

SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
January 29, 1959,  
8:00 P. M.

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

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

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

Also present were Messrs. R. H. Stoddard, H. K. Randall, T. C. Doyle, G. F. West, L. M. Romkey, V. W. Mitchell, J. F. Thomson, Dr. A. R. Morton and Miss M. D. MacPherson.

The meeting was called to consider the following items:

1. 263 South Street - Modification of Sideyard - For conversion to Duplex. (R-3 Zone)
2. Undersized Lot - 392 Agricola Street. (Permission for a Single Family Dwelling)
3. Closing for Public Use - Clarence Street east of Young Ave. & Portion of Brussels Street)
4. Building Line - Mulgrave Park Housing Project.
5. Agreement C. N. R. Sewer License - Halifax Ladies College.
6. Legislation to Permit Encroachments - Mulgrave Park Housing Project.
7. Tenders for Traffic Light Equipment.
8. Sewer Assessment - First Street.
9. Progress Payment - Fairview Overpass.
10. Use of Present Abattoir.
11. Legislation.
12. Report - Redevelopment Committee.
13. 1959 Budget.

263 SOUTH STREET - MODIFICATION OF SIDEYARD - FOR CONVERSION TO DUPLEX

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

From: The Town Planning Board.

Date: January 20th, 1959.

Subject: Modification of Sideyard - 263 South St. for conversion to Duplex.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of an Application for Modification of a Sideyard at #263 South Street.

On Motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that the request for Sideyard Modification be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

Per K. C. Martin

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

From: A. C. Harris, City Engineer.

Date: January 19th, 1959.

Subject: 263 South Street - Modification of Sideyard - For Conversion to Duplex (R-3 Zone)

An application was received to convert the single family dwelling at 263 South Street to that of a duplex.

This property is located on the northern side of South Street between Robie Street and Edward Street and is in the R-3 Zone. The lot has a fairly large size, the frontage being 48 ft. and the depth 100 ft. There is ample sideyard on the western side, namely 16 ft. and 32 ft. between dwellings. However, on the eastern side of the property, the sideyard is only 4 ft. 3 in. whereas the requirement calls for 6 ft. This would require a modification of 1 ft. 9 in. Distance between buildings on the eastern side of the property is 22 ft. A modification of the front yard would also be required. The setback of the present dwelling is 7 ft., whereas the regulations call for 10 ft.

This property has been inspected and I would say that, in my opinion, it would be converted to a duplex without spoiling the character of the area in general.

It is therefore recommended that the modifications be authorized.

A. C. Harris,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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

UNDERSIZED LOT -- 392 AGRICOLA STREET ✓

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

From: The Town Planning Board.

Date: January 20th, 1959.

Subject: Undersized Lot 329 Agricola Street (Permission for a Single Family Dwelling).

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of an Application for permission for a single family dwelling on an undersized lot at 392 Agricola Street.

On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that permission be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

Per K. C. Martin

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

From: A. C. Harris, City Engineer.

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Date: January 19th, 1959.

Subject: Undersized Lot - 392 Agricola Street  
(Permission for a Single Family Dwelling)

A request has been received for permission to build a single family dwelling on an undersized lot at 392 Agricola Street.

This lot is located on the western side of Agricola Street, the second lot south of Stanley Street. A plan has been submitted showing this lot and also the present dwelling at No. 394 Agricola Street which are both owned by the same owner. The lot has a size of 33 ft. frontage with a depth of 100 ft. and is one of the older lots in that area being lot No. 23 of the Merkelsfield Subdivision.

It is therefore requested that authority be granted to permit the construction of a single family dwelling on this property.

A. C. Harris,  
CITY ENGINEER.

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

CLOSING FOR PUBLIC USE - CLARENCE STREET EAST OF YOUNG AVE & PORTION  
OF BRUSSELS STREET ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 20th, 1959.

Subject: Closing for Public Use - Clarence Street east of Young Avenue and portion of Brussels Street.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of closing for Public Use - Clarence Street east of Young Avenue and Portion of Brussels Street.

On Motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council that Legislation be obtained to close for Public Use Clarence Street from Young Avenue to Brussels Street and Brussels Street from Ogilvie Street to Clarence Street and that the City be permitted to sell the land involved without calling for Tenders.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

Per K. C. Mantin

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

From: A. C. Harris, City Engineer.

Date: January 20, 1959.

Subject: Legislation - Closing for Public Use Clarence Street East of Young Avenue and portion of Brussels Street.

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A request was received from the Regional Manager of Canadian National Railways for the conveyance by the City of Halifax for the abandoned portion of Clarence Street, east of Young Avenue.

This portion of street was greatly encroached upon by the C. N. R., Ocean Terminals Cutting, and in my opinion could be abandoned as a future City street.

In studying the area we find that Clarence Street along with other streets in this area were conveyed to the City of Halifax by Deed from the Miller Estate back in 1888. A portion of the Deed recites as follows: "Unto the said City of Halifax as public highways and streets of said City forever".

We further find out that official City Street lines for this area were not laid down or confirmed but merely laid out on the Miller Plan of Subdivision; hence no lifting of street lines is required.

However, if the City wish to dispose of any portion of the streets mentioned in the Deed, Legislation would be required.

At the same time it would be advisable to include in the Legislation authority for the City to close for use not only Clarence Street (from Young Avenue to Brussels St.) but also that portion of Brussels Street from Ogilvie Street to Clarence Street. Should this authority be obtained, the City could then dispose of the land as may be determined by the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Harris,  
CITY ENGINEER.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the report be approved after deleting the recommendation to sell the land involved without calling for tenders. Motion passed.

Aldermen Connolly and Trainor arrived 8:05 P. M.

AGREEMENT C. N. R. SEWER LICENSE - HALIFAX LADIES COLLEGE ✓

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

From: T. C. Doyle, City Solicitor.

Date: January 27, 1959.

Subject: C. N. R. Sewer License.

I have now received from the C. N. R., sewer license No. A-4376, which cancels former license No. 22721 and enables the sewer in question to be extended so that Halifax Ladies College sewer may connect up with it.

The annual fee is \$5.00.

Would you kindly authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute this license on behalf of the City.

T. C. Doyle,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

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LEGISLATION TO PERMIT ENCROACHMENTS - MULGRAVE PARK HOUSING PROJECT ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 20th, 1959.

Subject: Legislation to Permit Encroachments - Mulgrave Park Housing Project.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached reports from the Commissioner of Works respecting the Mulgrave Park Housing Project and anticipated Encroachments over the building lines and street lines.

On Motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Committee recommended to City Council that Legislation be obtained to permit encroachments over the building lines and street lines in the block bounded by Richmond Street, Albert Street, Duffus Street and Barrington Street for the construction of the Mulgrave Park Housing Project.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

Per K. C. Mantin

To: His Worship Mayor Vaughan and Members of the Committee on Works.

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

Date: January 20th, 1959.

Subject: Mulgrave Park Housing Project - Building Lines.

At the present time there is a fifteen foot building line on Albert, Duffus, Barrington and Richmond Streets surrounding the proposed Mulgrave Park Housing Project as shown on attached Plan No. SS-3-14396.

Preliminary site plans forwarded to us by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation show that a number of retaining walls in the project will encroach over the Building Lines of the surrounding streets. The exact location of the Central Heating Plant is not indicated on the site plans in our possession but present indications are that it will be placed as near to Albert Street as possible immediately to the west of High Rise Apartment Block "B", (Re SS-2-14361). This means that the building will encroach a considerable distance over the building line on Albert Street.

In order to avoid delays in construction when permits are applied for, we feel that a recommendation should be forwarded to City Council for the removal of Building Lines in the block bounded by Albert, Duffus, Barrington and Richmond Streets in accordance with Section 543A (1) of the City Charter. A public notice of the intention to remove these lines and of the date of the meeting when it is to be considered by Council is necessary and should be inserted by advertisement at least once a week for two successive weeks in a local newspaper. The first of such notices shall appear at least three clear weeks prior to the day appointed for the meeting.

We would further recommend, subject to the concurrence of our Legal Department, that the removal of these lines be for the Mulgrave Park Housing Project only and for no other purpose as a safeguard against future development which may be of a different nature.

G. F. West,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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G. F. West,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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

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

Date: January 19th, 1959.

Subject: Legislation - Encroachments - Mulgrave Park.

The Preliminary Site Plans forwarded to us by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation show that certain retaining walls and steps encroach over the street lines on Albert, Duffus, Barrington and Richmond Streets as shown on Plans Nos. SS-3-14361 and SS-3-14362.

These encroachments are necessary because of the contours of the land and we recommend, subject to the concurrence of the Legal Department, that Legislation be sought to permit same for the Mulgrave Park Housing Project only and for no other purpose as a safeguard against future development which may be of a different nature.

G. F. West,  
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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

TENDERS FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT EQUIPMENT

A report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending that the lower of two tenders for traffic light equipment -- Northern Electric Limited - \$1,486.91 be accepted.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Fox that the recommended tender be accepted. Motion passed.

SEWER ASSESSMENT - FIRST STREET

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 20th, 1959.

Subject: Sewer Assessment - First Street.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached Petition from property owners on the North side of First Street requesting that they be exempted from Assessment Charges for the Sewer on First Street between Armcrescent East and Newton Avenue, until such time as failure of their own private sewer makes it necessary.

Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Trainor, moved that the Committee recommend to City Council that the Betterment Charges assessed to the Petitioners be deferred until such time as it becomes necessary for each individual owner to connect into the City Sewer on First Street and that the necessary Legislation be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

Per K. C. Martin

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Mr. George West,  
Commissioner of Works,  
City of Halifax,  
Halifax, N. S.

"Request for Exemption of amounts levied for  
the laying of new sewer on First Street, be-  
tween Armcrescent East and Newton Avenue."

Dear Sir:

In 1940 or thereabouts when homes were being built on the north side of First Street the City for some reason or other did not see fit to lay a sewer at that time. It was necessary therefore that a private sewer be laid at the eventual expense of the home owners. We feel that in all fairness no charge should be made on any new sewer until such time as failure of our private sewer makes it necessary.

We, the undersigned respectfully request exemption from amounts levied on us for the laying of a new sewer on First Street.

No. 1 Sgd. N. B. Flinn  
No. 3 Sgd. Dorothy Kelley  
No. 5 Sgd. John M. McDonald  
No. 7 Sgd. Alex B. Crook  
No. 9 Sgd. W. L. Flinn

Alderman Dunlop: "Has that been the past policy?"

His Worship the Mayor: "This sewer bill laid by these private developers was laid some years ago to connect with the sewer on Newton Avenue running east on their own property line. The City of Halifax could not provide sewerage without having an improper one because the street level was such. The street sloped towards the Industrial School Property as it was then known. Subsequent development of that property made it impossible for us to put a sewer running west into the Industrial School Subdivision and a sewer has been laid during the past summer to service those lots on the south side of First Street at the rear of the lots facing Quinpool Road."

Alderman Lloyd: "There are several properties there. As I recall there were some objections at the time the building was started there — I think from the people whose properties fronted on Quinpool Road. The property ran right back to First Street and they objected to the sewer going through because they would be charged abuttor's charges because they were already fronting on the other street. I think this deferment is really tied in with the job due to the fact the lots run from Quinpool Road to First Street."

Alderman Abbott: "No, this deferment is on the north side."



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Alderman Lloyd: "Yes, but what about the other side? Have we been assessing the other side?"

Commissioner of Works: "The sewer that is causing the discussion actually is one that was put in in 1958. The assessment notices went out recently, and that is what prompted these people to object."

His Worship the Mayor: "The assessment notice went out to all abutters including the ones on the north side which is the cause of their appeal now."

Alderman Lloyd: "Who is asking for the deferment?"

His Worship the Mayor: "All those who are on the north side."

Alderman Dunlop asked if this was consistent with what was done in previous cases and he referred to a similar case on Francklyn Street.

City Solicitor: "These people built, and the City at that time could not give them sewerage so they put their own private sewer in across their own lawns and paid for it themselves, connecting into Newton Avenue. What has happened since is that on the other side there has been a Subdivision, and there are lots there now open for development and the sewer went down to develop those lots. Now the people who put in their own private sewers don't need the City sewers at the present time, but they are quite willing to, if the time arises that the private sewer is no longer any good for their service, then they are willing to connect into the City sewer and pay the cost according to their frontage."

His Worship the Mayor: "Now, true enough in 1940 they built this private sewer. It was a shallow one apparently. Now, 18 years after, the City installs the sewer, a sewer that they can use now because the slope is sufficient. It seems to me I think we should now ask them to connect up or pay a charge."

Alderman Lloyd: "They have connected their properties to a City sewer system. Have they paid anything for the use of the City sewer system?"

Alderman Lane: "As we understood it in Works Committee, and it is perfectly clear in my mind, that they are presently connected with the City sewer on Newton Avenue and that where the average house connects directly out from in front of their house into the sewer laid in front of them, they are

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connected indirectly into Newton Avenue through a sewer service which was laid due to the contour of the land. It was a difficult sewer to lay and it has been laid and has been serving them perfectly satisfactorily. They have paid for that in the original cost of their land because it was done by the original developers. Is that not correct? So that their viewpoint is that they have paid for their sewers which are serving their properties perfectly satisfactorily and they are connected with the City sewer so that the abutment charge was originally paid in their mind by the private sewer to the developer and if it becomes unsatisfactory, they are prepared. It is a deferred payment."

Alderman Lloyd: "I know the location reasonably well as I resided on the corner of Newton Avenue and First Street and watched that development take place; watched the building take place. I knew about the feelings of the people across the street and how the thing was finally settled on this sort of compromise — private sewers were put in to service these properties. Now, it is a nice question. I agree that they have paid for the cost of a shorter connecting link on the front of their properties to a private line going right down to connect on Newton Avenue with the City sewer, but what their costs per footage were, I don't know. If you let this go on there might be some instances where an individual might lay a private connection to advantage dollars-and-cents-wise over the sewer frontage charges charged by the City. Today the rates are much higher than they used to be and the sewer frontage charge is to connect to a trunk line operation as well. Now if they have paid more in effect in price — actually the residents didn't — the original owner paid it as Mrs. Lane says. I say it is a nice question as to whether or not the cost of doing it that way was more than the City's sewer frontage charges would have been I don't know. I also presume another argument they could use which would be perhaps much stronger still — they are still assessed at full value. They are not given any relief because they provided their own sewer services. That would be an argument in their favor. I am mentioning these details to show that this case is unusual. It is not establishing a precedent for wider construction of sewers to trunk mains at no charge. It shouldn't be considered as such, it was an unusual situation. It involved

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lots fronting on Quinpool Road and extended right back to First Street. The abutters on Quinpool Road would have been faced with paying the abutter's charges for properties they didn't want to use for construction purposes at the time. In fact they are still vacant. That is the reason I asked the question. They use them as gardens."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think there is a difference in principle in the two situations -- the one raised by Alderman Dunlop. As I understand it, in the south end at that time there was a sewer, but it was the only sewer. Now from the present location of those houses in the south end they couldn't use it, but if they had built in a certain position at that time on Francklyn Street I think they could have used it. In this case we have a situation where these people put in their own sewer and indirectly it is paid for. Now, a second sewer is coming through, probably to benefit other lots and they are saying, 'We have no objection to paying for it if we are going to use it, and we would like the payments deferred until such time as we do have use to it', which I think is a reasonable request. There is a sewer there. Why should they pay for two sewers in any case any more than anybody else should. I think there is a difference and I point that out because I remember the Francklyn Street case very well."

His Worship the Mayor: "I wanted this discussion because I wanted the Council to be fully informed as to what was going on."

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

Alderman DeWolf: "Did the people who had a private sewer pay anything for the connection to the new sewer?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't know."

Commissioner of Works: "The law is that if they are not otherwise assessed, they pay a \$50.00 connection charge."

Alderman DeWolf: "Did they, in fact?"

Commissioner of Works: "I must admit that I am not sure whether they paid one - \$50.00 connection charge in the original development or whether they were all charged at \$50.00. I would have to check that."

Alderman Lloyd: "Alderman DeWolf brought out a point I failed to bring

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out. There is some element of charge, I think, involved even if it is just for connecting up to the City main trunk sewers."

Alderman Dunlop: "If we do grant this, I suggest that the proper way to do it is to let the sewerage charge stand as a lien against the property which they shouldn't be called on to pay until such time as they use it. Otherwise, in a few years the properties may change hands and someone come in here with a tax certificate with no lien on it."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that is agreeable."

City Solicitor: "It will be in the legislation as such, but there is bound to be an assessment against it at the present time, but paying that assessment will be deferred. The interest will be, as I see it, always a charge on the property, but marked on the City Collector's card, 'deferred'."

The motion was put and passed with the following addition: "that interest be not charged until the connection is made to the sewer". Motion passed.

PROGRESS PAYMENT - FAIRVIEW OVERPASS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Committee on Works.

Date: January 20, 1959

Subject: Progress Payment - Fairview Overpass.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works requesting approval of Department of Highways Progress Payment #14 in the amount of \$8,766.06, for the construction of the Fairview Overpass.

On motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lane, the Committee approved the report and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

Per K. C. Mantin.

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

USE OF PRESENT ABATTOIR ✓

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

From: Committee on Works

Date: January 6, 1959

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Subject: Use of Present Abattoir

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached letter from the Baron De Hirsch Congregation requesting that Mr. Abrams and Mr. Allen be allowed to continue using the present Abattoir for providing meat for the Jewish Community.

The City Manager recommended that Mr. Allen and Mr. Abrams be granted this permission, providing they take care of all expenses, such as water, lights, etc.

On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Committee approved the recommendation of the City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

Per K. C. Mantin.

His Worship the Mayor: "This land was conveyed to the Nova Scotia Abattoir Limited so we have no right to discuss the matter. It is out of our hands."

Commissioner of Works: "For the information of Council, the killing plant as such, is in the way of construction of the new abattoir and that will have to be demolished. The small chicken killing plant can be moved to a temporary location. We have been dealing in co-operation with the Jewish Community and helping them out on that, but we can't do anything about the killing plant."

His Worship the Mayor: "We will go along with them if it is agreeable to the owners of the building."

The Commissioner of Works: "They are willing to move it for them, but they will be moving it onto dump property."

It was agreed to move the chicken plant to a temporary location on the dump property for use by the Jewish Community.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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C. A. Vaughan,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. Stoddard,  
City Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES

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City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
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There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the 1959 Budget.

8:10 P. M. Council convened as a Committee of the Whole.

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

The Committee of the Whole reported progress in considering the Budget and decided to meet again on February 18, 1959.

Meeting adjourned.

10:15 P. M.

C. A. Vaughan,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEB. 12, 1959

A G E N D A

Prayer.  
Minutes December 14, 1958.

1. Final Certificate -- Street Patching -- \$3,392.94.
2. " " -- Street Paving -- \$61,929.43
3. " " -- Sidewalk Construction -- \$13,535.60.
4. Widow's Allowance -- Mrs. L. Tobin.
5. Accounts over \$500.00.
6. Borrowing Resolution Purchase & Rehabilitation -- Basinview Home \$100,000.00.
7. Tenders -- Sprinkler System -- Staff House -- Basinview Home.
8. Final Payment -- Old Incinerator Chimney Repairs -- \$132.50.
9. Tenders for Demolition -- 1410 Barrington Street.
10. Progress Payment #2 -- Incinerator Construction -- \$9,032.10.
11. Assessment for Improvements.
12. Amendment to Zoning by-law \$10.00 fee for Application to Modify Sideyards, Rezone, Etc. (Date for Hearing March 26, 1959)
13. #28 Yale Street -- Undersized Lot (Refused)
14. #84-86 Stairs Street -- Request to Rezone from R-2 to R-3 (Date for Hearing March 26, 1959)
15. Proposed Spring Tree Planting -- New Trees.
16. Sewer -- Barrington Street (MacIntosh Street to Abattoir).
17. Parking Requirements for Apartment Building (Date for Hearing March 26, 1959).
18. License Fees.
19. Prohibition of Trucks using Westmount Subdivision as a Thoroughfare.
20. C.N.R. Sewer License Amudale, N.S.
21. Legislation Re: Proposed Ordinance #23 "Early Closing of Shops".
22. Daylight Saving Time April 26 to October 25, 1959.
23. Tax Exemption 310-D City Charters:
  - (a) Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society.
  - (b) Canadian Mental Health Association.
24. Tax Exemption E.D.I. Club (formerly Alcoholics Anonymous).
25. Judicial Inquiry Rent Control.
26. Honoraria Members of Council.
27. Salary of Mayor & Deputy Mayor.
28. Request to Amend Bridge Commission Act.
29. Tax Write-Offs -- \$3,989.35.
30. Confirmatory Deed -- 314 Wilson Street.
31. Installation 2 Separate Arrows Traffic Signals -- Green lens -- \$2,900.00.
32. Sharing of Costs Halifax County Vocational School.
33. Borrowing for Boringa Industrial Mile Area -- \$11,000.00 (Land Sale Account).
34. Legislation.
35. Halifax Forum Commission -- Financial Statements as at December 31, 1958.
36. Questions.

DEFERRED ITEM

1. Salary Scales Police & Fire Departments.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Administrative Report for January.

(Sgd.) R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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



CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 12, 1959.  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Aldermen Dunlop and Lane unable to be present because of illness.

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

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

MINUTES DECEMBER 18, 1958

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 1958 be approved. Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATE - STREET PATCHING ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 3rd, 1959.  
Subject: Final Certificate - Street Patching.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached Certificate from the Commissioner of Works recommending final payment for Street Patching for 1958.

On motion of Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of the Final Certificate of \$3,392.94 to Standard Paving Maritime Limited for Street Patching for the year 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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FINAL CERTIFICATE - STREET PAVING \$63,929.43 ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 3rd, 1959.  
Subject: Final Certificate - Street Paving.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached Certificate from the Commissioner of Works recommending final payment for street paving for 1958.

On motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of the Final Certificate of \$63,929.43 to Standard Paving Maritime Limited for Street Paving during the year 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. K.C. Mantin..

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

FINAL CERTIFICATE - SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 3rd, 1959.  
Subject: Final Certificate - Sidewalk Construction

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached Certificate from the Commissioner of Works recommending final payment for sidewalk construction for 1958.

On Motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of the Final Certificate of \$13,535.60 to Walker and Hall for the construction of new sidewalks during the year 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. K.C. Mantin..

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

Motion passed.

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WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE - MRS. L. TOBIN

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 5, 1959 a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that Mrs. Dorothy Jean Tobin; widow of the late Captain Tobin of the Fire Department, had requested assistance under 310-D of the City Charter.

The late Captain's accumulative service benefits to the date of his death amounted to \$831.43 and his widow may receive 50% of this amount which is \$415.72 per annum.

