

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
March 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 Dunlop, Lane, Butler, Ferguson, Trainor, Lloyd, O'Brien, Greenwood and Abbott.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Public Hearing re: Rezoning 84/86 Stairs Street R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone
2. " " re: Amendments to Zoning By-Law
3. City Field Union Agreement
4. Tenders for Uniform Clothing - Police and Fire Departments and City Prison
5. Public Hearing - Expropriation S/S Duffus Street
6. Undersized Lot - 68 Seaforth Street
7. Incinerator Construction - Progress Payment No. 4
8. Property Acquisitions - Redevelopment Area
9. Expropriation Properties for Maitland Street Parking Lot
10. Heating Plant Mulgrave Park Housing Project
11. Method of Tender Call - Mulgrave Park Housing Project
12. Rezoning Areas "A", "D" and "E" - Redevelopment Area
13. Rezoning Area "K" - Redevelopment Area
14. Modification Sideyard - 301 Barrington Street
15. Resubdivision - Cunard and Clifton Streets
16. Request to Rezone 83 Windsor Street
17. Purchase of Land - Lady Hammond Road and Kempt Road
18. Certificate #4 Equipment - New Incinerator
19. Extinguishment of Easement - Fleming Park
20. Approval of Plans to Relocate Flashing Signals - Howe Avenue
21. Requesting Provincial Government to Enact Legislation province-wide for an Extension of the Sales Tax to Finance Education Costs
22. Resolutions by Council for Mayors' Conference at North Bay, May 31 to June 3, 1959.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: REZONING 84/86 STAIRS STREET R-2 ZONE TO R-3 ZONE ✓

A public hearing in connection with the request to rezone the property Civic No. 84-86 Stairs Street from R-2 Zone (General Residential Zone) to R-3 Zone (Multiple Dwelling Zone) was held at this time.

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

No person appeared in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning.

Alderman Greenwood asked if the Town Planning Board had made a recommendation, and the following report was submitted:

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His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Town Planning Board

Date: February 3rd, 1959

Subject: 84-86 Stairs Street - Request to Rezone from R-2 to R-3 Zone

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date considered an application requesting that #84-86 Stairs Street be rezoned from R-2 to R-3.

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

His Worship the Mayor said that the matter had been referred back to the applicant with the suggestion that he up-grade the appearance of the property by applying a brick exterior to same, and he advised that there is ample parking space for the occupants. He said that this should not be considered as 'spot rezoning' in the normal sense because the area is composed of a mixture of residential and commercial uses, and the rezoning in this case would not be in conflict with the general nature of the area.

Alderman Greenwood asked if the applicant had agreed to change the exterior of the building to a brick veneer finish, and was advised by Mr. R.M. Medjuck, solicitor for the applicant, that the suggestion was acceptable to his client; and he submitted a written undertaking to comply with the suggestion.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the rezoning of Civic No. 84-86 Stairs Street from R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone be approved, subject to the condition that the exterior finish of the building be of brick. Motion passed.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the By-Law as submitted be approved, and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: AMENDMENTS TO ZONING BY-LAW ✓

A public hearing was held at this time to consider objections to the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law, as follows:

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ITEM No. 1 - Section 8 of Part II of the Halifax Zoning By-Law is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:-

8. The owner of every building hereafter erected or altered for use as an apartment house or hotel shall therein, or upon lands appurtenant thereto, provide and maintain accommodation for storage of motor passenger vehicles for the use of such apartment houses or hotels. Such accommodation shall consist of one parking space, at least 9 feet x 20 feet of separately accessible storage space for every dwelling unit in such apartment house or hotel, exclusive of the area of the front yard and entrance or driveway leading to such storage accommodation.

ITEM No. 2 - Note 3 of Part V of the Halifax Zoning By-Law is repealed and the following note substituted therefor:

(NOTE 3.) A building in existence on the date of the coming into effect of this section, situated upon a lot having a width of not less than 33 feet and an area less than 5000 square feet, but not less than 3300 square feet, may, with the approval of the Inspector of Buildings, and subject as hereinafter provided, be converted into a duplex dwelling. No such approval shall be given unless separately accessible accommodation is provided upon the lot upon which such building is situated for the storage of motor passenger vehicles, consisting of one parking space, at least 9 feet x 20 feet, of separately accessible storage space for each of the two dwelling units, exclusive of the area of the front yard and entrance or driveway leading to such duplex dwelling.

ITEM No. 3 - Part II of the Halifax Zoning By-Law is further amended by adding the following section:

14. Any application to rezone or modify any of the provisions of the Zoning By-Law must be accompanied by a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) at the time of the making of such application.

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

Alderman O'Brien asked if any building permits had been issued since the Town Planning Board had recommended this action which would contravene the By-Law if they had been issued after Council had approved the amendment.

The City Solicitor stated that any permit issued is still valid since the amendment has not yet been approved.

Alderman O'Brien said it was the feeling of the members of the Board that the Building Inspector might take notice of this impending action and withhold any permits until the matter had been resolved.

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His Worship the Mayor asked that any questions be withheld until the public hearing had been completed, and he asked if any person wished to address the meeting. No person appeared in favor or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

Alderman Dunlop: "What about the sideyard requirements?"

His Worship the Mayor: "There are no restrictions on sideyards."

Alderman Ferguson: "The By-Law says you can't use the sideyard in calculating the area. You must have a ten-foot sideyard but it can't be used in calculating the space required for parking."

Alderman Butler: "How do hotels come into this picture? Does it mean rooms, or suite of rooms?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It means guest room, or suite of rooms."

Alderman Butler: "Does 'parking area' referred to here take into consideration space that would be provided in basements of hotels or apartments?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes, it can be any kind of space. The only requirement is that they must provide parking space; and, in the case of hotels, it must be within 500 feet."

Commissioner of Works: "That was proposed at one time but it has not been approved. The City Manager and I have been discussing parking for all types of accommodation, and I have prepared a report which includes everything spelled out, which will be circulated to the members of Council."

Alderman O'Brien: "Is there a parking requirement for hotels, now?"

The City Solicitor said it was covered in the existing By-Law, Part II, Section 8, which reads in part as follows:

"Such accommodation shall consist of at least one hundred and sixty (160) square feet of accessible storage space for every two dwellings units in such apartment house or hotel, exclusive of the area of the front yard and entrance or driveway leading to such storage accommodation."

Alderman O'Brien: "I think this is a wise move with respect to apartments but I wonder about its application to hotels such as the Nova Scotian Hotel which is adjacent to the train terminal and is the terminal point of the T.C.A. transportation. One space for each room or suite of rooms seems a bit strong for hotels, but apartment houses are a different story. One for each apartment may not be enough."

Alderman Abbott: "I agree with Alderman O'Brien that it should be applied

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to apartment houses but it seems to me that 180 square feet of parking space for each room in a hotel is kind of stiff." And he contended that hotels which provide accommodation to transients for the most part should not be obliged to provide parking space to the same extent as apartment houses.

8:12 P.M. Alderman Wyman arrives.

Alderman Trainor said it was his understanding when the matter was discussed at the Town Planning Board that hotels would not be restricted to the same extent as apartment houses, and he suggested that the proposed amendment be changed by deleting the words 'or hotels'.

The City Solicitor said there was a further complication to the matter due to the fact that the Section uses the term "dwelling unit", which is defined in the Zoning By-Law as "a room or suite of rooms occupied or capable of being occupied as an independent and separate housekeeping establishment".

His Worship the Mayor: "This would only apply to such suites that may exist at the Lord Nelson Hotel, for instance."

Alderman Lane: "I don't think that any of the suites at the Lord Nelson are used as 'housekeeping suites'."

Alderman Ferguson: "I am in favor of this revision. I think that as long as it is general and applied generally throughout the City in all cases, it will be a step in the right direction. I am a little concerned about the wording. Now, I haven't seen any official form of the wording and I would ask the Solicitor if the wording is going to be the same as it was in the last one, with the 160 square feet for two and 180 feet for one."

City Solicitor: "That is exactly right. Those were my instructions."

Alderman Ferguson: "I would just point this out. While the increase from 160 to 180 is quite an increase in itself, if there was an interpretation in a bit different way than it had been interpreted over the last few years, it would mean a double increase again over the 180. Now, as it had been interpreted before, it was 160 square feet for each two dwelling units. So, what they took was the rear yard area and divided the dwelling units into it which gave, for effective purposes, the amount of parking. In effect that did not allow as much as you would think. Now, if we are saying one for each space 9' x 20', that many spaces, if it is a 12-unit building, will in effect jump it about four or five

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times. As long as the wording is the same, that is fine; but if it is changed it will make a considerable difference. I just point that out so we will be well aware of it. The interpretation in practice before had been the square area in the rear yard."

The City Solicitor said that it is the same wording, and he again read a portion of the Section, as follows:

"Such accommodation will consist of at least one hundred and sixty (160) square feet of accessible storage space for every two dwelling units in such apartment house or hotel, exclusive of the area of the front yard and entrance or driveway leading to such storage accommodation."

and he said the amendment is:

"Such accommodation shall consist of one parking space at least 9' x 20' of separately accessible storage space for each dwelling unit."

Alderman Ferguson: "Now you say one, 9' x 20', which is different, isn't it?"

Alderman O'Brien: "'Separately accessible' is different."

Alderman Ferguson: "Yes, you have a different situation. I just want Council to be aware of it."

City Solicitor: "Well, those were our instructions."

Alderman O'Brien: "What is the good of it if it's not separately accessible?"

Alderman Ferguson: "What you are doing, in effect, is raising the standard about four or five times. You know what that is going to mean."

Alderman O'Brien: "The raising is better than we thought it was, but to four or five times what it really was in practice."

Alderman Ferguson: "That's right, and you know what the practical effect is going to be."

His Worship the Mayor: "It will mean that there will be no apartment houses built in Halifax at all."

Alderman Ferguson: "That well could be. The interpretation before had been certainly different from this wording."

Alderman Dunlop asked what interpretation had been placed on the section previously.

Alderman Ferguson: "Well, the practice before has been that the area for parking in the rear had been calculated and if it came out to 1000 square feet,

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you divide 80 into it and that gave the effective requirement. That was the practice before but this is going to make a completely different situation."

The City Solicitor said that the Town Planning Board had decided that each storage space should be made at least 9' x 20' in size so that the cars could get in and out of the parking area.

Alderman Greenwood contended that no exception should be made for hotels, and he referred to such functions as service club luncheons and the like which engender a tremendous parking problem which would be alleviated to some extent if hotels are obliged to provide minimum parking in accordance with the amendment.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Section does not apply to hotels unless they have 'housekeeping suites', because of the definition of 'dwelling unit' as contained in the By-Law.

Alderman Abbott: "If a person came in, now, under our existing Zoning By-Law and wanted to build a hotel, just sleeping rooms only with no housekeeping accommodation, what parking space would he have to provide?"

His Worship the Mayor: "None."

The City Solicitor: "As I understand it, in the Town Planning Board the argument was against that. They (the hotel owners) were providing parking space but not sufficient for each car to get in and out."

His Worship the Mayor: "It's alright for us to be idealistic on these things but we have to be realistic, too. There is the question of assessments. We have only gained in the last year \$95,000.00 in revenue, from all sources. If we propose these bills and laws which restrict development and stay with them, it is going to result in an ever-mounting tax rate on the present inhabitants of the City of Halifax."

He said that the rising land values also tended to restrict development and he referred to the case of an owner of an old building on a lot 100' x 100' near the Nova Scotian Hotel who had been offered \$165,000.00 for the property. "Can you imagine any person trying to buy that for hotel construction?"

Alderman O'Brien: "What you say applies to commercial properties. We are not getting the assessment increase we looked for."

His Worship the Mayor: "That's total assessment, residential and commercial

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Alderman O'Brien: "But we have had a greater increase in residential assessment than we have in commercial assessment in the last year or so."

His Worship the Mayor: "We have, in multiple dwellings, especially."

Alderman O'Brien: "Well, Your Worship, I wouldn't like to see this evening go by without some action being taken on this; and, yet, I wonder whether we are in a position to make any amendment to it at all."

The City Solicitor said that Council would have to determine whether a certain minimum area for parking will be required or whether individual parking spaces of stated dimensions will be laid down.

Alderman Dunlop: "Well, what we want is this. We all know land is expensive and what we want is to get away from the idea of apartment houses with no parking, only on the street. Now, if that's going to cost money to provide, it will have to be an expense, because practically everybody in this City has a car, now." He said that traffic congestion is increasing and he referred to the conditions on Spring Garden Road which was blocked from Barrington Street to South Park Street this evening because of cars parked along the street; and he said that if the Commissioner of Works had deemed that 180 square feet is the amount required for each car, then apartment house operators would have no alternative but to provide this minimum requirement.

Alderman Lane: "I was at the Town Planning Board when this was debated and, at the time, and on the first look I agreed that it was a good idea. After listening to some of the discussion here tonight, I am not so sure. I agree with Alderman Dunlop that some of the conditions as far as curb parking are concerned are pretty drastic. I went through the same place he did tonight and found trucks parked where he said they were parked, and so on. But, I don't think providing this extra parking lot at the back of apartments is going to answer it, because how many people run their car to the garage during the day time when they are going to use it later on? It's curb-parked in front of your house or somebody else's dwelling, and there's no law against it. I do think we should take a second look at this."

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the matter be referred back to the Town Planning Board for further consideration.

Alderman Dunlop asked if the matter would have to be re-advertised.

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The City Solicitor stated that if the matter was referred back and it was decided to make any change, the matter would have to be re-advertised.

His Worship the Mayor: "Should we not do this: Bring it back to the Town Planning Board, re-examine it there and bring it back to Council in draft form. Then, Council can be sure what it wants to put out in the final advertisement."

Alderman Trainor: "How will that affect present applicants for permits?"

City Solicitor: "It doesn't affect them at all because we have to go by what the Law is now in force and effect, and that is 160 square feet of accessible storage for each two dwelling units."

Alderman O'Brien: "This means that if we defer action tonight, we are going to lose most of this construction season because the permits that are going to be issued for work this summer will be issued probably before we have another public hearing; and I think we have lost a lot of time getting to this thing now, and I am going to oppose the deferment."

Alderman Dunlop: "Could we have this back to the next meeting of Council? I think this has been long delayed. I understood the other night when this was up the question had been answered and that the building permits would be held up pending finalization of this. We have been talking about this for five years. I don't know what is wrong with it. I think 180 square feet is alright."

Alderman O'Brien: "The only thing that disturbs us is what Alderman Ferguson brought out. I thought we had protection for one parking space for every two apartments, but under our By-Law they were not required to be separately accessible."

Alderman Ferguson: "It's all in the interpretation."

Commissioner of Works: "All apartment houses that have come to my attention, in addition to considering the 160 square feet, we considered the number of cars. For example, the one on Coburg Road. Besides it meeting the requirements of 160 feet for two apartments, we made sure that there were parking spaces laid out on the plans we had for the required number of cars."

Alderman O'Brien: "Separately accessible?"

Commissioner of Works: "Yes. And there may have been -- -- I won't say definitely, but I know that's been my personal thinking to get the number of cars in that area."

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Alderman O'Brien: "Then, we should act tonight."

Alderman Trainor: "I think we should act tonight. I have a copy of the Town Planning Act here and it says that the owner of every apartment house has to provide 160 square feet of accessible storage space and we are just raising that to 180 feet, and we are just taking it from two dwelling units to one dwelling unit. That's all we are doing."

His Worship the Mayor: "We are, also, adding the word 'separately', before 'accessible'."

Alderman Greenwood: "Although I seconded the motion to defer, if we could have the assurance of the Commissioner of Works and the interpretation of our Solicitor to allay our fears as expressed by Alderman Ferguson, then I would be willing to forget the deferment."

Alderman Ferguson: "I would like to clarify my position, Your Worship. I am in favor of the amendment if the Committee has recommended it, as long as it is on the understanding that Council is aware of what the practical situation is going to be. I am aware of it but I was making it clear to Council because I know very shortly after this goes into effect, you are probably going to get more representation than you have here tonight. I am prepared to support it. It may well be that Council may not have been aware of the interpretation but I know from a practical standpoint just what was happening. The parking is necessary and the parking, in the end, is going to be very important to the very people that own the building. On the other hand, you can't expect one person to provide the parking if somebody else doesn't. As long as it is applied generally and applied to everybody on the same basis, and there is a complete understanding of what it means, that's fine."

Alderman Lane: "At the Town Planning Board meeting at which this was discussed my understanding was that the reason for the increase in the number of feet required for this separately accessible parking was in order for the cars to be able to manoeuvre in and out. It was pointed out to us that under the existing legislation buildings were being built where they had to actually arrange to get themselves in and out in rotation. That is hardly comfortable living, or independent living, and my support of the whole thing was on the premise that this would alleviate this condition. Now, if separately accessible

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is sufficient without the added amount of space, perhaps, that's our answer. It is accessible now, but separately accessible means that each car may independently operate."

The City Solicitor said that was the reason the Town Planning Board had decided that each parking space would be 9' x 20' - - - so that there would be room for the cars to manoeuvre.

Alderman Abbott: "I think this is long over-due and I am in favor of it, and I am going to vote against any deferment. I think we should take action tonight on it."

Alderman Lane said she had supported the Board's action but had felt in the light of the discussion that a second look might be wise; but she was now prepared to vote on the question tonight and said she would be willing to withdraw her motion for deferment.

Alderman Lloyd said that this question of parking is a very real problem in the apartment house in which he lives because one car, other than a foreign make, can block all the others in if improperly parked.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the amount of space being planned for at the Mulgrave Park Housing Project would not conform to the requirements of the amended section and while the Project is not subject to the provisions of the By-Law, he contended that the lack of adequate space could engender a dangerous situation.

Alderman O'Brien: "This isn't the first time that the Mulgrave Park Project was talked about in this respect. In the Redevelopment Committee when the parking arrangement was explained by Mr. MacLennan, we realized the conflict with our desire for apartments generally; but I don't think we should allow that to hold us up."

Alderman Wyman referred to the possibility of parking garages being built in the future, such as is being done in many other cities; and he asked if a private enterprise erected an apartment house in close proximity to such a garage would be required to provide parking space in accordance with the amendment, or "Are we going to be bound around with a difficult procedure to make an exception when a case arises where a genuine need for the exception exists?"

The City Solicitor advised that it would require a further amendment to the Zoning By-Law.

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8:40 P.M. Alderman Connolly arrives.

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the three proposed amendments to the Halifax Zoning By-Law, as drafted by the City Solicitor, be approved. Motion passed.

QUESTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN RE: ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS

Alderman O'Brien: "I wonder, in the light of the discussion in Committee, whether any building permits had been issued which, if they had been held up until this date, might not have been issued without some change."

Commissioner of Works: "There is one which has come to my attention recently which, I feel, does not meet the requirements of our new proposal."

His Worship the Mayor: "Was the permit issued for that one?"

Commissioner of Works: "Yes."

His Worship the Mayor: "Could the Building Inspector legally hold up the permit?"

City Solicitor: "No."

Alderman O'Brien: "I thought we were told in Committee that the Inspector had the right, in his own wisdom, to hold any permit up for a limited length of time. I think the time two months was suggested in the Committee."

City Solicitor: "I am not quite sure, but I think that is for rezoning."

Alderman O'Brien: "Is this the Oxford Street case?"

Alderman Lane: "What about the building line there, Your Worship? I've already had a call on that particular construction." She asked if the plans indicate that the building would project over the building line, and how far the owners intended to advance.

