safety, considered these plans which involved cutting the Squad and providing additional cars. Contrary to what has been said by Deputy Mayor Dunlop, I feel that the Mounted Squad is important as far as Point Pleasant Park is concerned, and that is the reason for retaining two, under Plan #7. No other kind of patrol would do in the Park but, as Alderman Greenwood pointed out, the protection that is available from the Squad cars, based on the advice by the Chief to the Committee, is very much better than that which is available from the Mounted Squad. I have had a great many calls since the Committee met and most are from ladies who favor retention of the Squad. They argue that because you can see a man on horse more easily that you have better protection but I feel there is a false sense of security in that line of reasoning. The horse is not covering anything like the area covered by the cars and I think it is dangerous to have that false sense of security. The Chief told us that the Policeman on horse has to tie the horse before he can do anything and the protection is open to question. There isn't enough protection in the northwest end in the residential sections, particularly at night when it is needed most."

Alderman Lane: "Why don't we get it at night? Horses can ride at night."

Alderman Butler: "It is apparent that there are opinions that are contrary. However, I think that the Council should bear in mind that we must not do away with anything if there is a reasonable doubt that it should be given the benefit

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of the doubt. It is obvious that there is a reasonable doubt that the Mounted Squad should be condemned to retirement.\* Referring to the suggestion that motor scooters be used in the Park, he contended that it would not be practical to do so, and continued, "The man on horse can hear and see well. The citizens that have expressed opinions about them feel that the horses belong to the residential areas and to the school children in particular; and if we do away with the horses in these areas, it is going to deprive these people of protection during the daylight hours when the children are on the streets. With regard to cars, if somebody wants protection in a hurry, we have sufficient cars to meet an emergency and respond to the call; that should not be used as an argument to do away with the horses. In the beginning it must have been felt that they were necessary and I feel circumstances have not changed but the need has increased rather than decreased.\*"

Moved in amendment by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be referred back to the Safety Committee for further consideration.

Alderman Lloyd stated that he thought that Alderman Greenwood had made a strong case for recognizing the need for continuance of the Mounted Squad in some areas, and to examine the need for additional cars for use in other areas to provide the ultimate in protection.

The amendment was put and passed with Deputy Mayor Dunlop wishing to be recorded against.

WELCOME TO DELEGATION FROM BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB ✓

His Worship the Mayor extended a hearty welcome to a delegation from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Halifax. He commended the members of the delegation for their interest in civic affairs and expressed the hope that they enjoyed the discussions and learned something from them, and he invited them to attend further meetings of the Council.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS - RATE OF PAY ✓

February 4, 1958.

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

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submitted from the Chief of Police relative to the rate of pay for the School Crossing Guards.

The Chief of Police recommended that these Guards be paid at the rate of \$5.00 per school day.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Dunlop asked if there was any particular reason for departing from the procedure of paying the ten percent increase.

Chief of Police: "They received the ten percent overall increase on November 1, and the subject was brought up from the floor of Council."

Alderman Dunlop: "If they get this, they will be getting a 25% increase I know they are not overpaid but we should be consistent. We are not in a time when we should be increasing too much. I know it isn't very much but we are only starting a pattern."

Alderman DeWolf: "How many hours a day do they work?"

Chief of Police: "Four hours per day, plus a concealed period, going to and from work. They work every school day, roughly 190 days a year."

Alderman Connolly: "The pay they receive, even at \$5.00, is thirty-two cents a day less than that paid for labouring work."

His Worship the Mayor: "How many of the men are not pensioners?"

Chief of Police: "I would estimate about eight."

His Worship the Mayor: "Last month we had a request to increase the pension of a retired fireman. I see he is now a school crossing guard. He is 70 years of age. This is not basic pay and with most of these men it is not a question of pay but the work is a God-send to them as it gives them something to do."

Alderman Dunlop: "We should pay it to people who need it and we should see that it goes only to people other than pensioners."

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Alderman O'Brien: "The reason I think the Committee was convinced that the increase should be granted is shown in the minutes (He then quoted from the minutes of a meeting of the Safety Committee held on February 4, 1958). It was on the basis of that, that the time they had to put in had been increased that I voted for it. If the hours were the same, the principle should be adhered to. On the other hand we have had some staff with hours reduced and the pay was increased; and if their working time has been increased they should be compensated."

His Worship the Mayor: "How many hours was their work increased?"

Chief of Police: "I can't define it that sharply. It was gradually extended. Originally they spent 2½ hours per day. It now works out to approximately four hours per day. It has been increased over a six-year period."

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

LEGISLATION RE: PROVINCIAL CONSTABLES

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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 a report was submitted from the Chief of Police recommending that legislation be secured which would provide for the appointment of the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, Inspectors of Police and Police Sergeants as Provincial Constables for the Province of Nova Scotia in addition to those members of the Police Department already provided for as Provincial Constables under sub-section 1 and 2 of Section 243 of the City Charter.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "What kind of processes do they wish to serve?"

