

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
June 6, 1963,
8:00 p.m.

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

After the meeting was called to order, the members of Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

There were present Deputy Mayor Butler, Chairman, and Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Breen, Macdonald, Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Healy, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, L. Mitchell, W. J. Clancey, T. G. Murphy, G. F. West, R. B. Grant, V. W. Mitchell, K. M. Munnich, J. F. Thomson, A. R. Howard and Dr. E. M. Fogo.

PETITION AGAINST SIDEWALKS - LADY HAMMOND ROAD

A petition, endorsed by Alderman Trainor, was submitted from four business firms on Lady Hammond Road, Halifax Chrysler-Dodge Limited, Enamel and Heating Products Limited, Victoria Paper Company, Limited and Scotia Sprinklers Limited, requesting that sidewalks be not constructed in front of their properties.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the petition be referred to the Committee on Works for consideration and report. Motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on May 23, 1963:

Honorarium - Acting City Manager

- It is recommended: (1) that Mr. P. L. M. Romkey be paid an honorarium of \$1,000.00 for his services as Acting City Manager for the period February 1 to April 30, 1963, during the absence of the City Manager; and
- (2) that the City Manager be directed to submit a report to this Committee respecting (a) all overtime work in the City Hall in future; (b) what will be expected of the Staff, and (c) whether honoraria will be paid and if so, under what circumstances.

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It was agreed to consider the recommendations separately.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that Recommendation No. 1 be approved. |

The motion was put and passed as follows:

For the motion: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Breen, Macdonald,
Meagher, Trainor, Healy and Greenwood

Against: Aldermen LeBlanc, Connolly and O'Brien.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that Recommendation No. 2 be approved. Motion passed.

Legislation - Write-off, Business Tax - No. 57-59 Stanley Street

A report was submitted from the Deputy City Solicitor containing a request for a write-off of the 1962 business tax assessed against Mr. Reginald Norris, at 57-59 Stanley Street, for a period of ten months.

It is recommended that the request be granted and the necessary legislation sought.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - No. 17-19 Clyde Street

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending that the property, No. 17-19 Clyde Street, be acquired for the sum of \$11,875.00 in full settlement of all claims, except interest, arising from expropriation in connection with the Spring Garden South Redevelopment Project.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Compensation in Respect of Condemned Buildings

A report was submitted from the City Manager entitled "Compensation in Respect of Condemned Buildings" suggesting the following:

- (a) that the City has no legal or moral responsibility to compensate owners for condemned buildings;
- (b) that the City has no legal or moral responsibility to acquire unusable lots formerly occupied by condemned properties;
- (c) that the City should not agree to acquire undersized lots formerly occupied by condemned properties except where these lots are part of an approved development scheme.

It is recommended that the suggestions be approved.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

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Rental Arrears Write-off - Eastern Photo Engravers Limited

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending that authority be granted to write off rental arrears in the amount of \$3,000.00 owing the City for the months of April, May, June, July, 1960 by the Eastern Photo Engravers Limited as same is uncollectible.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Sale of Land - Lloyd Fox Avenue

A report was submitted from the City Manager advising that the City is the owner of a parcel of land on Lloyd Fox Avenue containing 2,200 square feet and because of its size, it cannot be used as a building lot. This land, if added to the holdings of the abutters, could increase the value of their property. The two abutting properties are No. 3091 Lloyd Fox Avenue and No. 160 Bayers Road.

As the owner of No. 3091 Lloyd Fox Avenue has requested that the City consider the sale of this property to him for a nominal sum, the City Manager recommended that authority be granted to dispose of the property by negotiating with the owners of both abutting residential properties.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Offer for Cossor Lands - Young and Windsor Streets

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending that authority be granted to make a counter offer of \$75,000.00 to A. C. Cossor Limited for the purchase of land at the corner of Young and Windsor Streets.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Property Settlement - No. 41-47 Jacob Street

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending that the City of Halifax approve of a total settlement of \$42,860.00 for all claims arising from the expropriation of the property, No. 41-47 Jacob Street and further recommending that the date of adjustment would be fixed at the date of payment by the City.

Your Committee concurs in these recommendations.

MOVED by Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the recommendations be approved. Motion passed.

Appointment - Commissioner of Public Health and Welfare

It is recommended that Doctor E. M. Fogo be appointed Commissioner of Public Health and Welfare, effective as of April 1, 1963 and that he be paid a salary of \$12,500.00 per annum, subject to any adjustments as a result of a further study of salary scales pertaining to the classification of "Commissioner".

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MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Write-off and Cancellation - City Taxes -
No. 1084 Tower Road and No. 113 Queen Street

A report was submitted from the City Manager requesting approval of the write-off and cancellation of the taxes assessed as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location of Property</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type of Tax</u>
Columbus Holding Association	1084 Tower Road	1962 (from date of acquisition) 1963	Real Property
Knights of Columbus	1084 Tower Road	1962 (from date of acquisition) 1963	Occupancy
Sisters of Charity	113 Queen Street	1960	Real Property

It is recommended that the request be granted.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Property Settlement - No. 414 Bayers Road

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending that the amount of \$910.00 be accepted in full settlement for all claims, except interest and legal fees, in connection with the expropriation of 511 square feet of property at No. 414 Bayers Road.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Engagement of Architects - Capital Projects

It is recommended that written instructions be issued to all Commissions as follows: (a) that no commitments be made for the engagement of architects unless the project is in accordance with the Capital Budget approved by City Council; (b) that modifications or alterations to capital projects be submitted to Council for further approval; (c) that no consideration be given to a Borrowing Resolution for Capital funds for any project unless same is recommended by the City Manager.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the recommendation be approved.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that Clause C be amended to read as follows: delete the words "same is recommended by the City Manager" and substitute therefore "the Council has received a recommendation from the City Manager".

The amendment was put and passed.

The motion, as amended, was put and passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Application for License - Tastee Freez Limited

A report was submitted from the Committee on Works advising that a fee of \$200.00 per year per vehicle had been set for mobile canteens offering for sale ice cream and/or ice cream products in the City subject to restrictions as to the areas in which such canteens could operate.