The Commissioner of Works stated that the building line for that section of Oxford Street is fifteen (15') feet, and that he would have to check the plot plan in order to answer Alderman Lane.

His Worship the Mayor asked the City Solicitor if a building permit were issued in error with respect to the Building Line, would the subsequent finding out of such error be sufficient grounds to cancel the permit.

City Solicitor: "If a Building Permit is issued in error, it is not binding upon the City." And he said that Section 19 of the Town Planning Act was what Alderman O'Brien had referred to which read as follows:

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"Prior to the passage of a zoning by-law or prior to the passage of an amendment of a zoning by-law if application therefor has been made, the Council may for a period not exceeding two months withhold a building permit for any building, or the Council may impose such conditions on the granting of the building permit as may appear to the Council to be in the public interest."

Alderman O'Brien: "This is an amendment to the Zoning By-Law, but Council took no action. Isn't that the loop hole? We could have held it up if we had taken action in Council to instruct the Building Inspector. I think we did not do so."

His Worship the Mayor: "Respecting this particular project!"

Alderman O'Brien: "There was none drawn to our attention, either; although in Committee there was some discussion of it for the attention of the Building Inspector."

Alderman Wyman asked how it could be determined that the by-law would be approved before the time limit had passed.

Alderman O'Brien: "Well, there is a public hearing scheduled for tonight and the date of that was known."

The City Solicitor said that Council could hold up the permit pending the result of the public hearing and consideration of the matter by Council.

Alderman O'Brien: "Does it require a motion of Council to stop them?"

City Solicitor: "Yes."

Alderman O'Brien: "Even when you haven't any permits before you?"

City Solicitor: "Yes."

Alderman O'Brien: "That's where we failed."

The Commissioner of Works: "In my thinking, I thought it was just if the application was made that we could hold up for two months. Am I wrong in that assumption?"

City Solicitor: "If an application has been made for something which you think is going to violate what you are going to do later on, then the permit can be withheld."

Alderman O'Brien: "Your Worship, I think in this case Council didn't know an application had been made and it was up to staff to draw such an application to the attention of Council so that we could have passed a motion as we did in the Oakland Road case, and held up the issuing of permits until the public hearing and action had been taken by Council. In the Committee there was

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warning given to the staff, and if staff had taken that warning they would have drawn to Council's attention the application before granting it; and we would have had a chance to pass a motion which would have held it up for two months, or until the action on the amendment was taken tonight."

His Worship the Mayor: "All we can do now is to draw this to the attention of the City Manager respecting the staff because I am not going to interfere with staff. I am not going to tell staff what they should or should not do because it is not the role of the Mayor under the Council-Manager form of government. But we will draw it to the attention of the City Manager and ask him to investigate this matter and report to Council."

Alderman Trainor: "I wonder if we could also ask the City Manager for a complete report on this permit which has been given out. How many times the applicant came in and if he was turned down?"

His Worship the Mayor asked the Commissioner of Works if he could answer Alderman Trainor, and he replied that he would have to check the records.

CITY FIELD UNION AGREEMENT ✓

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the matter be deferred in order to give the City Solicitor an opportunity to study the draft agreement. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR UNIFORM CLOTHING - POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND CITY PRISON ✓

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

The Safety Committee at a meeting held on March 17, 1959, approved and recommended the following tenders:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Uniforms (Mounted Division)	Tip Top Tailors Ltd.	\$40.95
Uniforms (Motorcycle)	Tip Top Tailors Ltd.	40.95
Slacks	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	11.71
Pea Jackets	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	30.50
Uniforms	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	35.06
Trousers	Tip Top Tailors Ltd.	11.45
Coats	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	31.25
Shirts	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	3.25

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Uniforms	Tip Top Tailors Ltd.	\$32.25
Trousers	Tip Top Tailors Ltd.	10.35
Overcoats	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	29.30
Shirts	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	3.25

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CITY PRISON

Uniform Suits	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	\$17.98
Trousers	Tip Top Tailors Ltd.	12.15
Shirts	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	3.25
Ties	J. & M. Murphy Ltd.	.66
Uniform Caps	Gordon B. Isnor Ltd.	3.30

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - EXPROPRIATION PROPERTY S/S DUFFUS STREET ✓

A Public Hearing in connection with the expropriation of the property Civic No. 22 on the south side of Duffus Street as shown on Plan No. SS-3-14417 for Redevelopment purposes, was held at this time.

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

His Worship the Mayor asked if any person wished to appear in favor of or against the expropriation, but no person appeared.

Formal Resolutions as prepared by the City Solicitor were submitted and copies of same are attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the Resolutions as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

UNDERSIZED LOT - 68 SEAFORTH STREET ✓

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

From the Town Planning Board

March 17th, 1959

Subject: Request to erect Single-family Dwelling on Undersized Lot -
68 Seaforth Street

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of the erection of a Single-family dwelling on an undersized lot at #68 Seaforth Street.

On motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that permission for the erection of a single-family dwelling on this lot be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the

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W H E R E A S the Commissioner of Works has submitted a report, dated March 9, 1959, and also a plan and description, covering the expropriation of certain lands on the south side of Duffus Street in the City of Halifax, for the purpose of housing accommodation;

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Works is of the opinion that the said lands should be acquired for the purpose aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS the Committee deems it necessary that the said lands as hereinafter described be expropriated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and it is recommended to the City Council that the said lands as hereinafter described be expropriated;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk pay to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-five Dollars (\$9,555.00) as the price or compensation for the said lands hereinafter more fully described, viz.:

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the southeastern side of Duffus Street, between Barrington Street and Albert Street in the City of Halifax as shown bordered in red on a plan entitled "Expropriation Plan of Certain Lands Required by the City of Halifax for Redevelopment Purposes", dated March 5th, 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-3-14417; the said land being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point on the southeastern official street line of Duffus Street distant northeastwardly two hundred and fifty feet and one tenth of a foot (250.1) from the intersection of the said southeastern official street line of Duffus Street with the northeastern street line of Albert Street, being the northeastern corner of Land Expropriated by His Majesty the King in the Right of The Dominion of Canada for Wartime Housing Ltd., on August 3rd, 1943, as instrument No. 701;

Thence northeastwardly along the said southeastern official street line of Duffus Street for a distance of sixty feet (60') or to the southwestern boundary line of said expropriated land;

Thence southeastwardly along the said southwestern boundary line of said expropriated land for a distance of

ninety-five feet and one tenth of a foot (95.1') or to the northwestern boundary line of said expropriated land;

Thence southwestwardly along the said northwestern boundary line of said expropriated land for a distance of sixty feet (60') or to the northeastern boundary line of said expropriated land;

Thence northwestwardly along the said northeastern boundary line of said expropriated land for a distance of ninety-six feet and one tenth of a foot (96.1') more or less or to the place of beginning.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council does hereby adopt the recommendation contained in the resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 17th day of March, A. D., 1959, for the expropriation of certain land situate on the southern side of Duffus Street in the City of Halifax to be acquired for the purpose of housing accommodation, and which is more fully described in the resolution of the Committee on Works and set out on a plan prepared by the Commissioner of Works dated March 5th, 1959, and bearing number SS-3-14417, referred to in the resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said land be and the same is hereby expropriated and that the City Clerk do pay to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-five Dollars (\$9,555.00) of lawful money of Canada as the price or compensation for the said land.

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report be approved. Motion passed.

INCINERATOR CONSTRUCTION - PROGRESS ESTIMATE NO. 4 ✓

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

From: Committee on Works

Date: March 17th, 1959

Subject: Certificate No. 4 - Incinerator Construction

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date considered payment of Progress Estimate No. 4 for the construction of the new Incinerator.

On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Lane, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimate No. 4 re Incinerator Construction in the amount of \$11,419.32 to the Foundation Maritime Limited.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. Mantin,
Clerk of Works.

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

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS - REDEVELOPMENT AREA ✓

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

At meetings of the Redevelopment Committee held on March 13, 23 and 26, 1959, the following property acquisitions were approved:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
57-9 Duke Street	\$ 9,650.00	\$482.50	\$10,132.50
31 Starr Street	5,000.00	250.00	5,250.00
32 " "	3,500.00	175.00	3,675.00
34 " "	3,750.00	187.50	3,937.50
202 Market Street	3,900.00	195.00	4,095.00
234 Argyle Street	18,450.00	922.50	19,372.50
140-142 Argyle Street	6,550.00	327.50	6,877.50

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTIES - MAITLAND STREET PARKING LOT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on March 13, 1959, it was agreed to recommend that the properties on the West side of Maitland Street between Cornwallis Street and Portland Place be expropriated to be used as the site for the construction of the Maitland Street Parking Lot; and that a date be set for a Public Hearing.

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Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that Council set Thursday, 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 in connection with the expropriation of the properties on the West side of Maitland Street. Motion passed.

HEATING PLANT - MULGRAVE PARK HOUSING PROJECT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on March 13, 1959, it was agreed to recommend that a coal-fired central heating plant be installed in the Mulgrave Park Housing Project.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

Alderman Dunlop: "We have converted nearly all City buildings to oil and I would like to know how the supplies of coal are coming. Are they available, and is it good quality coal? In the office building I am in we have had difficulties in getting even supplies of good quality coal."

His Worship the Mayor (to Commissioner of Works): "What is our experience?"

Commissioner of Works: "I only recall one complaint from one of our Emergency Shelters about the coal not being delivered, and it wasn't ordered in sufficient time." He advised that he had samples of the coal analyzed which showed that it meets the specifications set out in the tender call.

Alderman Wyman: "How frequently is it checked?"

Commissioner of Works: "This is the only time this Winter it was checked. We are making the practice of having it checked weekly."

His Worship the Mayor said that the Commissioner of Health had experienced no difficulty with regard to supplies for the various health installations this past winter.

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Alderman Lloyd: "I think we are in the rather serious position of being compelled, because of economic reasons, to support those efforts of the senior Governments, and others, who are trying to aid this somewhat disabled industry; and I think that so long as it has utility, even though it may cost us something to do so, it is a small contribution on our part to the general effort to assist the economic welfare of that particular area of the Province and, indirectly, our own. And for that reason I think we have to go along with this use of coal so long as it has some general utility, and even if it is not as efficient as some other fuel."

Alderman O'Brien: "I don't have the figures that were presented in Committee but my recollection is that the difference in cost was rather small. I think that in the light of that and the argument put forward by Alderman Lloyd, we should go along with coal."

Alderman Dunlop: "The boilers are such that they can be converted to oil, are they?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Oh, yes."

Alderman Butler: "Is it true that the conversion to coal is going to delay this project?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Not at all. The planning has been going ahead for months on the basis of coal being used."

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

METHOD OF TENDER CALL - MULGRAVE PARK HOUSING PROJECT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on March 13, 1959, a memorandum was submitted and read from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation recommending that tenders for the Mulgrave Park Housing Project be called as a complete project, less landscaping, at one time.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
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His Worship the Mayor: "I am satisfied, personally, that it is the only way to call for tenders. I had hoped that, perhaps, it may have been broken up into sections but because of the inter-dependence of all units in this project, considering the fact, for instance, if one person were going to build the heating plant, another the hi-rise buildings, another one the row housing, and so on; all of this depends on an orderly progress of the work which couldn't be done by a multiplicity of contractors on the site; and we have been so informed by Mr. Borland who, actually, made a very careful and a very good examination of the problem and explained it to the members of the Redevelopment Committee who were unanimous in recommending one tender call for the complete project."

Alderman Lane: "It may be unanimous but I still feel it is unfair to the 'small' man. Does he have to go in there as a sub-contractor?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes, through the general contractor."

Alderman Ferguson: "Your Worship, I don't know if the members of Council would be aware of the size of this contract but in a conversation with a person who is well aware of it, they were mentioning firms that would be capable, and they named the top firms in Canada, not the top firms in the Maritimes. I doubt if there are eight firms in the Maritimes who could tender. The names that they were mentioning were the largest of the large, and I think that it would be very unfortunate. We may save some money but in the long run I don't think that Halifax is going to benefit because it will be the same old story---that everything will go out and there will be nothing bought in the Maritimes apart from the labor."

Alderman Lane: "They even import their labor, do they not?"

Alderman Ferguson: "They bring them in under 'key' personnel, and there may be some justification for some key personnel; but I think quite strongly that it is rather unfortunate that a tender of this size has to be called in one piece."

His Worship the Mayor said that one of the difficulties is the site which, because of the steep grade, presents many problems in connection with the installation of underground services, and necessitates the construction of retaining walls.

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Alderman Ferguson: "It has been pointed out all along the line, Your Worship, on this site; and all I will say is that it is very unfortunate that we didn't have a proper site study by the 'powers that be' to begin with. (I don't mean members of this Council). Because it may have been a long while that we would have looked for a site when we hear of the many complications of retaining walls, calling for tenders, and all the rest. However, I am going to vote against it on general principles."

Alderman Trainor referred to the report which had been submitted to the Redevelopment Committee by Mr. Homer Borland and said while he agreed with Alderman Ferguson that local contractors should have an opportunity to tender on the job, as explained by Mr. Borland and His Worship the Mayor it just could not be done; but he said that local and smaller contractors through a new 'Bid Depository System' would have an opportunity of taking on portions of the contract; and he explained how the local contractor could price a certain building, deposit their bid on it and the general contractor would be compelled to take the bid of the local contractor if he were lower than the general contractor. And he continued, "There has to be some arrangement made on the calling of this by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation who are the calling agents."

Alderman Abbott: "It was brought out in the Committee meeting that all the sub-contracts would be given to local contractors; and, after all, the sub-contracts are the bulk of the business."

His Worship the Mayor: "No, I want to make it clear. That's not the case. It could be a plastering firm from Toronto, an electrical firm from Montreal to do the sub-trades."

Alderman Abbott: "That was not my understanding."

Alderman Butler: "Has this problem been aired thoroughly in the Redevelopment Committee, and is the Committee of the opinion that there is no alternative--that this work must all go to outside contractors?"

Alderman Trainor: "I think there could be an alternative but it would put the whole project back a year."

His Worship the Mayor: "Everyone on the Committee felt that they would like to see local contractors doing the job--would like to see it broken up into pieces so that local contractors would be able to do it. However,

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in view of the lengthy discussion and because of Mr. Borland's report, which has been put out in such a way that anyone can understand it; and having gone over all of this, I must come to the reluctant conclusion that we must call for one tender. I regret that, but what else can we do under the circumstances? We all want to see local contractors get the job so we can provide local employment. But it just isn't possible to do so."

Alderman Ferguson: "Is it true, Your Worship, that if it isn't called that way, it would hold the project up?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes, for a year. It would mean breaking up the whole thing, with the services going in this year and the construction next year."

Alderman Dunlop: "There's nothing to prevent two or three local contractors joining together."

His Worship the Mayor: "That's what Mr. Borland points out in his letter, they could form a syndicate to build the project."

Alderman Lloyd felt that since the whole program is being financed very substantially out of the National Treasury, Council should go along with the recommendation of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

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

REZONING AREAS "A" "D" AND "E" - REDEVELOPMENT AREA ✓

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on March 13, 1959, the following rezonings were discussed:

Area "A" - Morris-Brenton-Clyde-Dresden Row from C-2 Zone to R-3 Zone
Area "D" - Morris-Dresden-Clyde-Birmingham from C-2 Zone to R-3 Zone
Area "E" - Morris-Birmingham-Clyde-Queen St. from C-2 Zone to R-3 Zone.

Your Committee recommends that no change be made in these areas until such time as the Town Planning Board requests a review after the City has a professional Town Planning Engineer on staff and he has had an opportunity to study the recommendations of Professor Stephenson.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
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Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded 'against'.

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REZONING AREA "K" - REDEVELOPMENT AREA ✓

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on March 13, 1959, the proposed rezoning of Area "K" (Charles-Maynard-North-Agricola Streets) was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the rezoning be approved, Alderman Trainor wishing to be recorded 'against'.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the report be approved. Motion passed with Aldermen Trainor, Lloyd and Wyman wishing to be recorded 'against'.

MODIFICATION OF SIDEYARDS - 301 BARRINGTON STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Town Planning Board

Date: March 17, 1959

Subject: Modification of Sideyards - 301 Barrington Street

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Architect and Building Inspector recommending in favor of the Modification of Sideyards at #301 Barrington Street.

On motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, 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 Wyman, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

RESUBDIVISION - CUNARD AND CLIFTON STREETS ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Town Planning Board

Date: March 17th, 1959

Subject: Resubdivision - Corner of Cunard and Clifton Streets

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date considered a report from the City Architect and Building Inspector recommending in favor of the proposed resubdivision at Civic No. 125 Cunard Street, Civic No. 127 Cunard Street and Civic No. 1 Clifton Street into two lots.

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On motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council approval of the resub-division as shown on Plan #00-9-14441.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
Clerk of Works.

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

REQUEST TO REZONE #83 WINDSOR STREET

Deferred.

MAITLAND STREET PARKING LOT - REVISED AGREEMENT

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

The Redevelopment Committee at a meeting held on March 13, 1959, considered a revised draft Agreement covering acquisition, clearing and servicing of lands on Maitland Street, and the construction thereon of a parking lot at a total estimated cost of \$225,000.00 of which the City's share would be \$165,000.00.

Your Committee recommends that the Revised Agreement be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

CERTIFICATE #4 - EQUIPMENT - NEW INCINERATOR

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: March 17th, 1959.

Subject: Certificate #4 - Equipment, New Incinerator.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered payment of Progress Estimate No. 4 for the material and equipment for the New Incinerator.

On motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimate No. 4, re material and equipment for the New Incinerator in the amount of \$72,242.10 to the Francis Hankin Company, Limited.

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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EXTINGUISHMENT OF EASEMENT - FLEMING PARK ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Committee on Works
Date: March 17th, 1959.
Subject: Fleming Park - Extinguishment of Easement

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Solicitor regarding a further relinquishment to the owners of Fleming Heights Subdivision the interest of the City in another portion of the Electric Railway right-of-way at the Dingle, consisting of 2,340 square feet, at a price of approximately .042¢ per square foot.

On motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor, 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 Greenwood, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

RELOCATION OF FLASHING SIGNAL LIGHTS - HOWE AVENUE ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Committee on Works
Date: March 17th, 1959
Subject: Approval of Plans - Relocation Flashing Signals - Howe Avenue

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending approval of C.N.R. Plan No. P-21-7-161-4 showing relocation of the Flashing Signal Lights of the Halifax and South-Western Railway at the northern end of Howe Avenue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. Mantin,
Clerk of Works.

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

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION TO EXTEND SALES TAX TO FINANCE EDUCATION COSTS ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on March 18, 1959, recommendations arising out of the Pottier Report were considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the Provincial Government be requested to enact legislation, province-wide, for an extension of the Sales Tax for the purpose of financing education costs.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. Stoddard,
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Alderman Lloyd: "I think that the decision reached by the Finance and Executive Committee, by way of conclusion, was that a local sales tax and even a metropolitan sales tax, as recommended by Mr. Justice Pottier, would be very difficult to impose or to get agreement on, for many reasons. In the Committee we did agree that there were merits in other steps being taken before we finally came to requesting, specifically, a sales tax; but I think there is some merit in this matter being referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee until some opportunity has been afforded us to discuss this matter at an informal conference with the Provincial Government. There may be other matters related to this matter and it might be best in the long run to proceed in that fashion."

His Worship the Mayor: "I doubt very much if the Provincial Government would engage in lengthy discussions with us on such a matter without referring it to the Union of Municipalities. They seem to be setting up the Union of Municipalities as a 'senate' on municipal matters in this province."