The Chief of Police explained that during the past eight years the Deputy Chief and himself have been entering into a Bond and appointed Provincial Constables on a two-year basis. During the past four years the Traffic Sergeants have been entering into personal bonds and appointed Provincial Constables

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for the purpose of serving subpoenas, summonses to witness, executing warrants etc., particularly in relation to the Motor Vehicle Act, in the portion of Halifax County immediately adjacent to the City. The appointment of the Sergeants came about at the request of the R.C.M. Police who wished to be relieved of the burden of serving the large number of summonses, etc., issued out of our courts in the above mentioned areas of the County.

Alderman Dunlop: "Do they get paid extra?"

Chief of Police "No."

The motion was put and passed.

SALARY DOG CATCHER ✓

February 4, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the matter of re-grading the classification of Dog Catcher from W-6 (\$2264.90-\$2585.00) to W-7 (\$2425.00-\$2768.70) was considered.

This matter originated during the discussion of the Police Department estimates. The City Manager conferred with the Chief of Police who recommended the reclassification because the present incumbent was doing an excellent job especially with respect to public relations, and the salary was low.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

ASSESSMENT - CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY - 24 SOUTH STREET ✓

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter was received from the Children's Aid Society advising that it has received Assessment Notices totalling the sum of \$22,250.00 and requesting Council to make a grant to cover the amount of the taxes chargeable as a result of the assessments.

Your Committee recommends that the City pay as a grant to the Society a sum equal to the taxes under the authority of Section 310-D of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

CITY'S SHARE EXPENSES - C.N.R. TAXATION ✓

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee a letter was submitted from Mr. H.S. Bissett, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Moncton, N.B. in connection with expenses and honorarium to Mr. H.D. Hopkins, Common Clerk and City Solicitor of the City of St. John, N.B., relating to C.N.R. taxation conferences on behalf of several Maritime Cities. The City of Halifax share is 41% of a total of \$839.25 which amounts to \$344.09.

Your Committee recommends that the account be approved for payment and the sum of \$344.09 placed in the 1958 Estimates.

Respectfully submitted

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved  
Alderman Dunlop: "I was told that the City joined in with St. John and Moncton and they agreed before the presentation was made that no one would make a separate settlement with the C.N.R., and the Mayor of St. John told me we broke faith in that we made a settlement with the C.N.R."

City Manager: "I never heard of that, but we do have in our agreement a clause that if there is a change in the general arrangements with regard to taxation by the C.N.R., that we would have the privilege of renegotiating. I know of no gentlemen's agreement."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think that goes back to the time when we originally settled the matter of taxation with the C.N.R., and there is no doubt that the efforts which were successful were the results of efforts by St. John and Halifax working in close harmony and I think we should pay our share of the expenses of the action; and while we may have violated the spirit of the agreement, I think the matter should be looked into and cleared up and I think we should examine the advantages of working in harmony with the City of St. John. The least we can do is to keep St. John posted on our moves."

His Worship the Mayor: "With regard to the Brief which was presented to the Cabinet, at a meeting with the General Counsel and Vice President of the C.N.R. they told us that more money was on the way as a result of the representations."

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The motion was put and passed.

SEWER REBATE DESMOND AVENUE

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending that legislation be obtained to pay the balance of a sewer rebate amounting to \$1,547.17 to Mr. B.D. Stevens in connection with his building a concrete culvert along the entire frontage of his property on Desmond Avenue, provided the City is granted a sewer easement for a nominal amount over a small triangular portion of land on Desmond Avenue at Scot Street.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

LEGISLATION TAX RATE ON CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS ETC.

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, a report was submitted from the City Solicitor attaching a draft of legislation amending Section 409 of the City Charter whereby organizations which are neither of a residential character or nature or of a business character or nature would be specifically named and the residential tax rate apply.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be secured to assess at the residential rate those clubs, associations, organizations, etc. which are named in the schedule hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

(1) Subsection (1) of Section 409 as that subsection is enacted by Section 12 of Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1957 is repealed and the following substituted therefor.

409. (1) Subject to the provisions of Section 375A, the rate of taxation upon (a) the owners of real property which is of a residential character or nature, of which a portion is of a residential character or nature and (b) the following owners of real property, namely.

(1) Clubs and associations not carried on for the purpose of gain, the members of which are not entitled to share in any profits arising from the operation thereof, or, by the constitution or by-laws of



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which no profits are permitted to be paid either to its members or shareholders or to the manager or operator thereof or to any other person;

- (ii) Owners of real property used for non-profit recreational purposes;
- (iii) Trade unions and trustees holding real property in trust for trade unions;
- (iv) Religious organizations or sects, using the same for the purpose of offices of such organization or sect;
- (v) Religious organizations or sects using the same as a parish hall or other non-profit congregational use;
- (vi) Non-Profit charitable and nationalistic organizations and trustees holding real property in trust for such organizations;
- (vii) Fraternal organizations and trustees holding real property in trust for fraternal organizations;
- (viii) Non-Profit societies and associations for the elimination or control of any disease;
- (ix) Nova Scotia Division of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires;
- (x) The Halifax Board of Trade;

which are not by any enactment, declared to be exempt from taxation, which is occupied in whole or in part by such respective clubs, associations, trade unions, organizations, society, commissionaires and the Halifax Board of Trade for the purpose of carrying out the main or chief purpose thereof to the extent such real property is so occupied,

for the civic year which commenced on the first day of January 1957 and for subsequent years in respect of the ownership of such real property or portion thereof, shall be such rate as the City Council may, in respect of each such year, by resolution, determine prior to the fixing of the tax rate as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) Section 13 of chapter 62 of the Acts of 1957 is repealed.