The late Captain's Superannuation Contributions amounting to \$2,201.44 were returned to his estate therefor in accordance with subsection 6 of Section 310-D Mrs. Tobin's pension will not start until March 16, 1964.

Your Committee recommends that Mrs. Tobin be granted a pension of \$415.72 per annum effective as of March 16, 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Butler, 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 11, 1959.  
Subject: Accounts over \$500.00

In accordance with Section 113F 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	The National Cash Register Company	Payroll Cheques, Journal Sets & Carbons.	\$ 1,113.71
Police	Don Brenton's Fire and Safety Equipment.	Chemical Extinguishers & brackets.	\$ 1,145.70
	Thomas J. Egan	Revolvers	742.23
Fire	LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Ltd.	Aluminum Ladders Fire Engine Parts.	4,930.05
Basinview Home	Ven-Raz Products Ltd.	12 Cafeteria Sets	512.76
Recreation	Major Brothers, Limited.	Insurance	2,317.99
			\$ 10,764.47

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

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

BORROWING RESOLUTION PURCHASE & REHABILITATION BASINVIEW HOME .. \$100,000.00

A Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$100,000.00 as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the Resolution be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The following members voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Alderman Trainor: "What is that for Your Worship?"

His Worship the Mayor: "That is for the purchase of the Basinview Home. We are putting money on repairs now which should be actual capital items. We will purchase this building in the near future so as to capitalize it all in the one item. Otherwise it has to go as a current item."

Alderman Trainor: "As I understood it, the Federal Government owns this property. In other words you are telling us that you had further negotiations and you can finalize purchase of the property."

His Worship the Mayor: "We think we can. In our meeting on January 23, both the Minister and Deputy Minister indicated that they would approve purchase and I have since written to the Minister offering to purchase on behalf of the City of Halifax, Basinview Home, all of the property and I am waiting a reply from him now."

Alderman Lloyd: "Even if that should fail, I still think that we have the right to spread certain types of costs within a shorter period. For example, we spend a hundred thousand dollars on an assessment program and from time to time we made grants spread over a period of years to hospitals. It is true we can't go as far in capital borrowings but we may borrow from our own funds internally for that purpose, I am not sure but, in any case I think spreading the costs as far as the City Charter will permit you to do is really the principle behind this, isn't it? And I agree with you."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Yes, and there are some items that we are not quite clear on our agreement with the Provincial Government with respect to providing quarters about the cost and what they include. We think it would be much easier to get the Provincial Government to agree to a cost of amortization rather than a cost which is heavy in one year."

TENDERS SPRINKLER SYSTEM - STAFF HOUSE.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 7, 1959.  
Subject: Sprinkler System - Staff House - Basinview Home.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date considered the installation of a sprinkler system in the Basinview Home Staff House on recommendation of the Commissioner of Works.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Committee recommended that City Council accept the low tender, that of Standers Sprinklers Limited for \$ 2,672.00 for the installation of a sprinkler system in the Basinview Home Staff House.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Per: K.C. MacDonald.

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

FINAL PAYMENT - OLD INCINERATOR - CHIMNEY REPAIRS - \$122.50.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 23, 1959.  
Subject: Final Payment - D.A. Gray Limited - Re: Incinerator Chimney Repairs.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending Final Payment for repairs to the Incinerator Chimney.

On Motion of Alderman MacDonald, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Committee recommended to City Council final payment of \$122.50 to D.A. Gray Limited on account of their contract for repairs to the Incinerator Chimney.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

Per: K.C. MacDonald.

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

TENDERS FOR DEMOLITION -- 1430 BARRINGTON STREET

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 3rd, 1959.

Subject: Tenders for Demolition -- #1430 Barrington Street.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the following tenders received for the Demolition of #1430 Barrington Street.

	Payment by the City To the Contractor	Payment by the Contractor to the City
Francis J. Brown	\$1,250.00	
B. S. Allen	\$ 500.00	
John Gray		\$ 350.00

On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Committee recommended to City Council acceptance of the Tender of John Gray providing he conforms to the specifications regarding completion.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Per J.C. Macdon

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

His Worship the Mayor asked if the Commissioner of Works had any indication that the building would be saved within the time limit.

Commissioner of Works: "We have the man's word and that is all the assurance we have."

City Managers: "If he doesn't move it, we will work on the thousand dollar deposit and see that it gets down."

Alderman Lloyd: "Is the time limit specified?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Part of the contract was 30 working days and it would be a thousand dollar guarantee."

PROGRESS PAYMENT #1 -- GENERATOR CONSTRUCTION \$ 10,000.00

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 3rd, 1959.

Subject: Generator Construction -- Progress Payment #1.

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The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached Certificate recommending Progress Payment #2, for the construction of the New Incinerator.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Lane, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimate #2, in the amount of \$9,032.10 to Foundation Maritime Limited, on account of their Contract for the construction of the New Incinerator Building.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK,

Per. K.C. Martin.

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

ASSESSMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT

To: His Worship, C.A. Vaughan, and  
Members of City Council.  
From: City Manager, A.A. DeBard, Jr.,  
Date: February 2, 1959.  
Subject: Assessments for Improvements.

A question was asked in Council several months ago concerning whether a property would be assessed for more than one improvement during the same period. The answer is that it would, but in order to show what burden might be placed on an abutter, the following is the record for a 65-foot lot on Albert Street.

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Sewer (rate 2.50 per foot)	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25
Curb & Gutter (1.35 per foot)						8.78	8.78
	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	25.03	25.03
	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Sewer	16.25	16.25					
Curb & Gutter	8.78	8.78	8.77	8.77	8.77	8.77	8.77
Sidewalk & Sod 2.15 per ft.	-	-	13.98	13.98	13.98	13.98	13.98
Trees	-	-	10.00				
Total	25.03	25.03	32.76	22.75	22.74	22.75	22.75
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965		
Curb & Gutter	8.77						
Sidewalk & Sod 2.15 per ft.	13.97						
Sidewalk & sod		13.97	13.97	13.97	13.97		
TOTAL	22.74						

Thus in a twenty-year period a total of \$320.00 plus interest has been spent to convert a piece of raw land to a serviced lot. The largest amount paid in any one year was \$32.76. These are generous terms and it must be remembered it is a 65-foot lot, not the more common 40-foot lot.

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

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Alderman Wyman: "This report came to me through a request that I made for some information on this and also for some suggestions as to how it might be a little less of a blow to property owners under some circumstances. The improvements included in this list do not include street paving and while the report says it has a record for a 65-foot lot on Albert Street I am a little puzzled to know where there is a lot of any kind on Albert Street that hasn't had paving within the last year or two and the paving is what really puts the load on when it comes in addition to these others. There is another point in connection with it; the way that the report is made it suggests that the improvements are paid for in installments over a period of time. However, we do not charge the abutter in that way. The abutter is billed for the full amount of the improvement at the time that it is done. He may then, by paying duty on it, spread it over a period of ten years, but the suggestion is that you owe the full amount and if you can't pay it, as a concession, you are allowed to defer it. The result is that some of our citizens who still adhere to some of the good old fashioned virtues that when you owe a bill you pay it, are not satisfied that they are doing right to avail themselves of this and they feel that they are faced with the full obligation for the full amount all at one time, and the particular properties I had in mind when I raised the question have had in one year pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalk and I believe more recently trees although I'm not sure they have been billed for them. I do feel it is plainly an unfair burden on those people to be faced with all of those charges at one time and I do feel that if we do take the attitude that it should be spread, then the charge should be made that way rather than made as a lump sum with the concession that you may spread it out if you can't pay it."

City Manager: "I thought I took the street that you named. When I spoke to you about it you said Albert Street was the street in question and my notation from the Works Department is on Paving "Petition not to hard surface Albert Street August 14, 1958".

Alderman Wyman: "The petition was refused by City Council."



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City Managers: "There is no assessment as yet. I took everything that was there of January 22nd."

Alderman Wyman: "I don't know which portion that applies to that has not been billed as of yet but I do know that part of the street has been billed."

City Managers: "I took a 65 foot lot because that was one of the larger lots and I felt that that was the biggest load and that will show the worst picture rather than to take a 40-foot lot, so I really tried to show the heaviness of the load. The people who would have to pay cash wouldn't have the interest added and in this case it would be \$300.00 plus interest."

His Worship the Mayor: "Alderman Wyman have you any suggestion to make along these lines where we might do something about this. This is not a general case where people are normally struck by an accumulation of service charges."

Alderman Wyman: "I think that is true and for that reason I think it is that much more unfair when somebody finds themselves suddenly faced with it."

His Worship the Mayor: "Don't we do this, that if a group were faced with a sewer charge and the payments were deferred why couldn't we come up with some kind of scheme that if the amount is more than X dollars a foot, it could be deferred. It wouldn't happen too often."

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee and that the City Manager be asked to supply the Committee with some information as to what would happen if there were a paving charge included and that the Committee report to Council. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Brien: "I would like to draw attention to another type of case which is similar and would be covered by this. I know of one in particular where in the case of a corner lot, where in many cases in the corner lot it faces out to one street and if it is the entrance to another subdivision, there isn't much use to that particular owner to the side street; and yet

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two years in a row sidewalk, and for drainage purposes for the people travelling on the street the curb and gutter, and those accumulated together meant a burden which the individual abutter wasn't interested in the services at all, but he had a very substantial burden placed his way and if they could be spread out I think it would only be fair. There is the other case which I believe the Finance Committee was to deal with in time for legislation but I don't know whether it has, where services are provided to lots which face on more than one street which are not intersecting streets, hence it is not a corner lot. I think that is a problem that should be considered and I would like to know whether it still is going to be considered in time for legislation if Council agreed that legislation was required."

City Manager: "I don't recall that it was to come up for legislation. You may be right but if it was to come up for legislation, I don't know if we could get it ready in time. There are a couple of points we have to clear up."

Alderman O'Brien stated that there were several people interested in this and that he raised the issue in the Works Committee several months ago and there was a report to come back so that the Works Committee could consider it in time for legislation and he stated that when he asked where the report was His Worship the Mayor said that it was going to the Finance Committee for consideration there and he wanted to know if it was going to be dealt with in time for legislation if Council wants legislation.

His Worship the Mayor asked what was the practice on a corner lot on the sidewalks about 40' by 100' lot and if it was the practice now to assess the sidewalk and curb and gutter on the basis of the largest frontage.

Commissioner of Works: "They are exempted 40 feet if they are on a corner lot. This is for all improvements."

His Worship the Mayor: "Wouldn't it be fair to follow through that a person with property running through from street to street in other words, he could not use, is not a second lot that 50% of the second street would be a fair charge?"

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Alderman O'Briens: "I would think there should be some allowance in a case like that providing the man can't subdivide his lot and get the extra benefit from it."

City Solicitor: "You have a lot on one street 100' or 50'; pavement is put in there two years ago or any improvements. The lot is only 30' on the other street. He can only get exempted for thirty feet on the other street because all he has is 30' and he has already paid for the 50' on the first street, and this is a corner lot. The corner lot is 50 feet on this street; you pave it, he pays his 50 foot assessment; subsequently you pave the other street and he only has 30 feet and so far you can only be exempted for 30 feet and so he had paid for 10 feet on the other side."

City Managers: "They have had the 30 foot one first and if you pave that one when you pave the 50 foot one he gets 40 foot exemption. It just happens that he gets a 40 foot exemption on the second side and if there isn't 40 feet, he gets whatever is there."

Commissioner of Works: "It may be a couple of years before he gets the full effect of the exemption but we always check back on the previous assessment."

City Managers: "Will you give him 40 feet anyway and give him another 10 feet on the other side?"

Commissioner of Works: "Yes, I think he is entitled to it according to the charter."

City Managers: "I didn't even think that but that is fair enough."

City Solicitor: "That is where I differ I understand you give him 30 feet on the new street. You don't refund him 10 feet."

Commissioner of Works: "Nobody is refunded but he is entitled to an exemption of 40 feet on a corner lot."

City Solicitor: "But he only gets an exemption of 30 feet. He only has 30 feet."

Commissioner of Works: "I doubt if we would ever have a 30' x 50' lot. I think that is just a hypothetical one."

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City Solicitor: "No it isn't, I have an actual case in my office."

Commissioner of Works: "I am not aware of that."

It was agreed that the City Solicitor and Commissioner of Works confer on this matter.

AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY LAW \$10.00 FEE FOR APPLICATION TO MODIFY SIDYARDS, ✓  
REZONE, ETC.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that Council fix March 26, 1959 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.

#28 YALE STREET - UNDERSIZED LOT ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: February 3rd, 1959.  
Subject: #28 Yale Street - Request to construct Duplex on Undersized Lot.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date considered the attached report from the City Engineer recommending against the request for construction of a duplex at 28 Yale Street on an Undersized Lot.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that the request be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,  
City Clerk.

Per...S.C. Mantin.

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

#94-96 STAIRS STREET - REQUEST TO REZONE FROM R-2 ZONE TO R-1 ZONE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
From: Town Planning Board  
Date: February 3rd, 1959.  
Subject: 94-96 Stairs Street - Request to Rezone from R-2 to R-1  
(Referred from Council January 15, 1959)

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date considered an application requesting that 94-96 Stairs Street be rezoned from R-2 to R-1.

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This matter had been referred back to the Town Planning Board from City Council January 15, 1959.

On Motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Board decided to refer the request to City Council for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Per.....K.C. Martin.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the report be approved and Council this March 26, 1959 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

PROPOSED SPRING TREE PLANTING -- NEW TREES ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 3rd, 1959.

Subject: Proposed Spring Tree Planting -- New Trees.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works requesting approval for Proposed Spring Tree Planting -- New Trees.

On Motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Committee approved the report and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Per. K.C. Martin.

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

SEWER -- BARRINGTON STREET (MACINTOSH STREET TO ABATTOIR) ←

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 3rd, 1959.

Subject: Sewer -- Barrington Street (MacIntosh Street to Abattoir)

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works recommending that the installation of a sewer in Barrington Street from MacIntosh Street to Abattoir,

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provided for in the 1959 Capital Budget, be ordered immediately, to allow the Building Inspector to issue the necessary permits for the construction of the new Abattoir.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Per... K.C. Macdonald.

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

PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR APARTMENT BUILDINGS

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: February 17, 1959.

Subject: Parking Requirements for Apartment Buildings.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached report from the Commissioner of Works respecting an Amendment to Part II of the Halifax Zoning By-law (Parking Requirements for Apartment Buildings) and recommending that the present requirement of 160 square feet of accessible storage space for every two dwelling units be changed to one parking space, 9 feet x 20 feet, or an area of 180 square feet for each apartment.

On Motion of Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Committee approved the report and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Per... K.C. Macdonald.

Moved by Alderman Wymar, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the report be approved and Council file March 20, 1959 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor asked the City Solicitor if the Council could approve of conditional zoning.

City Solicitor: Under present Zoning By-law made under the Land Planning Act, only gives us certain powers. Last year in anticipation of our own Zoning By-law under the Town Planning Act, I put that in. You have to

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have a Zoning By-Law made under the City Charter, not under the Town Planning Act. The present Zoning By-Law is made under the Town Planning Act. When we make our own Zoning By-Law under the City Charter, we are away from the Town Planning Act."

His Worship the Mayor: "Have we the power to make our own Zoning By-Law?"

City Solicitor: "We had it a long time ago but there were certain things in there that I felt didn't carry us far enough and I have added a whole lot more last year. We have now the authority to make our own Zoning By-Law and we can put more things in it than we ever could put in before."

Alderman O'Brien stated that all that was needed was the staff.

Alderman Abbott asked how long the Council had that authority.

City Solicitor: "We have had it over a year."

Alderman Abbott: "We had a Town Planning Engineer a few months ago and it should have been done long ago."

His Worship the Mayor stated that until the City changed the By-Law over to the City Charter authority, conditional zoning could not be carried out.

Alderman O'Brien asked when Town Planning staff would be engaged.

City Manager: "As far as Town Planning is concerned we have a man who we are selecting and we have interviewed him, had correspondence with him and we are just waiting for him to make up his mind as to whether he is coming or not."

Alderman DeWolf: "Do we have to go as far afield as we are going for a Town Planning Engineer? Can't we get an engineer and train him? Our City isn't growing any in size. Surely an engineer would fill the job and I think an engineer with experience should be sufficient."

His Worship the Mayor: "Town Planning is a new science and there are very few people in that field. There are two schools turning out graduates in Canada and a number of schools in England are turning out students. There is no course in Town Planning in American Colleges. Is that right Mr. West?"

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Commissioner of Works: "There are no schools as such but Nova Scotia Technical College are turning out two honour graduates in planning this year."

Alderman DeWolf asked if one of the graduates would be available. He felt that the man should be familiar with local conditions and knows the City which would make it much easier for him.

His Worship the Mayor: "I would be quite happy to the appointment of a local man as Town Planner providing he is properly qualified. I don't think we should be bound by parochialism in our thoughts about taking some local man and dubbing him as Town Planner when he is not an effective Town Planner. In so far as our City being completely built up, that is true, but what we are going to be faced within the next 10 or 20 years, we don't know at this moment as far as Town Planning is concerned with the areas beyond our boundary line."

Alderman Wyman: "It would seem to me, in connection with this, and I think I am fairly familiar with what is involved in the fields of University Education, I would think that a Civil Engineer graduating with honour in planning would have the fundamentals of education that we want in a planner. The only question I would raise is this, whether we have to take a man at that point in his training where he has the academic part of it, or whether we should insist on having a man, who in addition to the academic, has some practical experience working in the field. I raised the question and it is not for me to answer that, it is for the officials who are going to have to work with the man and deal with his work and for the Committee which is responsible for the Planning, but I would say this I think it is most unlikely under the present conditions with the small number of men who have been trained in that field, I would think it is distinctly unlikely that we would be able to get a good man who already has experience."

Alderman Lloyd: "I am afraid that you may be faced with that solution. Experienced planning engineers are not easy to find except on a consulting basis, but to operate a Division of the City on a continuous day-to-day basis, it may not be easy to find such a person. It may be that we may have to go



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into some in-service training for the man. We may have to permit him to work in some department in some other City where the Department has advanced further than we have. Certainly, if we can't rapidly find a man of experience, then we will have to quickly go to someone who has a potential in that field. I notice your remarks with respect to the areas outside. Where is the boundary line going to be in one year or two years. Nobody knows, but it is becoming increasingly evident that with the various Government experiments being proposed in the form of bonded oil grants, that we would be very remiss if we didn't follow along with the plans we had and move along with our Greater Halifax Committee and consider some results of information we have been seeking. It is quite clear to me that tonight's newspaper shows the plight of the County with respect to assessments arising under the Federal Commission recommendations with respect to education. The Highway Commission Report has now included valuation of Provincial Property at fair values details when a County or Municipality may do with those values for purposes of tax agreements, and having granted those concessions to get the industry there, they are now caught out on a limb and they have to provide more funds from the Residents of the area to take up this lost revenue and that is in effect partly it. There is no doubt about it that the problem - and we are going to have one later that of rent controls - the problem of the development of shopping centres and the entire use of the land around this City is vitally important to all of us. As I see it, I would like to see an experienced Town Planning Engineer to meet that kind of problem but where you are going to get him, I don't know. You might find him elsewhere. I would also like to see us either exhaust that quickly, make the salary attractive to get an experienced person and settle this within a short space of time, and if you can't find a man then go get a graduate with some apparent potential in that field.

Alderman O'Brien: On that point, I would like to say that I have talked to a great many Town Planners across the Country in the last year or so and particularly since the vacancy occurred here and I believe that an experienced and qualified Town Planner would come to Halifax under certain conditions and one of them is salary. I think that the advertised rate that was originally

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placed was somewhat misleading in that respect and we have not since advertised at the kind of a salary that would attract a qualified and experienced man. Secondly, last year in our legislation we removed the Town Planning Engineer from a position where he was responsible to the City Manager and placed him in the Works Department and planners in cities of this size or larger and many smaller consider that Planning is a Municipal Function that is a small department of its own -- like the Legal Department which has relations with the various other departments. I believe it is a stumbling block in the way of getting the right kind of man here though I would say that Professor Stephenson seemed to feel that if we offered a sufficient salary we could get a man here in spite of that at the present time. Although, I think in the long run, we must have a Director of Planning particularly, when we get to do it on a Metropolitan Basis as we should. If we allow another week or so for the Manager to negotiate with the one that was asked to come, then I think we should advertise at a higher salary and that may possibly require action from Council but I don't think we should just go along this way. We should have a request from staff that would suggest advertising for someone that is comparable to the man they have in St. John, N.B. for example."

JUDICIAL INQUIRY -- RENT CONTROL

Alderman Lloyd: "There has been some public comment on some remarks which I made, and I would not wish to be drawn into arguing the merits of the skills of the judge versus the economist, and, thus, detract from the main objective which is to have some kind of informative inquiry into this very difficult matter of the level of rents in the City of Halifax. I would like also to point out that I had given notice of a motion many many months ago for a judicial inquiry into housing and rents. Then, in the April meeting of City Council I said this, "I have given the matter some further thought and three things have happened since that motion was given, and it was left on here, meaning it was left on the agenda, pending the result of what we might do with the Pottier Report, referring again to the third tax rate. We have had that Report and we have, also had two other events. We have the

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Stephenson Report in which he says that there may be a need for some area rent control during the redevelopment; and, then, we also have some changed economic conditions which are to be considered.

"I feel that the Housing Committee will have the responsibility of dealing with the recommendation contained in the Stephenson Report. The Housing Committee should report at the earliest convenience on this matter of rent control as referred to in the Report and report on the subject generally as well, to the extent they deem advisable. So as you can see I have not dropped the matter of inquiry, and the other day at the Committee I was somewhat impressed by the large quantity of economic factors that are involved in this question. There is no doubt about it, whoever undertakes the inquiry will have to be well informed on the rather intricate question for a qualified economist to deal with. On the other hand, I wouldn't like my observations about the relative qualifications of the Judge of the Court and an economist, to becloud the issue as to where I stand on a matter of inquiry."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that arrangements be completed for a judicial inquiry into rental charges for dwelling accommodation in the City of Halifax and its suburbs; that the investigating Judge report to the City Council (a) the need, if any, for a system of rent control (b) if rent control is recommended, the measures the City should undertake to make it effective and (c) if rent control is not recommended, the measures that the City should adopt to influence a fair level of rental charges in this area; and that the investigating Judge be authorized to retain the services of such economic or other consultants he may require to complete his undertaking; and that the Mayor, after appropriate inquiries, report the number of Judiciary available to undertake the inquiry.