He said he had written to the Premier requesting action on a matter which had been outstanding since 1951, and the Premier had replied that the requested Act would not be proclaimed until the matter had been discussed and approved by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

He then referred to a Press report wherein several members of the Legislature were reported to have made caustic remarks concerning City Council "trying to foist some of its responsibilities upon the Legislature"; and he said the remarks were so far from the facts as to be laughable to the members of City Council who had discussed the problem and were trying to seek more Home Rule. "I am afraid that whatever matters are discussed with the Provincial Government the answer to us will be to send it back to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for their approval."

Alderman Lloyd: "That may be so and, in the light of some of these comments, some of these fallacies, at least we can try to set up some sort of

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objective discussion with the Province on our total financial picture. Mind you, a sales tax, as such, has got to be considered in the light of other Provincial Government policies about which I have a Resolution to come later in this meeting, and it would seem to me to be very wise not to debate this matter tonight."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for further study.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the Press report which quoted the Mayor of Dartmouth as saying that at a meeting held two years ago the idea of a sales tax had been rejected by the City and County, and he said: "That is not in keeping with the facts, at all, as I recall the representatives from the two other municipalities saying they could take no action until their own Councils had acted upon it. So, to say the City and County rejected the municipal sales tax for the area is not correct."

Alderman O'Brien: "Has our Council ever taken any action on this matter?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No, it has not."

Alderman O'Brien: "I think the referral back to the Committee may be wise at the moment but I would hope that we don't get around to budget time next year without having had a motion passed by this Council on this matter because I feel the kind of criticism which came to me following our budget action this year was a trifle valid. There was a variety of criticisms but the one I felt was valid was that we had not yet attempted, formally and officially, to deal with some of the recommendations of the Pottier Report, the major ones. Now, you may say that we can't get the Sales Tax, but at least we should try, and we should try not next January but some time in the next six months."

Alderman Dunlop suggested that action should be taken no later than at the next meeting of City Council and he expressed doubt that the Province would do anything but what His Worship the Mayor had indicated by sending it to the Union of Municipalities at their next convention; and he felt that action could not be taken quickly enough so that the sales tax could go into effect by the first of next year, when the City's financial problems will be greater than they are at present.

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Alderman Lloyd referred to the criticism which Alderman O'Brien had mentioned and said that the impression held by some that the City had been dilatory in the matter was unfair. "When you talk about changing your sources of revenue to finance a major undertaking such as education, you are disturbing the status quo of a long period of time in the field of taxation. It involves many matters of public finance that concern both the Federal and Provincial Governments; and it would seem to me that anything that we could do in taking more time to assure these senior governments that we are being constructive--appreciative of their positions financially, then when we come forward, it is going to be that much more difficult for them to ignore our pleas. I think that a very strong case can be made in broad principle, for shifting the financing of education to a greater degree over a period of time to other sources of revenue for its financing than real property taxation. I can say that without any question. The timing is important, and how much and when this shift takes place is extremely important. However, all I have to say on this matter will be said at the Finance and Executive Committee meeting, and if the Committee feels it should then come back to the Council, I will offer no objection. All I am asking for is a few days borrowed time on some new thoughts on the matter."

His Worship the Mayor agreed that any criticism to the effect that Council had delayed action in any way is unfair because during the last year there were over thirty meetings of the Finance and Executive Committee, whereas the regular number of meetings is twelve, a great many of the extra meetings having been called to deal with recommendations contained in the Pottier Report and for public hearings in connection with the Report. "Surely, no one could question our sincerity on the matter of taxation in this City. When, for instance we ran up against one barrier, we tried to get that barrier cleared by letters to the Attorney General with respect to the Gross Receipts Tax. We had to get a ruling from him or, if not through him, at least from the Department of Justice as to our rights to impose this tax. Also, shortly after the tabling of the Pottier Report the Province acted to introduce legislation to impose a Sales Tax. Now, surely, we were stopped in our tracks. Another difficulty that was pointed out by many citizens was the difficulty of imposing a Sales Tax on the local level only and that the other areas in Nova Scotia would not

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have a sales tax. Certainly, it would force business out to the surrounding municipalities and the commercial growth in these areas to the detriment of the commercial life in the City, and not only the commercial life but to employment and everything else. Now, when you face that problem, which the Council did when it could--we approached the problem of the Pottier Report and we have applied to the Legislature and have secured legislation to impose a number of changes in our tax set-up as suggested by Justice Pottier--this is being done. The question of assessments is under continuous review by the assessing department. We have achieved some success. We have been able to get some of the things recommended in the Pottier Report. In fact, we have examined them all and I think there are some twenty in number. We have met the recommendations of the Judge in his Commission Report on most of them. It is true enough that the larger items have not been resolved but one of the biggest difficulties is, first, the constitutional problem. Secondly, the action of the Provincial Government itself in preempting the sales tax field to finance the Hospital Insurance program. Now, it is just in that position."

Alderman O'Brien: "When did we first ask the Province for a constitutional ruling on the gross receipts tax?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Only, to my knowledge, this month."

Alderman O'Brien: "That was one of the clear-cut recommendations of the job and I think it is one of the hopeful recommendations if it can be cleared constitutionally. I think that if we can work out the details on this particular tax, it could be of real value in the future; and it seems to me we have delayed unnecessarily in that particular respect."

Alderman Lloyd: "I sat at that table during the term of office of our present Attorney General, Mr. Donahoe, and I asked at that time (before the re-assessment by the Cleminshaw Company) when this question of business taxes was before (and I think that is what you are referring to--the method of assessing our business tax) and I can remember so well suggesting that we have a study made of this. We would ask the Canadian Tax Foundation to do it. The City Manager, in all sincerity, did not think that such a thing could be practical. Unbeknownst to all of us, at that very time Doctor Clark of British Columbia was conducting such an inquiry and, subsequently, made a very valuable

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contribution to thinking on the subject of Business Taxes in Canada. Doctor Clark happens to be the older brother of the man who deals with Federal Grants assessments in Canada and he is a noted authority in the field of the economics of taxation.

"I might also say that it is quite clear, now, that provincial governments have tried to recognize the principle that taxation for financing welfare, public health and education (and they accept the principle quite generally) must come, at some measure, from taxes other than real property taxes; and that principle is being expanded, certainly with regard to the Hospital Tax. And that was a principle, by the way, which was decried some time later when former Mayor Kitz and myself ran an election. But, I am very happy to say that the principle still stands despite this relatively minor political dispute which took place between two relatively minor people in the political scene in this Country. But, last year in Vancouver it was there declared by a man of some competence before the Mayors' Federation that, in his opinion, the time had come to pursue this course among the Canadian Municipalities, that we should strive generally to remove from tax property levies 'services to persons' as distinct from 'services to property', a re-statement of the same thing. So, you see it's beginning to take hold throughout the Country.

"The other evening, through the public interest of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, they invited us and others to attend a meeting on industrial development at the Nova Scotian Hotel. They had there a gentleman by the name of Doctor Maurice Fulton, an expert for the Fantas Factory Location people. Following the formal meeting and paper read by Doctor Fulton, we were invited to stay behind and have an informal discussion of this matter; and, inevitably, it came down to the matter of local taxation as it affected industrial-producing enterprise. At that meeting were corporation solicitors; were directors of large retail establishments in the City, members of the Board of Trade; also, there were representatives of the Industrial Estates; representatives of National retail organizations; and, there were the Warden, the Mayor, some Aldermen. It was quite obvious, Your Worship, that there is a tremendous need to bring these divergent views that were apparent closer together for the common good of everyone. There were, certainly, different views--opposed views

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there expressed. It was a splendid opportunity to have them meet head on. I think they did and it was a very excellent open and frank discussion. I was greatly impressed by that meeting and saw the need for us to go back from things that were said there by Doctor Fulton. The experiences of other places are available to us to a larger degree than I realized; and differences were pointed out to us, too, on the matter of sales tax, great differences. A good deal of the profound thought behind taxation comes to us from the United States where there is no manufacturers' sales tax such as we have by the central government of Canada. Also, a good many sales taxes are imposed without exemptions such as we have in Canada; and many of the basic arguments supporting tax structures in the United States are not applicable in Canada. And yet, they are recommended to us.

"Now, I think we would be wise to re-examine our approach to it in the light of our purely Canadian problems, and be very careful that we don't fall into the error of us accepting something because "Joe" did it. It may not be workable, here. I am more convinced than ever, after that rather frank discussion (with thanks to the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company) that we had with men quite competent to present their views, even though divergent with each other, in an informal gathering, and with quite some vigor.

"Your Worship, I think for that reason alone I would ask that this matter go back to the Committee; but the other reasons are that we have gone 'out on the limb' by recommending, specifically, a sales tax being used. It is conceivable that should the Provincial Government say, 'Yes, we recognize that education, as a factor of cost to the municipality when it is confined, largely, to taxes on real property, is something that needs attention; but we've got to find resources to do it to relieve you of that cost. Now, perhaps, the national grants may be adjusted. Maybe, our experience with the Hospital Sales Tax; maybe other things that we know nothing about may be in the offing'.

"It would seem to me to be some greater advantage to us to emphasize the need to shift the cost of one great service to a new revenue source, rather than being too specific as to which one it should be - Income Tax or Sales Tax. It could be either, or the adjustment of national grants might be the third

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"And for those reasons, Your Worship, I would like to see the Committee have another chance at it."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Ferguson and passed.

RESOLUTION FOR PRESENTATION AT MAYORS' FEDERATION CONFERENCE ✓

Alderman Lloyd submitted and read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the fiscal relationship between Provincial and Municipal governments, and municipal financial policies do not follow a uniform pattern in Canada; and WHEREAS Municipal fiscal policies can only be fully appraised when considered in comparison with Provincial and Canadian Government taxation and other fiscal policies;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Canadian Government be requested to appoint authorities to undertake an objective study of municipal fiscal affairs and taxation throughout Canada, and the economic implications of existing municipal financial policies; and, to publish a public report of their findings.

Alderman Lloyd: "The purpose of this Resolution is to see if it is possible to have one laboratory, as it were, do some research work to bring together all the facts pertaining to this problem across the Country, and objectively express opinions about it so that when we talk to other governments, through the Mayors' Federation, and when we talk to our own Government and where we are given answers about what somebody else does somewhere else, we will then have a complete picture. As it is, I think we are greatly handicapped in our presentations on taxation; and until we know what each of the other municipalities in the other provinces are receiving from their provincial governments by way of taxing powers, by way of grants, by way of Federal assistance, by way of assistance economically whether it be for waterways, seaways, coal or joining-Canada grants--whatever it may be, I think those should be appraised in the light of our particular problem at any one time. Now, that is a big undertaking. It could very well mean that we might finally get a definition out of Ottawa as to what is the difference between Direct and Indirect Taxation."

His Worship the Mayor: "You are asking for an awful lot."

Alderman Lloyd: "We even might get that. Well, Your Worship. I think that this kind of Resolution is generative. I think that a conference between Provincial, Federal and Municipal Governments would be far more successful."

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far more constructive after each of those attending such a conference had digested, at least had read, the report of such an undertaking."

MOVED by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the Resolution as submitted be forwarded for presentation and consideration at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities to be held at North Bay, Ontario, in June of this year.

His Worship the Mayor: "There is, certainly, no question but that there is a great need in this Country, today, for a strong, clear, objective study and report so that all the municipalities across Canada will know how the provinces treat their municipalities; because, to say that Toronto does this, Hamilton does this, Winnipeg does this — without a full study and without the full information in our possession — is speaking without being in possession of all the facts, a most dangerous way to talk, sometimes."

The motion was put and passed.

SPRINKLERS - HI-RISE BUILDINGS - MULGRAVE PARK HOUSING PROJECT

His Worship the Mayor: "As you know, Council took some action at the last meeting based upon the recommendation of the City Manager with respect to a saving on the cost of the installation of the sprinkler systems as reflected on insurance costs. It is the opinion of the Redevelopment Committee at its last meeting, after some research by some members of the Committee, that the savings were not present in the same measure as indicated by the City Manager. However, we don't have a report from the City Manager tonight as he is ill in hospital at the present time. I am really disturbed by the time lag."

Alderman Dunlop contended that the sprinkler systems would never pay for themselves by way of savings on insurance premiums, and said it is merely a question of are they required for safety reasons and, if so, they should be installed. He advised that he made inquiries through his insurance underwriter who was of the opinion that the type of construction proposed for the project is such that the risk is so small, the premium would be reduced to a minimum, and hence any saving on insurance resulting from sprinkler installation would be relatively minimal.

- Alderman Wyman: "The reduction in premium is small because the risk of destruction to the buildings is small. That has no bearing, whatsoever, on the risk of destruction to human life."

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His Worship the Mayor: "I think it has because, in the first place, the spread of fire would be controlled by the construction. If any fire did occur what would happen is that only the furnishings of the occupant would burn. It could result in death, I will admit, but the same thing is apparent as was witnessed in the case of the fire in Dartmouth, yesterday, in any single-family dwelling in Halifax."

Alderman Wyman: "That is true. The risk of loss of life in fires results more frequently from the burning of the movable furniture within the building than from the burning of the building, itself; and, where you have a four and a half million dollar structure; . . . I think it is only prudent to add what, in the total cost, is a relatively small amount of money to give that additional protection for the people who will be living in the apartments."

Alderman Lane: "In spite of the fact that it is not done in any other city in Canada, in similar type buildings, is that not correct?"

His Worship the Mayor: "In similar projects it is not being done."

Alderman Trainor said the thing that had influenced his thinking in Committee was the purported saving of from 50 to 65 percent in insurance premiums which would allegedly pay for the installations over a period of years. "We were given wrong information. After some of us went out and talked it over with different insurance underwriters, we found out that the saving was negligible", he said.

Alderman Butler: "It seems to me if we are dealing with strictly a fireproof building then we may be belaboring the point by taking that added precaution. We can't dispute the fact that there is always the possibility of fire and there is always the possibility of loss of life. At the same time if you have a fireproof building, I think the risk is so minimized that it is quite justifiable in deleting the sprinkler system in those buildings. Secondly, I don't think there is anyone here tonight who could guarantee that a sprinkler system is 100% perfect because you can have a failure in the water supply, you can have a fault within the master valve involved and it is not foolproof. In view of the report that I read where it's going to take so many years to pay this off and get the money back that's involved, I think we are justified in deleting that item."

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His Worship the Mayor pointed out that if the cost of sprinklers is added to the project, it would be borne by the City only and not by the other partners.

Alderman Trainor: "There is also the point that a lot of people die as the result of suffocation from smoke when a fire occurs in a building which may or may not set sprinkler heads off. They are set to go off at about 120 to 140 degrees. The smoke may be there and, yet, you may not have sufficient heat to activate the sprinkler system and people will suffocate to death."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is that a fact, Alderman Wyman?"

Alderman Wyman: "I am not sure of the answer to that. In reviewing fire reports I have not yet encountered a case where there has been suffocation where the officials investigating have not felt that sprinklers would have dealt with it. Now, that's just an off-hand recollection from what I have read; but it has been a point made many times that where a building has had an effective sprinkler system in it, there has never been a loss of life."

Alderman Dunlop asked why it was necessary to 'sprinkle' the hi-rise buildings and not the other buildings in the project, which he contended were the ones which should be done as they were not of brick construction.

His Worship the Mayor: "The (Fire) Chief didn't recommend those ones for sprinkler systems."

Alderman Lloyd: "That clinches the argument to me. I think if the other buildings which are, to my mind, far more hazardous with combustibles which give off gases which, I believe, have been the causes of death, are not going to be sprinklered and it is only going to be applied to the buildings with the highest safety factors, then I think you might as well say, no sprinklers at all for the lot of them."

Alderman Lloyd then gave notice that at the next meeting of the City Council to be held on April 16, 1959, he would move that the Resolution passed by Council on March 12, 1959, respecting Sprinklers for the Hi-Rise Buildings in the Mulgrave Park Housing Project, be rescinded.

His Worship the Mayor: "All of this discussion is going to seriously retard completion of the plans for Mulgrave Park."

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Alderman O'Brien: "Could we have a 'straw' vote, Your Worship, to guide Central Mortgage and Housing in their planning?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Alright, we can have that."

Alderman Ferguson: "I think it is one to have a sprinkler in or out, but if it is going to seriously retard completion of the project, I am prepared to leave it in."

Alderman Lane: "Isn't the crux of the matter still to us that we have a positive recommendation from a member of the safety forces of our City. Aside from the money we are going to spend which, in my opinion, is one thing, you have a positive recommendation from the Fire Chief that he wants the buildings sprinklered. Now, how do we face that?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Do you know him as going on record as being opposed to a sprinkler system anywhere, yet?"

Alderman Lane: "That isn't the point we have got to consider. We have been faced with it in the schools and we have acceded to his request one hundred percent because we are dealing with the safety of children. You are doing the same thing in these buildings. As far as I am concerned, I can see all the practical need of not spending money unnecessarily but I just don't want to be a member of this Council the day the building takes fire and some innocent life is lost."

His Worship the Mayor: "Well, if it is a question of safety, and if it is a question of giving the lead then I think that this money should be provided by a special vote of this Council as a grant to this project and not be included in the rental set-up. Otherwise, you are going to put an additional load on the residents of the project because Council feels it should take this action. Let it be by way of a grant, then."

Alderman Lane: "Your Worship, I asked you a question--I didn't have an answer--and that is: Are we to regard or disregard the recommendation of the Chief in our thinking on this matter?"

His Worship the Mayor: "That, madam, is a matter for each individual Council member, within his own conscience, to vote accordingly."

Alderman Trainor: "We got a recommendation on the Hi-Rise buildings. Why didn't we get a recommendation from the Chief on the ordinary 'walk-ups'."

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Alderman Dunlop: "I think any person in the position of the Chief, if he were asked the question would say, 'Yes'. He can't be wrong by recommending them. I don't know what it would cost to sprinkler the whole system but I judge it would be well over \$100,000.00, and I would expect the people in there would have to pay for it."

Alderman O'Brien declared that it would mean \$4.00 per month added to the rent.

Alderman Dunlop: "We are only contributing a very small portion of the cost and, really, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation have more money in the project than we have and if they are satisfied, they have a responsibility, too, to the public; perhaps, a greater responsibility than we have."

His Worship the Mayor: "So much so, they don't want to include it as a cost against the project."

Alderman Dunlop: "As I understand it, they say the sprinklers are not necessary. If that is so, then I put their judgment against that of the Chief."

Alderman Lloyd: "On a matter of procedure -- if I do rescind a resolution, just specifically what resolution do I rescind?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It's now in the record because this Resolution made before may not have much effect."

Alderman Lloyd: "Was it operative?"

Alderman O'Brien: "It was a recommendation to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, really. That is all we can do in a case like this where they are in charge of the plans."

His Worship the Mayor: "But we do more than that, though. We, also, tell them that we will provide the funds."

Alderman Lloyd: "Ah! yes, and we would have to have a two-thirds vote of the Council to approve a capital project, for an expenditure of this kind; and I don't think the motion was put to us on that basis."

Alderman O'Brien: "They haven't acted on that motion either and, as I understand it, the thing that would hold up the plans substantially would be if we insist on having the sprinkler system, now. But if we leave them out the plans which are now prepared will be valid. Otherwise, they have to start again."

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Alderman Ferguson: "I understood the opposite."

Alderman Lloyd: "Can we get a ruling as to what is the effect of the previous resolution of Council."