(3) This Section shall be read and construed and shall be given effect as if it had been enacted on the 12th day of April A.D., 1957.

City Solicitor: "This applies only to the Real Property Tax and not to the Occupancy Tax."

Alderman Dunlop: "I understand the legislation granted the residential rate to clubs, such as the Waegwoltic."

City Assessor: "The legislation came up and the only point that the Council was concerned with was the possibility of the Federal Government finding a loop-hole that would put their assessment on the residential rate. The Government pays us no Occupancy Tax. The main purpose of the change was particularly, for the real property. I have a memorandum from the Federal Government in which they designate what they consider 'residential'."

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Alderman Dunlop: "Is the City Solicitor saying that rented people are in a different position than owners? These social clubs were to be put on a residential basis whether they owned the property or not."

The City Manager explained the purpose of the legislation and stated that it was so inclusive that the Federal Government said that they were included but that the clause could be effected by classifying or naming the various clubs.

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

AGREEMENT - CITY AND PROVINCE - MAINTENANCE OF STREETS

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date standard maintenance agreements were submitted between the City of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia covering certain streets in the City of Halifax.

Your Committee recommends that the attached resolution be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

W H E R E A S the Minister of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia is of the opinion that the highways within the City of Halifax hereinafter more particularly described form connecting links in main trunk highways of the Province or are main highways leading into or through the City;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Highways is authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes 1954, to enter into and carry out an agreement with the City of Halifax to provide for the maintenance of the following streets:

NORTH STREET, from its intersection with the eastern street line of Brunswick Street to its intersection with the centre line of Chebucto Road, approximately 1.0 mile;

CHEBUCTO ROAD, from its intersection with the centre line of North Street to its intersection with the south-westerly street line of Clinton Lane, approximately 0.91 mile;

ROBIE STREET, from its intersection with the northerly curb line of North Street to its intersection with the centre line of Kempt Road, approximately 0.35 mile;

KEMPT ROAD, from its intersection with the centre line of Robie Street to a point 1000 feet easterly from the City Boundary at Fairview Underpass, approximately 1.34 miles;

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AND WHEREAS a draft agreement has been submitted to the City of Halifax;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the report be approved and His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the agreements on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

Alderman Greenwood: "What about the same deal for Howe Avenue?"

His Worship the Mayor: "They are still studying it."

Alderman Lloyd: "A bouquet to you, Your Worship, for your efforts."

Y. M. C. A. LIFE SAVER SALE ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date it was agreed to recommend that the Y.M.C.A. be granted permission to hold a Life-Saver Sale on street corners on March 15, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - REQUEST FOR INCREASED PAYMENT TO CITY ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date it was agreed to recommend that the City request the Public Service Commission for a total payment of \$125,000.00 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Alderman Dunlop asked if we are entitled to the extra \$25,000.00 as of right.

His Worship the Mayor: "It is bound by a Deed of Trust between the Public Service Commission and the Nova Scotia Trust Company, as approved by the City Council."

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Alderman Dunlop: "Is the City a party to that agreement? Is it signed by the City, the Agreement with the bondholders that they should not pay the City more than a certain amount unless they had a certain surplus?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Is wasn't signed by Council but it was approved by Council."

Alderman Dunlop: "Is it binding on the City?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It is binding on the Public Service Commission."

Alderman Lane: "This depends on earnings."

His Worship the Mayor: "The observation was made that the Public Service Commission is setting up reserves for bonds which should come to the City of Halifax. They set up \$38,000.00 this year."

Alderman Dunlop: "There was an agreement that they would not do that until the other bonds were paid off. The trouble with these things is that people change and what happens is forgotten."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the retirement of those bonds could be recalled by legislation. I had the understanding that money owed to the City was not to be retired until the bond issue was retired first. That conveyed the implication to me that annual retirement would be the same thing as full retirement. Do we have the actual wording of the Deed of Trust before us? Could it be read to Council?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It is a lengthy document. Page 18 takes into account the revenue from the water supply and the covenant to maintain separate accounts". He then read it for the information of Council.

Alderman Dunlop: "That document is between the Commission and the bond holders. As for the payment of that Sinking Fund, it was never contemplated that a Sinking Fund would be set up, and that was agreed."