Alderman O'Brien: "I have felt since coming to the Council that the situation in Halifax was such that rent controls were necessary for the protection of tenants because we have a rather special situation in Halifax which doesn't necessarily apply to many Cities throughout the Country. In any case there were many complaints with the weaknesses in the previous rent

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control system so that at this stage, since there seems to be some demand for this inquiry, I cannot see where we could go wrong in seeking this information which might result in a recommendation for controls and might result in a recommendation against them. I haven't any idea what any of the judges think about this particular matter; but I think that before we could devise either a proper system of rent controls or an alternative to rent controls, we ought to have a thorough study with the facts presented. I think a thorough investigation would give us the information on which we could base a future decision."

His Worship the Mayor: "Alderman Lloyd, have you included in your motion any examination by the judge of the possible impact of a middle tax rate on the property?"

Alderman Lloyd: "I struggled with trying to specify the matters that he might specifically undertake, and I thought from our past experience in rentals of this kind I would leave it as broad as possible because usually there is a hearing. At the hearing the request for an examination of the impact of the third tax rate could be presented."

Alderman DeWolf: "I agree that the suburbs should be included, but have we the right to ask that a rent control inquiry be made in the suburbs?"

Alderman Lloyd: "With the approval of the seconder, I will remove 'and its suburbs'."

He contended that if any judge undertakes to do this study without examining the impact on rentals in Halifax from the activity in the suburban areas, he will not do his job." I think you will accomplish your purpose with the words out."

City Solicitor: "Our right to impose rent controls is gone. If you want this inquiry, I don't think we have the right even under the Charter to do it. Under the Municipal Affairs Act it isn't a City purpose. You have to provide funds for it. I would suggest that you ask for legislation."

Alderman Lloyd suggested the inquiry be carried out under the Charter provision pertaining to Judicial Investigations which the City Solicitor read for the information of the Council.

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Alderman Lloyd: "May I point out to the City Solicitor that the City of Halifax, in order to design a tax rate such as that recommended by Judge Pottier, a third tax rate, before the City accepts that, it has to consider in the interests of the good government of the City of Halifax, what impact that will have on its tax payers in the community."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think you will have to reframe your resolution. Start off with the impact of this other tax and other related matters, you would then bring it in and cover it under the Charter provisions."

Alderman Lloyd redrafted his motion to read as follows:

WHEREAS Mr. Justice Pottier in his report on civic taxation has recommended, among other things, that the City of Halifax impose a third tax rate, applicable to rented property, midway between the two rates now levied by the City;

AND WHEREAS the impact of such a tax upon rentals in the City of Halifax must be carefully studied and examined;

AND WHEREAS this involves legal and economic questions of a complex nature;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that arrangements be completed for a judicial inquiry into rental charges for dwelling accommodation in the City of Halifax; that the investigating Judge report to the City Council (a) The need, if any, for a system of rent control (b) If rent control is recommended, the measures the City could undertake to make it effective and (c) If rent control is not recommended, the measures that the City should adopt to influence a fair level of rental charges in this area, and that the investigating Judge be authorized to retain the services of such economic or other consultants he may require to complete his undertaking, that the Mayor, after appropriate inquiries, report the number of the Judiciary available to undertake the inquiry; that the necessary legislation be obtained to carry out this inquiry and that it be deemed to be a City purpose within the meaning of the Municipal Affairs Act.

Alderman O'Brien seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

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LICENSE FEES

Alderman O'Brien: "Are we in any way attempting this year to arrange for taxation on outside contractors who do work inside the City?"

City Solicitor: "I am working on it. The only way to do it would be by a license. You can't tax because it is indirect taxation."

Alderman Trainor: "Couldn't we get some kind of a tax setup and have certain exceptions that those companies already established in the City of Halifax pay a \$1.00 fee and those companies that come from outside pay a thousand times that amount?"

City Solicitor: "It is indirect taxation."

Alderman Trainor: "Then let us call it a license fee."

Alderman Macdonald: "Is there any difference between an individual coming into Halifax selling merchandise? He has to pay a license. What is the difference between a contractor coming into the City and carrying out construction work?"

City Solicitor: "The contractor before he ever comes in here has his customer and he has a set price. The other man coming in has to go seek his customers. He may not even have a set price. He is selling goods and services and the other fellow is going to do a job here. He had already tendered."

Alderman Greenwood: "Will this be done in time for legislation?"

City Solicitor: "I doubt it. I hope over this week-end to complete the Deed Transfer Tax. I wrote all Cities from here to Vancouver and there is no such Act anywhere in Canada. The closest thing to it is in Ontario where the Provincial Registry collects a tax of a certain proportion not only on deeds, but on mortgages. I have to start from scratch. We are the first in Canada to adopt the tax."

Alderman Ferguson: "What about Quebec? They are collecting the tax. How are they collecting it there?"

City Solicitor: "On deed transfers -- they tell me not."

Alderman Ferguson: "It is a Registry transfer."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is a Provincial Tax."

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A Schedule of License, Permit and other Fees charged by the City of Halifax was submitted showing a suggested fee for each type of License or Permit, and it was decided to consider each item separately.

LICENSES:

Auctioneer's License - \$150.00

Approved.

Pawn Broker's License - \$200.00

Approved.

Junk Dealers (including dealers in second-hand bottles) - \$200.00

Approved.

Clothes Dealers from Abroad - \$200.00

Approved.

Patent Medicine Dealers - \$300.00

Approved.

Second-hand Clothes Dealers - \$25.00

Approved.

Chimney Sweeps - \$25.00

Approved.

Petty Trades

For pedlar, hawker or petty chapman on foot - \$15.00 - Approved.

For pedlar with horse and cart or motor vehicle if licensee resides in the City - \$40.00 - Approved.

For pedlar with handcart or wheelbarrow - \$25.00 - Approved.

For pedlar for a vehicle not exceeding one-half ton capacity if licensee does not reside in the City - \$80.00 - Approved.

For pedlar for a vehicle of more than one-half ton and not exceeding one ton if the licensee does not reside in the City - \$100.00 - Approved.

For pedlar for a vehicle of more than one ton capacity and not exceeding two tons, if licensee does not reside in the City - \$120.00 - Approved.

For pedlar for a vehicle of two tons capacity or over if licensee does not reside in the City - \$150.00 - Approved.

Every person who carries on the business of selling goods, wares or merchandise by means of pedlars, if not paying taxes amounting to \$500.00 - \$500.00 - Approved.

Pedlars employed by the preceding, if their employer does not pay taxes of \$500.00 - \$100.00 - Approved.

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Sales from Offices - \$500.00

Approved.

Billboards - 10¢ per sq. foot.

Approved.

Dogs

Dogs which attain the age of six months after the first of May in any year

\$3.00 Approved.

Female Dogs -

His Worship the Mayor said that he had received a letter from the Halifax Kennel Club requesting an opportunity to be heard as they had not been represented at the Public Hearing. It was agreed to hear representation on behalf of the Club and Mr. M.G. Andrews addressed Council, stating that the members of the Club were not objecting to the increase in rate for Dogs but were requesting that the license for Female Dogs be not increased to \$5.00 as proposed but that it be the same for all dogs.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the license fee for Female Dogs be \$3.00. Motion passed.

Hacks and Trucks for hire of Passengers

Horse drawn vehicle	- \$5.00 -
Motor drawn vehicle	- 40.00 -

Alderman Lloyd said that representations had been made to him by some taxi operators and he contended that the taxi operators had not been enjoying an income sufficient to warrant them being taxed on that income. He said that if the license fee was geared to compensate the City for the cost of administration he would agree to the increased rate, but if it was beyond that he suggested that the matter be deferred for further consideration to determine what the rate should be.

His Worship the Mayor said that a survey had been made by the Chief of Police and it was found that since 1936 when the Fee was \$25.00 costs of cars, gasoline and other incidentals had doubled; and enforcement costs had risen from \$1,700.00 to over \$9,000.00; and the suggested rate would allow only recovery of the City's administration costs. He referred to the



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fact that many of the taxi companies use City streets as taxi stands and said that if parking fees were charged for this use the amount would be far in excess of the proposed \$40.00 fee.

Alderman DeWolf asked how many taxis were registered at the present time and was advised by the Chief of Police that there are approximately 325.

Alderman Wyman contended that the figures showing the increase in administrative costs over the survey period did not present a realistic picture.

Alderman Lloyd felt that only sufficient revenue should be obtained from the license to cover the cost of administration with a small cushion, because the taxi operators are faced with heavy expenses, and he suggested that the fee should be a reasonable one.

Alderman Macdonald asked if information was available as to the fee charged in other cities, and the Chief of Police said that he could present the figures at a subsequent meeting.

In reply to a question by His Worship the Mayor the Chief of Police said that there are approximately 25 taxi offices in the City and the number of cabs vary, some having as many as 40 cabs.

Alderman Wyman said that use of the increased cost of administration of the licensing of taxicabs as a basis of comparison was not justified because it was affected by factors which could not be readily seen. There are also other factors to be considered such as the use of City Streets by the companies for conducting their business; and also the number of companies some with a large number of cabs. "It does seem to me that our taxi operators occupy more street space than is justified in many cases. It seems to me that a stand should be limited to one or two cars and we should reasonably expect a business to provide space for off-street parking when the cars are not working."

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the item be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council to give the Chief of Police an opportunity to submit a report on the matter of fees charged in other cities.

Alderman Macdonald: "This \$40.00 fee is just a pittance compared to what they pay in Boston."

Alderman Ferguson: "Can we get some information on the number of

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parking spaces taken up by the taxis where there had been parking meters and the meters have been removed, and on what basis the spaces are allotted, and who decides that the meters come down?"

Alderman Connolly asked if the time of the police personnel employed in the License division is spent solely on the administration and control of taxicabs.

His Worship the Mayor: "No, but that is where the bulk of the work is done."

Motion passed.

Horse drawn vehicle - \$5.00

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

Hacks and Trucks for the Carriage of Goods

Horse-drawn vehicle - 1 horse	\$10.00	Approved.
Horse-drawn vehicle - 2 or more	\$15.00	Approved.
Motor-drawn vehicle - 1 ton & under	\$30.00	Approved.
each ton or fraction over 1 ton (not to exceed \$50.00)	\$10.00	Approved.

Alderman Trainor asked if a license fee could be obtained from outside trucks doing business in the City.

His Worship the Mayor said that this question had been raised at the Convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities last year because competition with local residents is involved.

The City Solicitor stated that the Motor Vehicle Department licenses the trucks, which license covers the whole Province.

Alderman Trainor referred to a British Columbia town which charges a license fee to all trucks using the streets in the town and said that some cities charge a fee for all trucks.

Alderman Greenwood: "You have the situation of trucks coming within the City and you have the situation of trucks coming into the City, and this is being studied by the Motor Vehicle Department and there will be a license paid to the Province."

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His Worship the Mayor said that representation should be made to the Public Utilities Board.

Alderman Lloyd suggested that a variation of the Automobile Service Tax recommended by Justice Pottier might be applied.

Alderman Connolly asked what is the status of trucks owned in the County which are hired by the City of Halifax.

The Commissioner of Works said he couldn't say whether the Works Department was hiring trucks owned in the County.

The City Manager: "We generally don't hire them. It is only occasionally that we get a truck owned by County residents."

His Worship the Mayor requested the Commissioner of Works to report to the Committee on Works on this matter.

Selling Magazines, Books or Newspaper, or other periodicals from door to door.  
-- \$75.00 -- Approved.

If applicant is resident of Halifax and has been for at least 1 year prior to application. -- \$1.50 -- Approved.

Also  
If applicant pays Business tax of at least \$100.00 -- \$7.50 -- Approved.

Canvassing or soliciting for magazines, Books or newspapers, or other periodicals from door to door. -- \$75.00 -- Approved.

If applicant is resident of Halifax and has resided in the City at least one year prior to application, then fee is -- \$7.50 -- Approved.

Also, if applicant pays business tax of at least \$100.00 then fee is -- \$7.50 -- Approved.

Canvassing for advertisements for any publication, bulletin, program, bookcover or menu card. -- \$50.00 -- Approved.

Bicycles -- \$2.00 -- Approved.

Automatic Machines -- \$100.00

Alderman Lloyd: "This applies to what type of machine?"

The City Solicitor said that it covers pinboards or other automatic slot machines and that it does not include automatic scales, telephone apparatus, gas or electric meters, postage, vending machines, automatic phones or gramophones.

Alderman Ferguson asked if parking meters are included and the City Solicitor advised that they are exempt the City having received special authority.

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Alderman Macdonald observed that in small corner stores he has seen glass bowls which dispense gum and peanuts and asked if these are included.

The City Solicitor said such machines were not permitted.

Alderman Wyman: "This classification 'automatic machines' doesn't include any machines that sell something."

City Solicitor: "Yes, it does."

Alderman Wyman: "Why, the following items (Vending machines)?"

City Solicitor: "You have those exceptions." He then read the section of the City Charter in this respect.

Alderman Wyman: "This classification does not include anything that you would normally call a vending machine."

City Solicitor: "That is right, you have two classifications."

Alderman DeWolf: "Do we have a record of the number of Automatic machines?"

The Chief of Police said that there are 100 machines in Halifax.

Alderman DeWolf: "Is there any record of the amount of revenue from them?"

The Commissioner of Finance retired from the meeting in order to secure the information requested by Alderman DeWolf.

Alderman Lloyd asked when the license fee was increased to \$50.00, and was advised by His Worship the Mayor that that was the original fee.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the fee remain unchanged at \$50.00.

Alderman Ferguson: "I don't see how we can raise these other fees and then not change one particular fee where there is no justification."

Alderman Lloyd: "There is quite a difference. This one came on in 1940 and was high to start with."

Alderman Butler: "I feel that all of these machines are located in premises on which the occupant is paying a Business Tax and any increase will be paid by him and it is just increasing his taxes. Some of the others were justified because they are not paying any other Business Tax. It will be a hardship to small storekeepers."

Alderman Greenwood: "We had the cost of administration brought out in the case of taxis and trucks. Could the Chief of Police say if there is any problem in administering this item?"

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Chief of Police: "No. It is part of the duties of the staff."

Alderman Wyman: "How frequently does the Chief of Police have a prosecution in connection with these machines?"

Chief of Police: "Quite rarely."

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

FOR THE MOTION: Aldermen Lloyd, DeWolf, Butler and Fox. -- 4 --

AGAINST THE MOTION: Aldermen Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien, Greenwood, Abbott, Macdonald, Ferguson and Trainor. -- 8 --

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the fee for automatic machines be set at \$75.00 per annum. Motion passed.

#### VENDING MACHINES

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| 1. | <u>Automatic machines vending towels</u>                       | \$1.00  | Approved. |
| 2. | <u>Automatic machines vending sanitary articles</u>            | \$1.00  | Approved. |
| 3. | <u>Automatic machines vending identification discs or tags</u> | \$10.00 |           |

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the fee be reduced to \$5.00. Motion passed.

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| 4. | <u>Automatic Vending Machines - Vending Photographs</u> | \$10.00 |  |
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Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the fee be reduced to \$5.00. Motion passed.

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| 5. | <u>Automatic Machines vending soft drinks or beverages</u> | \$10.00 |  |
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Alderman Wyman stated that City Council has had certain representations on this matter before by the owners of these machines. "It seems to me the machines divide themselves into two classes: there are those machines owned by an owner other than the owner of the property and the owner therefore receives the financial benefit but in other cases they are installed for the benefit and convenience of the people who occupy that location. It seems to me that the principle of licenses is different in the two cases." He stated that "if you had an operator who owns a lot of vending machines and placed a machine in various places and makes a business of it, it might be logical to charge him \$10.00, but on the other hand where they are owned and operated by the employers of the business, in order to supply soft drinks on the spot, it seems that the the license is excessive."

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His Worship the Mayor: "What about making a higher fee for machines supplied by a company, not having a plant in Halifax? I speak of one plant where the Company was located in Halifax and moved into the suburbs to get lower taxes, yet they are serving the area."

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the license fee be set at \$3.50.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the fee remain at \$1.00.

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

FOR THE MOTION: Aldermen Wyman, Connolly, Greenwood, DeWolf, Butler, Fox, Ferguson and Lloyd. - 8 -

AGAINST THE MOTION: Aldermen O'Brien, Abbott, Macdonald, and Trainor. - 4 -

6. Automatic Machines vending ice in blocks - \$10.00

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the License Fee be set at \$5.00. Motion passed.

(1) Omnibus - \$50.00

(2) Omnibus drivers License - \$5.00

His Worship the Mayor: "I think in view of the present application before us of the Bus Companies of both the Light and Power Company and the other Bus Company to make no change in these two next ones."

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that these two fees remain the same. Motion passed.

Bill Posting and Posting of Bills - \$50.00 - Approved.

Illuminated Signs

10¢ sq. foot.  
But not less than \$5.00. Approved.

Ferry and Public Landings

It was agreed that no change be made in the present fees.

Coal Weighers - \$5.00 Approved.

Coal Hawkers - \$5.00 Approved.

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Mobile Canteen License .. \$25.00      Approved.  
(Not permitted after April 30, 1960)

Transient Traders - \$500.00 (temporary trading and not paying business tax)

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the license fee be set at \$500.00 per annum. Motion passed.

City Market

It was agreed that no change be made in the present fees.

Permit for Erection of Structures to carry T.V. Antennae

\$2.00      Approved.

Sale by Auction of Jewellery

\$500.00 up to 20 days and \$25.00 per day thereafter - Approved.

Non-Resident dealers in gold and precious metals - \$150.00

Approved.

Doing business by person not assessed for Business Tax

\$10.00      Approved.

Transient and Itinerant Photographers and Canvassers, Solicitors and Pedlars of Photographs.

His Worship the Mayor: "We haven't had representations here yet."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the matter be deferred until representations are heard concerning it. Motion passed.

Exhibitions, Circuses, or other itinerant performances.

Fee fixed by resolution of Council.      Approved.

WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Fees to be paid for Building and Plumbing Permits

It was agreed that no change be made in the present fees.

Permit for Boiler or Furnace in Buildings used for Dangerous Purposes  
..... \$25.00 .....

Approved.

Public Sewers .. \$5.00. Vandal fees

(a) Approved.

(b) Any house not otherwise chargeable under provisions for new sewer will pay for privilege of making this same .. \$100.00 .....

Approved.

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General Wiring Permit -- \$50.00  
Renewable Yearly for -- \$25.00

Approved.

Journeyman Wireman (Resident of City)  
Fee for Writing Examination \$10.00

Approved.

Wiring Permit Fees

It was agreed that no change be made in the present fees.

Private Fire Alarm Connection -- \$50.00

Approved.

Permit for Wire, Cable, conduit, Duct or Pipe in any city Street

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the fee be set at \$25.00. Motion passed.

Permit for Blasting

Moved by Alderman DeWelf, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the license fee be set at \$5.00. Motion passed.

Permit for Operating a P.A. System or other Sound Producer on City Streets

Alderman Trainor asked if a person had to obtain permission from the Police every time.

Chief of Police: "For each occasion they must obtain a separate permit."

Alderman Wyman: "It seems to me this is another one where there are two things combined here. The Public Address System which is permanently fixed and the travelling P.A. System which is used exclusively for advertising purposes. A permit for operating a sound advertising from a moving vehicle should perhaps be charged based on the amount of advertising to be done. Each time they go advertising their route should be laid out and they should be charged so much a mile."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think this should be down to some nominal fee."

His Worship the Mayor: "\$1.00 for each day so used?"

Alderman Lloyd: "I think that would be simple enough. \$1.00 a day."

Alderman Wyman: "I do think we should separate the ones that move around from the ones that stand still."



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Alderman Ferguson: "I think there should be a small flat fee for the type of operation from the Shopping Centre and from foot ball games. I think that is necessary. Then I think we should have a fee for so much per time or per day for the mobile unit. Possibly we could have a minimum fee for both and for the additional time for the mobile unit."

Alderman Greenwood: "How many permits were granted for mobile units last year?"

Chief of Police: "There is a permit granted but no fee is charged and I would estimate about twenty-five."

Alderman Greenwood: "I think this should be deferred the same as taxi cabs until we get a further report from the Chief and perhaps then we could charge a \$5.00 fee for each permit to cover the administrative costs and a flat fee on the fixed ones in a Building."

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that this matter be deferred until a further report is obtained from the Chief of Police.

Motion passed.

Alderman Macdonald: "I am just wondering if it is worthwhile allowing commercial advertising on the streets at all from vehicles by the Public Address System?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think the matter can be brought up when we get more information on the matter."

#### TAX CERTIFICATE

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the fee be \$5.00. Motion passed.

Permit to work on Lot in Camp Hill Cemetery (Private Individual)

\$10.00 -- refundable -- Approved.

Individual or Company Working for Profit.

\$100.00 deposit -- Approved.

Camp Hill Cemetery Burial Fees.

Deferred at the suggestion of the City Solicitor.

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Fairview Cemetery Burial Fees.

Deferred at the suggestion of the City Solicitor.

Public Health Permits.

Restaurant Permit -- \$5.00 -- Approved.

Garbage Collection Permit -- \$5.00 -- Approved.

Bakery Permit -- \$5.00 -- Approved.

Foodshop Permit -- \$5.00 -- Approved.

Milk Distributors Permit -- \$5.00 -- Approved.

Barber Shop and Beauty Salon Permit -- \$1.00 per chair per operator --  
Approved.

Bottling Plant Permit -- \$10.00 -- Approved.

Pasteurizing Plant Permit -- \$10.00 -- Approved.

Alderman Butlers: "While we are on that subject of barber shops and beauty salons, particularly in reference to barber shops, would Dr. Morton tell us what an inspection of a barber shop would mean?"

Commissioner of Health: "The principal thing is to make sure they have plenty of good hot water for washing. They should have general cleanliness and in regards to what care they are taking of combs, shears, razors and things in that nature. It is almost impossible to sterilize combs and shears between each customer but we do feel a certain procedure should be carried out and they should be kept as clean as possible at all times. The Inspector usually checks them for their general cleanliness."

PROHIBITION OF TRUCKS USING WESTMOUNT SUBDIVISION AS A THOROUGHFARE

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of  
the Committee on Safety.

From: T.C. Doyle, City Solicitor.

Date: February 5th, 1959.

Subject: Prohibition of Trucks using Westmount Subdivision as a Thoroughfare

Your Worship and Aldermen:

To authorize the local traffic authority to prohibit trucks from using Westmount Subdivision as a thoroughfare, it is necessary that the Committee on Safety recommend to the City Council that the Council pass a resolution in the following terms:

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RESOLVED that from and after the passage of this resolution no truck or other commercial vehicle shall be operated on Peter Lowe Avenue, Edward Arab Avenue, Cook Avenue, George Dauphinee Avenue, William Hunt Avenue, Doug Smith Drive, Robert Murphy Drive, Ralph Devlin Drive, Lloyd Fox Avenue, Ferguson Avenue and Winston Avenue, except for deliveries to specific addresses on these streets.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Authority of the City of Halifax be requested to forthwith erect on such streets appropriate signs in accordance with this resolution.