Mr. G. R. Matheson appeared on behalf of Tastee Freez Limited, applicant for a license to vend soft ice cream in the City of Halifax, and was permitted to address Council. He contended that the Legislature in excluding the sale of ice cream and ice cream products from mobile canteens from the prohibition against mobile canteens, intended that the City would not refuse to license such an operation. He also stated that his client had made a substantial capital outlay in anticipation of being granted a license which if not granted would be ruinous to him and he concluded by requesting that Council favourably consider the application.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the application of Tastee Freez Limited be approved under the provisions of Section 588B(1) of the City Charter.

Alderman Trainor spoke in opposition to the motion contending that the proposed operation constitutes a safety hazard to small children, creates a hardship for widows and other parents of large families who find it difficult to refuse children the necessary money to purchase the products being vended; also, from his experience he found that the children are cheated on the measure of goods sold to them.

The motion was put and lost, as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen DeWolf, Healy, Connolly and Greenwood. -4

Against It: Aldermen Abbott, Breen, Macdonald, Meagher, LeBlanc
Trainor and O'Brien -7

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Modification of Sideyard and Lot Area No. 69 Albert Street

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Town Planning Board
Date: May 30, 1963.
Subject: Modification of Sideyard and Lot Area - No. 69 Albert Street

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The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on May 21, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager recommending against an application for modification of lot area and sideyard requirements at No. 69 Albert Street.

On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, the Board approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of sideyards - No. 52 Berlin Street

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: May 30, 1963.
Subject: Modification of Sideyards - No. 52 Berlin Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on May 21, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager recommending in favour of a modification of sideyard requirements at No. 52 Berlin Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1007, in accordance with Part XV, paragraph 1(f) of the Zoning By-Law, subject to provision of appropriate parking space, and that no public hearing be held.

On motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Board approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

Modification of Setbacks - No. 1159 Gottingen Street

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: May 30, 1963.
Subject: Modification of Setbacks - No. 1159 Gottingen Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on May 21, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager recommending in favour of a modification of setback requirements for an apartment building to be erected at No. 1159 Gottingen Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1016-1023, in accordance with Part XV, paragraph 1(k) of the Zoning By-Law.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

ALTERATION OF OFFICIAL STREET LINES - MUMFORD ROAD
SETTING DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: May 30, 1963.
Subject: Laying New Street Lines - Mumford Road.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on May 21, 1963, considered the matter of laying new street lines on Mumford Road.

The Commissioner of Works presented to the Board a map outlining the new street line and informed the Board that before improvements could be made on Mumford Road it is necessary that the street lines be altered and that it is necessary for the Board to set a date for a public hearing.

On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, the Board approved the laying of new street lines on a portion of Mumford Road, and recommended to City Council that June 27, 1963 be set as the date for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the recommendation be approved and that Council fix Thursday, July 11, 1963, 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 laying of new street lines on Mumford Road. Motion passed.

MODIFICATION OF LOT AREA AND FRONTAGE - NO. 56 VEITH STREET

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: Town Planning Board.
Date: May 30, 1963.
Subject: Modification of lot area and lot frontage - No. 56 Veith Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on May 21, 1963, considered an application for modification of lot area and lot frontage at No. 56 Veith Street.

The report stated that the house was completed in 1951 and the exact date of commencement was not shown in the City records, and, because this is a marginal case, staff felt that the Board may wish to recommend the approval of the modifications.

On motion of Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Wyman, the Board recommended in favour of a modification of lot area and lot frontage at

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No. 56 Veith Street to permit the conversion of a single-family dwelling to a duplex, and recommended the same to City Council.

Alderman O'Brien was recorded as being 'against'.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. Mantin,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tenders for Farm Tractor - City Prison

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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 May 23, 1963 a tabulation of tenders was submitted from the City Manager recommending acceptance of the tender of McConnell Equipment, Windsor Junction, Nova Scotia, at \$2,340.05, for a Massey Ferguson Tractor.

The Committee was advised that the lowest tender of Industrial Machinery Company Limited, at \$2,309.00 did not meet specifications because the machine offered did not operate on a 6-volt ignition system rather than 12-volt and that all implements now in use match the Massey Ferguson Machine. The City Manager was of the opinion that Massey Ferguson Equipment would operate with an International Tractor as he had no knowledge to the contrary.

It is recommended that the tender of Industrial Machinery Company Limited, at \$2,309.00, for an International Tractor, be accepted.

The Commissioner of Health was requested to report as to whether or not the present equipment would operate in conjunction with the International Tractor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
CITY CLERK.

To: Chairman and Members, Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

From: Dr. E. M. Fogo, Acting Commissioner of Health.

Date: June 5, 1963.

Subject: City Prison Tractor Tenders.

You will recall that the tenders were held up pending confirmation that the lowest tender being an International Harvester could be adapted to our Massey-Harris implements.

We have the assurance of the Industrial Machinery Company that the International Harvester can be adapted to our implements.

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However, it was brought to my attention after the tenders were out that the cultivator-hiller implement which fits the frame of the present tractor between the front and rear wheels, would not fit either tractor and must be replaced.

I therefore suggest that the present tenders should be withdrawn and a new tender called for; a tractor with a cultivator and hiller implement.

Information from the Purchasing Department indicates that a cultivator-hiller for a Massey-Ferguson would cost about \$278.00, and a cultivator-hiller for an International Harvester would cost about \$453.00.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Fogo, M. D., D. P. H.,
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE.

In view of the report of the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the tenders be rejected and new tenders be called. Motion passed.

Alderman Wyman arrived 8:50 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS - SAFETY COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were submitted from the Safety Committee meeting held on May 21, 1963:

Staff Establishment - Halifax Fire Department

That the changes in the Staff Establishment of the Fire Department proposed in a letter from the Fire Chief, dated May 21, 1963, whereby the Establishment would be increased by one Deputy Chief, one Captain, Fire Prevention and six Lieutenants; and decreased by one Captain Inspector, one Inspector and six firemen, all of which is designed to maintain the same numerical strength and to improve the overall efficiency, be approved.

For information purposes only.
Filed.

Tender for Truck - Fire Alarm Department

It is recommended that the tender of Scotia Chevrolet Oldsmobile Limited for the supply of a 1963 one-ton Chassis and Delivery Body for the Fire Alarm Department, in the net amount of \$3,650.00, being the lower of two tenders, be accepted.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Tenders for Boots - Police Department

It is recommended that the tender of Morris Goldberg for the supply of "Sisman" boots to the Police Department for the amount of \$11.60 per pair, being the lowest of five tenders submitted, be accepted.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

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Audit - Police Boys' Club Books

It is recommended that in view of the fact that the City of Halifax is directly and financially involved in the Halifax Police Boy's Club, the Internal Auditor be instructed to conduct an annual audit of the books of the Club, in addition to the independent audit presently being made.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman Trainor Re: Boat Landings - North West Arm

Alderman Trainor requested a report from the City Manager as to the feasibility of establishing landings along the Arm shore, possibly at Jubilee Road, for the launching of power boats from trailers. He suggested that this might be investigated by the Tourist Committee. He was of the opinion that tourists with power boats have no facilities for launching and enjoying the waterways surrounding the City.