Alderman Lloyd: "They start off by saying the gross revenue, then start off with the first dollar and then proceed to subtract all the things they are allowed; and, then out of that revenue they are asked to pay a total of \$125,000.00 in taxes or distribution of surplus. They expressly exclude any setting up of retirement of the City's bond issue. That may be a correct interpretation.

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There may be some question of the wisdom as to whether or not we feel that a sinking fund to retire our bonds may be desirable in the long run. It doesn't help us right now but in the long run the obligation has to be met."

His Worship the Mayor: "We can't get into a discussion until we request the \$125,000.00."

Alderman Lloyd: "Under that Trust Agreement I think it would be difficult for the Public Service Commission to earmark \$38,000.00 for the retirement of the bonds. We have a right to ask for the amount but they might have difficulty. To get the matter settled, we should formalize the request. "

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

Alderman Dunlop: "Are we entitled as of right? I don't want to see our position weakened. We should take the stand that we are entitled to \$125,000.00."

Alderman Lane: "I think the Council is quite within its right to make the request. I don't think the criticism of the Commission setting aside \$38,000.00 is a matter for discussion by this Council. I consider the discussion is out of order. If you get your \$125,000.00 and there is a \$13,000.00 amount left in surplus and they still want to set up their sinking fund, it is their right. I think they should be applauded."

Alderman Lloyd stated that he had not meant to be critical of the Public Service Commission's operations but was merely trying to explain the procedure which they had followed.

His Worship the Mayor: "This might be a matter to bring before the public when the hearings are held."

The motion was put and passed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ✓

February 6, 1958.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date it was agreed to recommend that Daylight Saving Time be observed from 12:01 a.m. Sunday, April 27th, 1958 to 12:01 a.m. Sunday, October 26th, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop that the matter be deferred until the opinion of the labor people has been ascertained.

There was no seconder to the motion.

Alderman Dunlop: "Last year we extended the time for one month at the request of the Canadian National Railways. The matter was discussed by the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities and there was no unanimity as to when it should end. I think the end of October is too late and the end of September is late enough for the school children. I think we should defer it until we find out what the Trades and Labour Council want. I was not able to find out why the Railway wanted it."

His Worship the Mayor: "They want it for a uniform time system."

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

Moved in amendment by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lane, that Daylight Saving Time terminate on September 28, 1958.

The amendment was put and lost, five voting for the same and nine against it.

The motion was put and passed.

ACTION H. L. COOPER vs CITY OF HALIFAX ✓

The City Solicitor advised the Council that he had accepted on behalf of the City a written claim for damages in connection with the abandonment of expropriation proceedings of the Cooper property on Lady Hammond Road; and he requested the direction of Council.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the City Solicitor be instructed to defend the action on behalf of the City.

Alderman Dunlop: "I would suggest that the City Solicitor be empowered to employ the proper people to estimate the amount of the damage if he requires that assistance; also, to pay into Court the sum deemed necessary by him."

Alderman Wyman: "What is the amount of the claim?"

The City Solicitor stated that it was in excess of \$31,000.00.

The motion was put and passed.

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APPRAISAL COURSE - ASSESSOR'S STAFF ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee it was agreed to recommend that the City pay the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of defraying expenses in connection with 3 members of the Assessor's staff taking an appraisal course sponsored by the Canadian Appraisal Institute with a duration of 2 years held every Friday evening at the Board of Trade Rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

LEASE R.C.A.F. CATHEDRAL BARRACKS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 4th, 1958.  
Subject: Lease - Cathedral Barracks.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered a request from the Department of National Defence for a three year extension of their lease on the Cathedral Barracks property, which presently expires February 15th, 1960.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien the Committee recommended to City Council that the Lease of the Department of National Defence for the Cathedral Barracks property be extended to February 15th, 1963.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.. A.R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

Alderman Dunlop: "That is going to be a \$50,000.00 building. They are not going to take it down in three years time. What is our policy with regard to Anderson Square? Shouldn't we discuss it? These are in the nature of non-permanent buildings and we should discuss the policy in regard to the use of that land. The Department of National Defence should be constructing more permanent type buildings. It means more for our contractors. The matter should be deferred until we find out their long-range program and we decide the future use of that Square. It is in the middle of the hospital zone and it might be required for hospital purposes in the future."

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the matter be deferred for one month.

Alderman Lloyd stated that as far as possible these installations should be on a permanent basis and when the Department's program is known, Council should be prepared to give and take.

His Worship the Mayor: "They seek a five-year lease in order to build a \$50,000.00 building and in Ottawa we were asked by the local Members to bring the matter before Council so that money could be released for immediate construction of this building."

Alderman Dunlop: "I understood that some time before last June there was a proposal to build a more permanent structure, a headquarters building to replace some temporary buildings. Is that still on the books?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I can't tell you any more than what I have heard around at the different social functions; and if we press them to build more permanent structures we may force them to re-locate outside Halifax. The Department of National Defence over the last five or six years has been deferring the construction of permanent installations and they, naturally, have a program for this type of construction but it isn't always easy to get money; and I don't think we should defer this in view of the possibility of their going elsewhere."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the report be approved, and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Lease on behalf of the City. Amendment passed.