Yours very truly,

T.C. DOYLE,  
CITY SOLICITOR.

Per. L. Mitchell.

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

Alderman Greenwood suggested the Chief of Police look at other areas of the City from a safety view point.

C.N.R. SEWER LICENSE - ARMDALE

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: T.C. Doyle, City Solicitor.  
Date: February 12, 1959.  
Subject: Sewer License - C.N.R.

I have received from the C.N.R. license for sewer over their property at Armdale. The annual fee is \$120.00.

If you approve of the same would you please authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

T.C. Doyle,  
City Solicitor.

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

LEGISLATION RE. PROPOSED ORDINANCE #22 EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 5, 1959 petitions were submitted from the merchants in the City suggesting amendments to Ordinance #22.

After hearing representation from Mr. J.E. Bayliss, Q.C. and Mr. Hector McInnes your Committee recommends:

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1. that legislation be obtained to make it possible for the City to accomplish a general closing law for stores in the City of Halifax.
2. that the Act of 1902 be repealed and,
3. that the present Ordinance #23 remain in effect until a new ordinance is passed.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

City Solicitor: "I would like to point out that, actually, you have two Ordinances right now on the closing of shops, but both these Ordinances do not cover all the shops. Do you want me to cover all retail shops including the grocery stores?"

Alderman Wyman: "The request from the retail merchants was that we pass an Ordinance that covered a very large proportion of the retail shops, but not all. The ones that it did not cover were left out by exemption in the Ordinance itself. What we are looking for now is some type of legislation that would permit us to pass that type of an Ordinance. I don't think it is possible for us to reach an Ordinance which will cover every retail shop in the City, because I think that we would have to have something different for barbers from what we would have for confectioners and something different for drugstores and so on. I think what we need is an Ordinance which will permit us to make an overall Ordinance which will cover all except those that we leave out by definition."

City Solicitor: "Your exemption will be in the Ordinance. The general power I think should be all retail shops."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the general power will have to be a power to make closing by-laws with respect to retail shops."

City Solicitor: "Yes, then you can define in the Ordinance what retail shops you want."

Alderman Greenwood: "Does a service establishment such as barber shops come under retail shops?"

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City Solicitor: "It does include barber shops."

The motion was then put and passed.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME APRIL 26 to OCTOBER 25, 1959

A report was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee recommending that Daylight Saving Time be observed from 12:01 A.M. Sunday April 26th, 1959 until 12:01 A.M. Sunday, October 25th, 1959.

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

TAX EXEMPTION 310-D CITY CHARTER: (a) CANADIAN ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM SOCIETY  
(b) CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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

At a meeting of the finance and Executive Committee held on February 5, 1959 letters were submitted from the Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society and Canadian Mental Health Association requesting tax exemptions under the Authority of Section 310-D of the City Charter.

Your Committee recommends that the City pay to the above organizations a grant equal to the amount of the taxes under the above authority.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TAX EXEMPTION E.D.I. CLUB (FORMERLY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS)

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 5, 1959 a letter was submitted from the E.D.I. Club (formerly Alcoholics Anonymous) requesting exemption from taxation on their premises at 79 Birmingham Street as they were formerly located at 41 Hollis Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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HONORARIA MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that Section 9, Sub-section 1 of the City Charter, which refers to the salary of the Deputy Mayor, the figures \$2,000.00 be amended to read \$3,000.00; and that Section 10A, Sub-section 1, which refers to the salary of the Aldermen, the figures \$1,500.00 be amended to read \$2,500.00; and further, that the City Charter be further amended as to provide that should any member of Council be serving on a Commission or a Board to which he had been appointed by this Council where an honorarium is paid, that an equivalent amount shall be deducted from the amounts payable under these Sections.

Alderman Lloyd explained that at the present time a number of Aldermen were on Commissions and Boards which pay a fee, and he thought in the distribution of the work load and setting up of Committees, the factor of the work load would be considered and he said, "If this is done, it will help bring the Aldermen's honoraria in line with those Aldermen who have work loads that are just as heavy on a Committee such as the Town Planning Board. They may have a work load equal to that of the School Board. There is a disparity in the honoraria paid. The only way I know to correct it is to increase the Aldermanic pay and then make a provision that the Aldermen's honorarium from any other Commission or Board would be automatically deducted from the pay he would receive serving as an Alderman. I think the Solicitor could draft legislation to that effect."

Moved in amendment by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the honorarium paid to the Deputy Mayor be \$2,500.00; and to the Aldermen be \$2,000.00 each with the same proviso that there be no extra payments made by membership on any Board or Commission which doesn't pay an honorarium.

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that consideration of the Aldermen's honoraria be deferred until the next meeting at which all 14 Aldermen are present. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that consideration of the Deputy Mayor's honorarium be deferred. Motion passed.

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SALARY OF MAYOR ✓

Alderman DeWolf: "I don't think it is necessary to defer the matter of the Mayor's salary because it is an entirely different matter. I have always felt the salary for the Mayor is too small. I don't think we can pay the Mayor the salary the position is worth. Nobody can say the Mayor's job is part time or full time --- it is overtime all the time."

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the Mayor's salary be \$10,000.00 a year.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that this matter be deferred.

The motion to defer was put and passed.

REQUEST TO AMEND BRIDGE COMMISSION ACT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 5, 1959 discussion took place with respect to the City's representation on the Bridge Commission.

It was felt that once the Mayor or Aldermen cease to be members of Council they should also cease to be members of the Bridge Commission.

Your Committee recommends that His Worship the Mayor request the Provincial Government to amend the legislation creating the Bridge Commission whereby the Commissioners appointed by the City must be the Mayor or Alderman and that when they cease to hold office, they cease to be Commissioners; same to become effective on the expiration of the present term; and that the terms be staggered.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

TAX WRITE-OFFS \$3,989.05 ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 5, 1959 it was agreed to recommend that uncollectible tax accounts amounting to \$3,989.05 be written off under the authority of Section 283-2 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

CONFIRMATORY DEED -- 314 ALMON STREET ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 5, 1959 a report was submitted from the City Solicitor recommending that Council approve of the issuance of a confirmatory deed for the property 314 Almon Street to correct an error in measurements.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

INSTALLATION TWO SEPARATE ARROWS TRAFFIC SIGNALS -- GREEN LENS -- \$2,900.00 ✓

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on February 3, 1959 a report was submitted from the City Electrician advising it would cost an approximate sum of \$2500.00 to install 2 separate arrows on the green lens of the traffic lights where left turns are prohibited.

It was felt that the intersection of Quinpool Road and Oxford Street should be included at an extra charge of \$400.00.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of \$2900.00 be included in the 1959 estimates to install separate arrows on the traffic light signals where no left turns are permitted.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

Motion passed with Aldermen Connolly and Butler wishing to be recorded against.

SHARING OF COSTS -- HALIFAX COUNTY VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ✓

Alderman Wyman: "In connection with the sharing of costs of the Halifax County Vocational High School, I think I had better offer a word or two of explanation first. The Agreement under which the School operates does not



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seem to be too well understood by the Aldermen. Under the Agreement between the Province of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax the costs of operation of the Halifax County Vocational High School are divided as follows: The Province pays 30% of the cost and also administers for the Federal Government another 30% of the cost; the City of Halifax pays 30%; the Town of Dartmouth 9% and the Municipality of the County of Halifax 1% or if you just take the municipal-ity's share, the City of Halifax pays 75%; the Town of Dartmouth 22½% and the County 2½%. I am informed that at the time this Agreement was drawn up it was felt that in time, when the thing settled down, the proportions of the pupils would be roughly in that same ratio -- not exactly, but somewhere near that. The fact of the matter is that it is run entirely different -- the County has the largest proportion of pupils and they pay the smallest. I do not feel that that means of necessity that the County should pay the largest proportion. I think that the City of Halifax has an interest in this School and that it provides trained tradesmen and craftsmen that are of value to us even apart from its value in educating our children. However, it does seem to me that there is rather a wide disparity, and it becomes worse when you consider that the Municipality of the County of Halifax share of the operation costs of the School are actually less than the cost of transportation and board for pupils from the Municipality coming in to the School.

"There are many things that can be said about this. There are many angles of approach, but I do think that it is fair to say that it is time that the parties to this Agreement review the division and study whether or not the present situation justified the thinking that was applied when the original division costs were made."

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that this Council request the Minister of Education to arrange for a review of the division of costs of that part of the Agreement under which the School operates pertaining to the costs of operating the Halifax County Vocational High School.

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Alderman Llydy: "I will add only one observation. Remember that in the case of education finance because we have such a volume of assessment, we only get the minimum grant. That is a redevelopment in the field of public finance in Nova Scotia since this School came into operation; and I am quite sure that had education finance been in operation, we may have attempted to work out some more equitable distribution of the costs. However, there are many ways to look at this, but, certainly, some improved relationship of a lesser sharing of costs as far as the City is concerned seems to be indicated in this case."

City Manager: "Another thing to remember is that the budget of the Halifax County Vocational High School has been increased up to 6% each year without reference to the contributing parties. It approaches 6% every year, but one year because of large teacher increases it had to come back and get special permission from this Council that we would stand our share of the increased costs. The receipts will double in 12 years approximately."

The motion was then put and passed.

BORROWING FOR BORINGS INDUSTRIAL MILE AREA - \$11,000.00 (LAND SALE ACCOUNT)

The City Manager reported that the situation now is that three holes have been bored and they are working on the fourth and four more will be required. "This is in the Industrial Mile. There was an original expenditure of \$5,000.00 and we need an additional \$6,000.00."

His Worship the Mayor: "This will cover all the borings."

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

A formal resolution in the amount of \$11,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Land Sale Account was submitted from the City Solicitor.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the resolution be approved and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Motion passed.

1959 LEGISLATION

1. Section 55 of Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1957 is repealed.

EXPLANATION: This section deals with tax concessions to the Eliot Hotels Limited, but was only to apply if the Company carried out the terms of the agreement with the City. Such an agreement was entered into in April 1957 and one of the terms was that work was to commence within one year from the date of legislation, namely April 12, 1957. As the work was not undertaken within the year (or at all) the present legislation is of no effect and should be repealed.

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2. The agreement in writing between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, represented therein by The Minister of Transport, and the City of Halifax, dated the thirtieth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, as more fully set out in Schedule "A" hereto, regarding the sale by Her Majesty the Queen to the City of certain lands at Africville, Halifax, in the County of Halifax, for industrial development, is hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to have been and to be within the authority of the City to make and enter into the same.

SCHEDULE "A"

Recite Agreement

EXPLANATION: In 1956 the City was given authority to acquire by purchase or expropriation, real property for industrial site. In 1958 the City entered into an agreement to purchase from the C.N.R. certain parcels of land and this agreement had certain clauses which were not included in the 1956 legislation. These clauses provided that the land should be used for industrial purposes only and that any industry not acceptable to the C.N.R. should not be located there, and further that if the work of developing these lands was not commenced within two years, the land would be reconveyed to Her Majesty for the same price as the City paid for it. The solicitors for the C.N. R. felt that this agreement should be ratified by legislation and I concur in their opinion, and hence the proposed legislation.

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3. Subsection (2) of Section 377 as that Section is enacted by Section 16 of Chapter 86 of the Acts of 1952, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(2) The land hereinbefore referred to is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

(Description)

EXPLANATION: The present sub-section describes the boundaries of the land for the Industrial Site. However in 1957 the City expropriated for the same purpose a larger piece of land and this amendment is to give a fuller and more accurate description of the land in question.

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4. (1) The Council may by resolution close to public use that portion of Clarence Street as shown coloured in red on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Brussels Street and Area Where Quarrying is in Progress" dated January 20th, 1959, and being on file in the Office of the Commissioner of Works of the City of Halifax at City Hall as Plan No. SS-3-14400, the said land being more particularly described as follows: Bounded on the east by the prolongation northwardly of the eastern street line of Brussels Street from Ogilvie Street to Clarence Street; bounded on the west by the prolongation northwardly of the eastern street line of Young Avenue from Ogilvie Street to Clarence Street. And upon the passage of such resolution the right of the public to use the said portion of the said street shall be terminated and extinguished.

(2) Upon the passage of the said resolution the legal title to the lands comprising such portion of Clarence Street as shown on the said plan, shall vest in the City and the City may sell and convey such land for such sum as it may determine and give a good and sufficient deed thereof.

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5. (1) The Council may by resolution close to public use that portion of Brussels Street as shown colored in red on a Plan entitled "Plan Showing Brussels Street and Area Where Quarrying is in Progress" dated the twentieth day of January, 1959, and being on file in the office of the Commissioner of Works of the City of Halifax at City Hall as Plan No. SS-3-14400, the said land being more particularly described as follows: Bounded on the south by the prlongation eastwardly of the northern street line of Ogilvie Street from Young Avenue to Brussels Street; bounded on the north by the prolongation eastwardly of the southern street line of Clarence Street from Young Avenue to Brussels Street. And upon the passage of such resolution the right of the public to use the said portion of the said street shall be terminated and extinguished.

(2) Upon the passage of the said resolution the legal title to the lands comprising such portion of Brussels Street as shown on the said plan, shall vest in the City and the City

may sell and convey such land for such sum as it may determine and give a good and sufficient deed thereof.

EXPLANATION: Portions of these streets were never opened and used by the public and because of the excavations which have taken place there, it is impossible to use them as streets. The proposed legislation enables the City to close off portions of these streets and to sell the land for whatever sums Council may decide.

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6. The City may by ordinance establish an authority to be known as "The Parking Authority of Halifax" and may entrust to such parking authority the maintenance, control, operation and management of municipal parking facilities within the City; and may rescribe penalties for violation of provisions of such ordinance.

EXPLANATION: This provision was drafted at the request of the Mayor and is intended to provide a parking authority for all City owned property and property leased by the City for the purpose of parking.

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7. The City may write off and cancell the assessment of forty dollars made against the premises civic number 24 Walnut Street in respect of pavement laid on said Walnut Street in the year 1955, together with any interest accrued thereon.

EXPLANATION: Tax certificate was issued on August 17, 1956 in respect of this property and this charge of \$40.00 was omitted. As the Certificate is binding on the City, it requires legislation to write off this charge.

Council January 16, 1958.

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8. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the City Charter respecting the same, the amounts of one hundred dollars and interest thereon, two hundred dollars and interest thereon, two hundred dollars and interest thereon, two hundred dollars and interest thereon and one hundred and ninety dollars and interest thereon, respectively, charged against the owners of certain real property, being civic numbers 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 First Street, in respect of a sewer laid in the said First Street in the year 1958, and assessed in respect of the said properties, shall not be payable to the City, nor shall the said owners of the said properties, nor their successors in title, be respectively liable therefor, until such real property shall respectively become connected with such sewer.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the City Charter the City shall have no lien upon any of said real property until such time as such real property shall become connected with such sewer, and upon such connection being made, the Commissioner of Works shall file with the City Collector a certificate setting out the date of such connection and the filing of such certificate

shall have the same force and effect as the filing of the plan and list referred to in subsection (2) of Section 599 and all the provisions of the Charter relating to the payment of assessments for sewer shall apply.

EXPLANATION: The owners of these properties in 1944 laid a private sewer across their own properties at their own expense, as apparently the City was not willing at that time to install a sewer in this street. Subsequently in the year 1958 the City laid a sewer in this street and these owners were assessed. This legislation provides for the payment of these assessments to be deferred until such time as any of the properties connect up to the sewer in this street.

Council January 29, 1959.

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9. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 535 and Section 540, the encroachments placed over the northern official street line of Richmond Street between Barrington Street and Albert Street, the eastern official street line of Albert Street between Richmond Street and Duffus Street, the southern official street line of Duffus Street between Albert Street and Barrington Street and the western official street line of Barrington Street between Duffus Street and Richmond Street, by the construction of concrete retaining walls, portions of concrete retaining walls, concrete steps, portions of concrete steps, concrete walkways and portions of concrete walkways, by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, may, so long as the same is used for housing development, be continued, without the payment of any fee; provided, however, that if the said concrete retaining walls, portions of concrete retaining walls, concrete steps, portions of concrete steps, concrete walkways and portions of concrete walkways, or any of them, constituting such encroachment, shall be removed, the same shall not, without the approval of Council, be rebuilt or replaced so as to constitute an encroachment upon such streets.

EXPLANATION: In order to carry out the proposed Mulgrave Park Housing Project, it is necessary to permit these retaining walls, etc. to encroach over the street line. This legislation permits this encroachment only for such time as the property is used as a housing project.

Council January 29, 1959.

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10. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 543, the encroachments extending over the fifteen foot (15') building lines on the northern side of Richmond Street between Barrington Street and Albert Street, on the eastern side of Albert Street between Richmond Street and Duffus Street, on the southern side of Duffus Street between Albert Street and Barrington Street, and on the western side of Barrington Street between Duffus Street and Richmond Street, by the construction of concrete retaining walls, portions of concrete retaining walls, concrete steps, portions of concrete steps, concrete walkways, portions of concrete walkways and portions of buildings, by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, may, so long as the same is used for housing development, be continued, without the payment of any fee; provided, however, that if the said concrete retaining walls, portions of concrete retaining walls, concrete steps, portions of concrete steps, concrete walkways, portions of concrete walkways and portions of buildings, or any of them, constituting such encroachment, shall be removed, the same shall not, without the approval of Council, be rebuilt or replaced so as to constitute an encroachment over such building lines.

EXPLANATION: Same as explanation for Item 9 above.

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11. Subsection (3) of Section 911 is repealed.

EXPLANATION: The present section deals with land for school purposes and states that when land has been acquired by the City by expropriation for school purposes it shall be conveyed by the City to the Board. Legislation is already in effect that all school property shall be in the name of the City and hence this subsection is superfluous.

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12. Section 489B as that Section is enacted by Section 34 of Chapter 48 of the Acts of 1935 is amended by adding thereto immediately after subsection (3) thereof, the following subsection:

(4) The Council may make ordinances for the regulation and licensing of commercial and portrait photographers and may in such ordinance define the meaning of 'commercial' and 'portrait' photographers, and may regulate the fees to be paid for such license and may require such photographer to have a place of business within the City and may provide for the imposing of penalties for the violation of such ordinances.

EXPLANATION: This section was drafted at the request of many photographers in the City. It is their contention that they have places of business and are paying business tax while persons steadily employed at other trades are, in their spare time, carrying on the same business at cut prices and without paying taxes of any kind whatsoever. They feel it is unfair competition and that any person in this trade should have an established place of business.

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LEGISLATION ✓

The City Solicitor submitted draft legislation for the year 1959 and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

The legislation was approved after being considered paragraph by paragraph.

TAXING VACANT LAND ✓

Alderman Trainor: "Are we going to the Legislature seeking the right to tax vacant lots in the commercial district at the Commercial rate?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We have not discussed it, but I think it would be wise to bring it by now."

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the City again make application to the Legislature for permission to impose the commercial tax rate on vacant lands in commercial districts. Motion passed.

TERM OF MAYOR - 3 YEARS ✓

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that application be again made to the Legislature to provide for a 3 year term for Mayor.

Motion passed.

Alderman Greenwood: "In connection with the Legislature I do hope adequate representation will be given at the Legislature."

The City Solicitor advised that there would undoubtedly be three City Bills to be presented. He requested clear directions from Council as to what members of the Legislature should introduce them.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the first Bill be introduced by the Minister of Health, who represents Halifax South, the second, by the member for Halifax Center; the third, by the member for Halifax North. Motion passed.

Alderman Lloyd: "If the Minister felt there was one Bill which he would prefer to introduce, I think he should be given that opportunity."

His Worship the Mayor observed that most of the legislation being proposed this year was legislation arising out of Public Hearings held on this



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Council Chamber and we gave the Public an opportunity to be heard. Secondly, legislation this year was spread over a period of time and this was not as in other years when we met in special sessions, but throughout the year we had three nights on legislation. It seems to me that the place for citizens to make representations is right here; and then if there are serious objections, Council can take them under consideration and change the suggested Legislation before it goes down to the House. A lot of local citizens go down there and appear as if the Council were monsters and trying to foist something upon them which is not wanted by the Public."

Aldermen Lloyd: "I think that observation is sound. I have always tried to attend the Public Hearings of the City's Bills. I feel that the emphasis, however, if I may point it out, should be placed on our attendance to point out the fact that there were Public Hearings and we were guided by that fact as a defence where it is appropriate."

His Worship the Mayor: "We will try to notify all the Alderman when hearings are to be held."

HALIFAX FORUM COMMISSION - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1958.

Deferred for one month.

ALDERMAN WYMAN RE: COOPER CASE

Alderman Wyman: "I have a question arising out of special assessments. Apparently the provision for special assessments is to give the opportunity for the City to obtain taxes from the occupant of premises who starts to occupy them either for business or residential purposes after the normal assessment period of the year. On looking over the notice, it seems to me to indicate that this notice may be sent at any time during the year when the property begins to be occupied. It is payable on relatively short notice and as far as I can make out is not subject to any appeal such as any other assessment. If I am correct in that, then I do not understand how such a notice is sent out in August 1958 to cover a 10 month period in the year 1957. Is there an answer forthcoming tonight or do I have to wait?"

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The City Assessor was given the opportunity to report in writing at the next regular meeting.

Alderman Wyman: "I have another question with regard to property assessed under one category and then a special assessment is levied at a later date in order to change it from one category to another. I will be specific about this. I am referring to the property of Mr. Cooper on Lady Hammond Road. Some time ago we proposed to expropriate his property for purposes of the Incinerator and then for some reasons which I do not altogether agree with, it was decided to seek another site. I do think, having started expropriation proceedings, that the owner of a property was entitled to some recompense, whatever amount I don't know, but there seemed to be further bad feelings because of the fact he proposed to sue the City in order to recover some damages on that account. It seems to me from that time on, that there has just been a succession of difficulties raised in connection with Mr. Cooper's property particularly with regard to his assessments. You may remember a while ago I raised the question as to whether or not the land which had been assessed as separate parcels could at the discretion of the City Assessor be lumped into one lot and assessed as a single lot with frontage on the high priced side. That was Mr. Cooper's property I referred to at that time. There have been considerable increases in his assessments and these have been appealed and the Court, to a considerable extent, has upheld the appeal. The specific place I refer to at the present time is that portion of his property which lies to the east of MacIntosh Street and which some years ago he had a canteen on. That canteen has been closed for some considerable time. For the year 1958 when the regular assessments came out, that property was assessed, I understand, as it had been previously as residential since it was not being used for any commercial purposes. Several of Mr. Cooper's assessments for 1958 were appealed and following the decision of the Court with regard to those appeals, Mr. Cooper received this notice of special assessment to increase the assessment of the canteen property from Residential to Business."

His Worship the Mayor: "Are you aware of the fact that this matter is now before the Tax Appeal Court and the Court is hearing the evidence and will be expected shortly to bring down a decision?"