Alderman Ferguson suggested that the 'straw' vote be taken, first.

His Worship the Mayor: "The Solicitor points out an important fact. We have an agreement with the Federal and Provincial Governments to build certain buildings, we to contribute certain things. This would be contrary to the general provisions of the agreement--for us to do something which is beyond the agreement to which the parties have agreed."

Alderman O'Brien suggested that the motion passed at the meeting of Council held on March 12, 1959, be declared invalid.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the City Solicitor required time to study the matter before rendering a decision.

Alderman Wyman: "With regard to the remark that we might take the advice of the officials of the senior government in preference to the advice of our own higher officials, locally, the fire record of buildings owned by senior governments in Canada and the United States is not such as to inspire too much confidence."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is a fair observation."

Alderman O'Brien: "Does this apply, though, to this type of project in which Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has been involved?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I don't know if any record of such a loss of life is available. Mr. Borland has stated that there never has been a fire where there was loss of life in any similar project built under Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation sponsorship."

His Worship the Mayor then asked the City Solicitor in what position Council was with respect to the resolution.

City Solicitor: "I will have to study whether your resolution has any validity in effect at all in consequence of your agreement with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation; and in view of the fact that no money was voted, it wasn't approved by a two-thirds vote as is required for a capital expenditure."

MOVED by Alderman Lloyd that no action be taken on the matter until a

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ruling has been rendered by the City Solicitor as to the validity of the previous motion.

There was no seconder to the motion.

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the way to do it is to clear the record by rescinding the resolution and get an informal opinion tonight from the Aldermen as to whether they are in favor, or not. I imagine that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation must be given some indication (whether it is valid or not) to either hold up or go ahead with the plans."

His Worship the Mayor then declared the Notice of Motion given earlier by Alderman Lloyd to be in order; and he asked the members of Council to indicate by a show of hands whether they favored the installation of sprinkler systems in the Hi-Rise Buildings at Mulgrave Park.

The poll was then taken, two members only showing hands.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - QUEEN ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL

His Worship the Mayor advised that a request had been received from the School Board for an additional appropriation so that the extension of Queen Elizabeth High School could be increased from 12 rooms to 18 rooms, and he said that while no formal action could be taken at this time since the matter was not on the agenda, he would ask Alderman Dunlop, Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners to explain the matter in detail.

Alderman Dunlop: "At the present time there is a 12-room addition being built on the Queen Elizabeth High School. The original recommendation by the Board was for an 18-room addition, and at its last meeting the Board unanimously agreed that the original plans should be carried out, that is, that the eighteen rooms be built instead of twelve. The contractor has not advanced so far that it would add appreciably to the cost by doing it now. They have given a firm bid of \$80,010.00 for the extra rooms provided that they are informed right away as the work has advanced to the point where there cannot be any delay.

"The situation is that we have an appropriation of \$268,000.00, and the total contract price, with architects' fees and furnishings will leave a margin of about \$50,000.00; and on the Oxford School addition there will be a margin

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of approximately \$30,000.00; and the School Board is asking Council to approve of the addition and allow the \$30,000.00 to be taken from the Oxford School appropriation and apply it to the Queen Elizabeth High School appropriation."

Alderman Lloyd: "How are you going to overcome the problem of tender?"

Alderman Dunlop explained that it would be an extension of the present contract and he pointed out that the unit price on a per-room basis is lower than the original tender.

Alderman Lloyd observed that it is quite an extra to a contract to which the Mayor agreed, remarking at the same time that the space could never be built again as cheaply.

Alderman Lloyd contended that the report by the School Board to Council should show why the action requested is merited because Council has so many rules about tendering, all of which are designed to give full play to a strict tendering basis. Where there are exceptional cases, such as this where a departure from the tendering rule is considered, there must be an abundance of information supporting the request to warrant approval of the additional cost by Council, he said.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the responsibility of calling for tenders remains with the School Board which is asking only for an increase in the Capital Borrowing Resolution to provide them with sufficient funds to proceed with the construction of the extra rooms.

Alderman O'Brien: "Might I ask if the School Board has given any consideration to the recommendation of the MacNab Commission with respect to the size of schools.

His Worship the Mayor: "They have, but Mr. MacNab is one authority; and there are many other authorities who feel that even a school of 5,000 is a workable unit, and for this reason--there are certain things you can carry on in a large school which could not be carried on in a small school, such as bands and so on.

Alderman Dunlop said that the School Board had never received a recommendation from any authority or individual that a separate school should be built.

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Alderman Wyman: "I think that there is no doubt that there are many very large senior high schools in Canada and the United States that are working very successfully; and I don't think that because it becomes large it need necessarily become an assembly line. That is a matter of proper administration within the school, whether or not you get it on the assembly-line principle or on the same principle exactly as you have in a smaller school. It can be worked out. There is one question dealing with this matter to which I think we should have a clear answer. If I understand correctly, the original recommendation from the staff was for an 18-room addition. The Board reduced that to twelve, and now is going back to the original recommendation. I think we are entitled to an explanation of reasons for the Board's first reducing and, now, changing back to the original."

Alderman Dunlop said that Alderman Abbott was in a better position to answer the question as he was a member of the Special Committee of the Board.

Alderman Abbott: "I wasn't on the Board when the recommendation was reduced from eighteen to twelve. I was on the Board when we brought in the original recommendation to build the equivalent of eighteen classrooms. At that time it was felt from the statistics submitted by Dr. Marshall and his staff that we would require the eighteen rooms by 1964; and that same situation applies now. As a matter of fact, with the twelve additional classrooms we will be one classroom short at the opening of school in September. We will require the additional six by 1964, and that is why we feel that we should put them on at this time. The contract price for the additional twelve that we are now building is costing \$14,900.00 per classroom. The price we have got from the contractor for this additional six rooms is just slightly over \$13,000.00 per classroom. We have gotten a better price or we will get a better price, and it is Class "A" construction."

His Worship the Mayor observed that the price is not comparable in the sense that there is no necessity to provide lavatories or stairways and they are merely classrooms.

Alderman Wyman said he appreciated the answer to part of his question but he still required an answer to why the original recommendation was reduced; and His Worship the Mayor replied that it was due to costs.

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Alderman Wyman: "It does seem to me, as a matter of economy, that we should hope that the School Board would be looking beyond the immediate need when they decide how large an addition to a school, or the size of a new school should be. I recall when I was on the Board the building of one new school that was too small by about four classrooms before the construction was complete. At the time that the planning was underway on the Board there were those on the Board who advocated a larger school because we could foresee the growth in the area concerned, and because that growth could not be proved mathematically on paper, the majority of the Board opposed going to the full size. The year after the building was finished there was an addition put on."

His Worship the Mayor recalled that when he was a member of the Board there were two schools increased over the recommendations of staff, after Aldermen who were members of the Board brought forward information on vacant lots, and so on, and despite the view of the Supervisor who was, perhaps, going on the basis of existing enrollment and was bounded, too, by the fact that he should only bring in a recommendation for present needs which would be within the means of the City to provide. He also referred to St. Catherine's School which was increased three times over the original plan; also, immediately upon completion of St. Stephen's School in 1947, plans were made for an addition to the plant but he pointed out that the building of the school on that site attracted new home owners to the area and the school population exceeded the anticipated figure. St. Andrews School had a like effect on that area.

Alderman Lloyd stated the administration of the school system is the responsibility of the Board of School Commissioners and if, in the Board's opinion, the addition to Queen Elizabeth High School is to be eighteen rooms instead of twelve rooms, then Council must accept that decision and, if possible, provide the necessary funds; and he further stated that he would be willing to support a motion to that effect if and when it was presented to Council.

Alderman O'Brien indicated that he was opposed to the proposal.

His Worship the Mayor said that the report from the Board of School Commissioners would be considered at the next meeting of Council, after first having been considered by the Finance and Executive Committee.

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REPORT RE: 1959 LEGISLATION

The City Solicitor reported verbally on the changes made in the legislation which was presented at the last session of the Legislature.

BILL 59 - The greater part of Bill 59 dealt with the elimination of the Household Tax which was passed without any material change; the Section dealing with the grading of Ralston Avenue and charging the cost to Mrs. MacLean was ruled out. The rest of the changes in the Bill are minor and the Bill is substantially as it was presented.

BILL 93 - This is the Deed Transfer Tax Act and it was passed with only minor changes respecting the penalty, and the effective date has been changed from June 1 to such time as the City proclaims an ordinance setting the effective date.

BILL 101 - Bill 101 deals with the honoraria paid to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Aldermen and it has been amended so that there is no amount set but same may be determined by a resolution of City Council to be effective at any time set by Council.

The Section dealing with a three-year term for Mayor was deleted.

The minimum income for Poll Tax purposes was raised from \$1200.00 to \$1500.00, to be effective January 1, 1960. The Section providing for the employer to deduct the Poll Tax at source was passed with one change respecting the penalty, to be effective January 1, 1960.

The proposed legislation providing for vacant land to be taxed at the business rate was rejected by the Legislature.

Alderman Lloyd: "We are pressed for land for certain types of development in the City, residential and otherwise. The land is in short supply for all general, practical purposes. Now that this recommendation of Mr. Justice Pottier has been set aside by the Legislature, I feel that we have a responsibility in connection with this matter of vacant lands in commercial areas that could, generally, be planned by the owners for construction at a reasonably early date, and I think that we have to look at our responsibility in the matter of zoning. If we are going to zone areas 'commercial'--this spot 'commercial and this area 'residential', we thereby take responsibility as a Council in determining how this City should develop; and we do so because we want it developed economically, as well as for the social good of the community. Now, if we are

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doing that and we can't pass a taxing act which is designed to carry out those plans, then we have to re-examine our position on some of this zoning; and I just begin to wonder whether we should not get in touch with those who have substantial parcels of land. I believe, for example, that the parcel of land on Mumford Road (the owner was represented at the Legislature and his solicitor made representations. He wasn't there the night of the public hearing to give us the opportunity for rebuttal ---"

The City Solicitor stated that the solicitor for the owners of the land on Mumford Road had been granted a hearing the morning following the scheduled public hearing.

Alderman Lloyd: "Well, I don't want to get this into the realm of controversy because there may be some factors which the owners of the land may be willing to recognize. We have a Redevelopment Area here in the City. As yet, we have not firmed up on how it shall be developed, except commercially. I wonder if some efforts should be made to indicate to people who hold vacant lands -- would they be interested in developing this particular area? After all, there is the implication of commercial taxation involved. If development should take place on substantial scales that it would affect the commercial values of properties in the downtown areas. The rate for commercial property elsewhere, overall, has got to go up and if some other does not decline in value because of some planned development, that assessment stays fixed but your commercial rate has got to go up to cover the same volume of revenue. And it would seem to me that we should give some thought to this matter and, perhaps, ask the Town Planning Board to look into this matter to see if there is any feasible or practical action that we could take to either influence, fairly, the holders of commercial sites that are taxed on a residential basis to coordinate their plans for development with those of the City. Now, you can't force it because people who have made plans and have committed themselves, possibly, to some projects might fairly say that they have advanced so far that it is impossible for them to make any changes. On the other hand, they may not be so far advanced, and they may be willing to see some advantage of helping the City with the Redevelopment Program; instead of, if it keeps on, we are liable to have a de-development program. We are going downhill in assessment values in certain

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areas of the City with this zoning and redevelopment; and if that is going to be the end result, I don't know. Let us suppose, for example, that some person saw the advantage of buying the whole nine acres and setting up a shopping district right there in the City, bid it in on tender and went ahead with it. What is the affect going to be on some other areas. I don't know. I am not concerned about the individual affect on one centre as against another; but I am concerned about our assessment value and assessment base from Spring Garden Road down along Barrington Street, clear up through to Gottingen Street; and I think that where we can't influence development by zoning and by taxation, the way we should, I think we may have to re-examine our policy on the matter, and I can only ask the Town Planning Board, tonight, if they will examine this question somewhat along the lines that I have suggested, and see if there is any practical or feasible alternative to our present policy, if possible, including rezoning back to 'residential'."

His Worship the Mayor stated that the matter would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Town Planning Board for discussion along the lines suggested by Alderman Lloyd.

City Solicitor: "We were, also, given authority to make an ordinance for the regulating and licensing of commercial portrait photographers, but they put out the requirement that he must have a place of business within the City.

"They approved the establishment of a Parking Authority to operate any City-owned or leased properties used for parking.

"They, also, gave authority to make an ordinance re The Early Closing of Shops, the only amendment being to raise from \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 the assessment of those who are exempted.

"We also have authority to adopt by resolution of Council, the National Building Code.

"I may say that the Bills as they were presented are very substantially the same, and there are just a few minor changes, with only one or two sections being deleted."

Alderman Ferguson requested that the ordinance respecting The Early Closing of Shops be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee.

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Alderman Lloyd: "I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Doyle on this rather heavy load of legislation he had to present to the Legislature. I think it speaks well of his professional skill that, largely, the changes that were made were on matters of policy rather than on his draftsmanship and presentation of Council's wishes; and I am most happy to express my views and I trust that they are shared by the other members of Council in that regard."

COMMENDATION TO POLICE DEPARTMENT ✓

His Worship the Mayor commended the Chief of Police and members of the Police Department for the manner in which the department handled the excessively large volume of downtown traffic which developed today as a result of the Easter Shopping activity.

Meeting adjourned.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1959

A G E N D A

Prayer.

Minutes February 9, 18, 25, 26, 28, March 12, 1959.

1. Motion Alderman Lloyd to Rescind Resolution of Council March 12, 1959 Re: Sprinklers Hi-Rise Buildings - Mulgrave Park.
2. Disposal Unclaimed Articles Police Department.
3. Appointment Salary Committee.
4. Natal Day - August 10, 1959.
5. Accounts Over \$500.00.
6. Property Acquisitions - Redevelopment Area.
7. Purchase Properties Industrial Mile Area.
8. City Hall Union Agreement - Rand Formula (Referred to Salary Committee)
9. Widows' Pensions - Mrs. Eva Jean Stewart - \$182.41 - 316 "C"
Mrs. Mary K. Austin - \$558.74 - 316 "C"
10. Supplementary Grants: Mr. A.T. Russell - \$ 758.57 316 "C"
Mr. J.A. Kinsman - \$1,083.86 316 "C"
Mr. G.G. Butler - \$ 652.95 316 "C"
11. Adjusting Supplementary Grants. \$653.41 - 316 "C"
12. Contract Band Concerts 1959 and 1960.
13. Proposed Bond Issue.
14. Lease - Children's Hospital.
15. Call System T.B. Patients.
16. Tenders for Purchase Station Wagon Basinview Home - 316 "C"
17. Hot Water Jacket - City Prison (Deferred in Committee)
18. Tenders Groceries, Cleaning Materials and Fish.
19. Resubdivision - Walker and Hall Property - Kempt Road.
20. Resubdivision - Lot 29 Pinewood Acres.
21. Kiwanis Club - Clyde Beatty Circus - (July 17th and 18th)
22. Bill Lynch Shows - (June 9th - June 24th) & (July 27th - August 1st)
23. Modification Sideyards All Saints Cathedral Property.
24. Additional Street Lighting.
25. Lease City Land Kempt Road to Blackwood -Hodge Ltd.
26. Appointment Mr. George Perry - Special Constable - Arm Patrol.
27. Purchase Shoulder Flashes - Police Department.
28. Purchase Land - Lady Hammond Road and Kempt Road Intersection.
29. Borrowing \$92,000.00 - Addition Q.E.H. School.
30. Borrowing \$200,000.00 - Redevelopment Maitland Street Area.
31. Amendments to Ordinance 6, 7A, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 27, 32, 33, 36, 38 and 43
(Second Reading)
32. Collector's Office Open Friday Nights 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Balance of April and All of May.
33. Tender for Purchase Accounting Machine.
34. Revoking Capital Borrowing \$6500.00 - Desmond Avenue Culvert.
35. Appeal Costs - H.L. Cooper vs City of Halifax \$62.50. - 316 "C"
36. Tenders Demolition Buildings Jacob Street and Grafton Street.
37. Proposal Transit Survey N.S.L. & P. Co. Ltd.
38. Report Redevelopment Committee.
39. Questions.

DEFERRED ITEMS

1. Forum Commission Financial Statement December 31, 1958.
2. Rezoning 956 Robie Street R-2 Zone to R-3 Zone.
3. Rezoning 83 Windsor Street.
4. City Field Union Agreement.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Financial Statement City of Halifax December 31, 1958
2. Administrative Report for March.
3. Report Public Service Commission - December 31, 1958.

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
April 16, 1959,
8:10 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, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Lloyd, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. T. C. Doyle, R. H. Stoddard, H. K. Randall, L. M. Romkey, J. L. Leitch, G. F. West, V. W. Mitchell, J. F. Thomson, 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 FEBRUARY 9, 18, 25, 26, 28 AND MARCH 12, 1959

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the minutes of the meetings held on February 9, 18, 25, 26, 28 and March 12, 1959 be approved. Motion passed.

MOTION OF ALDERMAN LLOYD TO RESCIND RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL MARCH 12, 1959 RE: SPRINKLERS - HI-RISE BUILDINGS - MULGRAVE PARK

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Trainor that the Resolution Re: Sprinklers - Hi-Rise Buildings at Mulgrave Park which was approved by Council on March 12, 1959 be rescinded. Motion passed.

DISPOSAL - UNCLAIMED ARTICLES - POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on April 7, 1959 it was agreed to recommend that the Chief of Police be authorized to dispose of unclaimed articles by Public Auction under authority of Section 262-A of the City Charter.

It was also agreed to recommend that he be authorized to sell the tricycles and carts to the Halifax Fire Department Toy Shop for the sum of \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Stoddard,
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Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the report be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT - SALARY COMMITTEE

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 a report was submitted from His Worship the Mayor nominating the following to comprise the Salary Committee to negotiate salary matters with members of the City Field and City Hall Unions:

Aldermen Ferguson, Wyman and Fox.

Your Committee recommends that the nominations be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

NATAL DAY - AUGUST 10, 1959

A letter was submitted from Mr. H. R. Nicholson, Secretary of the Halifax Natal Day Committee recommending that Natal Day be held on Monday, August 10, 1959.

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

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

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

From: Acting City Manager, Dr. A. R. Morton,

Date: 15th April, 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	Chappell & Son Limited	Tires & Tubes	\$ 502.00
	N.S. Tractors & Equipment Ltd.	Construction	
		Equipment	627.30
	Eastern Trust Co.	Superannuation	2,865.97
	W. R. MacInnes & Co.	Insurance	587.55
	Major Brothers, Limited	Insurance	615.00

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	N. S. Housing Commission	Mulgrave Park Development	\$1,542.09
Fire	LaFrance Fire Engine & Foamite Limited	Equipment for Fire Department	1,077.82
Works	Armco Drainage & Metal Products of Canada Ltd.	Equipment for Sewer	8,605.14
	Brown & Hall	Test Drilling Industrial Mile	3,292.04
	Coleman Machinery Co. Ltd.	Construction Equipment - Works Department	1,652.96
	Quebec & Maritimes Trading Company	Equipment - Works Department	556.60
	L. E. Shaw Limited	Sewer Pipe	1,061.95
Basinview Home	Northern Electric Company Limited	New Electrical Panels	812.55
Civil Defence	Allen Print Limited	Operational Plans Civil Defence	867.53
			<u>\$24,666.50</u>

Allan R. Morton,
ACTING CITY MANAGER.