ASSESSMENT - FOUNDATION FOR POLIOMYELITIS AND REHABILITATION

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter was submitted from the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis and Rehabilitation advising that they received an assessment notice for premises occupied by them at 301 Spring Garden Road.

Your Committee recommends that the City pay as a grant to this organization a sum equal to the taxes under the authority of Section 310-D of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.



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

APPLICATION TO REZONE LOT LYNCH STREET FROM R-2 ZONE TO R-3 ZONE ✓

An application was submitted from Mr. D.P. Hamshaw requesting that a lot owned by him on Lynch Street be rezoned from R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the matter be referred to the Town Planning Board for consideration and report. Motion passed.

APPLICATIONS FOR JUNK DEALERS LICENSES ✓

Applications for Junk Dealers Licenses were received from Messrs. Fred Giffin and Douglas Hatt, and same were referred to the Committee on Works for investigation and report.

SETTLEMENT HOSPITAL ACCOUNT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Health recommending that the City accept the sum of \$61.00 in full settlement of a hospital account amounting to \$86.15 as offered by the Army Benevolent Fund.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

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

PROGRESS PAYMENT BAYERS ROAD FIRE STATION ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 4th, 1958.

Subject: Progress Payments Bayers Road Fire Station.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, recommended to City Council payments of (1) progress certificate No. 7, in the amount of \$3,476.04, and (2) final certificate No. 8, in the amount of \$18,316.05 to the Foundation Maritime Limited on account of their contract for the construction of the Bayers Road Fire Station along with (3) final payment of \$1,736.11 to J. Philip Dumaresq and Associates for architectural services in connection with the above building.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. Allan R. Barry, for Clerk of Works.

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

COLLECTION OF WASTE PAPER

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 4th, 1958.  
Subject: Collection - Waste Paper

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered a request from the Minas Basin Pulp and Power Company to collect waste paper in the City.

On Motion of Aldermen MacDonald, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Committee recommended to City Council that the Whitzman Company which ceased to collect waste paper as of January 1st, 1958, be allowed to assign the balance of their Contract to the Minas Basin Pulp and Power Company and that the City enter into a three year agreement with the latter Company, beginning May 1st, 1958, at the rate of \$500.00 per year.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. Allan R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

SEWER ASSESSMENT DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 4th, 1958.  
Subject: Sewer Assessments - Dutch Village Road.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the City Solicitor recommending that Legislation be obtained to ensure the validity of sewer assessments on Dutch Village Road from Clinton Avenue to Pinewood Acres Subdivision.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Butler, the committee recommended to City Council that Legislation be obtained to make valid the assessments and that the date of filing the assessment plans coincide with the date of the authorizing legislation.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. Allan R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

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

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PAYMENT FOR DAMAGES TO ROOF GRANDSTAND BUILDING

Three cheques totalling \$2,500.00 were submitted in full settlement of the City's claim for damages to the roof of the Grandstand building at the Exhibition Grounds.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the cheques be accepted for deposit in the account of the Halifax Forum Commission and that a release be granted to the underwriters. Motion passed.

SURVEY - THIRD ENTRANCE TO CITY

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 4th, 1958.  
Subject: Survey re Third Entrance to City.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that the land in the Bayers Road, Ashburn Avenue, Ralston Avenue area remain undisturbed until a survey is carried out and a final decision reached regarding a possible third entrance to the City at Bayers Road and that \$3,000.00 be provided in the 1958 Budget for carrying out the necessary survey.

On Motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Committee recommended to City Council that the City and the Province carry out on a 50-50 cost sharing basis, a survey of the entire area involved in a proposed Bayers Road traffic rotary and that a maximum of \$3,000.00 be provided in the 1958 Budget for this purpose.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.. Allan R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

To: His Worship, the Mayor, Chairman and Members of the Committee on Works.  
From: G.F. West, Commissioner of Works.  
Date: February 4, 1958.  
Subject: Use of Land Bayers Road, Ashburn Ave., Ralston Ave.

At the January 14, 1958 meeting of this Committee an application was submitted by a Church organization for purchase of a piece of City owned land at the corner of Bayers Road and Ralston Avenue. The matter was referred to the Commissioner of Works for a report on the future use of the land and the possibility of a third entrance to the City in this area.

A meeting was held with Provincial Engineers on January 28, 1958, in the Deputy Minister of Highways Office and the feasibility of a third entrance to the City at Bayers Road, as proposed by the Canadian British Engineering Consultants in the Metropolitan Area Report was discussed. It was generally agreed that their proposal was basically good, if traffic on Howe Avenue and surrounding streets is properly controlled.

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Other possibilities for a third entrance, such as a bridge, or causeway across the North West Arm, or the extension of certain City streets into the County were also discussed and will be reported on at a later date.