The matter was referred to the City Manager for a report.

Question - Alderman Trainor Re: Four-way Stop Signs - Inglis and Robie Streets

Alderman Trainor requested that four-way stop signs be erected at the above intersection as he had received complaints from the residents of the area.

The City Manager was directed to confer with the Traffic Authority on the matter and report.

Question - Alderman Trainor Re: Stop Signs - Downtown Area

Alderman Trainor asked the Traffic Authority why stop signs have been erected at the downtown intersections as he felt that "yield" signs would suffice.

The Traffic Authority stated that in many instances the majority of drivers, when they see a "yield" sign, will take the appropriate action, but there is a critical speed when approaching an intersection that if you exceed it, and there is another vehicle coming from the other direction, there is likelihood of an accident as there is a segment of the driving public who cannot exercise enough judgment to the degree of slowing down to avoid accidents. He pointed out that a full stop is necessary to eliminate this area of judgment.

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The Deputy Mayor requested an explanation why "yield" signs are used in one instance and stop signs in another.

The Traffic Authority replied that a "yield" sign would be used where sight conditions are better and the safe speed of approach is higher than under other conditions where stop signs are necessary. He stated that a stop sign was erected at the corner of George and Barrington Streets because there was no sign of any description, that Barrington Street is considered as a through street and that some type of traffic control is necessary.

Alderman Trainor was of the opinion that a "yield" sign would be preferable because if he stopped at the stop sign and then proceeded into the intersection and were involved in an accident, there would be quite a legal case; whereas, if he proceeded on a "yield" sign and were hit, the onus would be on himself as he did not yield the right-of-way to the other driver.

The Traffic Authority was directed to answer directly to Alderman Trainor privately.

Alderman DeWolf referred to a "yield" sign at the intersection of Jubilee Road and Summer Street and stated that it was his opinion that 50% of motorists do not obey the sign.

Question - Alderman DeWolf Re: Traffic Lanes

Alderman DeWolf referred to a four-lane street and he asked if it were proper for a driver driving in the left-hand lane to make a right-hand turn.

The Traffic Authority stated that this practice is a violation of the Motor Vehicle Act as the driver should be in the right-hand lane to make a right-hand turn.

Question - Alderman DeWolf Re: Four-Way Stop Signs - Howe Avenue & Bayers Road

Alderman DeWolf referred to the four-way stop signs at the intersection of Howe Avenue and Bayers Road and asked if traffic lights were to be installed in the near future.

The Traffic Authority stated that it is hoped that within two months traffic signals will be erected.

The Chief of Police advised that an officer is on duty during peak traffic periods.

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Question - Alderman Healy Re: Passing Vehicles on Inside Traffic Lane

Alderman Healy cited the case of a car travelling in a left-hand lane and asked if it were permissible for another car to pass it in the right-hand lane to which the Traffic Authority replied in the affirmative.

Question - Alderman Macdonald Re: Intersection of Robie Street and Coburg Road

Alderman Macdonald referred to the laning on Robie Street and stated that when a motorist arrives at the above intersection, there is a white line on the pavement which directs a car to the right. He understood that if the motorist took the right-hand lane, he could not cross the white line if he intended to go south on Robie Street across the intersection.

The Traffic Authority stated that a motorist could use either the center or the right-hand lane with caution.

Question - Alderman Meagher Re: Legality of Traffic Signal Lights at Oxford Street and Quinpool Road

Alderman Meagher questioned the legality of the traffic signal lights erected at the corner of Oxford Street and Quinpool Road with particular reference to the green cross arrows.

The Traffic Authority stated that these signals are in the process of being replaced with single directional arrows.

Question - Alderman Wyman Re: Stop Signs in Downtown Area

Alderman Wyman stated that several years ago there were a considerable number of stop signs erected in the Downtown Area, which were later removed. He wanted to know if there was a report on the subject; what was the finding at that time, and how does it relate to conditions prevailing today.

The Traffic Authority was of the opinion that such action took place during the time when the late Alderman Fox was Chief of Police which would be approximately 12 years ago.

Question - Alderman Macdonald Re: Increased Tender Prices - Groceries & Fish

Alderman Macdonald referred to the prices quoted in the recent tenders for groceries and fish as compared with the tenders for the previous six-month period where the prices indicated increases from 9% to 83% for some items, the average increase being 41%. He asked if the price spread took place between the producer and the processor and/or the wholesaler. He referred to the fact that Council had recently approved of a tax concession

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for \$15,000.00 to a producer and processor of fish and fish products.

Alderman Breen suggested tenders be called on a monthly basis for foodstuffs, fish and vegetables.

The City Manager was directed to report on the matter at a later meeting.

Question - Alderman Breen Re: Poll Tax Deductions

Alderman Breen asked if the City Manager was able to report on the information he had requested at a previous meeting relating to poll tax deductions.

The City Manager replied that when the information was available, he would call the Alderman.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

The following accounts over \$500.00 were submitted:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alfred J. Bell & Co.	Insurance - Police Fleet	\$ 3,287.00
W. R. MacInnes & Co.	Insurance - City buildings and contents	9,766.00
Province of Nova Scotia	City's share operating costs Vocational High School	118,167.98
Quebec & Maritimes Trading Company	3 H.P. Engines and Lawn Mowers	961.00
		<u>\$132,181.98</u>

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the accounts be approved for payment. Motion passed.

CONTRACT CHANGE - WESTWOOD PARK HOUSING PROJECT - PHASE NO. 2

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To His Worship the Mayor and
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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report was submitted from the City Manager advising of the unsatisfactory soil conditions at the north-east corner of the Westwood Park site which means that the number of housing units would be reduced.

He recommended the following: The Partnership agree to delete five units from the total contract and relocate the remaining 11 units to a more satisfactory section of the site. It is estimated that the Partnership would receive a net credit of \$19,040.00 in respect of the units deleted.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard,
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MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.