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

PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS - REDEVELOPMENT AREA ✓

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

The Redevelopment Committee at a meeting held on April 3, 1959 approved of the following Property Acquisitions:

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. 164-166 Argyle St.	\$10,300.00	\$515.00	\$10,815.00
2. 168-170 Argyle St.	\$ 7,300.00	\$365.00	\$ 7,665.00

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

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PURCHASE - PROPERTIES - INDUSTRIAL MILE AREA ✓

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 it was agreed to recommend purchase of the following properties in the Industrial Mile Area:

Est. John F. Snow \$3,184.32
Est. J. C. Mackintosh \$ 999.96

It was also agreed to recommend that the monies be paid to the heirs of the said Estates or such other person or persons as the search in title reveals to be the owners thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

CITY HALL UNION AGREEMENT - RANDA FORMULA ✓

Referred to Salary Committee.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS: MRS. EVA JEAN STEWART \$182.41 - 316 "C" ✓
MRS. MARY K. AUSTIN \$558.74 - 316 "C" ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 reports were submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that:

Mrs. Eva Jean Stewart is entitled to an annual allowance of \$32.41 plus \$150.00 for one child under the age of 16 years making a total payment of \$182.41 effective as of November 1, 1958. As her late husband's contributions have been refunded to her amounting to \$163.67, her allowance will not begin until September 15, 1959.

Mrs. Mary Kathleen Austin is entitled to an annual allowance of \$558.74 effective as of January 1, 1959. As her late husband's contributions have been refunded to her in the amount of \$1,629.40, her allowance will not begin until December 1, 1961.

Your Committee recommends that the allowances be paid on the effective dates as above under Section 310 H-1 of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS: MR. A. T. RUSSELL - \$ 758.57 - 316 "C"
MR. J. A. KINSMAN - \$1,083.86 - 316 "C"
MR. G. G. BUTLER - \$ 652.95 - 316 "C"

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance requesting authority under Section 316 "C" of the City Charter to pay the following Supplementary Grants:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DATE OF RETIREMENT</u>	<u>GRANT</u>
Ansel T. Russell	Police	April 1, 1959	\$ 758.57
John A. Kinsman	Police	May 1, 1959	\$1,083.86
Geo. G. Butler	Fire	June 1, 1959	\$ 652.95

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and the Supplementary Grants paid.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

ADJUSTING SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS: \$653.41 - 316 "C"

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance requesting authority under Section 316 "C" of the City Charter to adjust the following Grants under Section 15, Chapter 58, 1959 Acts:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OLD GRANT</u>	<u>1959 ADJUSTMENTS</u>	<u>ADJUSTED GRANT</u>
James MacKinley	\$500.35	\$ 58.53	\$558.88
Charles A. White	\$808.87	\$ 25.08	\$833.95
Harry H. Langille	\$725.47	\$ 86.84	\$812.31
W. P. Publicover	\$790.37	\$120.04	\$910.41
Walter B. Woods	\$741.18	\$ 83.98	\$825.16
Supplementary Appropriation 1959		\$374.47	
Retroactive amount 1958.....		\$278.94	
TOTAL.....		\$653.41	

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

CONTRACT - BAND CONCERTS 1959 AND 1960 ✓

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

From: Committee on Works,

Date: April 7th, 1959,

Subject: Band Concerts - Public Gardens.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Acting City Manager, Dr. A. R. Morton, recommending that the City confer a Contract to the Halifax Musicians Association, Local No. 571 A. F. of M. for the two-year period 1959-60 in order to enable them to proceed with supplying their organization with proper uniforms.

On Motion of Alderman Lane, 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 Connolly, seconded by Alderman Trainor that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PROPOSED BOND ISSUE ✓

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 a report was submitted from the City Manager recommending a Bond Issue in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 dated May 1, 1959 with the coupon rate to be set by the Commissioner of Finance when the prospectus is sent to the underwriting syndicates.

Your Committee recommends that tenders be called for a Bond Issue in the amounts of \$2,000,000.00 and \$1,500,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor stated that experience across the Country suggested that the loan should be \$1,500,000.00.

Alderman Dunlop then felt that for this year the loan should go through for \$1,500,000.00 as suggested by His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that tenders

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be called for a Bond Issue in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 dated May 1, 1959.
Motion passed.

LEASE - CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ✓

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on April 9, 1959 it was agreed to recommend that a lease be entered into between the City of Halifax and the Children's Hospital on the following terms:

1. Rent to be \$6,000.00 per annum, to be payable in monthly instalments of \$500.00 which rent is to include heat, light, water and general maintenance of the plumbing and electrical fixtures and other ordinary repair including redecorating. No repairs or other items of maintenance are to be undertaken without the City's approval.
2. The Children's Hospital is to have the use of the passenger elevator and free access to the basement and the thoroughfare connected thereto.
3. The terms of the lease is to be for two years, with a provision that it can be cancelled on one month's notice.
4. There is to be a further provision that before the end of two years the parties to this lease may enter into re-negotiations for an extension of the lease.
5. The Children's Hospital will undertake, at its own expense, to build a passageway from the Children's Hospital to the east end of the basement floor level in the new wing of the Halifax Convalescent Hospital. This is to be constructed in a manner which is approved by our Commissioner of Works. The lighting of this passageway is to be paid for by the Children's Hospital.
6. The City will maintain and pay its present insurance coverage on the Halifax Convalescent Hospital and will not apportion any part of the cost to the Children's Hospital.
7. When the cost of the passageway has been paid for by the Children's Hospital, that Hospital will, in addition to the annual rental of \$6,000.00 mentioned before, pay an additional \$6,000.00 per year by monthly instalments, during the currency of this or any subsequent lease. This amount represents the City's cost of amortization of this portion of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Fox that the report be approved after deleting Clause No. 7 and amending Clause No. 1 to read \$12,000.00 per annum payable in monthly instalments of \$1,000.00. Motion passed.

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CALL SYSTEM - T. B. HOSPITAL ✓

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on April 9, 1959 a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Health advising that the City has a Trust Fund of \$6,364.45 from the Estate of G. R. Hart which was given to the T. B. Hospital for the comfort and necessities of the patients. He requested permission to have installed a model type of call system for each room to the central nurses' station. The City Electrician estimated the total cost would be in the vicinity of \$1,500.00.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE - STATION WAGON - BASINVIEW HOME - 316 "C" ✓

Deferred.

HOT WATER JACKET - CITY PRISON ✓

Deferred in Committee.

RESUBDIVISION - WALKER AND HALL PROPERTY - KEMPT ROAD ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: April 7th, 1959.

Subject: Resubdivision - Walker and Hall Property - Kempt Road.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of the Resubdivision of the Walker and Hall Property on Kempt Road.

On Motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Board approved the Resubdivision, as shown on Plan No. 00-9-14458 and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

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RESUBDIVISION - LOT #29 PINWOOD ACRES ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: April 7th, 1959.

Subject: Resubdivision - Lot #29 Pinewood Acres.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of the Resubidivision of Lot #29 Pinewood Acres.

On Motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Board approved the Resubdivision, as shown on Plan No. 00-9-14456 and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

KIWANIS CLUB - CLYDE BEATTY CIRCUS - JULY 17th AND 18th ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: April 7th, 1959.

Subject: Kiwanis Club - Clyde Beatty Circus - (July 17th & 18th).

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Commissioner of Works recommending in favor of a request for the use of the Commons on July 17th and 18th inclusive by the Clyde Beatty Circus under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club of Halifax.

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

BILL LYNCH SHOWS - JUNE 9th - JUNE 24th & JULY 27th - AUGUST 1st ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: April 7th, 1959.

Subject: Bill Lynch Shows - (June 9th - June 24th) & (July 27th - Aug. 1st)

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, con-

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sidered a report from the Commissioner of Works recommending in favor of a request for the use of the Commons on June 9th - June 24th, inclusive and July 27th - Aug. 1st. inclusive.

The period of June 9th - June 24th inclusive is under the sponsorship of the Walter Callow Wheel Chair Fund. The period from July 27th - Aug. 1st inclusive had no sponsorship mentioned in the request.

On Motion of Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Committee approved the report and recommended it to City Council, subject to the Chief of Police ruling in regard to traffic on August 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

MODIFICATION SIDEYARDS - ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL PROPERTY ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: April 7th, 1959.

Subject: Modification of Sideyards - All Saints Cathedral Property.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Architect and Building Inspector, recommending in favor of Sideyard Modifications, at the All Saints Cathedral Property.

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

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING ✓

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

From: The Committee on Works.

Date: April 7th, 1959.

Subject: Additional Street Lighting.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Electrician recommending the installation of Five New Street Lights. The New Street Lights would be installed as follows:

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3 on Maxwell Avenue
2 on Norwood Street between Bloomingdale Terrace and
Woodlawn Avenue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

K: C. Martin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

LEASING OF CITY LAND TO BLACKWOOD-HODGE LIMITED ✓

Withdrawn.

APPOINTMENT - MR. GEORGE PERRY - SPECIAL CONSTABLE ✓
ARM PATROL

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on April 7, 1959, it was
agreed to recommend that Mr. Perry be appointed a special constable for the
Arm Patrol at the usual rate — \$3.50 per hour.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Macdonald that the re-
port be approved. Motion passed.

PURCHASE - SHOULDER FLASHES - POLICE DEPARTMENT ✓

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

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on April 7, 1959, a re-
port was submitted from the Chief of Police recommending that Shoulder
Flashes be purchased for the members of the Department at a cost of \$438.00.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation; funds to be provided
by the current estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
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Moved by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the
report be approved. Motion passed.

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PURCHASE - LAND - LADY HAMMOND ROAD AND KEMPT ROAD
INTERSECTION

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959, a report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending purchase of 5,025 sq. ft. of land from the McColl Frontenac Ltd. at the intersection of Lady Hammond and Kempt Roads at a cost of 71 cents per sq. ft. to provide for a possible traffic improvement.

Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

BORROWING RESOLUTIONS: \$ 92,000.00 - ADDITION QUEEN ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL
\$200,000.00 - REDEVELOPMENT - MAITLAND STREET AREA

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959, it was agreed to recommend for approval the following borrowing resolutions:

- (1) \$92,000.00 for the purpose of providing an addition to the Queen Elizabeth High School.
- (2) \$200,000.00 for the purpose of Redevelopment in the Maitland Street area.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Lloyd that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded against the Borrowing for the Queen Elizabeth High School.

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES 6, 7A, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 27, 32, 33, 36, 38 AND
43 - SECOND READING

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959, it was agreed to recommend for second reading amendments to

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Ordinances 6, 7A, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 27, 32, 33, 36, 38 and 43 and forward same to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

AMENDMENT - 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 the 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 Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendments as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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

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application is made.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

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 payload capacity, in excess of one such ton (but not in any case to exceed \$50.00.....\$10.00

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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 Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to

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the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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:

2. The fee for every such license so issued or renewed
shall be Two Hundred Dollars.

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendment
as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to
the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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 Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amend-
ment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded
to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

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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 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).

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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 Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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:

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5. The fee payable for a license under this Ordinance shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendments as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

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 Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendments as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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 Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amend-

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ment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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 Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. 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:

14A. The fee payable for a license to do business as a pawnbroker shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Moved by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman Fox that the amendment as submitted be read and passed a second time and same be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Brien: "When this was up before, I asked the Solicitor whether he was ready with a proposal to tax the outside contractors coming into the City."

The City Solicitor stated that a Bill had been submitted to the last session of the Legislature, but the same had been rejected.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE OPEN FRIDAY NIGHTS 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. ✓
BALANCE OF APRIL AND ALL OF MAY

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 it was agreed to recommend that the City Collector's office remain

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open on Friday nights - 5:00 to 8:00 P. M. for the balance of April and all of May as a convenience to the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDER FOR PURCHASE ACCOUNTING MACHINE ✓

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 the matter of the purchase of an accounting machine for the Finance Department was considered.

One tender was submitted and opened from the National Cash Register Company Limited in the amount of \$7,791.95 with a delivery date of December, 1959.

The matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

Alderman Lloyd: "I had the feeling that the tender we called was for a particular machine by one supplier. I had the feeling that we might be able to do some back-shop accounting which would tend to speed up the posting of bills. This would also result in some capital saving; and I have some reason to believe that the proposal that Mr. Romkey made has some merits and, whereas, this machine is not being delivered until December, 1959, I would like it to go back to Finance."

Moved by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee for further consideration. Motion passed.

REVOKING CAPITAL BORROWING \$6,500.00 - DESMOND AVENUE CULVERT ✓

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance requesting that application be made to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to revoke a

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borrowing of \$6,500.00 for a culvert on Desmond Avenue. This amount was provided for in a borrowing of \$18,500.00 for sewer construction in June of 1958.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

APPEAL COSTS - H. L. COOPER vs CITY OF HALIFAX \$62.50 - 316 "C"

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on April 9, 1959 it was agreed to recommend payment of an amount of \$62.50 as costs in connection with Tax Appeal - H. L. Cooper vs City of Halifax, same to be charged against 316 "C" of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

TENDERS - DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS -- REDEVELOPMENT AREA

April 16, 1959.

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

The Finance and Executive Committee, at a meeting held on April 16, 1959 had for consideration tenders for demolition of the following properties:

<u>19/21 Jacob Street</u>	Roy Judge	\$3,750.00
	Francis J. Brown	\$5,500.00
^{9 R.H.S.} <u>163/68 Grafton Street</u>	Roy Judge	\$1,250.00
	Francis J. Brown	\$1,500.00
<u>171/73 Grafton Street</u>	Francis J. Brown	\$ 800.00
	Roy Judge	\$1,250.00

Your Committee recommends that the lowest tender in each case be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

PROPOSAL - TRANSIT SURVEY - NOVA SCOTIA LIGHT AND POWER
COMPANY LIMITED

Alderman O'Brien asked if the Committee which was appointed to study traffic problems with the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited had met, to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative.

Alderman Greenwood asked if all companies qualified to carry out the survey would be considered.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the person to make the survey is a traffic engineer who has had a considerable amount of experience in this field. He also stated that other firms had been consulted as well as engineers of the Canadian National Railways.

The matter was referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

RESOLUTION RE: ACQUISITION - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PROPERTY

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on April 15, 1959, consideration was given to the attached Resolution respecting acquisition of the School for the Deaf Property for housing development.

Your Committee approved the Resolution and recommends same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

RESOLUTION

1. WHEREAS

- a. Under Section 28 of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission Act subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the municipality may enter into agreements for the joint undertaking of projects mentioned in Part III or Part VI of the National Housing Act, 1954;
- b. Under Sections 25 and 26 of the Nova Scotia Housing Commission Act the Provincial Minister of Public Works with the approval of the Governor in Council is empowered to enter into agreements for projects under Part VI of the National Housing Act;
- c. Part III of the National Housing Act provides that the Federal Minister of Public Works with the approval of the Governor in

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Council is empowered to enter into agreements with a municipality providing for payment of a grant to a municipality to assist in defraying the cost to the municipality of acquiring and clearing a blighted area;

- d. Part VI of the National Housing Act provides that the Minister of Public Works with approval of the Governor in Council may enter into agreements with Provincial Governments covering the construction and operation of subsidized rental projects;

2. AND WHEREAS

- a. Agreements have been entered into between the City of Halifax and the Federal Government for acquisition and clearance of an area known as the Jacob Street Redevelopment area, and for an area known as the Maitland Street Redevelopment area;
- b. Agreements have been entered into between the City of Halifax, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Federal Government for the construction of some 350 subsidized rental housing units in Mulgrave Park;

3. AND WHEREAS

It is known that a substantial number of families in the City of Halifax are presently housed in accommodation that is socially undesirable, structurally unsound and financially uneconomical;

4. AND WHEREAS

The proposed Mulgrave Park project is not of sufficient size to provide decent, safe and sanitary accommodation for all families now occupying unsatisfactory accommodation;

5. AND WHEREAS

The Government of Nova Scotia has indicated that the School for the Deaf will be moved from the City of Halifax and the site will be made available for the construction of subsidized rental housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. a. City Council hereby recognizes the need for the removal of sub-standard housing accommodation and its replacement with decent, safe and sanitary family housing units;
- b. City Council hereby agrees that families of low and moderate income in redevelopment areas, in emergency shelters, in demolishable buildings and in overcrowded quarters should be assisted in securing new housing;
- c. The Redevelopment Committee of City Council be instructed to investigate ways and means and submit recommendations to Council to provide assistance to those in 1(b) above who require assistance and whose numbers are now estimated to total -

1. Jacob Street Redevelopment	267
2. Maitland Street Redevelopment	33
3. Wellington Court	120
4. Pavilion Barracks	20
5. Demolitions - 1958, 1959, 1960	1330
	1770

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2. a. Council as a further step in overcoming conditions of blight within the City appoints the Mayor to undertake negotiations with the Provincial Government to determine the terms under which the School for the Deaf property may be acquired and to arrange with the Provincial and Federal Governments to proceed with the planning for the land use and for housing units which could be constructed thereon. It being understood that if these negotiations are successful, work beyond the preliminary planning commitments will not be proceeded with until all aspects of the suggested proposals have been fully considered by City Council. It being further understood that such preliminary costs of planning will be shared by the City, the Province and Federal Government in the event that the project does not ultimately proceed.

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

INSURANCE CLAIM - 204/8 ARGYLE STREET ✓

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on April 15, 1959, consideration was given to the matter of Insurance Claims as a result of fire damage to the property 204/8 Argyle Street located in the Redevelopment Area.

Your Committee recommends that a claim be entered for the sum of \$1,182.50, the estimated total value of the loss.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

HOUSING CONFERENCE - LONDON, ONTARIO ✓

April 16, 1959.

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

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on April 15, 1959, Alderman Trainor was nominated to represent the Committee at the Seventh Annual Housing Conference in London, Ontario on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd of this year.

Your Committee approved the nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

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

C I T Y O F H A L I F A X

NOVA SCOTIA

TABULATION OF GROCERY TENDERS

HALIFAX CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, CITY PRISON, CITY HOSPITAL

AND BASINVIEW HOME.

<u>GROUPS</u>	<u>HOWARDS LTD.</u>	<u>SCOTIA FLOUR & FEED CO. LTD.</u>	<u>HALIFAX WHOLESALERS LTD.</u>
Group 1. Canned & Dry Fruits, Jams and Juices.	\$4, 622.91 *	\$ 4,648.09	\$ 4,845.62
Group 2. Canned & Dry Vegetables	\$2, 435.85 *	2,497.82	2,536.00
Group 3. Canned Soup, Bottled Sauces Chow & Pickles, Canned Fish.	\$3, 265.85	3,269.59	2,988.96 *
Group 4. Cereals, Coffee, Tea, Flour, Sugar, Biscuits, Cheese.	\$7, 700.42 *	7,768.18	7,855.51
Group 5. Scaps, Cleaning Materials.	\$ 576.92 *	593.45	690.16
Group 6. ALL Other Supplies.	\$1, 713.72	1,711.83 *	1,786.60

* Indicates lowest Group Bid

Howard's Limited - Lowest in Groups 1, 2, 4, and 5

Halifax Wholesalers. Ltd. - Lowest in Group 3.

Scotia Flour & Feed
Co. Ltd. - Lowest in Group 6.

Alan R Morton

A. R. MORTON, M.D.
ACTING CITY MANAGER.

T E N D E R F O R F I S H

FOR SUPPLYING FISH TO THE FOLLOWING:

HALIFAX CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, CITY PRISON, CITY HOSPITAL
AND BASINVIEW HOME.

Period from May, 1959 to October 31, 1959.