It is obvious that before definite recommendations can be made concerning the proposed rotary at Bayers Road, a complete survey should be made so that the total area required and the estimated cost can be determined. The cost of such an investigation and survey would be about \$6000.00 and would be shared equally by the Province. If the Committee and Council agree to have this survey undertaken, \$3000.00 would have to be included in our 1958 Budget to cover our share of the cost.

The Department of Highways have survey crews available to do the work immediately, and it would be a good opportunity to have a complete survey done of Dutch Village Road from the Armada Rotary to Bayers Road, in addition to the area required for the proposed Rotary at Bayers Road.

In view of the foregoing, we would recommend that the land in the Bayers Road, Ashburn Avenue, Ralston Ave., area remain undisturbed until a final decision is reached regarding a possible third entrance. It is further recommended that \$3000.00 be provided as our share of the cost of carrying out the necessary survey.

G.F. West,  
Commissioner of Works.

Alderman Dunlop: "How much is the County paying?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Through its agent, the Province, \$3,000.00; as of itself, nothing."

Alderman Dunlop: "Is it a grade crossing? Can we get something from the Grade Crossing Fund?"

His Worship the Mayor: "This will not eliminate a grade crossing, but it will do no harm to process it through the Department of Transport."

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

SALE OF CITY OWNED LAND BAYERS ROAD & ASHBURN AVENUE

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

From: Committee on Works

Date: February 4th, 1958.

Subject: Sale of Land - Ashburn Avenue, between Elliott St. and Bayers Road Fire Station.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works, held on the above date, the attached letter from the Presbyterian Church of Northwest Halifax, requesting the purchase of City-owned land on Ashburn Avenue, between Elliott Street and the Bayers Road Fire Station, was considered.

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On Motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Committee recommended to City Council that the land requested be surveyed for the purpose of selling to the Presbyterian Church in Canada and that the necessary Legislation be obtained.

W.F. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK

Per...Allan R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

Alderman Dunlop: "That is one of the most indefinite recommendations I can think of. I have opposed this every time it came to Council but I see it is the policy of Council to give or sell it to the church at a reduced price; and I propose we amend the section of the Charter so that we can do it for any religious denomination. If we do it for one, let us do it for them all."

His Worship the Mayor: "This is an exchange of land--a partial exchange."

Alderman Dunlop: "If that is a fair exchange, it is no robbery. If it is an exchange, that is alright."

Alderman Lane: "There was no mention in the Works Committee of a land exchange."

City Managers: "They have three lots that they said they would exchange up where the old drill hall used to be."

Alderman Trainor: "That wasn't discussed at Works."

Alderman O'Brien: "The letter was read to the Work Committee and that was my understanding, that the three building lots were available."

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, that the recommendation of the Committee on Works be approved.

There was no seconder to the motion.

His Worship the Mayor: "The recommendation is to sell."

Alderman O'Brien: "I would presume that would follow, afterwards."

City Managers: "The purpose of bringing it here was that it requires legislation. There was no price set. The City Works Department did survey it. The cost was not discussed except that these three lots did form part of the price; and being not as large, would not constitute the full price."

Alderman Lane: "It wasn't my impression that it would come to Council."

City Managers: "It was to come to Council for legislation."

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Alderman DeWolf: "Is this not the area to be considered for a traffic circle?"

City Manager: "It is outside the area required for the traffic circle. It is land further to the West of where the circle would be."

Alderman DeWolf: "I suggest that before we make any move that we discuss the matter with the Provincial Government who are going to join with us in the construction of the traffic circle."

His Worship the Mayor: "We have been doing that. Mr. West has met with the Provincial Engineers."

Alderman DeWolf: "Have we any letter to that effect?"

Commissioner of Works: "The Provincial Government have not given any opinion on the disposition of the land. They are co-operating with us on the survey and until that is completed we can't give any proper layout of the land or estimate. The area required by the church doesn't interfere with the proposed circle. It is off to the West."

Alderman Macdonald: "My recollection of the discussion was that this matter would be approved pending the survey of that area which Mr. West thought could be done within two months; and, if there was any conflict after the survey these people would recognize it, and give and take."

Alderman O'Brien: "The purpose of the recommendation is to give Council freedom to negotiate later. Now is the time to arrange for the legislation and that is all that is proposed, now. It is merely the legislation which would permit us to do this, and not have to wait until next year."

Alderman Lloyd: "What you require is the power for Council to negotiate with the Church for the sale of the land, or an exchange of land, as the City may decide. You need permissive legislation."

Alderman Dunlop: "We had no permissive legislation when we sold to the Edgewood Church. Why can't we do it the same way in this block?"

Alderman Ferguson: "Is this not going to be an exchange? When we exchanged land with the Church of England, near the R.S. Allen land, what was the procedure?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Legislation is still pending"

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Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration. Motion passed with Alderman Greenwood wishing to be excused from voting.