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R. J. Butler,
DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. Stoddard,
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The minutes of meetings held on May 9, 16 and 22, 1963, were approved on motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott.

PETITION - DEFERMENT OF SIDEWALK INSTALLATION

A petition was submitted on behalf of the residents of Armview Avenue requesting that sidewalks not be installed on the southwest side of Armview Avenue, fronting six properties, for the following reasons:

1. The other side of Armview Avenue has paved sidewalks which adequately takes care of the traffic.
2. The whole area, we believe, is more attractive because of the sweep of well kept lawns on the side of the street closest to the North-West Arm.
3. That the City is confronted with other more urgent expenditures than for this purpose.

Also submitted was a petition from five residents of Armview Terrace requesting that sidewalks be not installed on Armview Terrace, for the following reasons:

1. There is very little pedestrian traffic, except local traffic, on this side street.
2. The whole area, we believe, is more attractive because of the sweep of well kept lawns on this side street.
3. That we as citizens believe that the City is confronted with other more urgent expenditures than for this purpose.

Both petitions were endorsed by Alderman Macdonald.

The Chairman stated that a representative of the property owners on Pryor Street had also requested that sidewalks be not installed on Pryor Street.

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The City Manager stated that the Committee on Works had considered the requests for deferment of the sidewalk program on the streets mentioned in the petitions, and had re-affirmed its intention to proceed with the sidewalk on Pryor Street.

Alderman Macdonald gave notice that at the meeting of City Council scheduled for June 27, 1963, he would move: (a) that the motion of Council approved on July 3, 1962, respecting the installation of sidewalks on Pryor Street, be rescinded; and (b) that no action be taken to install sidewalks on Armview Avenue in 1963 as proposed at that meeting for the reasons expressed in the petitions placed before Council on June 13, 1963.

RECOMMENDATIONS - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on June 6, 1963:

Request for Tag Day - Halifax Track and Field Association

It is recommended that permission be granted to the Halifax Track and Field Association to hold a Tag Day on July 13th in support of its work.

Alderman Lane asked if the application had been received before the stated deadline and the Chairman replied in the negative but explained that Mr. R. A. Kanigsberg had appeared before the Finance and Executive Committee and said that because of extenuating circumstances the application had been delayed. He also stated that the funds derived from the tag day would obviate the necessity of his organization applying for a grant from the City.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the recommendation be approved.

The motion was put and lost, as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Meagher, Healy
and Connolly - 5 -

AGAINST THE MOTION: Aldermen Breen, Lane, Macdonald, LeBlanc,
Wyman and O'Brien - 6 -

Universal Franchise

A report was submitted from the Deputy Mayor respecting non-resident taxpayers who would be disenfranchised if the universal franchise were proclaimed.

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To correct this situation, the Charter Sub-committee recommended amending legislation for the year 1964 as follows:

1. The following procedure for adding a non-resident taxpayers' name to the voters list and the qualifications for such non-resident be adopted.

I. Individual or Partnership

1. Affidavit of the City Assessor to the effect that the applicant is assessed for real property or business tax in the City of Halifax for the year in which the election is to be held.
2. Affidavit of the applicant, which states that:
 - a. he is 21 years of age;
 - b. he is a Canadian citizen or a British subject;
 - c. he has not continuously resided in the City of Halifax or in an area annexed to the City for a period of six consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of May immediately preceding the date of the election;
 - d. his name does not appear on the voters list published prior to the application;
 - e. he is the person named in the affidavit of the City Assessor.

II. Limited Company

1. Affidavit of the City Assessor to the effect that the Company which the applicant claims to represent is assessed for real property or business tax in the City of Halifax for the year in which the election is to be held.
2. Affidavit of the Company that the applicant represents it and is the owner of at least 51% of the voting shares of the Company.
3. Affidavit of the applicant which states that:
 - a. he is 21 years of age;
 - b. he is a Canadian Citizen or a British subject;
 - c. he has not continuously resided in the City of Halifax or in an area annexed to the City for a period of six consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of May immediately preceding the date of the election;
 - d. his name does not appear on the voters list published prior to the application;
 - e. he is the person named in the affidavit of the Company.

2. The City Solicitor be instructed to draft legislation so that Part IV of the Halifax City Charter can be amended accordingly at the next session of the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1964.

It is further recommended that if City Council approves of such amendments and instructs such legislation to be prepared, the proclamation of Part IV of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, should be considered in order to have Universal Franchise in effect for the 1963 Fall elections. The reasons for this recommendation are twofold:

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1. It would enable 23,000 people to vote this Fall who otherwise do not have a franchise.
2. It would enable the City to test the election provisions contained in the new City Charter so that any faults appearing in the system during the Fall elections could be eliminated by the same amending legislation next Spring that would incorporate non-resident taxpayers into the election system.

After discussion, the report was referred to Council without recommendation with the request that the following information be furnished:

1. The amount of commercial assessments owned by corporations;
2. Views on both sides of the question of whether the person who votes should be a resident of the City or a person who pays taxes to the City;
3. The number of votes that any one person has cast, acting as agent for a number of companies;
4. An indication of the practice followed by the larger cities in Canada.

The following report was submitted from the City Manager:

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.
From: P. F. C. Byars, City Manager.
Date: June 13, 1963.
Subject: Universal Franchise.

At the meeting of City Council held on May 16, 1963, the matter of Universal Franchise was referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for further study.

At the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on June 6, 1963, following consideration of a report from the Deputy Mayor dated May 31, 1963, Staff was directed to make available to Council answers to the following questions when the matter of Universal Franchise is again considered on June 13, 1963:

1. The amount of commercial assessments on properties owned by corporations
2. Views on both sides of the question of whether the person who votes should be a resident of the City, or a person who pays taxes to the City
3. The number of votes that any one person may cast, acting as agent for a number of companies
4. An indication of the practice followed by the larger cities in Canada

The following is submitted:

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QUESTION NO. 1

<u>Ward No.</u>	<u>Number of Commercial Property Owners</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
1	48	\$ 9,381,600.
2	99	13,961,900.
3	73	7,092,975.
4	50	2,914,950.
5	48	2,798,100.
6	98	13,260,130.
7	36	14,248,850.
	<u>452</u>	<u>\$ 63,658,505.</u>

QUESTION NO. 2

The following views were expressed at the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on June 6, 1963:

- (a) Some members felt that because of the large amount of taxes paid by corporations the vote should not be denied them as it would be tantamount to "taxation without representation";
- (b) The compromise of a combined system as suggested by the Charter Sub-committee was discussed but the suggested requirement of a registered voting agent being a 51%-shareholder, or merely a holder of one share, was not resolved;
- (c) Another view expressed was that 23,000 adult residents, presently not entitled to vote, should have the right because they are subject to indirect taxation by virtue of the payment of rent and their purchases of food and other commodities;
- (d) Corporations do not have a vote in Federal or Provincial elections;
- (e) If Council approves of universal franchise, the Legislature may not approve of an amendment to grant the franchise to non-resident business taxpayers;
- (f) Universal franchise would streamline the civic election procedure;
- (g) Many business operators are residents and would be entitled to vote under universal franchise.

QUESTION NO. 3

The 1962 Assessment Roll contained 1237 assessments for incorporated companies. Some companies had more than one assessment because of carrying on business at more than one location with the result that the number of companies, which were eligible to vote for Aldermanic Candidates in the several Wards, varied depending on the number of wards in which they were assessed. When the number of assessments in excess of one for each incorporated company is taken off (only one vote for Mayor), there remains 1053. Of this number, only 542 companies filed the names of their nominees as voting agents. Following is a breakdown showing the number of votes that any one person could cast for a mayoralty candidate, acting as agent for one or more companies:

2 agents have 5 votes each
14 " " 3 " "
22 " " 2 " "
<u>504</u> " " 1 vote each
<u>542</u>

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QUESTION NO. 4

SYSTEM OF MUNICIPAL VOTING IN CITIES THROUGHOUT CANADA

Alberta - Universal Franchise plus Assessment Roll
British Columbia - Universal Franchise plus Assessment Roll
Manitoba - Universal Franchise plus Assessment Roll
Newfoundland - Assessment Roll
New Brunswick - A mixture of systems depending on the locality
Ontario - System half-way between Assessment Roll and Universal Franchise, viz. Ratepayers plus relatives
Prince Edward Island - Ratepayers plus spouse
Quebec - Universal Franchise
Saskatchewan - Universal Franchise
Nova Scotia - Universal Franchise, except City of Halifax

Respectfully submitted,

for W. J. CLANCEY,
P. F. C. BYARS,
CITY MANAGER.

Alderman Wyman asked if Universal Franchise is in effect in the other municipalities in Nova Scotia and the City Solicitor stated that it is in effect in all municipalities with the exception of the City of Halifax insofar as the election of Mayor and Councillors is concerned.

Alderman DeWolf was advised that there are approximately 29,000 voters, including poll tax payers, under the present system. He then stated that there would then be 11,000 tax payers who pay \$10,000,000.00 and 18,000 who would pay \$310,000.00 and the others who would be eligible to vote under Universal Franchise, would be 23,000. Thus, 41,000 would pay \$310,000.00 as against 11,000 paying \$10,000,000.00 or more.

He further stated that as a Member of Council he had kept clear of party politics, which haven't played too great a part in civic affairs, but if Universal Franchise is to be adopted it might be better to have a party system in effect.

He also asked if it was not a fact that where Universal Franchise was in effect, that many municipalities were obliged to hold plebiscites and only those who were property owners were permitted to vote.

The City Manager replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Wyman contended that the motion to have the appropriate sections of the new City Charter proclaimed was defeated at the May 16th meeting of City Council and that the only clear way for Council to consider the

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matter at this time would be to have a motion to rescind the previous action of Council.

The City Solicitor stated that the motion of Council on May 16th, referred to by Alderman Wyman, was defeated and therefore the matter was resolved in the negative and there is no motion on record for such action. He stated that Section 51 of Ordinance 2 provides that a motion decided in the negative could be considered if two-thirds of the Council voted in favour of such consideration.

The Chairman ruled that Council could consider the matter if two-thirds of its members voted in favour of such a motion.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the matter of universal franchise be considered at this time.

The motion was passed with Alderman Healy voting against.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that His Worship the Deputy Mayor make a request to the Governor in Council to proclaim Sections 20 and 29 to 137, inclusive, of Chapter 52 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1963, the Halifax City Charter, including Forms 1 to 17 inclusive of the Schedule attached thereto, and that the corresponding Sections in the Halifax City Charter, 1931 and Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1945 be repealed.

Alderman O'Brien contended that there is no such thing as taxation without representation under universal franchise if adopted, as all adult persons residing in the City would have a vote and non-resident tax payers have a vote in the municipality where they live. He further contended that the taxes paid by business owners are paid for by the consumers of the goods or services which the business owners dispense and that the amount of taxes paid should not decide whether a person has one or more votes. He said that the issue is between 23,000 Halifaxians who would be added to the list under a system of universal franchise as against 452 commercial property owners; and he asked 'if the control should be in the hands of persons who live in Halifax or in the hands of property owners who may or may not live in Halifax!'

He continued and said that it is a vital principle to be established and regardless of how much information may be gathered, it is a clear cut issue of whether the civic government should be controlled by persons who live in Halifax or by

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some other classification of property owners.

Alderman LeBlanc said that as an Alderman in the Capital City of the first Province to have responsible government, he felt that it was not just to deprive 23,000 citizens of the voting privileges and he further contended that if we are to create and maintain greater interests in civic affairs among the citizens they must be given the opportunity to pick the Council Members which can best represent the City.

Alderman Breen said that he favoured universal franchise but was opposed to any action which would disenfranchise persons who now have the right to vote.

Alderman Lane asked if it is the opinion of staff that the majority of cities in Canada now have universal franchise, and the City Manager stated that the results of the survey made would indicate that that is so, with some provinces extending the vote to non-residents who are on the assessment roll.

Alderman Lane then contended that it is time that Halifax got in step with the other cities and she said that the arguments against universal franchise may have been valid fifty years ago but they are not valid today.

She referred to the unique position of Halifax respecting its divided tax rate and suggested that Halifax could become more like the rest of Canada by adopting a modern system of voting.

Alderman Wyman said that if universal franchise is adopted, Council will be setting up a system whereby 23,000 citizens, who contribute indirectly, could possibly direct the expenditure of money in spite of what the taxpayers want, and he asked that further study be undertaken before deciding the issue.

Alderman Healy contended that the people who pay the bill, the taxpayers, should have the right to say how the money is to be spent, and that Council should not make a change in the voting system merely for the sake of change.

The motion was then put and lost, as follows:

For the motion: Aldermen Lane, Meagher, LeBlanc, Connolly and
O'Brien - 5 -

Against it: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Breen, Macdonald, Healy and
Wyman - 6 -

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Account - Conciliation Board Re: Police Salaries

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending payment of the following accounts in connection with the conciliation proceedings respecting the Police Club Agreement:

1. J. W. E. Mingo - \$752.55
2. Lorne O. Clarke - \$459.87

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation; funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Bill of Costs - Johnson vs City of Halifax

A report was submitted from the City Solicitor recommending payment of an account amounting to \$711.75 to Mr. R. M. Fielding, Q. C., for services rendered in connection with the case, Johnson vs. the City of Halifax.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation; funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Date of Payment - Fire Protection Rates to Public Service Commission

It is recommended that the City pay to the Public Service Commission the amount so levied for fire protection prior to the first day of July.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Sale of No. 8 Mumford Road

A report was submitted from the City Manager advising that the City has received an unsolicited cash offer of \$10,500.00 for the property No. 8 Mumford Road for a period of 30 days from May 28, 1963.

He recommended that approval be given to offer the property for sale by tender and to limit the period of the tender call so that the offer would still remain valid.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

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

Office Space - City Hall

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending:

- (a) approval be granted to attempt to locate up to 1,500 square feet of rentable office space as close as possible to City Hall for the use of the City Assessor's Department. This would overcome an immediate short term problem. The annual rental for such space might amount to \$4,500.00 and the funds for 1963 would have to be provided under Section 316C of the City Charter.

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- (b) steps be taken to start consideration of a long range plan to replace the existing office space with new facilities to house all or the great majority of City functions.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the recommendations be approved.

Alderman Wyman stated that the problem of finding suitable office space at City Hall is becoming more and more acute and even with the implementation of Part (b) of the report, as quickly as possible, it may be necessary to consider moving the City Collector's Office outside with the City Assessor before a permanent solution is arrived at, for two reasons: (1) The City Assessor and City Collector should be as close together as possible for administrative purposes; and (2) the previous experience of the City Collector's Office being outside City Hall proved to be a happy and profitable one.

The Chairman stated the suggestion would be taken into consideration by the City Manager.

Alderman Healy expressed the hope that, if and when a new office building is built for the civic functions, consideration would be given to retaining the present City Hall for Council meetings and offices for the executive.

The motion was put and passed.

Request for Land, Nova Scotia Association for Retarded Children

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending that the annual rental for the land to be leased by the City to the Nova Scotia Association for Retarded Children be established at \$500.00 per annum during the period of the lease.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation and directed that staff prepare an agreement incorporating the following:

1. that the rental of \$500.00 be reviewed at the end of 25 years; and
2. if the Association ceases to be a voluntary agency during the term of the lease, and is given financial aid by other levels of government, that the lease be terminated.

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

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Grant - Neptune Theatre of Halifax

A report was submitted from the City Manager respecting a capital grant to the Neptune Theatre of Halifax and recommending as follows:

"That, in view of the fact that the Province of Nova Scotia has indicated that it will contribute \$50,000.00 to the capital costs of the Neptune Theatre of Halifax, estimated to exceed \$150,000.00, and also that the Committee had earlier felt that a contribution equal to 50% of that made by the Province is warranted, a grant be made to the Neptune Theatre in the amount of \$25,000.00, provided that no tax concession is sought by the said Theatre; funds to be provided under Section 316C of the City Charter".

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

The City Manager explained that at the meeting of Council held on May 16, 1963, approval was given to make a grant to the Neptune Theatre of Halifax in the amount of \$25,000.00, funds to be provided from the surplus in the Prefabricated Housing Account, but that the legislation requires that the money so granted must be paid out of the current budget. Accordingly, action must be taken to rescind the motion passed on May 16, 1963, respecting the grant to the Neptune Theatre.

Alderman Healy then gave notice that at the meeting of City Council scheduled for June 27, 1963, he would move that the motion passed by City Council on May 16, 1963, respecting the payment of a grant to the Neptune Theatre of Halifax, be rescinded.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Lane, that action on the recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee be deferred to the June 27 meeting of City Council. Motion passed.

War Supplies Agency - Mr. R. B. Grant, Development Officer

A report was submitted from the City Manager recommending that the City Manager be authorized to sign the employer's consent clause included in the documentation of R. B. Grant as a member of the War Supplies Agency Reserve.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition

It is recommended:

- (a) THAT the sum of \$3,150.00 be paid to Mrs. Mabel B. Blair in full settlement for all claims pertaining to the acquisition of - 1439 square feet of the property 3103 Dutch Village Road.

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- (b) THAT No. 633-39 Barrington Street owned by John Hutton & Sons Limited be acquired by the City for the sum of \$37,800.00 for street widening and redevelopment purposes and that the sum of \$43,000.00 be provided from the Land Sale Account to cover the costs of acquisition appraisal fees, legal expenses and future demolition charges.

It was agreed to consider the recommendations separately.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that recommendation (a) be approved. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that recommendation (b) be approved. Motion passed.

Salary Increases - Department Heads, Deputies & Other Officials -
Salary Scales - Commissioners and City Solicitor

It is recommended that the matter of fixing salary scales for the Commissioners and City Solicitor be not dealt with at this time, and that in line with the previous action of Council respecting salaries, all City Officials, Officers, Department Heads and Deputies whose salaries have not yet been adjusted by Council in 1963, be granted salary increases of 4% for 1963, effective as of January 1, 1963, and 3½% for 1964; and that the necessary funds in the amount of \$9,300.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed.

REPORTS - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Tenders - Demolition - Boiler Room, Wellington Court

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Tenders - Demolition - Boiler Room, Wellington Court

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on June 6, 1963, considered a tabulation of tenders as submitted by the City Manager and Commissioner of Works, for the demolition of the boiler room at Wellington Court.

Acceptance of the following tender was recommended:

Francis Brown, P. O. Box 75, Armdale, N. S. - \$335.00 (City to pay)
(This tender was recommended provided a Performance Bond in an amount of \$1,000.00 is submitted to the City by Mr. Brown)

On motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Committee approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Tenders - Demolition - No. 1457-1459 Dresden Row

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Tenders - Demolition - #1457-1459 Dresden Row.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on June 6, 1963, considered a tabulation of tenders, as submitted by the City Manager and Commissioner of Works, for the demolition of #1457-1459 Dresden Row.

Acceptance of the following tender was recommended:

Francis Brown, P. O. Box 75, Armdale, N. S. - \$25.00 (Will pay
City)
(This tender is recommended provided a Performance Bond in an
amount of \$1,000.00 is submitted to the City by Mr. Brown.)

On motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott, the Committee approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Acceptance of Street - Pinewood Acres

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Acceptance of Street - Pinewood Acres.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on June 6, 1963, considered a plan, as submitted by the Commissioner of Works, recommending that portions of Murdock Avenue and Royal Pine Avenue be accepted as City streets.

On motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, the Committee recommended to City Council that portions of Murdock Avenue and Royal Pine Avenue, as shown on Plan #SS-10-15718, be accepted as City streets.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

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Street Lights - Point Pleasant Park

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

From: Committee on Works.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Request for Street Lights - Point Pleasant Park.

The Committee on Works, at a meeting held on June 6, 1963, considered a request from the Directors of Point Pleasant Park asking that three street lights be installed in a new parking lot north of the canteen by the Seaward Defence property.

On motion of Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Committee recommended to City Council that three street lights be installed as requested by the Directors of Point Pleasant Park.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

Retubing Boiler - Halifax Mental Hospital

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

From: P. F. C. Byars, City Manager.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: No. 1 Boiler Halifax Mental Hospital

The Chief Inspector of the Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company of Canada, with whom the City has a contract for inspections, advised recently that, while the above boiler was subjected to a hydrostatic pressure of 65 pounds, it was found that a number of four-inch tubes had developed serious leaks. This inspection further revealed that many tubes had become dangerously thinned from corrosion and pitting. This boiler is one of three serving the Halifax Mental Hospital, the Halifax Health Center and the Convalescent Hospital Complex.

In an effort to avoid repeated trouble due to leakage and to ensure dependable operation, it is recommended that all fifty-seven of the four-inch tubes be replaced without delay.

Boilers No. 2 and No. 3 are operating efficiently at the present time, supplying the needs of the three hospitals and failure of either while No. 1 boiler is inoperative would present a problem under normal conditions. The problem becomes less acute during the summer season, of course, but this is also the logical time for repairs.

A staff inspection of the Hospital Heating System revealed that three four-inch Gate Valves, three angle valves and two five-inch gate valves should be replaced also at this time. All the above equipment has been in service for seventeen years without major expenditure.

The estimated cost of replacing the fifty-seven four-inch tubes and the eight valves mentioned is \$3,000.00. No funds are available for this work

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and authority is requested under 316-C to complete the work immediately.

G. F. WEST,
for P. F. C. BYARS,
CITY MANAGER.

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

REPORTS - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Rezoning - No. 223 Oxford Street and No. 2052 Harvard Streets - R-2 Zone to P & I Zone

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Rezoning - #223 Oxford Street and #2052 Harvard Street (R2-P & I)

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on June 5, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager recommending in favour of the rezoning of #223 Oxford Street and #2052 Harvard Street, as shown on drawing No. P200/1027, 00-9-15710, from R2 to P & I.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Wyman, the Board recommended in favour of the rezoning of #223 Oxford Street and #2052 Harvard Street from R2 to P & I, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Planning Act, and recommended to City Council that a date be set for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the report be approved and that Council fix Thursday, July 25, 1963 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 application for rezoning. Motion passed.

Alteration to a Subdivision - No. 223 Oxford Street and No. 2052 Harvard Street

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Alteration to a Subdivision - #223 Oxford Street and #2052 Harvard Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on June 5, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager recommending in favour of an alteration to a subdivision at #223 Oxford Street and #2052 Harvard Street, as shown

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on drawing No. P200/1027, 00-9-15710.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Breen, the Board recommended to City Council in favour of the alteration to a subdivision at #223 Oxford Street and #2052 Harvard Street, as shown on drawing No. P200/1027, 00-9-15710, in accordance with Section 727C of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Breen, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage and Lot Area - No. 3559 (Lot 39) Percy Street)

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Modification of Lot Frontage and Sideyard - #3559 (Lot 39)
Percy Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on June 5, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager recommending in favour of a modification of lot frontage and sideyard requirements to allow the erection of a single-family dwelling with basement garage at #3559 (lot 39) Percy Street, as shown on drawing No. P200/1028, in accordance with Part XV, paragraph 1(f), of the Zoning By-Law, and that no public hearing be held.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Wyman, the Board approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

Modification of Sideyard and Lot Frontage, Alteration to a Subdivision -
No. 2552-2556 (Lots 30 and 31) Kline Street.

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: (a) Modification of Sideyard and Lot Frontage - #2554-2566 Kline
Street.
(b) Alteration to a Subdivision - #2554-2566 Kline Street

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on June 5, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager recommending the following:

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(1) in favour of an alteration to a subdivision at #2554-2566 Kline Street, as shown on drawing No. P200/1034, 00-9-15717, and that legislation be sought to permit the subdivision, and

(2) in favour of a modification of lot area, lot frontage, frontyard and sideyard at civic no. 2554-2566 Kline Street, as shown on drawing No. P200/1034, 00-9-15717, in accordance with Part XV, paragraph 1 (f), of the Zoning By-Law, and that no public hearing be held. This recommendation is subject to legislation being obtained to permit the undersized lots.

On motion of Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Board approved the report and recommended the same to City Council

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

Report - Amendment of Definitions - Zoning By-Law.

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Report - Amendment of Definitions - Zoning By-Law.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on June 5, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager recommending revisions to the Zoning By-Law for the definitions of (1) basement, (2) cellar, (3) height and (4) storey, and that a public hearing be held in accordance with the provisions of the Town Planning Act.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Board approved the report and recommended to City Council that a date be set for a public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the report be approved and the Council fix Thursday, July 25, 1963, 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 proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law. Motion passed.

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Closure - Ralston Avenue and Pennington Street

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

From: Town Planning Board.

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Possible Closure - Ralston Avenue and Pennington Street.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on June 5, 1963, considered a report from the Acting City Manager recommending that Ralston Avenue and Pennington Street be closed immediately south of the Bicentennial Drive main inbound roadway, in order to preserve the integrity of the residential neighborhood to the south, and to eliminate cross-movements on the approach inbound roadway.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, the Board approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

The Committee on Works also considered this report on June 6, 1963, and concurred in the recommendation of the Town Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

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

Alderman Wyman objected to the inclusion of the words "in order to preserve the integrity of the residential neighborhood to the south" contained in the report of the Town Planning Board, and moved in amendment that Ralston Avenue and Pennington Street be closed immediately south of the Bicentennial Drive main inbound roadway to eliminate cross-movements on the approach inbound roadway.

The amendment was seconded by Alderman Connolly, who contended that the only necessity for closing the streets is because of the traffic situation.

The City Solicitor stated that a public hearing had been held before Council on October 11, 1962, in connection with the proposal to close Romans Avenue, Ralston Avenue and Pennington Street, at which time the matter of closing Romans Avenue was deferred until completion of the Bicentennial Drive Entrance, and the matter of the closing of Ralston Avenue and Pennington Street was deferred pending receipt of a report from the Traffic Authority, which report is now before Council.

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He said that if Council approves of the recommendation of the Town Planning Board, the streets could be closed immediately following approval of Council's action by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The amended motion was then put and passed.

Report - Harbour Drive

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

From: Town Planning Board

Date: June 13, 1963.

Subject: Report - Harbour Drive.

The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on June 5, 1963, considered a report from the City Manager in regard to the proposed Harbour Drive, in which he recommended certain steps be proceeded with in order to carry out the proposal.

On motion of Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, the Board approved the report and recommended the same to City Council.

The Committee on Works considered this report on June 6, 1963, and concurred in the recommendation of the Town Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the report be approved.

The motion was passed with Alderman Connolly voting "against" on the grounds that he considered that it would be more practical to start the Harbour Drive from the Fairview Overpass.

RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Alterations - Staff Establishment - Halifax Mental Hospital

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee, held on June 6, 1963, reports were submitted from the City Manager recommending:

- (1) that the staff establishment at the Mental Hospital be altered by replacing the position of Chief Engineer by a Maintenance Supervisor and Chief Engineer and that a salary scale of \$4,992.00 to \$5,980.00 per annum be approved for this position;

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- (2) that the position of Social Worker at the Halifax Mental Hospital to undertake the boarding out program for mental patients as recommended in the Marshall Report be transferred from the Mental Hospital Staff Establishment to that of the Welfare Division in order to comply with provincial regulations regarding assistance from the Nova Scotia Department of Welfare.

Your Committee concurs in these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Purchase - Photographic and Projection Equipment - Police Department

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

The Safety Committee, at a meeting held on June 5th recommended the purchase of the following photographic equipment for the Police Department:

Kodak Pageant 16 MM Projector, Model AV-126-TR	\$835.00
Radiant Wall Master Screen (Beaded) 70 x 70	82.50
Switar Wide Angle Lens, 10 MM F1.6	174.50
Yvar Telephoto Lens, 125 MM F4	145.75
	<u>\$1,237.75</u>

Less 10%

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman O'Brien Re: Bicentennial Drive Entrance

Alderman O'Brien requested that the staff prepare a report showing what steps will be taken to implement the various conditions which were set when the location of the Bicentennial Drive Entrance was established, with particular reference to truck routing and pedestrian walks, especially crossings for children.

The City Manager was directed to submit the requested report.

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Question - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Demolition of Buildings - Wellington Court

Alderman LeBlanc asked for information as to the progress being made with respect to the demolition of buildings at Wellington Court.

The Development Officer stated that members of his staff were at the site today and reported that all buildings are undergoing inside work towards ultimate demolition.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that slow progress is being made and he asked that action be taken to speed up the work in view of the fact that the trailer caravan will be using the grounds in July and the Winter Fair program will be impeded if demolition is not completed in time.

The City Manager was directed to take action to have the demolition program speeded up and the buildings removed as quickly as possible.

Question - Alderman Breen Re: Bus Stop - Corner of Brunswick and Sackville Sts.

Alderman Breen asked if any consideration was being given to the establishment of a bus stop on Brunswick Street south of the Sackville Street intersection to eliminate the practice of busses stopping in the middle of the Street.

The City Manager was directed to investigate the possibility of establishing a bus stop at the curb.

Question - Alderman DeWolf Re: Poll Tax

Alderman DeWolf asked that legislation be drafted for presentation at the next session of the Legislature to have the name^s Poll Tax^s changed to a more appropriate title such as Service Tax or that some other connotation be given to this tax. He also requested that draft legislation be prepared to entitle the spouse of taxpayers to vote.

Question - Alderman Wyman Re: Reconsideration of Application - 69 Albert Street

Alderman Wyman referred to a complaint he had received from a person who had made application for modification of sideyard requirements at No.69 Albert Street which was considered by the Town Planning Board and referred to Council for consideration on May 30, 1963. As a result of the May 30th meeting not being held, the matter was not considered until the June 6th meeting of Council and the person involved, being unaware of the change in meeting dates, had not the opportunity to make representations to Council when

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the matter was considered.

He asked if, in view of the circumstances, the matter could be re-considered by Council.

The Chairman stated that the person involved could re-apply for the required modification.

Question - Alderman O'Brien Re: Capital Budget

Alderman O'Brien asked when the Capital Budget would be presented to Council for consideration.

The City Manager explained that he is still working on the Capital Budget but because of pressure of other business he has not been able to complete same and that it will be presented to Council as soon as possible.

10:05 p.m. Council adjourned for a short recess.

10:12 p.m. Council reconvened the same members being present.

MOTION - ALDERMAN LEBLANC RE: UNIACKE SQUARE PROJECT

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the recommendation of the Acting City Manager, contained in his report dated February 5, 1963, respecting the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Project be approved.

The Chairman stated that while the public hearing had been held on the Uniacke Square Project, Council had indicated at a previous meeting that when the matter was again considered an opportunity would be given to interested parties to be heard.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Healy, that any person who wishes to be heard be given the opportunity to speak at this time. Motion passed.

Mr. Charles Sullivan of 109 Maitland Street addressed Council at length and made the following points: (1) he is opposed to the proposed redevelopment of the Uniacke Square Area "as it is going to ruin me and many more" (2) there should be a plebiscite of all the citizens to ascertain their wishes (3) if the project is approved and the properties expropriated owners should be paid the replacement value of such properties (4) the City should provide and pay for single family dwellings for displaced owners, debt