<u>ESTIMATED QUANTITY FOR PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 1959 TO OCT. 31, 1959</u>	<u>BURNS "A" "A" FISHERIES LTD.</u>	<u>"B" FISHERMAN'S MARKET.</u>	<u>"C" BOUTILLIERS LTD.</u>	<u>LOW TENDER</u>
7,000 Lbs. Fresh Codfish, thoroughly dressed.	.19	.20	.18	C.
7,000 " Fresh Haddock, thoroughly dressed.	.24	.23	.24½	B.
" Haddock Fillets	.39½	.39	.39½	B.
200 " Cod Fillets	.29	.29½	.28	C.
500 " Haddock Steak	.29	.30	.30	A.
300 " Halibut Steak	.57	.56	.55	C.
200 " Cod Steak	.25	.26	.27	A.
200 " Sole Fillets	.48	.47	.48½	B.
400 " Smoked Cod Fillets	.32	.33	.33	A.
200 " Smelts, dressed	.46	.45	.47	B.
100 " Salmon, Frozen	.68	.66	.67	B.
200 " Fresh Herring, dressed (Hds. off)	.16	.17	.17	A.
600 " Dressed Mackerel, fresh, (Heds on)	.25	.26	.26	A.
50 1/2 Bbls. Salt Herring #1	9.00 ½ Bbl.	8.90 ½ Bbl.	8.75 ½ Bbl.	C.
200 Lbs. Kippers	.26	.25	.26	B.
100 Lbs. Finnan Haddie	.33	.34	.34	A.
3,000 " Boneless Cod	.39	.39	.38	C.
3,000 " Codfish, salt, none accepted under 4 lbs. 112's	.22	.23	.23	A.
100 " Scallops	.65	.67	.65	A. & C.

Recommended Bidders indicated in 4th Column to the right.

NOTE - Two Bidders quote identical prices on 100 Lbs. Scallops and it is recommended this Item be split between Burns Fisheries Ltd., and Boutilliers Ltd., on a monthly rotation basis.

Allen R. Morton

A. R. MORTON, M.D.
ACTING CITY MANAGER.

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TENDERS - GROCERIES, CLEANING MATERIALS AND FISH - HALIFAX
CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, CITY PRISON, CITY HOSPITAL AND
BASINVIEW HOME ✓

A tabulation of tenders was submitted from the Acting City Manager, Dr. A. R. Morton, a copy of which is attached to the original copy of these minutes, recommending the lowest tender in each of the various groups.

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ferguson that the recommendations of the Acting City Manager 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: 16th April, 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 Cost</u>	<u>Direct Payroll</u>	<u>Federal Assistance</u>
1. Pinewood Acres Subdivision	\$24,300.00	\$12,150.00	\$6,075.00
2. St. Margaret's Bay Road 3100 feet	\$46,300.00	\$23,150.00	\$11,575.00

Council approval is requested for these additions.

A. A. DeBard,
CITY MANAGER.

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

ILLEGAL APARTMENT - 24 PINE HILL DRIVE ✓

This matter was referred to the Town Planning Board with Alderman Trainor wishing to be recorded against.

APPOINTMENT - EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE ✓

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following to comprise the above-named Committee: Aldermen Lloyd, DeWolf and Connolly.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Dunlop that the nominations be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT - VISITING COMMITTEE - BASINVIEW HOME ✓

His Worship the Mayor nominated the following to comprise the above-

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named Committee: Mrs. D. Smith, Messrs. J. J. Mulrooney and Herbert Woodley.

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

ASSISTANCE TO BASEBALL ✓

Alderman Lloyd suggested that the City, in some manner might assist in bringing baseball back to the City. He stated he had received a letter from the Baseball Association asking for assistance. He felt His Worship the Mayor may be able to assist the cause in some way.

His Worship the Mayor stated he could only assist informally as was done with respect to the hockey this past season. He thanked Mr. John Mullane and those interested for their part in hockey promotion.

RENTAL INQUIRY ✓

Alderman Lloyd stated that the Province should be commended for prompt action in appointing Judge Morrison to inquire into rentals.

His Worship the Mayor stated he approved of the appointment as he knew there was a great concern in connection with this inquiry.

R. C. M. P. GARAGE -- KINGS WHARF ✓

Alderman DeWolf referred to the fact that the R. C. M. P. were going to construct a garage on Kings Wharf. He said the City owns land there and asked if the minutes could be checked to ascertain just what area the City did own so as to avoid the R. C. M. P. from encroaching on City property.

His Worship the Mayor said he would have the minutes checked to make sure the City's rights were not being abused.

HALIFAX MENTAL HOSPITAL ✓

Alderman Macdonald asked if it would be possible to have the word 'Mental' deleted from the title 'Halifax Mental Hospital' as he saw in the Press that the Hon. R. A. Donahoe, Q. C., had said it was not necessary to use the word 'Mental' in order to qualify for grants.

His Worship the Mayor suggested securing legislation next year to delete this word, but it was necessary to carry on as is for this year.

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

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

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

Date: April 23, 1959

Subject: Monthly Administrative Report for March, 1959

1. Building Permits

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dwellings, new	5	420,500.00
Commercial, new	5	345,500.00
Garages, new	1	150.00
Dwellings, repairs	31	39,635.00
Garages, repairs	1	75.00
Commercial, repairs	15	42,755.00
Miscellaneous	3	180.00
	61	\$ 848,795.00

2. Buildings Demolished

	<u>No. & Ass'd. Value</u> <u>1956 - 1958</u>	<u>No. & Ass'd. Value</u> <u>1959</u>
Buildings demolished by owners to make way for new development	131 \$ 831,140.00	7 \$ 30,400.00
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		162
" under investigation for demolition		31
" ordered demolished by Building Inspector		6

3. Streets & Sewers

Square yards of streets graded	2,366
Tons of hot patch used on paved streets	104
" " " " stoned & oiled streets	39
Cubic yards of material used to fill potholes	34
Number of sewer connections cleared and cleaned	8
" catchpits repaired	5
" " constructed	1
" " cleaned	3
" manholes repaired	3
" junctions installed	1
Lineal feet of new sewers	216
Miles of street swept by hand	11
" " machine swept	71

4. Snow Removal

Snow plowed, miles of street	820
Salted, " "	2,779
Number of bags of salt used	11,105

Snow & Ice Control

	January & February	March	1959 To Date
Salting streets - labour	\$ 9,934.98	\$ 4,715.77	\$ 14,650.75
" " - material	29,090.00	11,066.00	40,156.00
" sidewalks	568.65	192.19	760.84
Plowing streets	9,599.26	4,178.80	13,778.06
" sidewalks	752.68	333.50	1,086.18
Clearing city properties	1,198.49	543.96	1,742.45
" catchpits & crosswalks	7,442.48	3,398.79	10,841.27
Removing snow	521.84	21.20	543.04
Sanding streets & filling sandboxes	711.88	179.80	891.68
Making sandboxes	160.20		160.20
Clearing parking meters	415.33		415.33
Miscellaneous	535.98	76.16	612.14
	<u>\$ 60,931.77</u>	<u>\$ 24,706.17</u>	<u>\$ 85,637.94</u>

5. Garbage & Refuse

2,480 tons of garbage and refuse were collected of which 424 tons were burned, together with 2,125 tons of privately collected materials. The total amount processed 2,549 tons with incinerator in operation 365 hours. Waste paper collected 120 tons, 158 hours.

6. Prefab Housing

Houses completely paid	476
Current accounts	<u>336</u>
Original number of houses	812

<u>Current accounts</u>	
5% interest rate	97
6% " "	<u>239</u>
	336

Mortgages receivable, February 28, 1959	\$ 674,855.57
" " March 31, 1959	<u>659,226.15</u>
Amount reduced during the month	\$ 15,629.42

Bank balance, March 31, 1959	52,969.78
" " February 28, 1959	<u>35,854.52</u>
" " increased during the month	17,115.26

Emergency Shelter Capital Balance	213,562.05
Charged to Prefab Capital - 1958	<u>100,000.00</u>
Balance unliquidated, March	\$ 113,562.05

84 accounts totalling \$ 14,890.10

7. Claims

Department of National Defence	Police Vehicle	\$ 12.00
Fire	Caterpillar Dozer	862.00
Roy Judge Ltd.	2 trees - 127-131 Almon St.	11.00
Arvan Electronics	Police Vehicle	77.00

8. Sewers - Progress Report No. 10.

Sewer Rehabilitation - Schedule "D" - Capital

Street	Size	Start	Feet Laid		Completed
			This	Prev. Total	
Mumford Rd.	30", 36", 42"				
	Conc.	Oct 1, 1958	1060	1060	1060

8. Sewers - Progress Report No. 10. - Cont'd.

<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>	
C.N.R. Chebucto Rd. to MacCullochs	48" Conc.	Nov. 17, 1958	142	630	772	50%
Chisholm Ave. & Micmac St.	60" & 66" Armco.	Dec. 17, 1958	200	994	1194	70%

9. Fairview Overpass - Progress to March 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"	80%
Laying Concrete Pipe 15"	90%
Laying Concrete Pipe 18"	90%
Laying Concrete Pipe 24"	90%
Laying Concrete Pipe 48"	87%
Concrete Class "A"	83%
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 CNR tracks	99%
Base Course	91%
Trench Excavation	92%
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)	95%
Catch Basins including frames and covers	70%
Prestressed beams	100%
Pipe Rail	50%
Sidewalk	5%
Curb & Gutter	3%

10. Progress Report - Welfare Institutions - March 31, 1959

Baxinview Home:

The Staff House: The Carpenter work and painting has been completed. The floors are being sanded and will have to be given a coat of shellac for completion. We anticipate moving in on or about the 9th or 10th of April.

Main Building: The electrical work is now completed with the exception of putting fire alarm bells on all three floors. The painters have started to work on the hallways in the stucco section. There has been no official word as to when the Federal Government will be transferring any of the firemen - engineering staff.

Mr. Cosgrove has moved out of the Isolation Hospital but the inventory of equipment in that building has not yet been taken over.

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10. Progress Report - Welfare Institutions - Cont'd.

Halifax Mental Hospital: The partitions have now been completed in the four large wards on the second floor. The screens on the windows are completed - we are waiting for locks for these and some repairs to the locks on the doors of the wards proper. There are still twelve male welfare cases to be transferred to Basinview Home as soon as the staff at Basinview are able to move in their proper quarters.

2nd Floor - I. D. Hospital: The second floor in this building has now been completely washed down and painted, also - the electrical outlets have been completed for our food trucks. It is anticipated the tuberculous patients will be moved in on Monday, 6th April.

The Convalescent Hospital: Plans of this building have been submitted to the Hospital Insurance Commission. By-laws and regulations of the staff are in the process of being completed.

A. A. deBard
City Manager.

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COAT OF ARMS - COUNCIL CHAMBER ✓

Alderman Dunlop: "I think the coat of arms is a beautiful piece of work and Ex-Alderman MacMillan should be congratulated on his fine work."

His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, commended Mr. MacMillan for his skill and workmanship in preparing the Arms.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALDERMAN LANE ✓

Alderman Greenwood stated that he thought Alderman Lane should be congratulated on her appointment to represent Canada in Bogota, Colombia. On behalf of himself and the Council, he extended congratulations to Alderman Lane in this regard.

FORUM COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1958 ✓

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor that the Forum Commission Financial Statement be accepted. Motion passed.

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

Referred to Town Planning Board.

REZONING 83 WINDSOR STREET ✓

Deferred until April 30th Council Meeting.

CITY FIELD UNION AGREEMENT. ✓

Deferred.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH ✓

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CITY OF HALIFAX DECEMBER 31, 1958 ✓

A financial statement for the City of Halifax for the year ending December 31, 1958 was submitted.

FILED.

REPORT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - DECEMBER 31, 1958 ✓

The annual report for the Public Service Commission for the year ending December 31, 1958 was submitted.

FILED.

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C. A. Vaughan,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.,
April 30, 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, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood. Alderman Dunlop was absent due to another Civic engagement.

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

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Public Hearing Expropriation Properties, Maitland, Falkland, Gottingen and Cornwallis Streets.
2. Public Hearing Rezoning Lots 74 to 81 Lynch Street, Lots 82 and 83 and Civic Nos. 19 and 21 Glebe Street from R-2 to R-3 Zone.
3. Rezoning 83 Windsor Street.
4. Request for Rental Inquiry.
5. Appointment Appraisers - Castel Property - 22 Duffus Street.
6. Tenders for loan.
7. Loan Resolution.
8. Housing Authority to Manage Mulgrave Park Housing.
9. Request to Build Duplex - Undersized Lot - #58 Basinview Drive.
10. Modification Sideway - Convert Single Family Dwelling to a Duplex - #5 Westmount Street.
11. Request to build Single Family Dwelling on an undersized Lot #13 Uniacke St. adjoins School for Deaf Property.
12. Fairview Overpass - Progress Estimate #16 and #17.
13. Basinview Home - Certificate #2 (Final) - Standard Sprinklers Ltd.
14. Progress Estimate #5 - Incinerator Construction.
15. Payment for Crest - Council Chamber.
16. Improved Street Lighting.
17. Property Acquisitions - Redevelopment Area.
18. Tenders - Demolition 1460 Barrington Street.
19. Consideration Capital Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING EXPROPRIATION PROPERTIES, MAITLAND, FALKLAND, GOTTINGEN AND CORNWALLIS STREETS.

A Public Hearing was held at this time in connection with the expropriation of properties on Maitland, Falkland, Gottingen and Cornwallis Streets.

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

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Mr. Roy Driscoll, property owner of 8 Maitland Street appeared against the proposed expropriation and stated: "Why should I have to leave my home for a parking lot? I pay my taxes. I would like to be straightened away on what is in the minds of people who wish to do those things to people that are not bothering anybody or do not wish to fight with anyone. I am here fighting for my home and my rights."

Mr. Saul Paton appeared on behalf of two property owners in the area. "I canvassed all of the residential property owners in the block south of Falkland Street and without exception all of the homeowners and property owners in that particular block are opposed to this expropriation." He said they were not opposed in principle to providing parking for a commercial area nor are they opposed in principle to the City spending taxpayers' money for slum clearance. Their objection is based upon the fact that this particular block can by no stretch of the imagination be considered a slum area.

"The Plan that was prepared for this area, I believe by the Works Department, covering the entire Maitland Street area for the proposed Parking Lot, shows in the block to the north of Falkland Street, running from Falkland Street to Cornwallis, that all of the properties are either marked in fair or poor condition and I believe the vast majority are marked in poor condition. The lot that I am speaking of to the south of Falkland Street, there is not one house that is marked in poor condition, and I believe there are only two that are marked in fair condition. All the others are marked in good condition. On this basis the owners of property in this block feel that they have a very good right to complain that their homes are being expropriated under the guise of slum clearance. It is my understanding that the participation of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in the scheme is based upon the fact that it is a slum clearance program. My understanding is that it is not simply a case of expropriating homes for a parking lot, but that Central Mortgage is interested in slum clearance.

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Our position, basically, is this -- we feel that no property should be expropriated for public purposes unless there is a very compelling reason for doing this and we do not feel that good homes and good properties should be expropriated merely for the purpose of providing parking for business. That is merely taking away one person's private right and giving that benefit to other private persons. It is our feeling that the original block in which you had planned to operate a parking lot, meaning the block stretching from Falkland to Cornwallis Streets, is quite ample for present needs. If the future determines that the lot need be enlarged, there are other areas to the north of Cornwallis Street which are in much worse shape than this block south of Falkland Street. Several of the homes in this area are privately owned by the people who live in them; others are owned, rented as flats and I would ask if there is any City official who has knowledge of the area who can point out that this particular block is a slum area and the houses are in poor condition, that he should point this matter out to us. It is our submission that an area of good homes, good property, should not be expropriated for this purpose."

Alderman Trainor arrived 8:10 P. M.

Mr. John MacInnes appeared on behalf of Mrs. Susan Younes who is owner of properties 48/50 Cornwallis Street and said, "I have little to add to what has already been said. Mrs. Younes, however, wishes to record her strong objection to the expropriation of her property for a parking area. It has been said by the speaker before me that these are not slum areas and they are homes that have been residential homes for a number of years. Mrs. Younes feels that the necessity for a parking lot in this particular location to serve the Commercial outlets of Gottingen Street is not sufficiently pressing at the present time. If it is, we also say that the area chosen is not the proper one. It is suggested that an area on the west side of Gottingen Street is more appropriate. Thirdly, and most objectionable to me is that if the properties are desired, the City should first negotiate with the respective owners of these properties on the open market rather than proceed through expropriation which I submit should be the last resort of the City when all other efforts to buy these properties have failed. We are asking tonight that Council not proceed with this

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expropriation, but give reconsideration to the necessity of it first of all and the location of it if it does deem it necessary to have a parking lot. If it is decided to have a parking lot, I would strongly recommend to Council that negotiations be entered into with the respective owners rather than have expropriation proceedings."

Mrs. John Brown, homeowner of 20 Maitland Street appeared and said: "We don't wish to have the building taken because it is a form of our livelihood. We have the building and we house tenants. We spent an awful lot of money in the building. I am speaking for my husband and myself. We would just as well keep the building if at all possible."

His Worship the Mayor: "You don't live on the premises?"

Mrs. Brown: "No. We have it as a tenement."

His Worship the Mayor: "It is listed on our survey as being in poor condition."

Mrs. Brown: "We spent a lot of money on it I know."

Mr. Ian MacKeigan appeared on behalf of the owner of 153 Gottingen Street, Mrs. Martha Gosine. "I am speaking not against the parking lot. As I understand it, this lot is being expropriated for purposes of an access street to the parking lot, which in effect is an extension of the Falkland Street as it is on the other side of Gottingen Street. My client, Mrs. Martha Gosine and James Gosine, a tenant of the property, are opposed to the expropriation of their property because as taxpayers for over 30 years operating on established business, they will suffer loss which they feel they certainly cannot be compensated by any compensation which the City will voluntarily give. I would suggest, however, that there are other reasons from the general taxpayers' point of view as to why City Council should seriously consider not to put in that access street. I do not pretend to speak as an expert on Town Planning or Traffic Control, but I respectfully suggest the question as to whether or not you should have a street in there, depends upon the traffic needs, and is it wise to have an access street from Gottingen Street through that location at all if it were a parking lot rather than from Cornwallis Street and from Brunswick Street to Portland Place, or even behind the Gottingen Street

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properties to Cogswell Street. The Stephenson Report dealing with the general parking area development does not suggest any access street through at that location. On the contrary it suggests blocking off the present Falkland Street let alone putting through any new street in the location now proposed by this expropriation of 153 Gottingen Street. We suggest you take another look at this from the point of view of traffic needs whether access to a parking lot on Gottingen Street, a very heavily travelled street, would be a desirable thing from the point of view of swiftly increasing traffic in the City. If it is unnecessary, removing a revenue producing property you are hurting unnecessarily a taxpayer."

His Worship the Mayor: "I may say that this area outlined by Professor Stephenson was originally submitted to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and they came back with almost a demand. It was in their opinion that we should extend the parking lot south from an extension of Portland Place running through to Gottingen Street. They considered it was within the best interest of planning and traffic to include the larger area. The Council only originally requested the smaller areas recommended by Professor Stephenson."

Mr. MacKisgen: "My clients agree with me on the idea of a larger parking area, but it is the question of traffic control and their access to Gottingen Street. Is it either wise or necessary when you have so many other ways to feed that parking lot? Why expropriate unnecessarily?"

Alderman DeWolf: "Is there anything in the record as to the percentage of the owner-occupied properties?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I can't find the breakdown, but from the record here, it would appear there are no owner-occupied buildings from number 2 up on Maitland Street."

He then read the property numbers with their owners for the information of Council.

Mr. Leo Corbagen, property owner of 32 Maitland Street appeared and stated, "We have been living there all our lives and we feel if our place is expropriated that we will run into debt of some \$10,000.00 to buy a new home. We are not using our home for any commercial purposes. There is a lot just south of us that is empty. They could use that lot for a parking place."

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His Worship the Mayor: "We hope to do that Mr. Coybage."

Mr. Joseph H. Younes, owner of 46½ Cornwallis Street appeared and said his property was now occupied by a tenant, but he hoped someday to return. He was opposed to the expropriation and felt the parking lot could be made in some other part of the City.

Mr. Dear, owner of 44 Cornwallis Street appeared and said he was entirely against the expropriation.

No other persons wished to be heard against the proposal.

Mr. L. A. Kitch appeared on behalf of the Gottingen Street Merchants Association and was in favor of the proposed expropriation. "I think it might be helpful to throw our minds back as much as ten years when the Grafton Street block was changed into a parking lot. The representations that were made at that time emanated initially from the merchants on Barrington, Argyle and Grafton Streets and they persuaded the Council that it was a good thing. It was a block which, at the time, was used partially as commercial but basically to a large extent residential. Looking at that now and turning our minds back to a decade, can anybody say that so far as the City is concerned has that not been a boon and a great help to the City of Halifax. If it is true that the down town area requested a plan for parkers, how much more true is it for Gottingen Street. The initial proposition for the parking lot has been enlarged. The Association feels that it makes good sense because it leads traffic from Falkland Street down through the street which is now existing coming from Brunswick Street. The merchants have enlarged their premises with the anticipation that this will be proceeded with. We hope this will be put into effect as soon as possible."

Alderman Trainor stated that Council had been embarking on a Redevelopment Program in the City which would probably extend into the next 20 years. He further stated that this hour was the hour of decision and he felt that Council should go ahead with the Redevelopment of this area.

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Works to proceed with expropriation.

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Alderman O'Brien: "I will second the motion and in doing so I would like to say that it seems to me that the issue that is before us is whether we are going to have Redevelopment in that area or whether we are going to leave it to time and to occasional private redevelopment of a lot here or there. That kind of Redevelopment may never save the Gottingen Street area and it is not just the businesses that we are concerned with. It is shoppers and the whole community because the assessment in that area cannot stand up unless there is a plan of redevelopment. Your Worship, you mentioned that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation have requested us to extend the size of the parking lot and that is because the experts on their staff believe that the parking lot must be an asset to that area in the future. As far as the people living there are concerned, I regret particularly that there must be disturbance to those who own the properties that they live in, but apparently there are only two of those and in any case alternative accommodation is being offered to all of the people in the area and must be in order for us to qualify for the grant from Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation but I do think we should proceed with this at the present time."

Alderman DeWolf: "How many properties are there on the east side of Maitland Street from Falkland Street that are privately owned? What I am thinking of is this; why not take those properties into the picture and then you will have the use of the whole street."

His Worship the Mayor: "There are two properties that are privately owned and I think that is a very good suggestion because the Police Department are working on the meters of Maitland Street."

Alderman Butler: "Mr. Nicholas is interested in two properties on Falkland Street. I am wondering if he is being penalized because he is on Falkland Street. I suggest he should get the same treatment as the owners on Gottingen Street and leave a right of way for him to get in there. Some time in the future he might develop his land. Falkland Street will be ultimately closed. He is losing the depth to his land. Is there any way we can help him?"

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His Worship the Mayor pointed out that Mr. Nicholas' building is in poor condition and if the City doesn't include it in the Redevelopment Program, he would likely be issued with a condemnation order in the future."

Alderman Butler: "I am asking if we need to take his land because we need it or is it to get some buildings down? Do we need his property or a portion of it to make a parking lot?"

His Worship the Mayor: "This is part of a Redevelopment Plan for the City of Halifax."

The Commissioner of Works, at the request of Alderman Butler displayed the plan showing the properties involved.

Alderman Butler stated that he did not think that property was needed as it was joggling from a straight line.

His Worship the Mayor: "We are taking down poor houses in the area and if it is surplus to our needs we have a right to dispose of it by tender or by sale in some way back to the owner but we can dispose of it any way we want to."

Alderman Butler: "I feel in this particular case that we are creating a parking lot and I think in view of that fact we don't have to have his building and if we want it later on, we can take it."

His Worship the Mayor stated that Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation would not help pay for the costs at a later date.

✓ Alderman Wyman: "It seems to me that there has to be a definite purpose for expropriation and the purpose in this case is Redevelopment. Regarding those two jogs on the map, I think we should be very definite what we are redeveloping into because to my mind we are simply buying the land. I would like to talk about expropriation from a point of view of using it for a purpose and I have yet to see what the purpose is."

His Worship the Mayor: "If we pass this notice of intention to expropriate tonight, it then goes to the Board of Works to be examined and then reports back to City Council so we can give further study to these two properties."

Alderman Wyman: "There is one other question and that is the question of a person involved in an expropriation who owns his own home. It has been said in connection with expropriation and redevelopment that provision is made for

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the people who are removed from their homes to obtain other housing, but is there any provision made for the person who owns their own home - to be able after their home is expropriated to still own a home in the City? We provide rental for them but do we make any means whereby homes can be bought by owners?"

His Worship the Mayor: "They only get value for the home they occupied."

Alderman Wyman: "I think this is something that should be considered in the future."

Alderman MacDonald stated that he did not think it was good planning to leave Falkland Street open to accommodate one house.

The motion was then put and passed.

PUBLIC HEARING REZONING LOTS 74 TO 81 LYNCH STREET, LOTS 82 AND 83 AND CIVIC NOS. 19 AND 21 GLEBE STREET FROM R-2 TO R-3 ZONE

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

Mr. W.B. Kelly - 21 Glebe Street - stated he objected because he did not want it rezoned as he knew nothing about the matter.

His Worship the Mayor stated these buildings were included because they were army buildings converted after the war.

Alderman DeWolf: "I was wondering if he fully understands the changing merely from R-2 Zone to R-3. As a rule it tends to increase the value of the property?"

Mr. Kelly: "This is all new to me and I would like to know why the whole street is not rezoned on the north-west side of Lynch St. as it all borders on the Fine Property.

His Worship the Mayor: "It was intended to be, but an error was made in the advertisement but it was passed in the Town Planning Board. It was a clerical error. It was the intention of the Town Planning Board to rezone the whole street to R-3. The only difference is that R-3 permits the owner of a property to erect an apartment building. This will not affect you or #21 Glebe Street. It is proposed to bring them forward on another occasion.

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

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Moved by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the rezoning on Glebe Street adjacent to #19 and 21, be brought forward at the next Town Planning Board Meeting. Motion passed.

REZONING 81 WINDSOR STREET ✓

Referred back to the Town Planning Board.

REQUEST FOR RENTAL INQUIRY ✓

The following Resolution was submitted:

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Rental Act, being Chapter 8 of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1959, the Province of Nova Scotia has appointed His Honor Judge G.M. Morrison to conduct an inquiry into the matters set out in Section 3 of the said Act:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax do request the said Judge G.M. Morrison to cause an inquiry to be made into and concerning

- (a) the supply of housing accommodation for rent in the City of Halifax;
- (b) whether the rentals being charged in the City are fair and reasonable;
- (c) What constitutes a fair and reasonable rental for any type of housing accommodation;
- (d) any other matter directly or indirectly concerning housing accommodation and rental charged therefor.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor: "In the same connection may I secure from the Council your permission to act with respect to the setting of dates for hearings. I think some should take place at night to accommodate persons who are working all day. There are some people who would like to attend but cannot because it might mean a half day's employment and they have asked me to confer with them in respect to setting dates. I would also like to have permission to set these dates and also that the Council be represented by legal Counsel."

The request of His Worship the Mayor was approved.

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APPOINTMENT APPRAISERS - CASTEL PROPERTY -22 DUFFUS STREET ✓

City Managers: "I would recommend Messrs. Ralph Gould and George Sherman."

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

TENDERS FOR LOAN ✓

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

Pursuant to the call for tenders returnable at 5 p.m. Atlantic Daylight Time on Thursday, April 30, 1959 from parties disposed to purchase City Debentures maturing the first day of May in each year commencing with the year 1960 and ending with the year 1979 for the total sum of \$1,500,000.00 to be issued under the authority of Chapter 186 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1954 (The Municipal Affairs Act) and bearing interest at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum for the debentures maturing from May 1, 1960 to May 1, 1979 both inclusive, the Finance and Executive Committee had for consideration tenders for the same from the following:

1. Dominion Securities Corporation Ltd. on behalf of
a syndicate named in the tender.....\$96.35
and accrued interest
2. Scotia Bond Company Ltd. on behalf of a syndicate
named in the tender.....\$96.68
and accrued interest
3. Mills Spence & Co. Ltd. on behalf of a syndicate
named in the tender.....\$97.31
and accrued interest
4. Wood, Gundy & Company Limited on behalf of a
syndicate named in the tender.....\$97.26
and accrued interest
5. Gairdner & Co. Ltd. on behalf of a syndicate
named in the tender.....\$97.13
and accrued interest
6. Creighton MacKenzie & Co. Ltd. on behalf of a
syndicate named in the tender.....\$97.289
and accrued interest

Your Committee recommends that the tender of the syndicate represented by Mills, Spence & Co. Ltd., namely:

Mills, Spence Co. Ltd.
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. Ltd.
Bell, Guinlock & Co. Ltd.
Royal Securities Corp. Ltd.
F.J. Brennan & Co. Ltd.

at the rate of \$97.31 be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
R.H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

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

LOAN RESOLUTION ✓

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

Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the Resolution be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously the following members of Council being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MANAGE MULGRAVE PARK HOUSING ✓

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

The Redevelopment Committee, at a meeting held on March 23, 1959 approved of a decision of the Province of Nova Scotia to delegate to the Halifax Housing Authority the operation of the Mulgrave Park Project with the proviso that two members would be appointed by the Province subject to the approval of the City of Halifax and the Minister of Public Works for Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

R.H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor: "Up to the present time our existing Housing Authority consists of nominees from the City of Halifax and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation approved by the Minister with the Province participating in these housing projects, they have requested that two persons named by them be appointed to the Housing Authority. It means an enlargement of the Housing Authority by two and we ask your approval for the enlarging of the Housing Authority.

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

REQUEST TO BUILD DUPLEX - #58 BASINVIEW DRIVE ✓

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: April 21st, 1959.

Subject: Request to build Duplex - Undersized Lot - #58 Basinview Drive

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered

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a report from the City Engineer recommending in favor of a request to build a Duplex on an Undersized lot at #58 Basinview Drive.

The City Manager informed the Board that the reason for recommending in favor of the request was not because permission was granted for a Duplex back in 1955 by City Council, but rather because it would be in conformity with the neighbourhood as there are several Duplexes in the surrounding area.

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

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,
Clerk of Works.

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

MODIFICATION SIDEYARD - #5 WESTMOUNT STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 21st, 1959.
Subject: Modification Sideyard - Convert Single Family to Duplex -
5 Westmount Street.

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 Sideyard Modification for conversion of a Single Family Dwelling to a Duplex.

On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, 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 Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

REQUEST TO BUILD SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING - #13 UNIACKE STREET ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: April 21st, 1959.
Subject: Request to build Single Family Dwelling on an Undersized Lot #13 Uniacke Street adjoins School for Deaf Property.

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered

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a report from the City Engineer recommending that permission to build on this lot be withheld due to the consideration of the Redevelopment of the School for the Deaf Property.

On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that permission be withheld at this time due to the consideration of the Redevelopment of the School for the Deaf Property.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,
Clerk of Works.

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

FAIRVIEW OVERPASS - PROGRESS ESTIMATES # 16 and #17 ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: April 21st, 1959.

Subject: Fairview Overpass - Progress Estimates #16 and #17.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Commissioner of Works, recommending payment of Progress Estimates No. 16 and No. 17 for the construction of the Fairview Overpass.

On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimates No. 16 and No. 17, re construction of the Fairview Overpass in the amount of \$1,668.22 and \$934.31 respectively, 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.

BASINVIEW HOME - CERTIFICATE #2 (FINAL) STANDARD SPRINKLERS LTD. ✓

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: April 21st, 1959.

Subject: Basinview Home - Certificate #2 (Final) Standard Sprinklers Ltd.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Commissioner of Works, recommending payment of Certificate #2 (Final) for the installation of a Sprinkler System at Basinview Home (Nurses Residence)

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On Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Certificate #2 (Final) re Sprinkler System, Basinview Home in the amount of \$534.40 to the Standard Sprinklers Limited.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,
Clerk of Works.

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

PROGRESS ESTIMATE #5 -- INCINERATOR CONSTRUCTION ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: April 21st, 1959.
Subject: Progress Estimate #5 -- Incinerator Construction.

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 #5 for the construction of the New Incinerator.

On Motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Committee recommended to City Council payment of Progress Estimate #5, re Incinerator construction in the amount of \$18,722.87, to the Foundation Maritime Limited.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,
Clerk of Works.

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

PAYMENT FOR CREST -- COUNCIL CHAMBER ✓

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Committee on Works.
Date: April 21st, 1959.
Subject: Payment for Crest -- Council Chamber.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a request from the Commissioner of Works to charge the balance of the cost for the Crest in the Council Chamber to the 316 C account. He pointed out to the Committee that \$800.00 was provided for the Crest, the invoice was for \$1500.00, and there remained \$913.37, in the City Hall Renovations Account (54-2).

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On Motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Committee recommended to City Council that \$600.00 be provided for under 3160 to cover the cost of the Crest in the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,
Clerk of Works.

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

IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING ✓

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

From: Committee on Works,

Date: April 21st, 1959.

Subject: Improved Street Lighting.

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Electrician recommending in favor of a \$90,000.00 improved lighting program.

On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Butler, the Committee recommended to City Council that \$90,000.00 be provided in the Capital Budget for improved Street Lighting.

Respectfully submitted,

K.C. MANTIN,
Clerk of Works.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the main arteries leading from the City would be brought up to a higher standard. "We have agreed to have a plan prepared for us by the Nova Scotia Light & Power Co. Ltd. who will present a proposal to us if they take over the whole project and that of course depends on their report and its impact on our financial position."

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

Alderman Wyman: "Will we have fewer of them out every night?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that the Light & Power Co. Ltd are very prompt."

Mr. Flynn: "They are very prompt if they are called."

Alderman Macdonald stated that he thought the City of Halifax was behind the times in its lighting program.

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TENDERS DEMOLITION - 1460 BARRINGTON STREET ✓

Commissioner of Works: "I don't feel that it is wise for us to tackle that particular job. What I would like to do is get the heating equipment out before a tender is approved."

City Managers: "We have the tenders and we are ready to open them to find out who will get it unless there is some reason for holding it up."

Alderman Lane: "In view of the fact that Mr. West suggested that the heating equipment be taken out, would those tenders be made with that information? They would know that the heating equipment would be stripped from the building?"

City Managers: "Mr. Mielke in showing the building should have made that point clear."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think before we open the tenders we should send it back to the Redevelopment Committee to be opened and tabulated and report back to Council and also, before we open them that we get a clear understanding as to the position of the tenders in relation to the heating system."

Alderman Butler: "It seems to me that before anything like this is done it should be checked through our own department to find out what they want to do, if there is anything of value before the tenders are asked for."

His Worship the Mayor: "The general procedure is to move these things before."

Alderman Butler: "It wasn't followed in this case."

City Manager: "The reason for it was that we are getting close to the time when, if these tenders are advertised, and an award made, the services have to go in. We are squeezed on the one side by the necessity of getting that building down and on the other side by the fact that we have this one tenant that we have to get out and it takes time to do it."

His Worship the Mayor: "It was a question of being accused by some citizens of having no heart. I think in this case we have considered the human element to the extreme. There are factors in this case that I would not want to divulge in an open meeting."

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The matter was referred to the Redevelopment Committee.

WINTER WORK PROGRAM SEWER PROJECT - PINWOOD ACRES ✓

City Manager: "I would like your approval in principle of this item. It is a Sewer Project which we would like to get into the Winter Work Program. I have called Mr. Moseley and told him that we weren't able to get it on the agenda tonight but it involves \$8400.00 of Federal money. It will be on the agenda for May 14, 1959 for ratification.

The item was agreed to in principle.

The Commissioner of Works informed the Council that all the Winter Work projects had been started.

CAPITAL BUDGET ✓

His Worship the Mayor: "There is one matter I want to bring up before we get into the Capital Budget. I have had an idea in my mind for quite some time that we should try to put ourselves more on a pay-as-you-go basis. This is most difficult because how do you pick out one to be a current expenditure and the other to be a capital expenditure? I feel, that we can use a device that is used by many home owners. Many people who purchase goods make a 10% down payment. In other words it would mean a closer relationship between your capital and current budget and you would enclose in your current budget an amount covering 10% of the amount that you are going to issue or the amount to work on for that year. You only fund for 90% of the value of the project. This is being done in most of the major cities across Canada. Some cities go as high as 30%. Municipal Authorities in the Province require them to have 30% down before they can proceed with the project. It has the effect in some centers as a run-away Council going in for grand extravagant schemes and putting a lot of capital debt on the future generation. This might be a device to use as a 10% down payment with the heaviest factor circumventing the present high interest rates which are getting up to 5½% or more. It would have an effect of reducing of approximately 10% of your rate. If we ever get this National Harbours Board and C.N.R. problem cleaned up, that might be the year to start on this program without adversely affecting the tax rates on the people. It seems to me

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we must come to this point in our Municipal Financing of trying to make more payments of a capital nature on a pay-as-you-go basis and specifically for the selecting of projects for current payment. I am just pointing it out now as I want to obtain more information for you on this and to study the impact for you over the years on this kind of Municipal Finance. It seems to me that we must move into this kind of position very soon as other cities across the nation are doing it and find it a wise thing to do."

The Capital Budget for 1959 amounting to \$1,697,650.00 was submitted.

SCHEDULE "A" - PAVING

Alderman Butler: "With respect to Connaught Avenue, I wonder how the Commissioner of Works and City Manager arrived at deleting that from the paving program? In view of the fact that part of it is permanent paving and, also with the new overpass there is very heavy traffic, it seems to me that by spending more money as ordinary maintenance we may be throwing money away. That is the only street I question."

City Managers: "We looked at it in January and we felt that it was okay."

His Worship the Mayor: "The frost was in the ground then but you have to drive very carefully on it today."

Commissioner of Works: "The City Manager, Mr. Howard and I went over it in January and last fall and the road was in good shape. I think we hesitated on the west side of Connaught Avenue because we are doing some sewer work and we will be doing more sewer work on Regent Road and it may be unwise to do that section. It would be a question of policy whether or not the County would want to spend the money to put it in shape for another year."

Alderman Lane: "The only comment I have is on College Street, Tower Road and Carleton Street which are in a deplorable condition. If seal coating is going to be the answer, I trust it will be that. At the moment it is a wonder to me that we haven't had suits for damaged vehicles."

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His Worship the Mayor stated that the City had a very serious problem facing it with regards to the street paving as in some places whole sections needed to be replaced. He further stated that for years there has been patching but there is going to be an end to that. "I don't know what the answer is, cheaper paving of some kind if we can get it."

Alderman Lane: "Who was responsible for the work done on Jubilee Road not too long ago?"

Commissioner of Works: "That is on a clay basis but I can't recall this as I would have to check the records."

His Worship the Mayor: "Is there a guarantee on this paving?"

Commissioner of Works: "There is a five year guarantee on this work. A member of our staff is preparing a report on the condition of the streets after the long winter."

Alderman Butler: "It seems to me that most of the problems came because there does not seem to be a deep enough base. How deep do they figure on going with rock?"

Commissioner of Works: "Normally we go down about nine inches and we have six inches of base and three inches of top. As a matter of interest, we have done streets where we did lay asphalt right on the existing surface and one of those is Stanley Place. We put an inch and three quarters on and that was a bog at one time, but it now handles quite a bit of traffic and we have done very little maintenance on it. We certainly do try to do these jobs. I think our staff is very keenly interested in this particular work and they have done a lot of research and where we can do it economically, we certainly do so or when we feel it is necessary to do a more expensive job we do so."

Alderman Wyman: "In connection with Kaye Street, I would like to mention that on a portion of the street the pavement seems to be pulling away from the curb and gutter leaving a space and all the water runs from that now and I was wondering how long it will be before it starts to work underneath and begin to undermine the foundation of the Street? However, I think that there

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is another approach to this that may be becoming increasingly important to us and I think this is the time that we should be really getting down to it and that is some effort to control the traffic that goes over these streets, keeping traffic above certain weights on streets that are built to handle traffic of that kind and to try to confine the extremely heavy traffic to a relatively small number and then make those streets to carry it. If we don't start something in the line of control along the line of heavy vehicles soon we are going to have a great deal of repaving to do as a result of the damage that these large vehicles do to our streets."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is one of the problems that we are faced with very shortly. With regard to the traffic engineer, do you want to hire one full time or do you want to get one in here to make a study of these things for us. Those things will be placed before us very shortly I think it is a matter for competent staff to attend for a person trained in this type of work."

Commissioner of Works: "I think next year we will propose to close our streets to certain traffic during the Spring as the highways are closed and they bring these huge trucks in on our streets."

Alderman O'Briens: "If they are off the highways, they might as well be off our City Streets."

Alderman Macdonald stated that he agreed and thought that there should be some control over the heavy vehicles on the streets.

His Worship the Mayor: "If you watch where the trolley coach stops, it is there we suffer our greatest amount of damage to the streets."

Alderman Butler: "There is an item of \$6,000.00 for Stanley Street between Agricola and Robie Streets and I was wondering if there was any other reason that it would be done there in a less expensive nature in view of the fact that it is not a through street?"

His Worship the Mayor: "All those streets up in that area are continually bothering the Works Department and we have had a terrific maintenance cost up there and each year a street in that area has been taken over for a paving job."

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Alderman Greenwood stated that he felt that Connaught Avenue was one of the main arteries and he thought that post-poning any work in this area was unwise.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the following additions be made to this Schedule:

E/S Connaught Avenue -- Bayers Road to Chisholm Avenue	\$30,200.00
W/S " " " " to Regent Road	\$15,900.00
	\$46,100.00

Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that Schedule "A" be approved as amended. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "B" SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the east side of Connaught Avenue between Regent Road and Windsor Street be included in this schedule as well as the west side of Barrington Street from North Street to Russell Street.

Alderman Macdonald stated that he had requests from the residents of Armview Avenue and Pryor Street to have these streets included in this schedule.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Butler, that Armview Avenue and Pryor Street be added to this Schedule. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the west side of Barrington Street from North Street to Russell Street be added to this schedule. Motion passed.

Alderman Macdonald referred to the embankment on the east side of Connaught Avenue by the Army apartments and said there was no sodding there as well as a lot of rocks and boulders which roll down onto the sidewalk. He asked if it was going to be sodded.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that it be done after the sidewalk was laid as the Army was very co-operative.

The matter of a sidewalk on Connaught Avenue as suggested by His Worship was deferred for a report as to the cost.

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Alderman Lane referred to the poor condition of the sidewalk on Robie Street from Jubilee Road north to the Willow Tree and suggested it needed attention. All the sidewalks on those side streets in that end of the City she said, are in a deplorable state of disrepair.

Alderman Butler said that the sidewalk blocks on Oxford Street from Jubilee Road to Quinpool Road were raised up as much as two inches.

His Worship the Mayor said he hoped that asphalt would be used to remedy the situation rather than laying a whole new block.

Alderman Macdonald then referred to the sidewalk on the west side of Vernon Street between Pepperell Street and Quinpool Road that it tips towards the houses and as a result, it is flooded after rain storms and pedestrians can't use it. He suggested the situation should be reminded.

The City Manager stated the Works Department would do as much repair as it could with the \$20,000.00 provided.

Moved by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that schedule "B" be approved as amended. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "C" ✓

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

SCHEDULE "D" - SEWER REHABILITATION \$224,000.00 ✓

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that this schedule be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "F" - FIRE EQUIPMENT - \$30,000.00 ✓

Moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that this schedule be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "H" - TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS - \$35,500.00 ✓

His Worship the Mayor referred to the proposed narrowing of boulevards at different intersections and suggested that small trees be planted to offset the large trees that would be cut down.

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the sum of \$40,000.00 be included in this year's work for improvements on the Bayers Road Railway Bridge. Motion passed.

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Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the sum of \$9,000.00 be included in this year's work for improvements at the intersection of Rainnie Drive and Brunswick Street. Motion passed.

Alderman O'Brien: "Has any consideration been given to traffic improvements at the corner of Bayers Road and Connaught Avenue by the installation of traffic lights?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We should have a report on that."

Moved by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Butler that this schedule be approved as amended. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "J" - PAVING RENEWALS - \$26,000.00

The City Manager explained that Schedule "J" was different from Schedule "A" in that this schedule was for paved streets which have to be renewed or resurfaced. Schedule "A" is for streets which are being paved for the first time.

Alderman Ferguson: "I notice a portion of Dutch Village Road is listed. The whole condition of Dutch Village Road is very bad, and a lot of that has been brought about by excavation for sewers which has been done by the County. What is the situation in the renewals of these streets?"

And he contended that if Dutch Village Road or any other street were dug up two or three times, the street would have to be completely resurfaced.

City Manager: "This portion is wholly within the City and this is our responsibility. With regard to the question you are talking about, we share the maintenance with the Province."

Alderman Ferguson: "Do you mean that the County can go and run these sewers and then not even replace them?"

City Manager: "The Alderman brings up a point."

Alderman Ferguson: "This isn't ordinary maintenance. This is the same as if I go some place in the City and I want to run a sewer out, the City replaces the pavement and they bill me. That is a very sizeable item and it will probably run into \$100,000.00."

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City Manager: "I would say that from the size of the billings up to now we have not been charged for any sort of replacement."

Alderman Ferguson: "There hasn't been any replacement carried out."

City Manager: "When the replacement comes, we will have to be sure that we are not charged with any portion of it because it is not our responsibility."

Alderman Ferguson: "The point I am making is that this has gone on on one side of Dutch Village Road two or three different times. At least two. And on the other side of it, one, and it has the street in such a condition that the only answer is not a repair job, but a complete renew job. It is certainly brought about in a large part by this work by the County."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we can negotiate with the Province on the basis of the Bicentenary Highway. This ties in with it."

City Manager: "It would be a longer discussion than just Dutch Village Road."

His Worship the Mayor: "I am making reference to the whole area Dutch Village Road and the Arm Bridge out to the Fairview Overpass."

Alderman Ferguson: "It certainly is a subject for very definite study."

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that this Schedule be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "K" REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING - \$200,000.00

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the sum of \$200,000.00 be included in this schedule for the purposes of redevelopment. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "L" EQUIPMENT - \$53,500.00

Moved by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that this schedule be approved after deleting \$7,500.00 for a Salt Spreader and Power Blades which would be charged against 316 "C" of the City Charter at a later meeting. Motion passed.

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SCHEDULE "X" - \$934,000.00

Extension of Tower Terrace	\$ 6,000.00
Intersection - Kempt Road & Lady Hammond Rd.	\$15,000.00
Sewer - Oxford Street - Ladies College	6,000.00
Oxford School Addition	135,000.00
Additional for Q.E.H. over what was in 1958 budget	100,000.00
Incinerator	500,000.00
Pinewood Acres - Sewers	72,000.00
Rehabilitation - Basinview Home	100,000.00

Moved by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Fox, that this schedule be approved. Motion passed.

SCHEDULE "M" STRUCTURE - \$53,500.00

Alderman Lane contended that money for construction of Rest Rooms for employees in the Public Gardens was never included in a current or capital budget. "I don't want it lost sight of. I would like to see those men have fairly decent working conditions."

City Manager: "I don't remember that we were told to put it in the capital budget. It has not been lost sight of because recently I talked with Mr. Power about it. I told him to put another storey for a restroom on top of the building. Where you want to put it, is not going to make a very attractive situation. There is another building there which is next to the Greenhouse which has a slanted roof. I believe, it is a boiler house. I said there is a building which is probably of a proper size if you have Mr. Earle investigate the possibility of putting a second storey on that. It wouldn't be so high up and so ungainly. I told Mr. Power I thought a stairway could be put inside and give them the sort of thing that they want."

Alderman Lane: "If there is one thing I can recognize, it is a run-around, and that is what I have been given on this one. I don't go into these things idly. I usually know what I am talking about and this is one instance."

Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that this schedule be approved after adding \$5,000.00 for the purpose of providing rest rooms for the staff on the Public Gardens. Motion passed.

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DOWNTOWN PARKING

Alderman Macdonald: "I wanted to refer to the Manager's comments in connection with the downtown parking lot. He said there was no pressure by the downtown merchants and perhaps it wasn't so greatly needed. I think it is due to the tolerance of the downtown merchants that they haven't been exerting pressure. I think they are hoping and expecting something will develop. There are some actions to be taken by the City in connection with it. I know that they are getting rather discouraged, and I think, rightly so because they are getting pretty hard put downtown considering the new businesses that are opening up in the immediate areas around Halifax which are attracting an awful lot of people on account of having parking space. I was wondering if you, Your Worship, the Manager, and Commissioner of Works might give this a new look. I don't know whether there should be a second deck on the present Grafton Street Lot or whether it should be a clearance of some other downgraded area in the downtown section. I think we should give some consideration to it, because I think we certainly have to keep the downtown areas operating and doing business. I think once the people get in the habit of going away from downtown it is not so easy to get them back; but if you keep them there, I think it will be an advantage to the City of Halifax."

City Manager: "What I was trying to say there is this - that I am not aware from the report of the use of the parking lot, there have been very many days when there weren't parking spaces available for shoppers. Until they come in and say there were so many days when so many cars had to be turned away that we have to have either another lot or a second level, I don't think there is any great need for a second level at this time. I think what has happened is that the use of it has pretty well levelled off. Outside of a few days around Christmas, nobody ever gets turned away from the lot. I think until we are sure that we are going to get income from a second level that we shouldn't put a second level on there."

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Alderman Macdonald: "Would you think that on the basis of the revenue which we are getting from that parking lot, that revenue from another parking lot might be, perhaps just as safe, because I think there are a lot of people who come down the hill and they look at that parking lot - they can't see five or six vacant spaces - they could see 25 I suppose but there are some there which they can't readily see when there are quite a number of cars and they don't attempt to go in."

City Manager: "I think they would probably go to the gate and then let the attendant turn them away. He knows how many spaces he has. This present lot is only paying back the cost of acquisition and improvements. I don't think another parking lot would pay off."

Alderman Macdonald: "I think this one is probably paying about 50% of the carrying charges."

City Manager: "It is paying the cost of acquisition and improvements over approximately 20-year period with interest, but nothing in the way of taxes which we would have if it were operated privately or if it were occupied by something other than a parking lot. So that is a cost to the City to subsidize the downtown merchants."

Alderman Macdonald: "I am not saying that the parking lot is the only thing we need downtown, but I think ample parking facilities is the need for shoppers. I know they may circle a block several times and they eventually find a place, but that doesn't seem to be good enough. There are other places so near Halifax where they can go and have ample parking space without having any problem whatever. I think we have to look forward to that and try to provide something that will be more convenient for the shopper who is coming downtown to shop."

City Manager: "I think that is true, but the time to do that is 1962 instead of 1959".

Alderman Macdonald: "I am afraid that might be too late."

City Manager: "Maybe it is. I don't know, but I don't think in 1959 I have any evidence that we should put a second level on it."

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Alderman Macdonald: "It seems to me that this traffic is going elsewhere."

His Worship the Mayor: "I attended a meeting this morning of the executive of the downtown merchants' section of the Board of Trade. We discussed the matter of additional parking space, but the point raised most frequently this morning was the fact that they want an easier flow of traffic on the downtown streets. They suggested removing some parts of the sidewalk to provide for easy flow. I told them that I was going to recommend that we could do this either by engaging on our staff a traffic engineer to examine this. I don't think this is a job for amateurs. Part and parcel it is alright to have your parking lots, but if you don't have easy access to these lots, then these things are a waste of money. For instance the parking lot operated by Eatons on the corner of Granville and Sackville Streets is causing one of the worst traffic bottlenecks in any traffic day downtown because people want to turn left into the parking lot. One car will back up traffic across the lights on Barrington Street and cause congestion extending for blocks in each direction. It causes complete stagnation of traffic. That happened on the Thursday before Easter of this year. Several times during the afternoon it appeared to be a very serious situation just because one person wanted to make a left turn to the parking lot. There is a case where it wasn't properly engineered and because of that one lack of foresight in the design, your effort to improve the condition was lost. It means it isn't just a question of putting on an additional deck on the parking lot. Secondly, we have to find out, how many permanent users we have. I mean how many people are using the parking lot who are employed downtown and park their vehicle there and are not shoppers. This morning at the meeting two people in the group admitted that they park their own car there. One can hardly complain about the lack of parking space."

Alderman Macdonald: "I think it is a matter that should be looked into. I think if the answer is an easier flow of traffic, perhaps, some study should be given to that aspect of it."

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His Worship the Mayor: "We should have a person qualified to do this thing for us. Until we get that person, it is going to be very difficult to resolve the matter."

Alderman Macdonald: "Just as long as it is not lost sight of."

His Worship the Mayor: "You will be hearing from me or the City Manager within a matter of two weeks on this problem of staff."

COMMENTS CITY MANAGER ✓

City Manager: "There are several comments I would like to make. In the School Budget there was a \$92,000.00 borrowing approved which wasn't in my budget because I didn't know about it then. In the last minute comments I said it is going through presumably and there is an \$85,000.00 cancellation so the total is really a very small difference, \$7,000.00. That is being allocated to two projects and will be available for Q.E.H. and some others later on when we know how much we spent.

"With regard to the Commons Program I made a remark there that said it was pretty much undecided, but we talked about \$250,000.00. Whether it comes about or not remains to be seen.

"There was one item which is marked false and I neglected to put it in the Capital Budget. You will recall that the Wanderers' Grounds Budget was considered and there was \$12,000.00 for seating. That would be 1638 seats at \$6.30 a seat which was suggested they be moved from the Current Budget and put in the Capital. Council has never acted upon that, but I think by inference they sort of approved of it."

His Worship the Mayor: "They agreed to remove it from the current budget."

City Manager: "Yes, and bring it up in the Capital. They didn't exactly say they would approve of it."

His Worship the Mayor: "What about washroom facilities there?"

City Manager: "That I am working on. Mr. Ziai asked me to come over and look at the Wanderers' Grounds and the washroom facilities. Respecting

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the wooden buildings the sills are rotten and they just can't use them any longer. Also, there is the matter of a canteen. After I had been over there His Worship the Mayor mentioned to me that there was a possibility that if there was any sort of a civic ceremony with Her Majesty that it would be at the Wanderers' Grounds. It seems to me that two things should be done. I don't know the exact cost of either one of them; one is that the fence along Summer Street must be replaced and painted on both sides because it is very bad shape. The other thing is that we probably should ask Mr. Napier and Mr. West to work on this -- some kind of a building on the Wanderers' Grounds. Sooner or later we are going to have it anyway and if we could have it at the time Her Majesty comes here, it would be a combination washroom, canteen place for radio and television instead of that terrible looking ark that they have there. Possibly a little bit of space with a separate grandstand for the physically handicapped at one end. If we could combine it all into one at not too great a cost and have a building similar to the one at the Dingle, it wouldn't surprise me if such a building might cost \$25,000.00 which is a lot of money. The Wanderers' Grounds is a fairly large field and can get a great deal of use; and perhaps, if we could get a building for about that figure it would be wise to try and get it built before the end of July. We can get plans from the Architect. Perhaps, you might think of that so that we would have all of these miscellaneous buildings removed. There would be nothing on the Wanderers' Grounds, but the one end where the senior citizens and those other buildings are and then at the opposite end, there would be a modern building for canteen, washroom and other facilities."

STREET LIGHTING - \$90,000.00 ✓

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that \$90,000.00 be included in the Capital Budget for Street Lighting. Motion passed.

SEATING -- WANDERERS' GROUNDS \$12,000.00 ✓

Moved by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that \$12,000.00 be included in the Capital Budget for the purpose of providing seating accommodation in the Wanderers' Grounds. Motion passed.

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LIGHTING - WANDERERS' GROUNDS

City Manager: "Do we have the money for lighting Mr. Romkey?"

Commissioner of Finance: "There is money in the Land Sale Account which we could use if we have authority."

City Manager: "We don't need anything specially on that in the Capital Budget. We bought the lights from the Land Sale Account. When we sold them to Dartmouth, we put the money back into either the Land Sale Account or into a special account. Now that we need lights again we can buy them from either the Suspense Account of the Land Sale Account, with the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

Commissioner of Finance: "We can use the \$1200.00 but anything over \$1200.00 we will have to get approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs."

City Manager: "We will have a report on that for Finance Committee."

FENCE - WANDERERS' GROUNDS

Alderman DeWolf: "Mr. DeBard spoke about the fence around the Wanderers' Grounds being replaced. Will that come to Council or will that just automatically be replaced?"

His Worship the Mayor: "It will have to come to Council."

Alderman DeWolf: "I hope when it is renewed that it will be put further in than it now is to improve the appearance. I think if it were moved back to the other side of the trees, it would improve Sackville Street."

City Manager: "That is a good suggestion."

ROYAL VISIT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

His Worship the Mayor said it was suggested Her Majesty be received at City Hall. "If we received her at the building here, we would be removing Her Majesty from public view I feel she is visiting Halifax, not just City Council. I, also wish to request to try to arrange, if I could, a point of rally for the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Organizations of the Province to gather here. I thought probably we could combine the whole municipal activity in the Wanderers' Grounds where Her Majesty will arrive

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from Camp Hill Hospital, circle the track and stop and the stand and be received there.

"Also, I want to get permission from the Council to use \$1,000.00 of the \$3,000.00 Contingent Account for two Royal Visit Scholarships in lieu of a gift to Her Majesty. I understand she expressed special preference for that type of a gift to mark the visit. To do this we would have to move swiftly now to arrange with the Superintendent of Education for the City to arrange some kind of selection of those recipients. These recipients would receive certificates, I hope from Her Majesty, herself. These people would be High School Students of the Graduating Classes, of this year one each from Queen Elizabeth High School and St. Patrick's High School. They would each receive a scholarship of \$500.00."

Moved by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that this permission be granted His Worship the Mayor to proceed with the school authorities for the selection of the students. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned. 11:55 P.M.

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