FINAL CERTIFICATE FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION - BIANCO BROS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 4th, 1958.  
Subject: Final Certificate - Bianco Bros. Re: Sidewalk Construction.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, recommended to City Council final payment of \$30,419.84 to Bianco Bros., on account of their Contract for the construction of sidewalks in the City during 1957.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per..Allan R. Barry,  
for Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Trainer, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TAXATION NOVA SCOTIAN HOTEL ✓

A report was submitted from the City Manager (copies of which were circulated to members of the Council) respecting Taxes on the Nova Scotian Hotel.

His Worship the Mayor: "We discussed this matter on Tuesday with Mr. McLarnon, the Tax Commissioner, and Mr. Friel, the General Counsel of the C.N.R.. Quite frankly, Mr. Friel put it most bluntly. The question of a favourable tax agreement was the matter on which the addition to the Nova Scotian Hotel hinged."

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the meeting of Council to be held on Monday, February 17, 1958.

AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY OF OXYGEN TO HOSPITALS ✓

Agreements were submitted between the Canadian Liquid Air Company, Limited, and the City of Halifax for the supply of Oxygen to the Infectious Diseases and T.B. Hospitals for the year 1958.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the agreements be approved and His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City. Motion passed.

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REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE RE: PARKING METER COLLECTOR

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance recommending the employment of an additional collector for parking meter collections, and one Volkswagen car for use by the collectors, at a total cost of \$3,920.59 which amount he requested be added to the 1958 Budget.

Alderman Macdonald: "I asked for further information regarding the amount of damage done to the meters by vandals."

Chief of Police: "In 1957 there were approximately 600 meters damaged at an approximate cost of \$5,400.00 for repairs, and \$1,500.00 loss of revenue. It happens mostly at night with some in the daytime."

Alderman Lloyd: "What is the total repair bill?"

Commissioner of Finance: "The total maintenance is \$8,693.22, which includes the \$5,400.00."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should let this go and let the Commissioner of Finance tell us how much it costs to collect this money. I thought the meters were a revenue producer. I am against buying a "Volkswagen" and suggest a British-made car."

Commissioner of Finance: "Gross collections amounted to \$52,678.00. The maintenance was \$8,693.22, including a man's salary. Purchase of new meters was \$13,514.00. Actually, we have one man who collects. His salary is \$3,000.00. After paying the expenses we had \$27,000.00, including all salaries."

Alderman Dunlop: "That is not too much. We better increase our charges."

His Worship the Mayor: "\$40,000.00 is the net profit."

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance be approved and that tenders be called for the purchase of a small English-type car, rather than a Volkswagen.

Motion passed.

SCALE OF FEES - WELFARE RELIEF

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Health advising that the scale of fees for Welfare Relief under the Provincial Government's assistance program in 1958, is as follows:

1 person.....	\$5.00
2 persons.....	7.00
3 persons.....	9.00



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4 persons.....	\$11.00
5 persons.....	13.00
6 persons.....	14.50
7 persons.....	16.00
8 persons and up, for each additional person.....	1.00

and recommending that the schedule be made effective as of March 1, 1958, to coincide with the Provincial Government's fiscal year.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Health be approved.

His Worship the Mayor: "In order to benefit by the Provincial Grants to Municipalities for payment of welfare relief we have to raise our standard of payment in line with the recommended scale. We don't know whether or not the payments for this year from the Province will apply to the 12-month period, or will start from April 1; but the scale has been raised now to the accepted limits as recommended by the Department of Welfare of Nova Scotia and I would recommend that Council accept this new scale of welfare payments effective March 1, 1958."

The motion was put and passed.

COUNTY SEWERS - SPRINGVALE AVENUE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor, and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 4th, 1958.  
Subject: County Sewers - Springvale Avenue.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works, recommending against an application from the County of Halifax for a temporary sewer connection for the Springvale Avenue Subdivision, and also for School Avenue and Melrose Avenue to the City Sewer System, until the entire drainage problem in that area was thoroughly investigated.

On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council that the application be denied.

W.P. Publicover,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.. A.R. Barry.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the application be deferred pending receipt of a report from the Department of Highways of Nova Scotia.

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His Worship the Mayor: "One of the reasons is that our sewers will not handle it."

Alderman Dunlop: "Then, what is the use of asking that the whole matter be investigated. Let us tell the County that we can't handle it, but that we regret it. It looks bad in the Press that we deny a request from the County which may tie up their school."

His Worship the Mayor: "It isn't the school. We have handled that."

Alderman DeWolf: "I agree. We should express it differently, and defer it until we determine whether we are able. We should say that we are desirous of giving it if we could but that the sewers cannot handle it."

Alderman Lloyd: "We should say that in the opinion of our engineers our sewers cannot handle the added volume and, if in the future, the situation is changed, we will be glad to do it."

Alderman Macdonald: "There was no intention of bluntness."

Alderman O'Brien: "We could say that one reason that our sewers can't take it is that they are overtaxed by water coming down from the County which we find it difficult to get out of."

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had received a letter from the Minister of Highways advising that a meeting will be held and a report rendered.

Alderman Greenwood: "Is it a sanitary sewer?"