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Alderman Wyman: "Is it the assessment on that property east of MacIntosh Street? Is it the special assessment?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

City Assessor: "The regular assessment in 1959 is appealed and whatever happens to the regular assessment will govern the special assessment. With regard to the other case, I know all about that. Why we sent out a special assessment for the so-called swimming pool for occupancy, we had the case in the County Court and at that time we had assessed the Swimming Pool at Business Realty and it was appealed. The evidence was that Mr. Cooper used it for his own personal use and the Judge gave the opinion that it should not be Business Realty, but Residential. When we got the decision down, we had felt that if it was residential use, it had to have an Occupancy Tax on it for occupation as a residence because Mr. Cooper stated in the evidence that he used it for his own personal use. We placed an occupancy assessment on it in lieu of business tax and that was appealed this year so the matter is all before the Tax Appeal Court."

Alderman Wyman then stated that the whole matter of the assessment should be brought together as it goes on and on until it looks like persecution to which His Worship the Mayor replied, "Not at all".

Alderman Wyman said he was not suggesting that, but it had the appearance.

His Worship the Mayor said that he was sure that no official would have any reason to seek out any particular person for such action.

#### POLICE PLAYING HOCKEY

Alderman Trainor referred to the fact that there was a notice posted on the board by the Chief of Police to the effect that no members of the Department were permitted to play hockey. He asked the Chief if that were true.

Chief of Police Mitchell: "No, that is not true, with a qualification. They are not allowed to take part in Departmental sport for two reasons. We had two rookies during the past two years who were seriously injured in our Departmental hockey sport and as a result they have spent a month or month and a half on light duty. At the moment we have one man who has ruptured a lung as a result of Departmental sport. He was off for 3 weeks and is not on

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

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

Date: February 24, 1959

Subject: Monthly Administrative Report for the Month of January, 1959.

1. Building Permits

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dwellings, new	1	\$ 17,000.00
Commercial, new	3	42,100.00
Institutional, new	1	170,000.00
Dwellings, repairs	38	23,945.00
Commercial, repairs	21	106,855.00
Government, repairs	1	41,512.00
	65	\$ 401,412.00
Building Permit Fees		\$ 363.70
Plumbing " "		100.75
		\$ 464.45

2. Buildings Demolished

	<u>No. &amp; Ass'd. Value</u> <u>1956 - 1958</u>	<u>No. &amp; Ass'd. Value</u> <u>1959</u>
Buildings demolished by owners to make way for new development	131	\$ 831,140.00
Buildings initiated by City & owner		
" " " " " complied	50	69,225.00
" " " " " by Committee on Works	65	96,295.00
" " " " " by City and permitted to stand	4	
" presently being processed for demolition	-	156
" under investigation for demolition	-	32
" ordered demolished by Building Inspector	-	

3. Streets & Sewers

Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	62
" " " " " stoned & oiled streets	52
Cubic yards of material used on potholes	150
Number of street signs erected	2
" manholes repaired	5
" " constructed	2
" " installed	2

4. Snow Removal

Snow plowed, miles of street	833
Salted " "	4,149
Number of bags of Salt used	16,845

4a. Snow & Ice Control

Salting Streets - Labour	\$ 5,225.97
" " Salt (16,845 bags)	16,845.00
" Sidewalks	257.26
Plowing streets	3,501.00
" sidewalks	319.83
Clearing city properties	394.34
" catchpits & crosswalks	3,594.00
Removing snow	138.11
Sanding streets & filling sandboxes	191.28
Making sandboxes	160.20
Miscellaneous	502.38
	\$ 31,129.37

5. Garbage and Refuse

1,560 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 374 tons were burned, together with 2,250 tons of privately collected materials. The total amount processed - 2,624 tons with incinerator in operation 372 hours. Waste paper collected 112 tons, 158 hours. Number of Christmas trees picked up - 27,009.

6. Prefab Housing

Houses completely paid	470
Current accounts	342
Original number of houses	812

Current Accounts

5% interest rate	100
6% " "	242
	342

Mortgages Receivable, December 31, 1958	\$ 693,450.32
" " January 31, 1959	687,117.42

Amount reduced during the month \$ 6,332.90

Bank Balance, January 31, 1959	\$ 20,432.80
" " December 31, 1958	11,096.27
" " increased during the month	\$ 9,336.53

Emergency Shelter Capital Balance	\$ 213,562.05
Charged to Prefab Surplus - 1958	100,000.00

Balance unliquidated, January 31, 1959 \$ 113,562.05

85 accounts totalling \$15,598.23 two or more months in arrears.

7. Claims Settled.

G. W. Valcoff	- Fence - Bayers Rd. & Pennington Ave.	\$ 6.00
W. Withrow & I. MacDonald	- Police Vehicle	32.50

8. Sewers - Progress Report No. 8, 1958

New Work - Schedule "C" - Capital

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Feet Laid</u>			<u>Completed</u>
			<u>This</u>	<u>Prev.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Ladies College Sewer Extension	10" Transite	Nov. 28/58	-	-	-	60%
<u>Sewer Rehabilitation - Schedule "D" - Capital</u>						
Mumford Rd.	30", 36" 42" Conc.	Oct. 1/58	204	770	974	90%
C.N.R. Chabucto to McCulloughs	48" Conc.	Dec. 1/58	80	265	345	15%
Chisholm Ave. & Micmac Street	60", 66" Armo.	Dec. 17/58	324	80	404	30%

9. Basinview Home - Progress to January 31, 1959

The Works Department has completed weatherproofing the windows and providing shelves in various rooms for clothing. Plastering repairs have also been completed and the painting - which was started on 20th January, was seventy-five percent completed in the main building, top floor. In addition, the kitchen was about fifty percent completed, as well as the staff and patients' dining room.

The sprinkler system being installed by the Automatic Sprinkler Company was completed in the main building on 22nd January and they anticipate they will complete the whole installation of the main building and the stucco section by 6th February.

The staff house is now being worked on and all of the inside partitions have been installed. Changes required in the bathrooms are about fifty percent completed and the wiring is about ninety percent completed. The wiring in the main building has been completely gone over and checked. The only thing left to be done on this is putting the exit lights all on one switch which work has been awaiting some supplies.

10. Thanks to City Council

Canadian Red Cross - Homemakers Service \$ 2,000.00.

11. Fairview Overpass - Progress to January 31, 1959

Clearing	93%
Grubbing	82%
Common Excavation	94%
Solid Rock	95%
Borrow	92%
Foundation Excavation Common	68%
Foundation Excavation Solid Rock	90%
Laying concrete pipe 12"	67%
Laying concrete pipe 15"	90%
Laying concrete pipe 18"	90%
Laying concrete pipe 24"	90%
Laying concrete pipe 48"	87%
Concrete Class "A"	80%
Reinforcing Steel	97%
Concrete in Bridge	99%
Foundation Exc. for Bridge Common	98%
Foundation Exc. for Bridge Solid Rock	98%
Rip Rap Loose Laid	95%
Rip Rap Hand Laid	46%
Removal of Existing Pavement	99%
Surfacing Class "A"	75%
Laying 48" Pipe under C. N. R. Tracks	99%
Base Course	90%
Trench Excavation Common	91%
Trench Excavation Solid Rock	99%
Structural Steel	99%
Removal of Curb & Gutter	33%
Manholes including frames and covers	75%
Paving	19%
Fine Grading	1%
Concrete Pavement (Removal)	30%
Catch Basins including frames and covers	70%
Pre-stressed beams	100%
Pipe Rail	50%
Sidewalk	4%
Curb & Gutter	2%

12. Children's Hospital - Bank Advance

There will be a report every quarter indicating the progress of the Children's Hospital in paying off the bank advance guaranteed by the Province, the City and others. The Minister of Health advises that the total guarantee is likely

to be much less than the \$450,000.00 originally estimated. As of January 26, 1959 the amount was \$285,836.00, but all outstanding bills for November and December had not been paid.

13. Incinerator Construction - Status to January 15, 1959

Footings  
Foundation Walls  
Chimney base  
Forms

60% completed  
none  
complete  
Grade Beams #1 line  
started.

*Robert B. ...*  
City Manager.

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light duty. It is felt due to our chronic shortage in man-power, at the moment it has been suspended from a Departmental point-of-view in order to conserve police man-hours."

Alderman Trainor stated that perhaps the Chief would reconsider the matter and allow the personnel to enjoy playing hockey and enjoy competing against the firemen. He said there are accidents in every sport.

Chief of Police Mitchell: "We have given this serious consideration and my order to that effect stands until so directed otherwise by Committee or Council.

Alderman Trainor requested that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next Safety Committee for discussion.

#### INSURANCE ON BRIDGE ✓

Alderman Wyman: "There was a question asked at the Finance and Executive Committee and the Alderman who asked it suggested that I might give the answer during the question period. It has to do with insurance on the Bridge. He mentioned that in the Annual Report he noticed that the bridge was insured against destruction in the amount of \$7,500,000.00. He wondered what kind of premium had to be paid on that.

"The Bridge is insured in that amount; 80% co-insurance at a premium of  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  for 3 years. The policy includes a clause providing for the cost of removing the debris which has a small premium attached making a total premium for 3 years of approximately \$37,000.00."

#### SALARY SCALES - POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS —

Deferred.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR JANUARY ✓

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

FILED.

Meeting adjourned.

11:15 P. M.



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C. A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. W. Stoddard,  
City Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 18, 1959,  
8.00 P.M.

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

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

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

Also present were Messrs. A.A. BeBard, Jr., T.C. Doyle, R.H. Stoddard, L.M. Romkey, J.L. Leitch, J.F. Thomson, G.F. West, V.W. Mitchell, F.C. MacGillivray and Dr. A.R. Merton.

The meeting was called specially to consider the 1959 Budget.

8:05 P.M. Council convened as a Committee of the Whole.

11:15 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

RESOLUTION RE: GRANTS - LEGISLATION

WHEREAS by subsection (7) of Section 310 of the Halifax City Charter, as that subsection is enacted by Section 14 of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1953, the Council is authorized to include in the annual estimates of expenditures of the City a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

AND WHEREAS said subsection (7) of Section 310 further provides that such sum shall not be so included until the Council has passed a resolution to submit to the session of the General Assembly next to be held following the passing of such resolution a Bill authorizing the City to expend such sum for the purpose or purposes set out in the said resolution.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council submit to the session of the General Assembly next to be held following the passing of this resolution a Bill granting to the City authority to expend the sums set out in Schedule "A" to this resolution for the respective purposes therein set out.

SCHEDULE "A"

To pay as a grant to the Family Service Bureau  
of Halifax the sum of .....\$1,000.00

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To pay as a grant to the Salvation Army (Red Shield Campaign) the sum of.....	\$2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Cancer Society the sum of.....	\$1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal the sum of.....	\$12,650.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Red Cross (Nova Scotia Division) the sum of.....	\$2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the St. John Ambulance Association the sum of.....	\$ 750.00
To pay as a grant to the Board of the Maritime Museum (Citadel Hill) the sum of.....	\$3,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Maritime School for Social Work the sum of.....	\$ 500.00
To pay as a grant to the John Howard Society the sum of.....	\$1,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Springhill Disaster Fund the sum of.....	\$5,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Board of the Army Museum (Citadel Hill) the sum of.....	\$3,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Symphony Society the sum of.....	\$2,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Maritime Division) the sum of.....	\$ 500.00
To pay as a grant to the Nova Scotia Talent Trust the sum of.....	\$ 500.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers the sum of.....	\$1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Musical Festival the sum of.....	\$ 750.00
To pay as a grant to the Walter Callow Wheelchair Coach Fund the sum of.....	\$ 500.00
To pay as a grant to the Maritime Conservatory of Music the sum of.....	\$5,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Institute of Public Affairs of Dalhousie University the sum of.....	\$1,000.00
	<u>TOTAL</u> \$45,150.00

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the  
Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 11:20 P.M.

LIST OF HEADLINES

Resolution Re: Grant 1959 Legislation

R.H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

C.A. VAUGHAN  
MAYOR & CHAIRMAN.

SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 25, 1959,  
4:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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

4:02 P.M. Council convened as a Committee of the Whole.

11:32 P.M. Council reconvened the following members being present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

The Committee of the Whole reported progress in considering the Budget and would meet again on February 26, 1959.

Meeting adjourned.

11:30 P. M.

C.A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26, 1959

--- A G E N D A ---

Prayer.

1. Public Hearing Rezoning 956 Robie Street R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone
2. Rezoning Deferred from December 3, 1958.
3. Modification Sideyard - 4 Edgewood Avenue . (Recommended)
4.       "               "       - 87 Lady Hammond Road. (Recommended)
5. Fire Protection Rate.
6. Incinerator Construction Progress Payment #3.
7. 41-49 Union Street - Proposed Sidewalk.
8. Property Acquisitions - Redevelopment Area.
9. Surety Bond - Tenders - Mulgrave Park Housing Project.
10. Expropriation - 22 Duffus Street.
11. Progress Estimate #3 - Material & Equipment for Incinerator.
12. Progress Estimate #4 -- Consulting Engineers - Incinerator.
13. Maitland Street Parking Lot - Agreement.
14. 1959 Budget.
15. Legislation.

SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 26, 1959,  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING REZONING 956 ROBIE STREET R-2 ZONE TO R-3 ZONE ✓

A Public Hearing was held at this time in connection with an application to rezone the property 956 Robie Street from R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been duly advertised and that no written objections had been received.

His Worship the Mayor asked if any person wished to appear against the application.

A solicitor for the applicant appeared in favor of the rezoning and asked that the recommendations of the Town Planning Board be approved and that the rezoning not be opposed.

Alderman Trainor: "What was the recommendation of the Town Planning Board."

City Manager: "The Town Planning Engineer was in favor and the Town Planning Board was in favor."

Alderman Dunlop: "I would move that this be deferred until we have a report from the Town Planning Board as to the parking requirements."

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that this matter be deferred. Motion passed.

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REZONING DEFERRED FROM DECEMBER 3, 1958

AREA "A" ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land on the northern side of Morris Street and the eastern side of Brenton Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone)

His Worship the Mayor: "This matter was referred from City Council to the Town Planning Board for study and consideration and the matter was considered in the Town Planning Board and it was decided to defer the matter due to the fact that the whole Spring Garden Road Area was to be considered by the Redevelopment Committee. These citizens are here this evening wishing to be heard."

Alderman Lloyd: "What is the recommendation?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The Town Planning Board decided to defer a review of the matter pending a report from the Redevelopment Committee on the whole area."

Alderman Lloyd stated that they really asked for the deferment to give everyone an ample opportunity to be made aware of these proposals.

Alderman Abbott: "I think we should hear the people tonight and then defer any action."

His Worship the Mayor: "Any person wishing to be heard against the proposed rezoning?"

Mr. Don Schelaw appeared and stated that a few months ago he purchased a piece of land located on Dresden Row opposite the corner of Clyde Street and Dresden Row. This was purchased in 1955 purely for commercial purposes and it was zoned commercial. We hoped to expand sometime in the near future at that site. Our lease on the Morris Street plant could give us difficulty and we could be in a position in a year where we might be forced to vacate our Morris Street Plant and this could make a great hardship on us. We respectfully request that Council give this matter whatever understanding and consideration it possibly can."

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Alderman Dunlop: "Who requested the rezonings?"

His Worship the Mayor: "All these ones tonight arise from the recommendation of the Stephenson Report."

Alderman Wyman: "I wanted to ask if the Stephenson Report recommended the extension of Clyde Street."

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that this matter be deferred until the Redevelopment Committee has had a chance to bring in a recommendation on that matter.

Alderman Lloyds: "I think what you do in a general area determines what you do in the individual blocks as well."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should resolve this matter tonight as it has been on the agenda for three months. I think it is most unfair to take a property that is zoned commercial and convert it into a residential property because it depreciates it and cuts the value. If for the good of the City it is decided that business shouldn't go there, we should compensate him for his loss."

Alderman Butler: "I do think that this extension of Clyde Street has a general bearing on the general layout of the Area but at the same time it seems to me we are in a predominantly commercial area. We heard the case presented by the owner of the land and I say that in a case such as this, it just does not seem to me to be fair to reduce a man's property that is Commercial and put it down to R-3 without compensating him. Even if we as a Public body do this for the good of the community, I can't understand why we shouldn't have to compensate the individual."

His Worship the Mayor: "We are going to rezone the property on the basis of individual return to the individual owner apparently and not on the basis of the good of the community."

Alderman Butler: "I think at the time this land was purchased, it was purchased on the basis of it being a commercially zoned area. I do think this land now is definitely worth more money to the man than it will be if it is



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rezoned to R-3. I think the intention of the man was that the land was going to be used for a commercial purpose. A dry-cleaning plant in my opinion is not an obnoxious thing in a residential area or a commercial area and whether the street goes through or not, I still think we should consider seriously if we should rezone this or not.

Alderman Lane: "Deferment tonight means another extension of time where this man, in particular, who has spoken, or any others who have development plans are unable to go ahead with the property they own. He bought it in good faith, but if he should decide to go ahead with his development immediately, would his building permit be held up?"

Commissioner of Works: "Legally it cannot be held up."

Alderman Trainor: "If the motion to defer is lost this evening then we have to consider the property. I will go along with Alderman Lane, Dunlop and Butler that we shouldn't do the same thing with block B, D and E."

Alderman DeWolf: "Is there any objections from the Town Planning Board in combining commercial and residential together?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Commercial of certain types, there is no objections."

Alderman Greenwood: "I would like to see Mr. Schelew's zoning maintained and I would also like to see the plans of the Redevelopment Committee furthered and my reason for supporting deferment would be to let the Redevelopment Committee have a second look at this and bring it back to Town Planning and perhaps we can compromise and protect the interests of this property and also carry out the thoughts of Professor Stephenson."

Alderman Lane: "The suggestion of Alderman DeWolf, that a rather different type, a compromise between commercial and residential, may mean probably ground level commercial with residential above, is that unheard of in recent development."

His Worship the Mayor: "We are getting away from it."

Alderman Lane: "I am really not sold on deferment but I think a second look at this may be for the benefit and for that reason I am going to vote for deferment -- I would like to see this settled once and for all."

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Alderman Lloyd: "I think deferment gives us the opportunity to hear the other views and the same time sending it back to the Redevelopment Committee takes care of those obvious cases where some slight change in the proposal before us would accommodate people who have held commercial property and which is no real objection to continue in that capacity."

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

FOR THE MOTION: Aldermen Abbott, Lane, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, O'Brien and Greenwood - 7 -

AGAINST IT: Aldermen Dunlop, Butler, Fox, Trainor, Connolly and DeWolf - 6 -

Alderman Lloyd: "Some discussion took place about extending Clyde Street. It wasn't on the agenda tonight."

His Worship the Mayor: "No."

Alderman Lloyd: "Mention was made of it and there had been some residents on Brenton Street quite disturbed every time this comes up and I would like merely for the record to say that the question is not before us tonight."

His Worship the Mayor stated that it would require a Public Hearing.

AREA "D" ✓

The rezoning of that lot of land bounded by Morris Street, Dresden Row, Clyde Street and Birmingham Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

Mr. West submitted a plan of the area to be rezoned and outlined the proposal for the information of the members of Council.

Alderman Butler: "With the recommendation of Professor Stephenson in the commercial areas outlined in red, will you be able to erect stores with living quarters above, and if you can, will regulations be the same as they are now, or would residential accommodations be excluded completely from those areas or have we decided that yet?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We haven't decided that yet."

His Worship the Mayor contended that if this lot were zoned completely for 'commercial', it will not allow multiple units to be built in these areas.

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"For instance, in one of these areas we have the Alexandra School. It is a school we built 10 years ago; and if it be rezoned 'commercially' for the whole area, there would be no one there to populate the School. We were told last week by the School Board that Acadian School will close down shortly for lack of children in the area, and this is going to apply to many other schools too. We are faced with increasing classrooms elsewhere in the City and the classrooms downtown will be idle. That's not good business in my judgment."

Alderman Lloyd agreed with His Worship the Mayor, but said the purpose of this hearing was to find out how the community people feel about it.

Mr. R.L. Rooney addressed Council on behalf of 16 property owners in this block and objected to the proposed rezoning: "They have lived in the area, for the most part, from 25 to 40 years. They have witnessed a trend along Spring Garden Road, a gradual development from residential to commercial. They have seen it extending northerly towards Sackville Street and in a southerly direction towards Clyde Street. Consequently, they feel that it is inevitable that in time it is going to extend completely down to Morris Street, and they realize that their properties will be affected adversely in value."

Alderman Lloyd asked Mr. Rooney to disclose the names of the people he represented.

Mr. Rooney: "There are 16 names."

Alderman Trainor asked how many properties there were in this block.

City Assessor: "There are 34 assessed owners."

Alderman Trainor: "Of the 34, how many owners are there? How many people own more than one property there?"

City Assessor: "I will have to check that because there is multiple ownership in that block."

The City Clerk then read the names of those persons who had signed the petition.

No one appeared in favor of the rezoning.

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Alderman O'Brien: "I notice Mr. Rooney said that he was afraid that if it was rezoned to 'residential' that later on because of natural tendency there would be requests for applications for what would amount to 'spot zoning'; and if they were granted, it would result in mixed uses which wouldn't be good. I think that that prospect is the one that Professor Stephenson was trying to avoid. I suggest that if we leave it 'commercial', unless there were a demand to make it all 'commercial' in a fairly short time, that the result would be that mixed use --- that only an odd place here and there would become 'commercial' because just having it zoned 'commercial' doesn't mean that it is going to be 'commercial' right away. It is largely 'residential' at the present time; and we have, as indicated by the map that Mr. West showed us, a lot of commercially zoned property in the City, and a lot that is zoned 'commercial' is not developed commercially. We, of course, would be glad to have it developed commercially if there was a prospect of that being done in the near future, but what we are trying to avoid is the mixed uses referred to and it seems to me that in order to have some reasonable block of residential property in the south end which can be useful to the Spring Garden Road Shopping Area and fit into the total pattern of what is required in the area as a whole, that we should rezone this and have it 'residential'. On the other hand a deferment at the moment, in the light of deferment of the previous one may be in order. One block alone 'residential' there, might not make sense, but the three or four that are under consideration do make an area which with multiple dwellings in time could be a market of some value for that area."

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the matter be referred to the Redevelopment Committee. Motion passed with Alderman Dunlop wishing to be recorded against.

AREA "E" J

The rezoning of a lot of land in the block bounded by Morris, Birmingham, Clyde and Queen Streets, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone)

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Mr. R.L. Rooney, addressed the Council on behalf of 9 property owners in the block and objected to the rezoning for the same reasons given in Area D. "The only additional observation I would like to make is this, that under the Stephenson Report and its redevelopment, it is contemplated that the area immediately to the North on Clyde Street will become a parking lot. I submit on behalf of the residents in the area that that is not a very happy outlook for them and I wish to add that to the previous observation that I made with Area D. If it is going to be rezoned, then their interests should be considered."

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Rooney, why do you say it is undesirable for a parking lot yet these people are confronted with parking cars in front of their own doors all day long?"

Mr. Rooney: "I submit in answer to that that it is not a most edifying sight for a residential property owner. That's all right in a commercial zone. I think it is ideal, but in a residential area 'no'."

Alderman Lloyd: "This is another reason for us to proceed cautiously. If you are going to put a parking area on Clyde Street designed to serve Spring Garden Road and you wind up building a parking area for a new commercial development, then you are defeating your own objectives, I suggest. In other words, you are extending the use of land for commercial purposes and giving it almost an exclusive use of a parking area. It would be most desirable for Dominion Stores to want to go in there with a parking area across the street already provided for, but what is that going to do to the merchants on Spring Garden Road? You see the two things do come into conflict. I'm not saying what the answer is, but it seems to me that before you do find an answer you've got to weigh all the pros and cons on this matter and certainly we couldn't do that tonight."

Mr. E.F. Cragg appeared on behalf of the J.F. Hartz Company who own the property on the north-west corner of Morris and Queen Street. He said they bought this property, reconverted it and made a showroom out of part of it

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which is quite attractive. They, since that time, built a warehouse. "When this Company bought this property, they came in here and deliberately picked out a site that was zoned for general business. They paid a good price for the property and since then have spent a considerable sum of money in fixing it up. They are assessed for \$51,450.00 for realty tax for 1959; \$44,400.00 of which is business and \$7,050.00 is residential which is for the two apartments on the upper floor. They have a business tax of \$22,200.00. The effect of those, as I see it, is that there is a total assessment paying taxes at the business rate of approximately \$75,000.00. Should this property become residential, it is quite likely that the valuation would drop and the tax rate would drop also. From the point of view of the Hartz Company, this property is only useful for a business such as theirs. Let us say you rezone it to R-3 and the Hartz Company decided any time in the future they should sell, I think the most they could hope for would be that somebody in a similar line could continue to use the property for similar purposes, that is, for surgical and medical equipment and there aren't too many of those people around. The effect of such a rezoning on them, I suggest, would be to practically destroy the use of the premises for anyone other than a Company such as themselves. They are not particularly interested in the general rezoning of the area and any remarks I have made apply strictly to the property I am talking about. At the moment the block is zoned mainly 'general business'. There is an area to the northern part of it and fronting on Queen Street which is presently zoned R-3 and the Hartz Company are not particularly interested in the rest of the block. That is, my remarks should not be interpreted as a general opposition to any rezoning. As far as they are concerned, however, they are interested in their own block. They have a substantial investment and they have spent a lot of money and they have a lot of equipment."

His Worship the Mayor requested the Assessor to bring forward the card showing the land value of the property.

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Alderman Lloyd said that Mr. Cragg had emphasized that he was concerned only with the position of his client and if this were rezoned to 'residential' everything that was there would continue in its 'commercial' capacity. "The only time that he may lose out would be if he ever had to sell the building for some other purposes."

His Worship the Mayor: "The land value is \$10,800.00. That is a very high land value. Does the same land value go through the whole area, Mr. Thomson?"

City Assessor: "Yes."

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Thomson, how much of this property is assessed at the 'residential' rate?"

City Assessor: "I would have to get that from my Ward Book."

His Worship the Mayor: "What is your estimate?"

City Assessor: "Roughly 20%."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Abbott that this Area be referred to the Redevelopment Committee. Motion passed with Alderman Dunlop wishing to be recorded against.

Alderman Lane: "Does Professor Stephenson in his Redevelopment Survey make any reference to the treatment of problems such as are being brought to us tonight? Has he any practical solution as to what has been done in other places where you are having the problems of an existing business, for example and the devaluation of their investment?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No, there is no reference to that."

Alderman Lane: "He has no practical solution to those problems?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No."

Alderman O'Brien: "That wasn't part of his assignment."

Alderman Lloyd: "It may not be good planning, but it is conceivable that the Redevelopment Committee might find that like in the case of the Hartz property it might be wise to zone that 'Commercial' in order to overcome the objection if they should resell it. That would be to my mind a reasonable compromise if everybody is satisfied."

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Alderman Dunlop suggested the Historic Sites Committee examine some of the old homes on Clyde Street and have them preserved for historical purposes.

AREA "K"V

The rezoning of a lot of land being on the western side of Maynard Street between Charles Street and North Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

Mr. Bruce Nickerson appeared before the Council on behalf of a Mr. Cuvelier, owner and occupier of 204 Maynard Street, and said that Mr. Cuvelier didn't want it made residential because any change would depreciate his property from the point of view of future sale of the property. He said he felt that there was no future for this particular area for restricted residential purposes.

No one appeared in favor of the rezoning.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be referred to the Redevelopment Committee.

Alderman Trainor wished the area examined by the Redevelopment Committee because there is lots of development along Creighton Street on the Eastern half of the block between Charles and Gerrish Streets in the form of a Limited Housing Company being set up for the Negro population. This is not a City project. As he understood it, it is a private project by the colored people of that area.

His Worship the Mayor: "Very good."

Alderman Trainor: "It has been indicated to me, personally, that there are plans to put a housing development in there and if a housing development goes in there, I think that goes hand in hand with the Redevelopment Committee, and that they possibly would make representations to the Redevelopment Committee at a future meeting."

Alderman Lloyd: "There is another reason for this. Representations have been made stressing the commercial effect of future development. Now there is a difference between this and a substantial commercial structure. I think there is a reason for the Committee to examine the kind of structures which are there now and perhaps the reasoning may fail before the Redevelopment Committee and before this Council and it may be argued that the site



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and conditions of the building are such that if they were forced to sell the loss would not be so substantial perhaps as is represented. There are two ways of looking at it."

His Worship the Mayor: "That piece of land could be developed to the benefit of the owner for multiple housing."

Alderman Lloyd: "That is what I think the Committee has to assess."

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that this matter be deferred until the Redevelopment Committee has an opportunity to look at that whole area.

Alderman O'Brien: "I would like to suggest further that if a proposal that Alderman Trainor referred to is to be proceeded with, it would be helped rather than hindered by rezoning to residential in the area and that one of the purposes for getting some of this rezoning done, according to the plan, is to make the plan appropriate so that private development of an appropriate nature will take place and I am not so sure there is need to defer this one as it is not in quite the same category as the one in the South end. I would think that if we were to rezone it, it would be helpful as the Town Planning Board has already given it consideration and is now up to Council for the second time."

His Worship the Mayor: "You are stating exactly the same reasons as Alderman Trainor. I am just wondering whether this alone would stand or shouldn't it be considered as in a total. Alderman Trainor is not objecting to the rezoning."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think that this hearing and the one we had before, are bringing out the refinements that we have to consider and the elements that were perhaps not too readily observed by Professor Stephenson and I am looking frankly for areas of compromise in this and make some gain."

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

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AREA 1P ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land being on the western side of Creighton Street between Gerrish and Charles Streets, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

His Worship the Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard against the rezoning.

No person appeared for or against the rezoning from R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone.

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

AREA 1U ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land being in the block bounded by Gerrish Street, Creighton Street, Charles Street and Gottingen Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

His Worship the Mayor: "It is presently zoned 'commercial' and it goes to R-3 but the predominant use of it is residential."

His Worship the Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard against the rezoning.

No person appeared for or against the rezoning.

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

AREA 1L ✓ ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land in the block bounded by Falkland Street, Bauer Street, Cornwallis Street and Maynard Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

His Worship the Mayor: "On this proposal, I think the same consideration might be given to this as we have talked about in the earlier ones. I am just speaking for Council's consideration that we send it back to the Redevelopment Committee for study as it might well remain in its present use as Commercial without any change."

His Worship the Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard against the rezoning.

Mr. D.A. Kerr appeared on behalf of Bernard O'Neil who lives on 94 Cornwallis Street and owns it and also owns 92 Cornwallis Street. I think I am in the wrong block at the moment however. Mr. O'Neil did give me a

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petition signed by 49 people some of whom do live in this block. These people do make a point that this street is a main thoroughfare running through from the Commons down through Gottingen Street and then through the dockyard. It is a very busy street and that right throughout the whole length of Cornwallis Street and Gottingen Street west it is spotted with commercial developments. They feel that the natural expansion of Gottingen Street will be west on Cornwallis Street. I think the main thing is that this doesn't lend itself to a residential development. I can't imagine anyone going into Cornwallis Street between Gottingen and North Park and putting up an apartment because of the nature of the surrounding areas and I would suggest that the property not be rezoned."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think you might bear in mind what Council has already indicated with reference to this area that a compromise can probably be worked out to try and suit the best wishes of the people in the area."

Mr. Bernard a property owner from this block stated that if it were rezoned it would lower the value of his property.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the present zoning be adhered to. Motion passed.

Alderman Ferguson: "I think the property owners in this area along Cornwallis Street are very much against it being rezoned as they want to hold it as commercial and I do agree as I certainly think it is a commercial thoroughfare and I can't see it being developed in any other way."

AREAS ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land in the block bounded by Falkland Street, Maynard Street, Cornwallis Street, and Creighton Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

No persons appeared for or against the proposed rezoning.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the present zoning be adhered to. Motion passed.

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AREA 'N' ✓

The rezoning of lots of land in the block bounded by Cornwallis Street, Maynard Street, Cunard Street and Creighton Street, from G-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

No persons appeared for or against the proposed rezoning.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the present zoning be adhered to.

Alderman O'Brien: "This maybe right in light of the present uses of Cunard and Cornwallis Streets but it does leave us with a problem if you look at the map with the present zoning, where a rather small block is residential and not joined up with anything, even in the future plans. I would think that further study of that particular block might be in order and I would prefer to move that it be referred to the Redevelopment Committee for further study, because even if we adopt the Stephenson proposal the residential area only seems one block wide and this will break it into pieces."

His Worship the Mayor: "It leaves a five block area with the exception of those two narrow pieces on Cornwallis Street."

Alderman O'Brien: "If we go ahead and agree that the two ends of this block should stay commercial, it may be that in the interest of good zoning that the whole block should be commercial, because it leaves such a small patch of residential."

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

AREA 'O' ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land being in the block bounded by Cunard Street, Maynard Street, Georgian Street and Creighton Street, from P Zone (Park and Institutional Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone)

No persons appeared for or against the proposed rezoning.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that this Area remain as at present. Motion passed.

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AREA "A-1"

The rezoning of certain lots of land in the block bounded by Cornwallis Street, Maitland Street, Gerrish Street and Brunswick Street, from P Zone (Park and Institutional Zone) and C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

His Worship the Mayor: "Professor Stephenson's recommendation is to make it all R-3 because in an R-3 Zone you are permitted to have schools and Institutions of this type and make one zoning of it."

Alderman Wyman: "This is something in between where judgment is required. I am not going to oppose this being rezoned to R-3 because the Commercial property that is there is rather an old building and I would think that it is not like the Hartz Building which obviously has a much longer life. The need to make a spot rezoning is not as important so long as they remain and occupy the premises for commercial purposes under its present conditions, they can still enjoy commercial use. You get these cases in between and I would think that the overall public advantage to have this all R-3 is quite obvious."

His Worship the Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard for or against the proposed rezoning.

No person appeared for or against the rezoning.

Alderman Wyman: "Isn't this tied in with B-1 and E-1?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Not in the truest sense, Professor Stephenson in all these areas down town has removed Park and Institutional zoning."

Alderman Wyman: "I am thinking of Commercial property. If we change this one and do not change the others we will be taking one block on Gerrish Street and making it Residential while all the rest of Gerrish Street will be Commercial so that I think the matter ties in with what we do in the Commercial zone involved in B-1 and E-1 and the one thing I would be concerned about would be to be sure that what is done in the three cases will be consistent. Is it possible in a case of this kind to defer action on A-1 and then action on B-1 and then take the action on all three?"

His Worship the Mayor: "There is nothing to stop you. You can defer it."

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Alderman Wyman suggested that decision on A-1 be deferred until B-1 and E-1 have been considered.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he would defer the vote until representations are heard on B-1.

AREA "B-1" ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land being at the northwestern corner of Gerrish Street and Brunswick Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

No persons appeared for or against the rezoning.

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

AREA "A-1" CONCLUSION ✓

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the rezoning be approved. Motion passed.

AREA "E-1" ✓

The Rezoning of a certain lot of land being in the block bounded by Brunswick Street, Gerrish Street, Barrington Street, and Cornwallis Street., from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

Mr. West described the plan to Council .

His Worship the Mayor asked if any person wished to be heard against the rezoning.

A property owner appeared on behalf of his property and said the rezoning would depreciate the value of his property and wished it to remain commercial.

Alderman Lloyd spoke on behalf of Mrs. Varner and Mrs. Yetman who could not be present but opposed the rezoning.

At the suggestion of Alderman Trainor this item was deferred until those objecting to F-1 had been heard.

AREA "F-1" ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land in the block bounded by Gerrish Street, Brunswick Street, Artz Street and Barrington Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone)

No person appeared for or against the rezoning.

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

AREA "E-1" CONCLUSION ✓

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

AREA "G-1" ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land bounded by Artz Street, Brunswick Street, a proposed diagonal street; and Barrington Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

No person appeared for or against the rezoning.

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

AREA "D-1" ✓

The rezoning of a lot of land being on the southeastern corner of Brunswick Street and Cornwallis Street, from C-2 Zone (General Business Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone).

No person appeared for or against the rezoning.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the rezoning be approved. Motion passed.

MODIFICATION SIDEYARDS - 4 EDGEWOOD AVENUE ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: February 17th, 1959.

Subject: #4 Edgewood Avenue (Modification of Sideyard) To convert from single family duplex.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of a modification of sideyard at #4 Edgewood Avenue - to convert from single family to a duplex.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that the request for sideyard modification be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

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MODIFICATION SIDEYARD - 87 LADY HAMMOND ROAD ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: February 17th, 1959.  
Subject: #87 Lady Hammond Road (Modification of sideyard) to convert from single family to duplex.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of a modification of sideyard at #87 Lady Hammond Road -- to convert from single family to a duplex.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that the request for sideyard modification be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

FIRE PROTECTION RATE ✓

A report was submitted from the Commissioner of Works recommending that the Fire Protection Rate for the year 1959 be set at Ten Cents (\$.10) per \$100.00 of assessment.

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

INCINERATOR - CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PAYMENT #3 ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 17th, 1959.  
Subject: Progress Estimate #3 (Construction of Incinerator).

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached Certificate recommending Progress Payment #3, for the construction of the New Incinerator.

On Motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimate #3 of \$20,333.70, to Foundation Maritime Limited, on account of their Contract for the construction of the New Incinerator.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.



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

41-49 UNION STREET - PROPOSED SIDEWALKS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 17th, 1959.  
Subject: #41-49 Union Street (Proposed Sidewalk).

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered reports from the City Engineer recommending in favor of a proposed completion of the sidewalk area in front of properties #41-49 Union Street.

On Motion of Alderman Traiher, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Committee approved the reports and recommended to City Council that the necessary Legislation be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of Committee on Works.  
From: A.C. Harris, City Engineer.  
Date: February 16th, 1959.  
Subject: #41-49 Union Street (Proposed Sidewalk).

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 20th, 1959, a report was submitted for the proposed completion of the sidewalk area in front of properties Nos. 41 to 49 Union Street.

The Committee considered the report and requested that copies be sent to the property owners concerned. This was done along with a questionnaire if in favor or not.

Replies have been received and 5 are agreed to our proposed treatment and 1 against.

It is therefore recommended that the report dated January 15th, 1959, be approved and the necessary Legislation obtained.

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

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Board of Works.  
From: A.C. Harris, City Engineer.  
Date: January 15, 1959.  
Subject: Unimproved Sidewalk Area - #41-49 Union Street.

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In 1958, concrete sidewalk was completed on the east side of Union Street from Young Street to Richmond Street with the exception of a section from #41 to #49 inclusive. This is the only portion of the street from Young Street to Richmond Street where Capital Improvements have not been finalized. Curb and gutter and sidewalk were installed several years ago on the west side, and were completed on the east side with exception of the above in 1957 and 1958. Paving was carried out in 1958.

The sidewalk was not installed in the above mentioned area so that we would not prevent a number of residents from having reasonable vehicular access to their properties due to the fact that the buildings and properties are much lower than the roadway. The building of sidewalks at the usual grade in front of the houses would also emphasize the low elevations of the houses, placing them in a greater depression, as far as appearance and access are concerned. The properties most affected are #41, #43 and #45. The residents of these houses are at present, and have been for a number of years, using a sideway parallel to the street in the sidewalk area to drive to their premises. The sideway entrance and exit is at #41. This sideway is a practical necessity, but driving along it amounts to driving along the sidewalk which is not allowed. In the case of #47 "A", #47 "B" and #49, fill would be needed to provide access for cars, and in this latter case, off street parking could only be reasonably possible in front of the buildings, so sharply does the grade drop behind the houses.

It is proposed to place fill and install a regular sidewalk in front of #47 "A", #47 "B" and #49, connecting with the existing sidewalk north of #49. We suggest asphalt surfacing of the existing sideway at approximately existing grades in front of #41, #43 and #45. This latter surfacing would require legislation to allow driving along the sidewalk area, so that the City would not be held responsible for any situations arising from the vehicular use of the sidewalk area. If, at present, any surfacing by the City were done, it would amount to encouraging an illegal, though, in this case, necessary practice. Due to the difference in grade between the proposed sidewalk and proposed sideway surface, a set of steps in front of #47 "A" will be necessary. These steps might pose the problem, perhaps, of who would be responsible for clearance of snow and ice in the Winter time. An outline of the proposal will be found on the sketch on the reverse side.

An estimate of cost is as follows:

1. Fill (Excess material from Streets Program)	\$100.00
2. Concrete sidewalk and sod (160')	800.00
3. Asphalt sideway and sod (205' x 13' av.)	750.00
4. Set of steps with railings	100.00
	<u>\$1,750.00</u>

It is suggested that all abutters pay the assessment for sidewalk and sod (\$4.25 lin.ft.). This would provide to the City a total amount for the 365 ft. frontage of about \$1550.00, leaving an estimated \$200.00 to be borne by general revenue. This is perhaps the most satisfactory financial arrangement for all concerned.

Alfred R. Howard,  
per A.C. Harris,  
City Engineer.

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

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Alderman Wyman: "I think this is a very good solution but the thing that has concerned me is that it is a strange thing to get into. Have we now in the Building Inspector's Department mechanics that will prevent things of this sort happening again where a whole group of houses are built way below the street level? Does the issuance of a permit require that they shall build their house according to the grade line?"

Mr. West: "Actually there is a little more to it than that. The use of any grade we give a person is their responsibility but when we issue a grade sheet we are protected by that particular grade."

The motion was put and passed.

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS - REDEVELOPMENT AREA ✓

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

The Redevelopment Committee at meetings held on February 13 and 20, 1959 approved of the following property acquisitions:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
197-201 Market Street	\$50,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$52,500.00
Vacant Lot Market Street	2,500.00	125.00	2,625.00
3-5 Cunard Court	7,700.00	385.00	8,085.00
	<u>\$60,200.00</u>	<u>\$3,010.00</u>	<u>\$63,210.00</u>
36 Starr Street	2,800.00	140.00	2,940.00
38 Starr Street	2,700.00	135.00	2,835.00
	<u>\$5,500.00</u>	<u>\$275.00</u>	<u>\$5,775.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

SURETY BOND - TENDERS - MULGRAVE PARK HOUSING PROJECT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on February 13, 1959 - a letter was submitted from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation requesting the City's concurrence in accepting Surety Bonds in lieu of the usual

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cash Security Deposits on tenders in connection with the Mulgrave Park Housing Project.

Your Committee recommends that the request be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

EXPROPRIATION - 22 DUFFUS STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Town Planning Board.  
Date: February 17th, 1959,  
Subject: Expropriation - Mulgrave Park (Castel Property)

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Solicitor informing the Committee that for the purpose of completing the Mulgrave Park Housing Project, it would be necessary to expropriate the Castel Property.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Board recommended to City Council that the necessary legal procedure be carried out to expropriate this property and that the City pay into Court the assessed value plus 5% as compensation.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

City Solicitor: "Ordinarily when we expropriate a property it just goes through the Board of Works and then to Council. We hope to change our procedure altogether. Council now has to give notice of its intention to expropriate and must mail a notice out to the persons concerned. It must be advertised by notice in one daily newspaper by two insertions one each week and a date for a hearing is set and that advertisement must be 14 days prior to the hearing."

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the City Council declare its intention to expropriate the Castel property on the south side of Duffus Street and that March 26, 1959 be set as the date for a public hearing into this matter. Motion passed.

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PROGRESS ESTIMATE #3 - MATERIAL & EQUIPMENT FOR INCINERATOR ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 17th, 1959.  
Subject: Progress Estimate #3 (Material and Equipment for Incinerator)

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached Certificate recommending Progress Payment #3 for the supplying of the material and equipment for the New Incinerator.

On Motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimate #3 of \$18,000.00, to Francis Hankin and Company Limited, on account of their Contract for supplying material and equipment for the New Incinerator.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

PROGRESS ESTIMATE #4 - CONSULTING ENGINEERS - INCINERATOR ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
From: Committee on Works.  
Date: February 17th, 1959.  
Subject: Progress Estimate #4 (Consulting Engineers - Incinerator)

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered the attached Certificate recommending Progress Payment #4 for the Consulting Engineers for the New Incinerator.

On Motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimate #4 of \$6,786.16, to Messrs. Metcalf and Eddy, on account of their Contract as consulting engineers for the New Incinerator.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

MAITLAND STREET PARKING LOT - AGREEMENT ✓

City Manager: "That shouldn't be on as C.M.H.C. asked that we not bring it here."

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Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox, that this matter be deferred. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S SALARY - LEGISLATION ✓

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the sum of \$1,250.00 be added to the salary schedule for an increase in the Mayor's salary to bring it to \$10,000.00 as of July 1, 1959 and that the necessary legislation be secured. Motion passed.

Mr. G.B. Robertson requested a hearing on behalf of the Fire Alarm Telegraph employees for an increase in their rate of pay.

Some of the members of Council were not agreeable to Mr. Robertson speaking at this time.

10:10 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

11:45 p.m. Council reconvened reported progress and adjourned until February 28th at 10:00 a.m.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

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ADJOURNED MEETING

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
February 28, 1959,  
10:00 A. M.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Butler, Connolly, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, O'Brien, 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, G.F. West, W.J. Clancey, A. P. Flynn, V.W. Mitchell, A.R. Barry and Dr. A. R. Morton.

10:15 A. M. Council convened as a Committee of the Whole.

11:10 A. M. Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Butler, Connolly, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Trainor, O'Brien and Greenwood.

11:15 A. M. Council adjourned for a short recess.

11:40 A. M. Council reconvened, the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Butler, Connolly, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Trainor, O'Brien and Greenwood.

11:42 A. M. Council convened as a Committee of the Whole to finalize the 1959 Budget.

12:00 noon Council reconvened the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Butler, Connolly, Fox, Ferguson, Lloyd, Wyman, Trainor, O'Brien and Greenwood.

RESOLUTION RE: TAX RATE ✓

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Council be approved viz: that the estimates for the Civic Year 1959 be set at a total amount of

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\$13,279,343.63, that the Residential Tax Rate be determined at \$1.95 per \$100.00 of assessment; and that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to withdraw from the Current Surplus Account the sum of \$306,270.51 to produce a Business Tax Rate of \$4.75 per \$100.00 of assessment. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION - RE: SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES ✓

RESOLVED that the estimates as submitted by the Board of School Commissioners for the Civic Year 1959 amounting to \$4,609,264.29 be increased as follows:

SALARIES	\$165,561.45
CONCILIATION COMMISSION	1,500.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the estimates as so amended be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners for its information.

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

SCHOOL REBATE - \$2,000.00 ✓

The Commissioner of Finance requested the sum of \$2,000.00 be placed in the Budget for a School Rebate to widows.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the sum of \$2,000.00 be placed in the Estimates for 1959 for the purpose of providing a School Rebate for widows who are in receipt of not more than \$750.00 annual income. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned..

12:15 P. M.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1959

A G E N D A

Prayer.

Minutes January 15, 21 and 29, 1959.

1. Motion Alderman Lloyd Re: Appointment Special Committee to review the City's position with respect to grants under the Education Act.
2. Retirement Mr. R. Snarr - \$654.80
3. Amendments to Ordinances - 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 27, 32, 33, 36 and 43 - First Reading.
4. Tax Write-Offs - \$510.69
5. Accounts over \$500.00.
6. Cooper Expropriation - Settlement \$2886.08
7. Garson Property - North Street (Deferred in Committee)
8. City Field Union Agreement 1959 (Deferred in Committee)
9. City Hall Union Agreement (Deferred in Committee)
10. Construction of Streets - Mulgrave Park Development.
11. Town Planner - Employment.
12. Sprinklers - Hi-Rise Apartments.
13. Winter Work Program - Public Service Commission Additions.
14. Property Acquisitions Redevelopment Area.
15. Natal Day
16. Modification Sideyards 63 Edward Street (Refused)
17. Rezoning Portion Lynch Street R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone (Date for Hearing April 30, 1959.)
18. Modification Sideyards 89 South Park Street (Recommended)
19. Progress Estimate #15 Fairview Overpass.
20. Extension Water Service for Incinerator.
21. Sale Fire Escape to College of Art.
22. Electrical Service Basinview Home.
23. City Manager's Annual Leave.
24. Petition Re: Rezoning Area "E-1" West Side of Barrington Street between Cornwallis and Gerrish Streets.
25. Resolutions by Council for Mayor's Conference at North Bay, May 31 to June 3, 1959.
26. Tag Days.
27. Cost Sharing - Halifax County Vocational High School.
28. Request Library Board - \$750.00 for War Memorial.
29. Acceptance by City of Floodlights - Egg Pond.
30. Questions.

DEFERRED ITEMS

1. Forum Commission Financial Statements December 31, 1958.
2. Tax License Fees: (a) Cabs \$25.00 to \$40.00.  
(b) Drivers \$2.00 to \$5.00.
3. Rezoning 956 Robie Street. (R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone.)

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Administrative Report February 1959.
2. Fixing Business Tax Rate for 1959.

CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
March 12, 1959.  
8:00 P.M.

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

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

Those present were His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Dunlop, Lane, Rattle, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien, Greenwood and Abbott. Alderman Macdonald was ill at home.

Also present were Messrs. A.A. DeBard, Jr., Dr. A.R. Morton, L.M. Romkey, I.E. Thomson, R.H. Stoddard, W.J. Ciancay, V.W. Mitchell, G.F. West, H.K. Rantall, and Miss M.D. MacPherson.

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

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the minutes of the meetings held on January 15, 21 and 29, 1959 be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION ALDERMAN LLOYD RE: APPOINTMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CITY'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO GRANTS UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT. ✓

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that His Worship the Mayor appoint a special committee of Council to review the City's position with respect to grants under the Education Act and, that the committee report to Council before June 30, 1959 the justification for a submission to the Province of Nova Scotia supporting our claim for increased Provincial sharing of the City's education costs. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor: "I would like to examine the work-load of all the Aldermen before I make an appointment rather than make an appointment tonight. Contrary to some opinions in the City some of the Aldermen are carrying a very extensive workload and I would be happy to show any persons

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who are interested in that and by the way are not present tonight and who have not been present for most of these sessions at any time for the past year. However, I hope you will let me have a few days to make the appointments."

Alderman Lloyd: "That is perfectly agreeable to me."

RETIREMENT MR. R. SNARR - \$654.80 ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on March 5, 1959 a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that Mr. Rupert G. Snarr a former employee of the Board of School Commissioners, has requested a retirement allowance.

His accumulated service benefits (had he been a member of the Plan) would have amounted to \$873.06 as at December 31, 1958 which would give him an allowance of 75% of \$873.06 which is \$654.80 annually effective as of January 1, 1959.

Your Committee recommends that Mr. Snarr be granted the sum of \$654.80 per annum effective as of January 1, 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) R.H. STODDARD,  
City Clerk.

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

AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS ORDINANCES - 6, 7A, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 27, 32, 33, 36, 38, and 43,  
FIRST READING

His Worship the Mayor: "Amendments which are made in the Ordinances with respect to the increasing of various fees of licenses."

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on March 5, 1959 the following amendments to Ordinances 6, 7A, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 27, 32, 33, 36, 38, and 43 were approved and recommended for first reading and referred back to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE #14 ✓

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

1. Section 4 of Ordinance Number 14, respecting The Regulation of Vehicles Used for Transporting Goods for Hire, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

4. The fees payable for licenses in respect of vehicles engaged in transporting goods for hire shall be as follows:

Horse Drawn Vehicles -

1 horse.....\$10.00

2 horses or more.....15.00

Motor Vehicles of one ton or under, of payload capacity, as licensed by the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia..... 30.00

For every ton or fraction of a ton of such pay-load capacity, in excess of one such ton (but not in any case to exceed \$50.00.....10.00

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE #15 ✓

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

1. Section 5 of Ordinance Number 15, respecting the Regulations and Licensing of Bicycles is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

5. The fee for such permit and number plate shall be Two Dollars.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #17 ✓

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

1. Section 2 of Ordinance Number 17, respecting Junk Dealers, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

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2. The fee for every such license so issued or renewed shall be Two Hundred Dollars.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE #18 ✓

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

1. Section 8 of Ordinance Number 18, respecting Petty Trades, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

8. The fees payable for licenses to carry on Petty Trades shall be as follows:

For pedlar, hawker or petty chapman on foot.....	\$ 15.00
" with handcart or wheelbarrow.....	25.00
" with horse and cart or motor vehicle if licensee resides in the City.....	40.00
" for a vehicle of more than one-half ton capacity if licensee does not reside in the City.....	80.00
" for a vehicle of more than one-half ton capacity and not exceeding one ton if the licensee does not reside in the City.....	100.00
" for a vehicle of more than one ton capacity and not exceeding two tons, if licensee does not reside in the City.....	120.00
" for a vehicle of two tons capacity or over if licensee does not reside in the City.....	150.00

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #19 ✓

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

1. Section 5 of Ordinance Number 19, respecting Bill Posters and the Posting of Bills, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

5. The fees payable for every such license or renewal shall be fifty dollars. (~~\$50.00~~).

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Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE #27 ✓

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

1. Section 4 of Ordinance Number 27, respecting Dogs, is amended by striking out the words and figures "Two Dollars (\$2.00)" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the words and figures "Three Dollars (\$3.00)".

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENTS - ORDINANCE #32 ✓

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

1. Section 1 of Ordinance Number 32, respecting Canvassing for Advertisements, is amended by striking out the words "which is published or which is to be published in the City of Halifax" in the fourth and fifth lines thereof.

2. Section 2 of said Ordinance Number 32 is amended by inserting therein immediately following the word "magazine" as it appears in the fourth line thereof, the following words "or any publication by any college, school or other educational institution".

3. Section 5 of said Ordinance Number 32 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

5. The fee payable for a license under this Ordinance shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendments as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

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AMENDMENTS - ORDINANCE #33

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

1. Clause (a) of Section 5 of Ordinance Number 33, respecting the Canvassing for Subscriptions and Orders for Newspapers, Books, Magazines and other Periodicals, is amended by striking out the words and figures "Five Dollars (\$5.00)" in the fifth and sixth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words and figures "Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50)".

2. Clause (b) of Section 5 of said Ordinance Number 33, is amended by striking out the words and figures "Five Dollars (\$5.00)" in the twenty-fourth line thereof, and substituting therefor the words and figures "Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50)".

3. Clause (c) of Section 5 of said Ordinance Number 33, is amended by striking out the words and figures "Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)" in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the words and figures "Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00)".

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendments as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE #36

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

1. Section 1 of Ordinance Number 36, respecting the Regulation and Licensing of Automatic Machines, is amended by striking out the words and figures "Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)" in the third and fourth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words and figures "Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00)".

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE #43

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

1. Ordinance Number 43, for the Regulation of Pawnbrokers, is amended by inserting therein immediately following Section 14 thereof, the following Section:

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14A. The fee payable for a license to do business as a pawnbroker shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)".

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENTS ORDINANCE #6 ✓

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

1. Section 11 of Ordinance Number 6, respecting Electric Wiring and The Use of Electrical Energy, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

11. Every applicant for examination under the provisions of this Ordinance shall pay a fee of \$10.00 for such examination. In case of failure to pass, the fee for re-examination shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).

2. Subsection (2) of Section 17 of said Ordinance Number 6 is amended by striking out the words and figures "Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) and the same shall be renewable each year for an additional fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00)" in the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words and figures "Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and the same shall be renewable each year for an additional fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)".

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendments as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #7A ✓

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

1. Section 18 of Ordinance Number 7A, respecting wires, cables, conduits, ducts and pipes in the streets, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

18. The fee to be charged for such permit shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) which shall be paid at the time the application is made.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #38 ✓

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

1. Subsection (3) of Section 3 of Ordinance Number 38, respecting Blasting, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(3) The fee for such permit shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a first time and referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.



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TAX WRITE-OFFS - \$510.69 ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on March 5,  
1959 it was agreed to recommend that uncollectible tax accounts amounting to  
\$510.69 be written off under the authority of Section 283-2 of the City  
Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Abbott, 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: March 11, 1959.

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	Province of Nova Scotia..	City's share of Capital Costs re Halifax County Vocational High.	\$ 16,490.25
Stores	Harold Murch Limited	Nylon Tires & Tubes	714.41
"	Chappell & Son Limited	Batteries, Tires & Tubes	1,375.30
Works	Brown & Hall	Test Drilling - Industrial Mile	4,213.81
	Canadian National Railways	Extending crossing & Relocating flashing light and ball signals at Howe Avenue	983.78
	Imperial Oil Limited	Asphalt	1,191.42
	Wilson Equipment Limited	Tractor chains, screws & sprockets	1,493.26
	T.B. Hospital Cogswell's Photo Supplies	X-Ray Films	738.16
	Civil Defence Gastetner (Canada) Limited	Duplicator	551.05
			<u>\$ 27,751.44</u>

(Sgd.) A.A. DeBard, Jr.,  
City Manager.

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City Manager: "The account of the Halifax County Vocational High School, His Worship the Mayor, suggests that we hold that because we are presently arranging to share a cost in this building so we can pass them all except that one."

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the report be approved with the exception of the Province of Nova Scotia account for \$16,490.25. Motion passed.

COOPER EXPROPRIATION - SETTLEMENT \$2,886.08 ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee held on March 5, 1959 a report was submitted from the City Solicitor recommending that the claim of Mr. Bert Cooper against the City of Halifax for expropriation damages be settled for the amount of \$2,886.08 which is acceptable to Mr. Cooper.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation: funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

GARSON PROPERTY - NORTH STREET ✓

Deferred.

CITY FIELD - UNION AGREEMENT ✓

Deferred.

CITY HALL UNION AGREEMENT ✓

Deferred.

CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS - MULGRAVE PARK DEVELOPMENT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on March 6, 1959 it was agreed to recommend for approval the attached report from the City Manager respecting Construction of Streets - Mulgrave Park Housing Project.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

Council,  
March 12, 1959.

To: His Worship, C.A. Vaughan, and Members of the City Council.  
From: City Manager, A. A. DeBard, Jr.,  
Date: March 3, 1959.  
Subject: Construction of Streets - Mulgrave Park Development.

The Agreement on the Mulgrave Park Housing is for the City to construct certain streets in the Project on the basis of payment of the normal assessments by the Project, with the City to pay the difference, just as it does with other streets in Halifax.

Because of the nature of the Areas, these streets will not appear as the usual streets, but they will be similar to those indicated in the diagram on the reverse side of this memorandum. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation submitted six areas, referred to on Plan MP 20 and 21, which is shown on the reverse, which would be paved as streets. We have agreed that all of these are in the nature of streets, except for the one which comes in off Richmond Street, which we would recommend be designated as a parking area, rather than a street. This appears to meet with no great objection from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. In addition, there are areas along presently constituted streets, upon which sidewalks will be constructed, and there is no question on any of these.

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

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

TOWN PLANNER EMPLOYMENT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance & Executive Committee held on March 5, 1959 a report was submitted from the City Manager, respecting the securing of a Town Planner for the City of Halifax and recommending the following:

1. That the applicant be brought to Canada for an interview by advising him that the City is sending an air-flight ticket to Mr. H. Watson Jamer, Agent General for the Atlantic Provinces.
2. That he advise him that the City will start him at a salary of \$6,600.00 and that the next two steps are \$6,864.00 and \$7,128.00, each attainable after one year's satisfactory service.
3. That the salary range ends at \$7,128.00 but changes in general salary levels or re-evaluation of any position in the City organization is possible.

Your Committee concurs in these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

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SPRINKLERS IN RISE APARTMENT BUILDINGS

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on March 6, 1959 it was agreed to recommend that sprinkler systems be installed in each of the Rise Apartment Buildings in the Magazine Park Housing Project at an estimated additional cost of \$32,000.00 which would be borne by the City alone.

It was felt that the installation would be self-liquidating over a 30 year period in view of the fact that there would be a substantial reduction in insurance costs.

It was also suggested that negotiations be carried on with the other partners to the Agreement in an effort to have them share this additional cost.

Respectfully submitted,

W. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

City Manager: "I pointed out to the Redevelopment Committee that there would be a considerable saving and I wanted me to process it and find out what it would be in dollars. Before long they had a rate had not been established in this particular building and on the basis of incomplete plans and figures we have, we found that the premium for three years would be \$13,333.00; that is on the whole project that would be without sprinklers. With sprinklers the premium for three years would be \$11,666.00 so that the difference in premiums without sprinklers and with sprinklers is \$2,333.00 a saving on the insurance of those years. Since we have a 30 year term that our savings for three years would be \$1,166.00. I made this report to the Redevelopment Committee that if we do put sprinklers in, that we would get an insurance by Central Mortgage and Housing that is the difference between what they put in their reserves if there were sprinklers, and what they would have to put in if there weren't sprinklers, that is the way they operate. Whatever we pay for insurance they will put in six times as much as we put in, or the Province put in, or three times as much as the two of us put in together."

Actually what I am saying is that if we have sprinklers, that the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will give us the difference in the premium or better still, that they will pay their proportionate share because it works out the same way."

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Alderman Trainor: "Would you say that the \$13,333.00 covers the whole project?"

City Manager: "Just for the Hi-Rise project."

Alderman Trainor: "Then there is a saving of about \$9000.00 for about three years."

City Manager: "So that in about 10 or 11 years we get back the \$32,000.00."

Alderman Trainor: "We are going to have a Redevelopment meeting tomorrow. Do you want to prolong this any longer and bring it up then or do you want a decision now?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it is very important to make a decision on this as soon as possible that is if you have all the information to make a decision."

Alderman Ferguson: "I am very much in favor in respect to these two particular buildings, not for the saving in premium dollars but for the general safety notwithstanding the fact that they are reinforced concrete buildings. Getting back to the rate, I know I have done some extensive investigation in other types of apartments and we could not get a reduction enough to pay the interest on the cost of the installation so I hope they are aware this is in a residential building and not a commercial building. If Mr. Shakespeare said so, there is nobody better qualified to make the statement. I am a little surprised on that reduction."

Alderman Lane: "It was I in the Redevelopment Committee who asked for these figures and as far as I am concerned, it looks like an economically sound proposition. We have the word of our own Fire Chief that these are essential. We are the civic body involved therefore I think we have no choice; if Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation share the cost alright, but I think we still have to do it."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it is highly desirable that we do it."

Alderman Abbott: "I am in favor of sprinklers in these buildings. I think it is the right thing to do." He suggested the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation should bear some of the cost of this installation.

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

WINTER WORK PROGRAM - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADDITIONS ✓

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

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

Date: March 5, 1959.

Subject: Winter Work Program - Public Service Commission Additions.

The Public Service Commission has requested the City to ask for Provincial approval of two additional Winter Work projects.

They are Water Main extensions:

	<u>Total</u> <u>Cost.</u>	<u>Direct</u> <u>Payroll</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Assistance</u>
1. Rosedale Avenue	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,250.00
2. Columbus Street	2,480.00	1,240.00	620.00
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	\$ 11,480.00	\$ 5,740.00	\$ 2,870.00

Council approval is requested for these additions.

The Point Pleasant Park Commission have decided not to go ahead with the \$14,000.00 water extension and wish to withdraw this project.

There will be some work laying plastic pipe. This will be part of the current budget. I understand they will be applying to Council for permission to do the work with the understanding that they will apply to Council near the end of the year if they seem likely to run short of funds.

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

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

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS - REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ✓

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

The Redevelopment Committee at a meeting held on March 6, 1959, approved of the following property acquisitions:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>ASSESSED</u> <u>VALUE</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
223-5 Market Street	\$1,250.00	\$62.50	\$1,312.50
227 " "	1,250.00	62.50	1,312.50
229 " "	1,250.00	62.50	1,312.50
(231) " " (unnumbered)	1,250.00	62.50	1,312.50
12 Cunard Court	4,550.00	227.50	4,777.50
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	\$9,550.00	\$477.50	\$10,027.50

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

NATAL DAY

Alderman Fox suggested that Halifax Natal Day be held on Monday August 3rd.

His Worship the Mayor: "I was just wondering if this is going to conflict with the Dartmouth Natal Day which is usually held on the first Wednesday in August. I think it might be better if we leave this until the meeting on Monday afternoon and we could leave it with the Committee to make a recommendation to Council having the Committee explore the matter with the Dartmouth Authorities."

The Council was agreed to the Mayor's suggestion.

Alderman Trainor: "I think the time has come for the people in Halifax and the Province of Nova Scotia to entertain the idea of having one common holiday through the summer for the specific purpose of Natal Day or Town Founding Day or whatever you want to call it as they do in Ontario. The first Monday in August every town, village, City and metropolitan area take that day off to celebrate whatever the occasion may be. In Nova Scotia there are many communities, villages and settlements where they have holidays at different times. Perhaps we could explore the possibility of having one Natal Day throughout the Province and possibly request the Provincial Government to look into that matter."

His Worship the Mayor said the Provincial Government Tourist Department would be very much against the idea because they have been most anxious to have us list a calendar of events that they can announce in the Provincial calendar of events for the whole summer so they can publicize these events in the eastern American States.

Alderman Wyman felt a natal day should be celebrated because of the historical significance behind it and if everything was celebrated on one day for the whole Province, there would be no connection to it at all.

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MODIFICATION SIDEYARDS 63 EDWARD STREET ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: March 3rd, 1959.

Subject: #63 EDWARD STREET - Request for Sideyard Modification - Conversion  
To Duplex.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending against a request for Sideyard Modification at #63 Edward Street, for conversion to duplex.

On Motion of Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that the request for Sideyard Modification be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
Clerk of Works.

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

REZONING PORTION LYNCH STREET R-2 TO R-3 ✓

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

FROM: Town Planning Board.

DATE: March 3rd, 1959.

SUBJECT: Request for Rezoning portion of Lynch Street from (R-2 to R-3)

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending the Rezoning of Lots #74 to 80 inclusive and also the lots fronting on the northern side of Glebe Street.

On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved the report but extended the area to be rezoned to include lots #71, 72 and 73, as shown on Plan No. 00-9-13904, and recommended to City Council that a Public Hearing be held.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the report be approved and Council fix April 30, 1959 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N.S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.



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MODIFICATION SIDEYARDS 89 SOUTH PARK STREET ✓

TO: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
FROM: Town Planning Board.  
DATE: March 3rd, 1959.  
SUBJECT: #89 South Park Street - Modification of Sideyard - To convert from Single Family to Multiple.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of a request for Modification of Sideyard at #89 South Park Street to convert from Single Family to Multiple Dwelling.

On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that the Request for Sideyard Modification be granted to permit the proposed conversion.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
Clerk of Works.

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

PROGRESS ESTIMATE #15 FAIRVIEW OVERPASS ✓

TO: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
FROM: Committee on Works.  
DATE: March 3rd, 1959.  
SUBJECT: Progress Estimate #15 (Fairview Overpass).

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Commissioner of Works, recommending payment of Progress Estimate No. 15 for the construction of the Fairview Overpass.

On Motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimate No. 15, re construction of the Fairview Overpass in the amount of \$3,544.71 to the Province of Nova Scotia, Department of Highways.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
Clerk of Works.

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

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EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE FOR INCINERATOR ✓

TO: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
FROM: Committee on Works.  
DATE: March 3rd, 1959.  
SUBJECT: Extension of Water Service for Incinerator.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Commissioner of Works requesting permission to charge to the "New Incinerator" Capital Account 57-1, the cost of \$5,430.00 of installing a six inch cast iron water main from the end of Bayne Street to the new Incinerator.

On Motion of Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Committee approved the report and recommended to City Council that permission be granted to charge this expenditure to the "New Incinerator" Capital Account 57-1.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
Clerk of Works.

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

SALE FIRE ESCAPE TO COLLEGE OF ART ✓

TO: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
FROM: Committee on Works.  
DATE: March 3, 1959.  
SUBJECT: Sale of Fire Escape to the Nova Scotia College of Art.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Commissioner of Works respecting two fire escapes recently removed from #1430 Barrington Street prior to demolition, and stating he had no objection to offering for sale one of them to the Nova Scotia College of Art for \$200.00.

On Motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Committee approved the report and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
Clerk of Works.

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

ELECTRICAL SERVICES ... BASINVIEW HOME ✓

TO: His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council  
FROM: Committee on Works.  
DATE: March 3rd, 1959.  
SUBJECT: Electrical Services ... Basinview Home.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Electrician, recommending the relocation of the electrical services

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at Basinview Homes at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,  
Clerk of Works.

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

CITY MANAGER'S ANNUAL LEAVE ✓

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

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

DATE: March 10, 1959.

SUBJECT: City Manager's Annual Leave.

I would like Council permission to take my annual leave July 13, - 31 inclusive.

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

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

PETITION RE: REZONING AREA "E-1" WEST SIDE OF BARRINGTON STREET BETWEEN  
CORNWALLIS AND GERRISH STREETS. ✓

Referred to the Town Planning Board. ✓

RESOLUTIONS BY COUNCIL FOR MAYORS' CONFERENCE AT NORTH BAY; MAY 31 TO JUNE 3, ✓  
1959.

It was agreed that this item be added to the Council agenda for March 26, 1959, and if any member of Council wished to submit a resolution at that time he or she could do so.

The resolution would be duplicated and sent out by the City Clerk's Department if any member submitted the same before the meeting.

TAG DAYS ✓

His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council.

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date approved of the following applications for Tag Days:

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<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Monarch's A.C.	March 28
Canadian Paraplegic Association	March 20
Air Cadet League	April 18
Canadian Cancer Society	April 24
Peanut Tag Day for Navy, Army & R.C.A. F. Veterans	May 2
Girl Guides Association	May 8
I.O.D.E. - Morrow Chapter	May 15
Halifax Symphony Society	May 22
United and Free Missions	May 30
Salvation Army	June 5
Kiwanis Club of Armdale	June 12
Halifax Colored League Improvement Citizens	June 20
I.O.D.E. Cornwallis Chapter	June 27
Little League Baseball	July 3
Halifax Minor Baseball Association	July 17
Callow Veterans' & Invalids Welfare League	Sept. 18
Camp Brunswick	Sept. 25
Kiwanis Club of Halifax - Chocolate Bar Day	Sept. 26
Y.M.C.A. Chain of Dimes Tag Day	Oct. 3
Boy Scouts Apple Day	Oct. 17
Poppy Day Week	Nov. 4 to 11
Poppy Day	Nov. 7
Nova Scotia Retarded Children	Oct.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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

COST SHARING - HALIFAX COUNTY VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on March 5, 1959 the attached report from His Worship the Mayor respecting "Cost Sharing Halifax County Vocational High School" was approved and recommended to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD;  
CITY CLERK.

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

Office of the Mayor

March 5, 1959

To the members of the Finance Committee  
City Hall,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Aldermen:

At the meeting of Council held February 12th, 1959, I was instructed to seek a change in the sharing of cost of the Halifax County Vocational High School. After discussion with the Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. H.P. Moffatt, and Mr. E.K. Ford, of the same Department, and following talks with

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Mr. James Lovett, Chairman of the Vocational School Board, a meeting was arranged with representatives of the Town of Dartmouth, the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the City, along with members of the Halifax County Vocational School Board. We met on February 25th and this was followed by a further meeting on March 4th.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the three municipal parties to the agreement would share the forty percent municipal share of the Vocational School costs on the basis of the assessment valuation as reported in the findings of the Pugsley Commission. This would have the City of Halifax pay fifty-nine percent (59%) of the municipal portion, the County of Halifax twenty-nine percent (29%) and the Town of Dartmouth twelve percent (12%). Converted to percentages of the total annual cost, this would then read - City, twenty-three point six percent (23.6%), County, eleven point six percent (11.6%) and the Town, four point eight percent (4.8%).

Mr. Andrew Chisholm, Secretary of the Vocational School Board, is to advise the Minister of Education of our decision and request that his department prepare a new agreement based upon this new sharing of costs.

I give here the figures based on the 1959 estimates:

1959 cost of school	Capital	\$109,935.00
	Current	<u>409,400.00</u>
	Total	\$519,335.00

Provincial and Federal Share, 60%	\$311,601.00
Joint Municipal share 40%	207,734.00

Cost Sharing - old agreement

City Share	30% of \$519,335.00	\$155,800.50
County Share	4% of \$519,335.00	20,773.40
Town Share	6% of \$519,335.00	31,160.10

Cost sharing under new agreement:

City share	23.6% of \$519,335.00	\$122,563.06
County share	11.6% of \$519,335.00	60,242.86
Town share	4.8% of \$519,335.00	24,928.08

Change in cost, sharing:

	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>	
City	\$155,800.50	\$122,563.06	\$33,238.44 (decrease)
Town	31,160.10	24,928.08	6,232.02 (decrease)
County	20,773.40	60,242.86	39,469.46 (increase)

Yours very truly,

CHARLES A. VAUGHAN  
M A Y O R

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REQUEST LIBRARY BOARD -- \$750.00 FOR WAR MEMORIAL ✓

Mr. Ralph Stoddard,  
City Clerk,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

After discussing many ideas and examining many proposals for a war memorial to replace the former memorial indoor garden, the Halifax Regional Library Board voted at its meeting on March 3, 1959 to accept the plan as submitted by Mrs. Betty Redden.

In order to carry out this plan the Board respectfully requests the City Council to grant the sum of \$750 which covers the entire cost.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Mary Cameron,  
Chief Librarian.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that this matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE BY CITY OF FLOODLIGHTS - EGG POND ✓

Mr. R.H. Stoddard,  
City Clerk,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

The Junior League of Halifax has donated \$200 to this Commission to be used for the purchase and installation of flood lights on the Egg Pond on the Central Common.

On February 2, 1959, the Recreation Commission accepted the gift. (It was moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, that the Commission accept the gift.)

The floodlights have been purchased and installed by Mr. A.P. Flynn, the City Electrician.

Acceptance of these floodlights by the City is requested.

Sincerely yours,

Abol H. Ziai, Director,  
Civic Recreation.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the request be granted. Motion passed.

RESTORATION -- GORSEBROOK HOUSE ✓

Alderman Lane: "I would like to ask a question with reference to a piece of land. It has been reported that it has been offered by the City for the placing of the "Gorsebrook House". It has been in the newspapers and I have been asked personally about it and I would like to know the situation and by what authority we have to make a gift?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "I had a visit in the last two weeks from representatives of a group who were interested in restoring, refurbishing and removing the Gorsebrook House to a piece of City owned land. They came to see me and I told them first of all that the City could not entertain any idea whatsoever with respect to the monetary grant but if there is this Citizen's group approaching this problem and raising the funds in restoring this Community enterprise, I am sure the Council will assist in every way possible. I said, in so far as land is concerned, the City might possibly consider the conveyance of the land adjacent to St. Francis School and those are the exact words. I know the Mayor cannot give any such assurance and having knowledge of this, I certainly would not say anything that would embarrass the Council and also embarrass myself by making such a broad statement. I can assure the Alderman that no comment was made on behalf of myself or anyone else in Council to my knowledge."

Alderman Lane: "I was reasonably sure of this, but I wanted to hear it from you."

His Worship the Mayor stated that he was also aware of the fact that the land would have to be sold by tender and secondly to convey it would require legislation which would pertain only by approval of Council."

Alderman Lloyd: "I understand, if there is any assistance they need from the City that you have offered to hear them and present their representations."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we should perhaps go a little further. I listened to a radio report which indicated that this project would have historical interest and it would be a great value. Personally, I would favor allowing it to be placed there because there are two lots of land which are not of too much use for playgrounds. I understand there is a meeting coming up Tuesday when it will be decided and I would like to move a motion of general approval. I know it would probably require legislation but I think we should indicate if we are interested or not."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think all we can do at the moment is merely to express our encouragement to this group to see what they can accomplish and we stand ready to assist them in any reasonable manner within our powers."

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POTTIER REPORT ✓

Alderman O'Brien: "I would like to ask whether it would be possible to have a schedule of target dates and when the Finance Committee could report further to Council on those recommendations of the Pottier Report which we have not yet considered. We have dealt with part of the report and I was wondering if we could have it at least 2 or 3 months before we get into the Budget again next year."

His Worship the Mayor: "I was hoping we would be able to hold a meeting next Wednesday night if the rest of the members of the Finance Committee are available."

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM - COUNCIL CHAMBER ✓

Alderman Ferguson stated that some thought should be given to the sound system. "I think it is most unsightly and detracts greatly from our Council Chamber but I understand they are not wired."

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't think they are wired."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think they should possibly hold up the wiring until some further thought is given to this."

His Worship the Mayor: "My understanding was that the microphone would stop down like the ones in the Legislature."

Alderman Trainor: "It would look better even if the wires were shortened and painted the same colour as the ceiling."

His Worship the Mayor: "We will explore the matter with Cosac Company."

GRANTS - C.N.R. AND N.H. BOARD ✓

His Worship the Mayor stated he had received a reply from his latest letter to the officials in Ottawa with respect to grants from the C.N.R. and National Harbours Board and it was indicated that following the meetings with N.H. Board last July, the Minister of Finance advised that the question had been referred to the Municipal Grants section of the Department of Finance for study. The matter is now before the Cabinet for its decision.

POTTIER REPORT ✓

Alderman Dunlop said that the important thing to be discussed in the Pottier Report was the implementation of the Sales Tax. He said that if the



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Committee was just going to talk about the Sales Tax, he did not think the City would get any further than it is at the present time.

Alderman Lloyd disagreed with the statement and felt the Sales Tax should be discussed. He did not agree that it should be a Sales Tax for the City itself but rather one for the whole Province to relieve the impact on residential and commercial properties. The City would get an indirect benefit from the Tax as it would carry some of the cost of education in N.S. He felt the City was duty bound to pursue the Judge's recommendations even if in the end they are rejected. "I will go out on a limb and say we need this sales tax for a very practical reason. I want to say this, you cannot go on and on providing social welfare payments and still continue to grant exemptions all down the line. If you continue to grant exemptions on one hand and continue to make welfare payments on the other, you finally find some people getting welfare payments and then getting relief from paying anything."

FORUM COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1958 ✓

Deferred.

TAXI LICENSE FEES: (a) CABS \$25.00 TO \$40.00 ✓  
(b) DRIVERS \$2.00 TO \$5.00

His Worship the Mayor,  
Members of City Council.

Re: Taxis

At a recent meeting of City Council, the undersigned was directed to submit a report giving the following information;

1. NUMBER OF CAR SPACES ALLOCATED TO TAXIS IN THE CITY:

There are seventy-nine (79) car spaces allocated for taxi stands.

2. NUMBER OF METERS WHICH HAVE BEEN REMOVED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TAXI STANDS:

There have been four (4) meters removed for this purpose. This was a case involving the moving of a taxi office - which had been situated on the North side of Sackville Street for some twenty-five years - to the South side of Sackville Street not far removed from its original location, and which, from our point of view, made for a better traffic flow on Sackville Street. Also, there is a total of an additional nine (9) metered spaces which are allocated to taxi stands but in which meters were never erected, i.e. on a street which has had a taxi stand for a number of years and meters have been subsequently erected on that street.

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3. PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS:

This involves a written application to the Traffic authority.

4. AMOUNT PAID FOR TAXI LICENSES IN OTHER CANADIAN CENTERS:

While we have not obtained a recent survey, it is hoped that the following information may be of some benefit.

<u>CITY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LICENSE FEE PER CAR</u>
Saskatoon	1954	\$20.00
Quebec	1955	\$25.60
Edmonton	1954	\$25.00
St. Johns, Que.	1950	\$20.00
Toronto	1951	\$15.00
Fredericton	1954	\$15.00 for the first car and \$1.60 for each additional car.
Windsor, Ont.	1954	\$20.00
Brandon, Man.	1954	\$25.00 for the first car and \$20.00 for each additional car.
St. Boniface, Man.	1954	\$20.00 per car.
Victoria, B.C.	1954	\$40.00 per car.
Edmunston, N.B.	1954	\$50.00 per car.
Niagara Falls, Ont.	1954	\$10.00 per car.
Westmount, Que.	1954	\$50.00 per car.
Calgary	1954	\$25.00 for first car, \$5.00 for each additional car.
Sydney, N.S.	1954	\$25.00 per car
St. John, N.B.	1954	\$40.00 for first car, \$20.00 for second car, and \$10.00 for each additional car.

Trusting this is the information desired, I am

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) V.W. Mitchell,  
Chief of Police.

Mr. Taylor appeared on behalf of the Taxi Owners and suggested that the license fees now charged remain the same as operating costs have gone up over the past years.

To: His Worship, C. A. Vaughan, and  
Members of City Council,  
From: City Manager, A. A. De Bard, Jr.,  
Date: March 16, 1959  
Subject: Monthly Administrative Report for February 1959

1. <u>Building Permits</u>	No.	Value
Dwellings, new	3	\$ 29,800.00
Garages, new	1	500.00
Commercial, new	4	128,500.00
Dwellings, repairs	24	18,760.00
Garages, repairs	1	100.00
Commercial, repairs	19	48,525.00
Institutional, repairs	1	13,135.00
	<u>53</u>	<u>\$ 239,320.00</u>
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Building Permit Fees	331.40	1,161.45
Plumbing " "	90.00	59.60
	<u>\$ 421.40</u>	<u>\$ 1,221.05</u>

2. Buildings Demolished

	No. & Ass'd. Value 1956 - 1958	No. & Ass'd. Value 1959
Buildings demolished by owners to make way for new development	131 \$ 831,140.00	4 \$ 22,400.00
Buildings initiated by City & owner		
" " " complied	50 69,225.00	
" " " Committee on Works	65 96,295.00	
" " " City and permitted to stand	4	
" presently being processed for demolition	-	161
" under investigation for demolition	-	32
" ordered demolished by Building Inspector	-	5

3. Streets & Sewers

Square yards of streets graded	733
Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	43
" " " " stoned & oiled streets	38
Cubic yards of material used to fill potholes	34
Number of sewer connections cleared	1
" catchpits repaired	3
" " constructed	1
" manholes repaired	2
" " constructed	2
" junctions installed	1
Lineal feet of new sewer	300

*To aud. r. c. 3/19/59, Supt. Hds., Gilman, Dale.*

4. Snow Removal

Snow plowed, miles of street	850
Salted, " "	3,081
Number of bags of salt used	12,245
" cubic yards snow removed	716

Snow & Ice Control

	January	February	1959 to date
Salting streets - labour	\$ 5,225.97	\$ 4,709.01	\$ 9,934.98
Salting Streets - material	16,845.00	12,245.00	29,090.00
Salting sidewalks	257.26	311.39	568.65
Plowing streets	3,501.00	6,098.26	9,599.26
" sidewalks	319.83	432.85	752.68
Clearing city properties	394.34	804.15	1,198.49
" catchpits & crosswalks	3,594.00	3,848.48	7,442.48
Removing snow	138.11	383.73	521.84
Sanding streets & filling sandboxes	191.28	520.60	711.88
Making sandboxes	160.20	-	160.20
Clearing parking meters	-	415.33	415.33
Miscellaneous	502.38	33.60	535.98
	<u>\$ 31,129.37</u>	<u>\$ 29,802.40</u>	<u>\$ 60,931.77</u>

5. Garbage & Refuse

2,221 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 403 tons were burned, together with 2,056 tons of privately collected materials. The total amount processed 2,459 tons with incinerator in operation 356 hours. Waste paper collected 113 tons, 150 hours.

6. Prefab Housing

Houses completely paid	472
Current Accounts	<u>340</u>
Original number of houses	812

Current Accounts

5% Interest Rate	99
6% " "	<u>241</u>
	340

Mortgages receivable, January 31, 1959	\$ 687,117.42
" " February 28, 1959	<u>674,855.57</u>
Amount reduced during the month	\$ 12,261.85
Bank Balance, February 28, 1959	35,854.52
" " January 31, 1959	<u>20,432.80</u>
" " increased during the month	\$ 15,421.72
Emergency Shelter Capital Balance	213,562.05
Charged to Prefab Surplus - 1958	<u>100,000.00</u>
Balance unliquidated, February	\$ 113,562.05

87 accounts totalling 16,597.06 two or more months in arrears.

7. Thanks

Nova Scotia Talent Trust - Grant \$ 500.00

8. Sewers - Progress Report No. 9

New Work Schedule "C" - Capital

<u>Street</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Started</u>	<u>Feet Laid</u>			<u>Completed</u>
			<u>This</u>	<u>Prev.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Ladies College Sewer Extension	10" Transite	Nov. 28/58	200	-	200	Feb.13/59

Sewer Rehabilitation - Schedule "D"

Mumford Rd.	30", 36" 42" Conc.	Oct. 1/58	86	974	1060	90%
C.N.R.Chebucto Rd. to McCullough	48" Conc.	Dec. 1/58	285	345	630	25%
Chisholm Ave. & Micmac Street	60", 66" Armco	Dec. 17/58	590	404	994	75%

9. Basinview Home - Progress to February 28, 1959

As most of the Aldermen visited Basinview Home on 21st February they have some idea of the progress which has been made up to that date. Since then however, we have completed all of the painting in the basement of the main brick building and also the two diet kitchens on the first and second floors.

The patients who were moved in beginning on Monday, 23rd February were thirteen from the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Twenty-two were transferred from the Halifax City Hospital on Wednesday the 25th and an additional twenty-two on Thursday the 26th. Because the elevator was not functioning, we were unable to take any additional patients until after the first of the month.

The staff house has now been completed as far as the carpenter work is concerned with the exception of installing the partitions in the toilets and bathrooms. The plumbing is 90% completed. We have however, not done anything yet with the recreation room which will also be used as a chapel. The sprinkler system has been completely installed in this building but as yet, has not been completed through to the main building. The work on the outside wall, which has been carried out by Guildfords Limited, has now been completed on the South side as far as the end which will have to be torn down and replaced this summer and they have finished about 25% of the North side of the building.

City Home: Guards have now been placed on the windows of two of the large wards at City Home. The material is on hand to put the partitions up to create day room space. As soon as the wards are completely vacated by transfer, this work will be finished. I anticipate this will be concluded by the middle of March.

Infectious Diseases Hospital: This building has been completely empty since the 23rd February, cleaned, prepared and ready to receive the T. B. patients. Certain changes in regards to wiring for the electrically heated food trucks for serving the meals has been done and the plaster and painting repairs will soon be finished. It is anticipated we will be moving T. B. patients in beginning Monday, 16th March.

10. Fairview Overpass - Progress to February 28, 1959

Clearing	93%
Grubbing	82%
Common Excavation	94%
Solid Rock	95%
Borrow	92%
Foundation Excavation Common	68%
Foundation Excavation Solid Rock	90%
Laying concrete pipe 12"	67%
Laying concrete pipe 15"	90%
Laying concrete pipe 18"	90%
Laying concrete pipe 24"	90%
Laying concrete pipe 48"	87%
Concrete Class "A"	82%
Reinforcing Steel	97%
Concrete in Bridge	99%
Foundation Exc. for bridge common	98%
Foundation Exc. for bridge solid rock	98%
Rip Rap Loose Laid	95%
Rip Rap Hand Laid	46%
Removal of existing pavement	99%
Surfacing Class "A"	75%
Laying 48" pipe under C. N. R. Tracks	99%
Base Course	90%
Trench Excavation Common	91%
Trench Excavation Solid Rock	99%
Structural Steel	99%
Removal of curb & gutter	33%
Manholes including frames and covers	75%
Paving	19%
Fine Grading	1%
Concrete pavement (removal)	30%
Catch Basins including frames and covers	70%
Pre-stressed beams	100%
Pipe Rail	50%
Sidewalk	5%
Curb & Gutter	3%

*A. A. Baird*

City Manager.

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He referred to part-time drivers who have regular jobs and felt that they were the cause of loss in pay and business for men who make the taxi business a full time operation.

He suggested an initial fee of \$300.00 per annum for new persons engaging in the taxi business which he felt would be a deterrent to part-time drivers.

Another speaker felt the present fees were too high and that an increase was not justified as it would have an affect on their livelihood because business was not as it should be.

The matter was then referred to the Safety Committee for further consideration.

REZONING 956 ROBIE STREET FROM R-2 ZONE TO R-3 ZONE  
Deferred.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FEBRUARY

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

FILED

FIXING BUSINESS TAX RATE 1959

TO: Mr. Ralph Stoddard, City Clerk.  
FROM: L.M. Romkey, Commissioner of Finance.  
DATE: March 4, 1959.

I advise you that in pursuance of Section 409 of the City Charter, I have in accordance with the under-noted calculations fixed the rate of taxation on business assessment and on business realty for the civic year 1959 at \$4.75 per hundred.

Estimated Expenditures approved by City Council, February 28, 1959	-----	\$13,277,343.63
Add School Rebate	-----	2,000.00
		<u>\$13,279,343.63</u>
Income	-----	4,381,762.72
		<u>\$ 8,897,580.91</u>
LESS: Appropriated from Current Surplus	-----	308,270.51
		<u>8,589,310.40</u>
LESS: Special Assessments	-----	\$50,000.00
National Research Council	-----	9,000.00
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	-----	21,600.00
Community Housing Limited	-----	5,586.00
Ferry Commission	-----	4,500.00
Marden Wild Limited	-----	2,100.00
Navy League of Canada	-----	1,500.00

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United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America-----	\$ 1,500.00	
International Longshoremen's Association	300.00	96,086.00
		\$ 8,493,224.40
LESS: Roll Tax estimated for 1959-----		190,000.00
		\$ 8,303,224.49
LESS: Residential Realty and Household Assessments \$179,397,540. @ \$1.95 per hundred-----		\$ 3,498,252.03
		\$ 4,804,972.37
Business Realty and Business Assessments \$101,228,145. @ \$4.75 per hundred-----		\$ 4,808,332.13

This letter further advises you that I have complied with the Resolution of the City Council passed on February 28, 1959, and have declared the current business rate of taxation to be Four Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$4.75) per hundred.

Please notify City Council accordingly.

L.M. ROMKEY,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

FILED

INTEREST RATES CITY BORROWINGS ✓

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

FROM: L. M. Romkey, Commissioner of Finance.

DATE: March 5, 1959.

SUBJECT: Interest Rates --- City of Halifax Borrowings.

Your Worship and Aldermen:

The Royal Bank of Canada and the Canadian Bank of Commerce have advised us that interest rates on borrowings of the City of Halifax have been increased by 1/4 of 1%, effective March 9, 1959, and that the new rates are as follows:-

Treasury Bills and Time Notes (not to exceed 90 days)-----4 1/2 %  
Overdrafts and Demand Loans-----4 3/4 %

Respectfully submitted,

L.M. ROMKEY,  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

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Meeting adjourned.

9:10 P.M.

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C.A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R.H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.