Commissioner of Works: "It is a sanitary sewer and the County has repeatedly denied responsibility for the water."

The motion was put and passed.

POTTIER REPORT ON TAXATION ✓

Alderman Dunlop suggested that a special meeting to discuss the recommendations contained in the Pottier Report on Taxation be held before the City's Bill is prepared for presentation to the Legislature.

His Worship the Mayor said that the only date available was February 27.

Alderman Dunlop contended that was too late and that it should be decided to discuss the Report or put it off.

Alderman Lloyd: "I submitted a memorandum on the Report and it was the opinion of Council that we didn't have time this year to do justice to this

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complex question. I suggest another reason for not rushing the matter is that private groups in the City are studying this report and it would be wise to have their reactions. We are in a stage of change of financing within the Province. This year we expect to receive a hospital grant but I see from the Speech from the Throne the Plan is proposed for January 1, 1959. That may have some effect with respect to our taxation in the City, and we should get as much information as we can get as to the general trends in Provincial Government taxation before we get to final conclusions. We should encourage legislation empowering municipalities to impose a Sales Tax. It came forward from a Board of Trade Committee and it will be coming to us from them. It might require some legislation this year. With our budget and normal legislation, I don't see where we will have the opportunity to discuss it."

USE OF FIREARMS BY POLICE DEPARTMENT ✓

Alderman Dunlop asked the Chief of Police what orders are given to members of the Police Department regarding the use of firearms, and what jurisdiction they have outside the City limits; also, is the City protected by insurance coverage for claims by persons who might be shot as the result of Police usage of firearms.

Chief of Police: "Broadly speaking, the Members of the Department are well cautioned about the offensive use of firearms. They are well aware of their responsibilities. Their authority extends to Vancouver in fresh pursuit, and they are covered beyond the Arm Bridge. The City has no liability in the case of injury to a person and the liability is on the individual policeman."

POLL TAX REPORT ✓

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance covering Poll Tax Collections for the quarter ending December 31, 1957, which showed a total collection of \$31,221.10 for the quarter, an increase of \$9,871.99 over the same period in 1956; and total collections for 1957 of \$166,942.22, an increase of \$52,626.30 over 1956.

FILED.

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TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF DECEMBER 1957

CIVIC YEAR	O/S BALANCE RESERVES	O/S BALANCE NOVEMBER 1957	NEW ACCOUNTS & ADJUSTMENTS	DECEMBER 1957 COLLECTIONS	O/S BALANCE DECEMBER/57
1955	59,545.29	138,061.12	CR. 542.01	37,632.61	99,886.50
1956	30,338.80	284,899.26	DR. 1,532.50	19,691.74	266,740.02
1957	51,246.32	1,112,115.48	CR. 121,121.27	136,310.52	854,683.69
		1,535,075.86	CR. 120,130.78	193,634.87	1,221,310.21
Tax Years Prior to 1955 (covered by reserves)				2,889.89	
				<u>196,524.76</u>	
POLL TAXES					
1954		13,494.03	CR. 3.43	103.35	13,387.25
1955		<u>2,654.41</u>		187.56	<u>2,466.85</u>
				290.91	
Poll Taxes other than listed above				<u>4,311.79</u>	
				<u>4,602.70</u>	
Total Collections in December 1957				201,127.46	
Total Collections in December 1956				<u>144,720.87</u>	
Current Taxes Collected Jan. 1st to December 31, 1957				7,126,211.20	
Corresponding Period 1956					6,509,802.15
Tax Arrears Collected Jan. 1st to December 31, 1957				855,250.80	
Corresponding Period 1956					753,163.99
Poll Tax Collections Jan. 1st to December 31, 1957				167,766.68	
Corresponding Period 1956					114,779.75
				<u>8,149,228.68</u>	<u>7,377,745.89</u>
AMOUNT COLLECTED JAN. 1st to DECEMBER 31					
Tax Levy 1957			8,006,619.63	7,126,211.20	89.00
Tax Levy 1956			7,215,880.21	6,509,802.15	90.21
Tax Arrears January 1st 1957			1,334,370.00	855,250.80	64.09
Tax Arrears January 1st 1956			1,293,653.31	753,163.99	58.22
Total Collections to Dec, 31st/57				7,981,462.00	99.69
Total Collections to Dec. 31st/56				7,262,966.14	100.65

Respectfully submitted

H.R. McDonald,  
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

FILED

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION - MAYOR OF SPRINGHILL, N.S.

A letter was submitted from the Mayor of the Town of Springhill, N.S., expressing the thanks of the Council and Citizens of Springhill for the ladder truck which was delivered from Halifax in January for the nominal sum of \$1.00.

FILED.

MOTION ALDERMAN LLOYD RE; JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO HOUSING & RENTS CITY OF HALIFAX

Deferred for one month.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR JANUARY 1958

A report was submitted from the City Manager for the month of January 1958, and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes. Copies of the report were circulated to the members of Council for their information.

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

Meeting adjourns. 11:20 P.M.

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C.A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK.