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Downtown Halifax Business Association
P. O. Box 761
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Mayor Charles A. Vaughan,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Your Worship:

Traffic, as well as parking, constitutes a growing problem in this rapidly expanding City of ours. We, as business and professional people in Downtown Halifax are aware of this perhaps more than those in other parts of the community, situated as we are on a steep hill with access and egress on narrow streets, for the most part.

As Halifax continues to grow, we realize this problem will become more acute.

It is our feeling that it is too much to expect one man to assume the total task of planning and controlling the whole job of traffic.

We would, therefore, support action which we understand already has been taken to establish a three-man traffic authority in the City of Halifax. We feel that this would be in the best interests of the City and community as a whole.

Yours very truly,

G. D. Hogan,
Chairman,
Traffic & Parking Committee.

The petition was endorsed by Alderman Abbott.

The City Solicitor advised that this matter was one of three points in a brief he submitted to Council about one year ago for amendments to Public Statutes and this request did involve an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act. Council approved of the amendment and it was forwarded to the Provincial Government in December of last year and it is the responsibility of the Provincial Government.

A week or so ago, the City Solicitor wrote to the various individual Ministers in the Government setting out the amendments which concerned Public Statutes for which they are responsible and

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in a letter to the Minister of Highways this was one of the amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act which was mentioned as being approved by City Council last year. He reported that it is now in the hands of the Minister of Highways.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on November 5, 1964 as follows:

Acquisition - Buildings #97 and #98 - Africville

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman

A. M. Butler that

1. The City of Halifax recognize Miss Etta Anderson as the legitimate owner of dwelling #97 and shed #98 Africville, City Plan No. P500/46;
2. The City agree to pay Miss Anderson the sum of \$538.99; from this amount \$2.49 is to be applied against the outstanding taxes and \$36.50 applied against the outstanding Victoria General Hospital Account. The remaining \$500.00 shall be paid to Miss Etta Anderson for all her interests in Africville upon the receipt of a Quit Claim Deed signed in favour of the City of Halifax by Miss Etta Anderson;
3. Building #97 and #98 be demolished as soon as they are vacated by Miss Anderson.

Motion passed.

Alderman Richard was named Chairman of the Africville Sub-committee to replace former Alderman Healy.

Acquisition - #5448 North Street

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the sum of \$14,000.00 be paid to Mr. Robert D. Gladwin as payment in full for all claims arising from the purchase of his property at #5448 North Street, located in the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area and that the adjustment date and the exchange

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of deed and cheque take place on December 31, 1964, or such earlier date as vacant possession is provided to the City. Motion passed.

Acquisition - #2527 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the sum of \$13,000.00 be paid to Marion Keshen as settlement in full for all claims arising from the purchase of her property at #401 Brunswick Street, located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

Acquisition - #12-18-20-22-22½ North Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane that the City Staff be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the properties known as #12-18-20-22-22½ North Street required for improving the approaches to the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge. Motion passed.

Full Salary for the Month of December

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay the City Officials and employees their full salary for the month of December, 1964, on or about December 15, 1964. Motion passed.

Supplementary Appropriations - 316C of the City Charter

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Meagher that supplementary appropriations as listed below be approved, funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter, 1931:

- 1. Payment to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for purchase of lots #1 and 4 in the Westmount Subdivision \$ 50.00
- 2. Increased account from School for the Deaf 2,250.00

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| 3. A painting of the "Port of Halifax" | \$ 500.00 |
| 4. Over-expenditures - Halifax Port and
Industrial Commission | 3,375.22 |

Motion passed.

Agreement - Re: Uniacke Square Redevelopment Project

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, in view of recent revisions of the National Housing Act, His Worship the Mayor be authorized to attempt to renegotiate the agreement between the Federal Government and the City respecting the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Project, with particular reference to the following important items:

1. Arrangements under which the City can finance a portion of its share of the cost of acquisition and clearance through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation;
2. Arrangements under which part of the cost of reservicing the cleared land can be paid by the Federal Government;
3. Arrangements under which the Federal Government can participate in the write-down of the value of the lands required within the project for improvements to the approaches to the Angus L. Macdonald Bridge.

Motion passed.

Settlement - Hospital Account - Mr. J. B. Prince

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the City accept payment of \$88.00 from Mr. J. B. Prince as settlement in full for an outstanding hospital account of \$178.62, and that the balance of \$90.62 be written off. Motion passed.

Uniacke Square - Phase I, Housing - Contract for Exploratory Drilling

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Lane that authority be granted to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to enter into a contract with the firm of Heaton, Blauer,

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Horvath and Taylor in the amount of \$1,050.00 for the drilling of 27 exploratory boreholes at the site of Stage 2 of Phase I of the Housing Program at Uniacke Square. Motion passed.

Rental - #45 Duke Street - Allen Print Limited

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Staff be authorized to negotiate a month-to-month lease with the Allen Print Limited for the property at #45 Duke Street at a monthly rental of \$40.00; also, that the Company be granted permission to break through the wall of the City's property and that any expense involved, plus heat, light and usual tenant repairs be the responsibility of the lessee. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

The Council considered the report of the meeting of the Committee on Works held on November 5, 1964, respecting the following matters:

Payment for Windows - Halifax Mental Hospital

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that payment of Final Certificate in the amount of \$2,890.00 for the installation of sixteen metal windows at the Halifax Mental Hospital to Ideal Aluminum Products Limited be approved. Motion passed.

Claim - Mr. W. F. Meagher - \$50.50

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that a claim in the amount of \$50.50 be paid to Mr. W. F. Meagher, 6049 Cherry Street, for alleged damages to his car.

Alderman Trainor stated he disagreed with the opinion of the City Solicitor and suggested that the claim be rejected. He referred to the fact that other solicitors were not in agreement with the opinion of the City Solicitor. The Alderman was of

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the opinion that if this claim were paid, there would be similar claims submitted to the City for payment. He also felt that the claim in question was as a result of the hazards of the road.

The City Solicitor ruled that, based on current Municipal Law, the City was libel in this case.

The motion was then put and passed with Aldermen Trainor and H. W. Butler voting against.

Claim - Dr. Arthur Shears - \$225.50

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Richard that a claim in the amount of \$225.50 be paid to Doctor Arthur Shears for damages to his car when brickwork from an unsafe chimney fell on same. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

The Council considered the report of the Committee on Works at a meeting held on November 12, 1964 as follows:

Tenders, Heating Plant - Memorial Library

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane that the tender of S. Cunard and Company Limited at \$4,229.00 be accepted to provide a heating plant to be installed in the Halifax Memorial Library. Motion passed.

Tenders, One-way Snow Plows

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the tender of Coastal Asphalt Products Limited at \$8,050.00 to supply ten one-way snow plows, be accepted. Motion passed.

Tenders, Chain Link Fence - Fort Needham

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the tender of Gillis Company Limited at \$2,309.20 to

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supply and install a chain-link fence at Fort Needham, be accepted.
Motion passed.

Tenders for Replacement of Metal Gutters, Downspout and Trim
for the Residence of the Superintendent of the Public Gardens

The City Manager reported that no tenders had been received for the above item.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lane that the Commissioner of Works be instructed to negotiate to have the work done. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

The Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board at a meeting held on November 3, 1964 as follows:

Modification of Sideyard - #1773 Oxford Street

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that an application to modify the sideyard requirements at #1773 Oxford Street be approved to permit the conversion of a single-family dwelling into a 3-unit apartment building. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage and Lot Area - #5867 Stanley Street

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that an application to modify the lot frontage and area at #5867 Stanley Street to permit the erection of a single-family dwelling be approved subject to provision being made for the off-street parking of one car other than on the front yard. Motion passed.

Modification of Sideyard - #2860 Ralph Devlin Drive

By a vote of 3 for and 4 against, the Town Planning Board recommended to Council that an application to modify the sideyard requirements at #2860 Ralph Devlin Drive to permit a

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small addition to the north side of the dwelling, be refused.

Alderman Connolly stated that since the meeting of the Town Planning Board, he had received additional information relating to this application such as the plans for the proposed addition and letters from abutting property owners.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the modification of the sideyard requirements of the property #2860 Ralph Devlin Drive be approved.

The motion was put and passed 10 voting for the same and 3 against it as follows:

For the motion:	Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Lane, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher, Trainer, Connolly, Doyle and H.W. Butler	- 10
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Against:	Aldermen Black, LeBlanc and Richard	- 3
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Harbour Drive - Urban Renewal Project

Deferred in Finance and Executive Committee. No action taken by Council.

Alteration to a Subdivision - #2612 Gottingen Street and
#5519 North Street

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott that an alteration to a subdivision at #2612 Gottingen Street and #5519 North Street as shown on Plan #P200/1486: 00-9-16035 be approved provided the Company conveys to the City a strip of land fronting on North Street approximately 12-feet by 38-feet for a nominal sum of \$1.00 for street widening purposes. Motion passed.

Extension to Existing Service Station - #2612 Gottingen Street
and #5519 North Street

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott that an extension to an existing service station at 2612 Gottingen Street and 5519 North Street be approved provided the Company

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conveys to the City a strip of land fronting on North Street approximately 12-feet by 38-feet for a nominal sum of \$1.00 for street widening purposes. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee at a meeting held on November 5, 1964 as follows:

Purchase Reversible Raincoats - Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase 14 reversible raincoats which are black on one side and blaze orange on the other, which is treated so as to be iridescent, to provide protection for the policemen involved in traffic details during peak demand hours. Motion passed.

At this time, Council agreed to consider the matter of tenders for an Aerial Ladder Truck, 100-feet, which was inadvertently left off the agenda.

Tenders for Aerial Ladder Truck - 100-Feet

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the tender of King Seagrave Company Limited to supply an aerial ladder truck, 100-feet, be accepted at a price of \$69,586 plus \$927.00 for rail delivery charges from Woodstock, Ontario. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman Trainor Re: Salary Increases of a Certain Individual

Alderman Trainor referred to a salary of a certain individual which was or will be increased by approximately 30% from 1961 to 1965 from an amount of \$8500 to \$11,194. He asked the broad general question and "where is the City heading with respect to salaries?"

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His Worship the Mayor replied that he did not think he could answer the question.

The City Manager advised that the individual referred to was not a City employee and preferred to give a full report to Council at a later meeting but stated that in 1961 it was pointed out to him that the individual referred to should have had more salary than he was given, but through a misunderstanding, he did not receive it. At the time when the proposal for salary increases was under consideration, he stated that he felt the salary to be paid would throw all City salaries out of line. However, the Board, in its wisdom, approved a salary and they told him (City Manager) what they were going to do and he (City Manager) did not have good grounds to go against them because essentially the employees concerned are not City employees. The employee concerned did not receive the increase for 1963 or 1964 and it did not come to the attention of the City Manager until the head of the group, which employs him, made a personal visit to the City Manager's Office and put up a very strong plea. They had given these increases to the other employees on their Staff and, if this is so, and since the increases for 1963 and 1964 were across-the-board increases, he did not have the grounds to state why the employee should not receive such increases. Only today, the City Manager approved, for pay purposes, the new listing back to January 1, 1964. He stated he was not entirely happy about the whole set-up but he did not have the control over the matter that he would like to have had. He did point out that the employees of the group concerned are members of the City of Halifax Superannuation Plan. He stated that when the employers pass a resolution setting a salary, after discussion with him, whether for or against, he and the Council are bound by it unless Council rules otherwise.

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His Worship the Mayor was of the opinion that the individual was receiving more salary than he actually is because in 1960 two positions were merged into one at a salary to be higher than what the employee is receiving.

Alderman Trainor stated he was not referring to this individual as a specific case but he further stated that he was trying to point out that here is an individual who has received a 30% salary increase over the last four years. He again asked the general question "where are we heading with regard to salary increases?"

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that Council has the control over salaries and it can amend them.

Question - Alderman Black Re: Percentage Increase In Mayor's Salary

Alderman Black asked by what percentage did the City Council unanimously increase the Mayor's salary last year.

His Worship the Mayor: "Fifty percent."

Alderman Black: "That was in one year."

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Question - Alderman Black Re: Report to Committee Dealing with Minimum Wages

Alderman Black asked if the City had made a report to the Committee dealing with minimum wages within the last few weeks to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative.

He felt that in as much as the City of Halifax is vitally concerned with many aspects of welfare, both in direct relief payments to persons who are unemployables and also in the public housing field, that the matter should not go as it has in other town where this Committee has met, that no representation

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should be made to the Committee. He appointed what he thought was an eligible Committee, headed by the Chairman of the Welfare Council having on its staff a qualified social worker who has access to a number of case histories prepared by Dr. Fogo and his staff. The Committee then made this report. This was a special committee named by the Mayor to do this.

Alderman Black asked if it were done in the name of the City to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative.

Alderman Black then asked if His Worship the Mayor appointed the Committee in his capacity as a private citizen to which His Worship again replied in the negative and stated that the Committee was appointed by the Mayor himself as he felt he was acting in the best interests of the citizens of Halifax when he took such action. He also stated that the Mayor is not prevented by the Rules of Order of Council nor the Charter by so doing.

Alderman Black was of the opinion that there should have been a report circulated to the members of Council concerning the matter.

In reply to a question from the Alderman, His Worship the Mayor stated that there was nothing illegal about the appointment of the special Committee.

Question - Alderman Abbott Re: Sidewalks - Brenton Street
between Brenton Place and Morris Street

Alderman Abbott asked why the sidewalk at the above location is permitted to be used for storing of building materials, thereby denying the citizens their right to walk thereon.

The Commissioner of Works stated that no permission was granted for the storage of materials and the matter would

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be immediately looked into. However, the Company was permitted to build a fence 18 inches from the curb during construction of the apartment building as a safety measure. He further stated that such fencing is only a temporary closing of the sidewalk which he felt is permissible when construction is underway. It was understood that it was a temporary measure only, but if Council so wishes, it could be moved. On the Morris Street side, there is a covered way under which people may walk.

He referred to another case where the same privilege was granted to the Sir John Thompson School Building on Harvey Street in the interests of safety.

He felt the construction of the fence was a fair and reasonable privilege to be granted during the initial stage of construction of this particular building.

His Worship the Mayor asked the Commissioner if he thought that the fence was necessary to safeguard the people in the area to which he replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Meagher moved that a citizen be heard in this connection.'

His Worship the Mayor stated that he could have been heard under the agenda heading "Petitions, Public Hearings and Hearings" or that he put his communication in writing and send it to the City Clerk who would submit the same to Council.

Question - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Plans for Widening
Chebucto Road - Westmount Area

Alderman LeBlanc, referring to the above matter, asked if Council had ever received any of the proposed plans from the Works Department. He stated that many citizens had expressed concern about certain restrictions and turn-offs and both he and Alderman Meagher do not have the answers. He asked from what

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official could they secure the necessary information to enlighten the citizens who enquired about the matter. He also asked if the matter of closing streets had been explained in detail. He said that he did not recall seeing such a plan.

His Worship the Mayor recalled that it was discussed in Committee about the creation of the cul-de-sac at the end of Newton Avenue and on a portion of Chebucto Road immediately west of the Larry O'Connell Field as well as the extension of that field across what is now Chebucto Road.

Question - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Delivery of Council Agendas

Alderman LeBlanc asked if Council agendas could be sent out at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor stated that normally this is done.

The City Clerk advised that the agenda is sent out the day before Council which is about 24 hours in advance.

Question - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Petition Residents of
Duncan Street Complaining of Noise from
Refrigerated Trucks

Alderman LeBlanc, referring to the above matter, stated that the Traffic Authority brought in a report on the subject, but it did not solve the problem. He asked the City Solicitor if the citizens had any recourse to take further action.

The City Solicitor stated that if a nuisance is being created, then the citizens have a right of action to go to Court to apply for an injunction against the parties creating such a nuisance to stop it and if the Court does grant the injunction, then the parties are prohibited from causing such a nuisance.

Question - Alderman Meagher Re: Complaints from
Residents on Armcrescent West Respecting Street Closures

Alderman Meagher, referring to the above matter, stated

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that he had received complaints relating to possible street closures in connection with the Chebucto Road street widening program. He asked if streets could be closed without Council holding a public hearing.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the only street being closed is a portion of Chebucto Road and the streets referred to by Alderman Meagher were not being closed.

Alderman Meagher said that the people concerned have called the City Hall and they have received information that streets in the area will be closed and they are quite concerned about the matter.

His Worship the Mayor stated that this matter would be placed at the end of the agenda at which time the proposed plan would be displayed and explained by the Commissioner of Works for the information of all members of Council. This suggestion was agreed to by Council.

Question - Alderman Richard Re: Terms of Reference -
Various Boards of Management

Alderman Richard wanted to know when the terms of reference for the various Boards of Management would be submitted and was advised that the City Solicitor is charged with the preparation of the same and they will be submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Question - Alderman Meagher Re: Appointment to Tax
Concession and Grants Committee

Alderman Meagher asked His Worship the Mayor when he would be making an appointment to the above Committee.

His Worship the Mayor nominated Alderman Matheson as a member of such Committee which was agreed to by Council.

The City Clerk advised His Worship the Mayor that the

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appointment of this Committee would come before Council under Item No. 12-I.

Questions - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Building Inspection and Salaries of City Managers, City Solicitors and Development Officers

Alderman Butler asked the City Manager to provide the following information:

- (1) a list of Canadian Cities where Building Inspection is administered by other than Public Works Departments;
- (2) a list of salaries paid by Canadian Cities to City Managers, City Solicitors, and Development Officers.

At this time Mr. A. D. Williston was given permission to address Council who objected to the fact that the sidewalk on Brenton Street, between Brenton Place and Morris Street, is blocked off. He also referred to the fact that a substantial part of another sidewalk in the area is also blocked off for quite a long period during the day. He also objected to the fact that a pedestrian must walk in the centre of the road. He stated that he discussed the matter with the City Solicitor who advised him that if permission is given to block off a sidewalk, it is necessary to construct a temporary one at the same time with very specific instructions as to the composition of the material for the protection of the citizens of the City. He also suggested that if there is any legislation, which in its implication or its omission, constitutes a hazard to the public safety, he felt that the matter should be reviewed as it constitutes a hazard at the present time. He took extreme issue with the fact that a private company, without the right of expropriation, can block off most effectively, a complete sidewalk in a complete block.

It was MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by

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Alderman Richard that the Commissioner of Works be instructed to proceed under the provisions of Section 761 of the City Charter to enforce the law and that the boarding be erected.

The Commissioner of Works referred to the Section of the Charter which gives him the authority to temporarily close off a street during the construction of a building.

His Worship the Mayor asked how long a time is indicated by the word "temporarily" to which the Commissioner of Works replied "for whatever stage of construction the Commissioner of Works deems necessary".

His Worship the Mayor then stated the building would require 18 months to construct and the City Charter provides for the protection of pedestrians. He suggested that the builder must abide by the regulations by the construction of a covered walk.

The motion was then put and passed.

The Commissioner of Works then stated that the direction of Council would be carried out in this regard.

NOTICE OF MOTION, ALDERMAN BLACK RE: VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, CITY MANAGER

Alderman Black gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Council he would move that the City Council express its confidence in the ability of the present City Manager to perform the functions allocated to him under the provisions of the City Charter.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the sum of \$6,000.00 be paid to the Province of Nova Scotia as the balance of the grant to the Neptune Theatre. Motion passed.

PERMISSION TO EXPEND IN EXCESS OF \$500.00

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by

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Alderman Trainor that the following proposed expenditures in excess of \$500.00 for the Tourist Bureau be approved:

1. 54,000 Welcome to Delegates. Letter, by the Mayor, including photographs, lettering, art work and Federal Sales Tax \$ 2,347.63
 2. 80,000 Illustrated folders in colour, including art work, colour separations and Federal Sales Tax 6,488.84
 3. Reprinting 13,250 Personal Guide Books including Federal Sales Tax 2,744.69
 4. 10,000 Illustrated colour folders in French, including lettering, art work, and Federal Sales Tax 713.62
 5. 2,500 Convention Promotion Booklets, including Federal Sales Tax 1,623.38
- \$13,918.16

Motion passed.

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF GASOLINE TAX
NOVA SCOTIA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED

A report was submitted from the City Solicitor relating to an application for a refund of gasoline tax by the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited to the Minister of Highways.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that City Council support and consent to the application of Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited to the Honourable Minister of Highways, for a rebate of tax paid by the said Company in respect of gasoline used in vehicles for the carriage of passengers for the months of August, September, October, November and December of 1963 and for the twelve months of 1964. Motion passed.

CONTRACT - REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
AND KEITH L. GRAHAM AND ASSOCIATES

A report was submitted from the City Solicitor advising that Regional Library Board has negotiated a contract

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with Keith L. Graham and Associates for the North End Library Branch.

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

LEASE - H.M. THE QUEEN (AIR FORCE) - PROPERTY ANDERSON SQUARE

A report was submitted from the City Solicitor advising that on February 13, 1964, Council approved a lease of portion the Anderson Square Property to Her Majesty the Queen (Air Force) for a period of one year, beginning on February 14, 1964, with an option to renew for an additional year.

The Department of National Defence has exercised the option, so that a new lease for a period of one year is necessary. The option provides that the new lease contain the same terms and conditions as the present lease.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the lease on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

LETTER - BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS RE: ACQUISITION OF LAND

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His Worship the Mayor and City Council
City Hall, City of Halifax.

Gentlemen:

At their meeting for the month held last evening the Board decided to request City Council for the following: that immediate steps be taken to acquire land for school purposes as follows:

- (a) Acquisitions of land for a school site in the vicinity of the intersection of Oxford Street and Bayers Road, presently owned by The Department of National Defence;
- (b) Acquisition of land for a school site in the Fort Needham Area, suitable for construction of a Junior High School within the next five years.

Thank you for your cooperation in facilitating this land acquisition.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) D. F. Lugar,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Black that the matter be deferred until Commissioner Wyman's report is submitted to Council. Motion passed.

The City Clerk was directed to secure sufficient copies of Commissioner Wyman's report for all members of Council.

ALTERATION TO SUBDIVISION - #3463 WINDSOR STREET

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the application be referred to the Town Planning Staff for a report to the Town Planning Board. Motion passed.

PRATLEY REPORT - NARROWS' BRIDGE

A report was tabled from the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission entitled "Study of Four Lane Bridge at Narrows with Connecting Roads" as prepared by H. H. L. Pratley, B.Eng. MEIC., Consulting Engineer, and same is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Copies of this report were furnished members of Council for their information.

Council was advised that City Staff would be preparing its own report in this connection.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following appointments for approval:

1. Charter Committee: The members of the Finance and Executive Committee
2. Committee on Tax Concessions and Grants:
Alderman Meagher, Chairman
Alderman Richard
Alderman Abbott
Alderman Black
3. Halifax Industrial Commission:
Alderman Moir, for a 3-year term, expiring April 30, 1967.

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor that the appointments be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT - CITIZEN DIRECTORS - POINT PLEASANT PARK

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that Messrs. H. O. Mills, R. A. Kanigsberg, Q.C. and Dr. W. Alan Curry be appointed as Directors of Point Pleasant Park. Motion passed.

LETTER - HALIFAX COUNTY VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
RE: REPLICIA TOWN CLOCK

Halifax County Vocational High School,
Ahern Avenue and Bell Road,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
November 5, 1964.

Mr. R. H. Stoddard,
City Clerk,
Halifax,

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

Your letter of October 20, 1964, was considered by a meeting of the Halifax County Vocational Education Board held on October 28, 1964. I have been instructed to advise you that, after careful consideration of your request to construct a replica of the Town Clock, such a project would require skills beyond the level of training given to our students of Carpentry and, therefore, would be of no educational value. For these reasons we regret that the work cannot be done by the school.

Yours very truly,

A. A. Chisholm,
Secretary.

FILED.

LETTER - MARITIME TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED

A letter was submitted from the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited indicating that because of technological advances it is necessary for them to utilize the present digit "1" currently in use by the Police and Fire Departments and to convert to the suggested numbers of 4103 for Fire and 4105 for Police, effective with the July 1966 telephone directory.

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1965 LEGISLATION

No legislation considered.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT - AQUARIUM

A submission was presented to Council from the Confederation Centenary Celebration Committee requesting detailed answers to nine questions pertaining to the proposed City of Halifax Aquarium.

Alderman Lane, Chairman of the Provincial Committee, stated that the Committee could not possibly give assent to any application unless it has a guarantee of the stability of the organization which is backing it and a continued financial support of such a project. This is the information requested by the Federal Government which is providing the grant.

His Worship the Mayor stated that after the Council approved the project, a resolution was sent to Doctor Bruce Fergusson by messenger who delivered it to the Archives Building.

After providing all of the information known at the present time, the submission was approved on motion of Alderman Abbott and seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler.

PETITION - HALIFAX GRAMMAR SCHOOL

To: His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council

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

Date: November 12, 1964

Subject: Halifax Grammar School, Atlantic Street

Earlier this year, a petition from the residents in the area of the Grammar School was referred to Staff for Study. The petition concerns undesirable traffic conditions created by vehicular traffic generated by the School.

While investigation of this matter by the Staff has not yet been completed, the following actions have been taken:

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1. Parking on Atlantic Street in the vicinity of the School has been restricted and signs to that effect were put up in June;
2. The Police have been requested to give special attention to traffic on Atlantic Street and it is understood that several tickets have been issued for traffic violations in the vicinity of the School;
3. A meeting has been arranged between the Headmaster of the Grammar School and the Director of Planning for November 13, 1964, to discuss the traffic conditions and possible remedies in the light of recent experiences.

A further report will be submitted to Council following the discussions with the school administration.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. C. Byars
City Manager

Tabled for information purposes.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Alderman A. M. Butler nominated Alderman Moir.

There being no further nominations, His Worship the Mayor declared Alderman Moir appointed a member of the Board of School Commissioners for a term expiring December 31, 1966.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS - VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS

The following appointments were approved:

Board of Governors, Halifax Infirmary	- Alderman Meagher
Rehabilitation Council	- Alderman Connolly
Board of Management, Salvation Army (Grace Hospital)	- Alderman Lane
Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal	- Alderman O'Brien & Alderman Matheson
Council, Halifax Board of Trade	- Alderman A.M. Butler

RESOLUTION - HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
SIR JOHN S. D. THOMPSON SCHOOL

The following resolution as approved by the Home and School Association of Sir John S. D. Thompson School, was submitted and read:

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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WHEREAS, considerable concern has been expressed by the Members of the Sir John S. D. Thompson Home and School Association regarding traffic conditions on Mumford Road, which present a very real danger particularly to students going to and from the Pinewood Subdivision and also, the apartment area comprising the Brentwood, Laurentian and other apartment units,

AND, WHEREAS, we consider the present lack of a sidewalk on the South Side of Mumford Road is a very definite contributing factor in creating this danger,

AND, WHEREAS, the number of children is increasing along with the traffic, as the population of this area grows,

AND, WHEREAS, this presents an equal danger to the larger number of pupils attending St. Agnes and Westmount Schools as well,

WE DO HEREBY go on record as an Association as petitioning the City Council, through its Works Department, to give immediate consideration to this situation, and as recommending that the paving of the said south side of Mumford Road from the Dutch Village Road, easterly to the commencement of the present sidewalk, be approved and placed in the City paving program, and that this be done if possible before the winter season commences.

Respectfully submitted,

SIR JOHN S.D. THOMPSON
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOC.

Burton L. Allen,
President
For the Association.

His Worship the Mayor stated that this matter is involved with a study presently under way by consultants appointed by the Council about three months ago and it has to do with the reconstruction of the Mumford Road Railway Bridge.

The street lines will have to be known as well as what will happen to the Cemetery wall. He contended that it would be difficult to know where a sidewalk could be constructed until it is known how much land will be required for road allowances. He suggested use of the Municipal and Development Loan Fund in financing this project.

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor that the matter be referred to the City Manager for presentation to the Committee on Works. Motion passed.

USE OF INCINERATOR BY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Alderman Richard advised that the Department of National Defence (Shearwater) is bringing garbage to the incinerator in very large quantities. The County of Halifax is charged in the vicinity of \$5.50 per ton but nothing is charged to Department of National Defence. Records have been kept for approximately a year and it averages about 25-tons per month from the Naval Establishments in the area.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Naval Establishments in Halifax have as much right as any other business because the Department pays the City a business tax on its property and the community service cannot be denied.

Alderman Richard suggested that the matter be investigated and that possibly the City should be reimbursed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that when the City Manager has submitted his report to him, he will forward a letter to the Minister of National Defence and ask for an adjustment because of the use of the incinerator by Shearwater which is in the County of Halifax.

REQUEST - ALDERMAN MATHESON FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATING TO MATTERS PRESENTLY BEFORE COUNCIL

Alderman Matheson suggested that the new members of Council be supplied with copies of reports, letters and previous Committee and Council minutes pertaining to matters which will be further considered and voted on by Council.

The matter was referred to Staff for processing.

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STREET PATTERN - CHEBUCTO ROAD WIDENING BETWEEN MUMFORD ROAD AND
CONNAUGHT AVENUE

At this time, a proposed plan respecting the above matter was displayed and the project outlined by the Commissioner of Works for the information of members of Council. He said that the street would be boulevarded with 38-foot roadways on either side; 6 lanes in all, similar to Robie Street with the same type of street lights in the boulevard. He indicated that the following streets would not be closed off; Westmount, Quinn, Armcrescent or Newton Avenue but rather, in some cases, to create cul-de-sacs at Newton Avenue and one approximately at the western boundary of the Larry O'Connell Field. No street is being closed off and nobody is being deprived of access to the new roadway. He suggested that it should be a limited access highway. He also stated that should Council decide that there should be access from Armcrescent, Quinn Street or Newton Avenue, it would be easy to provide that access. He advised that the plan would be presented to the Committee on Works and Council in the very near future and policy decisions could be made as to the design.

He further advised that the storm-sewer construction had begun in order to take advantage of the Municipal Development and Loan Fund. He felt that the people in the area would be satisfied when the whole plan is explained to to them in detail. The plan, between Connaught Avenue and Oxford Street, is being prepared and that will be presented to the Committee and Council at the same time as this one.

Alderman Meagher referring to a person living on Newton Avenue Avenue who wished to proceed to Connaught Avenue, suggested

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that the only way this could be accomplished would be if he were going south with the traffic and that it would be impossible to go north on Connaught Avenue because if he proceeded out of Third Street he would be blocked by a boulevard which would necessitate that he proceed south.

His Worship the Mayor stated that this could be easily corrected to which the Commissioner of Works agreed.

Alderman Meagher also stated that the homeowners on Chebucto Road, between Connaught Avenue and North Street, are very disturbed that they will be required to move elsewhere. He asked if the City is going to receive any cost sharing from the Provincial Government to which His Worship the Mayor replied "for that block, no".

Alderman Meagher contended that the City should confer with the Minister of Highways to ascertain if the Department will share in the cost of such construction before any further action is taken by Council. He was of the opinion that the City of Halifax should not alone carry the burden of such expensive proposed street improvements. He asked what the estimated cost would be from Connaught Avenue to Mumford Road.

The Commissioner of Works advised that the estimated cost would be \$460,000.00 from Swaine Street to Mumford Road.

The Alderman then asked the estimated cost from Swaine Street to North Street and was advised that the total estimated cost from North Street to Mumford Road would be \$1,000,000.00.

His Worship the Mayor stated that by proceeding now, the City could save approximately \$250,000.00 by utilizing the provisions of the Municipal Development and Loan Fund.

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commendable. MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to give to the City of Halifax the same consideration as it does to urban dwellers in the County of Halifax, and that the City Manager and His Worship the Mayor be charged with the responsibility to carry out the wishes of the Council to the Premier. Motion passed with Alderman Black voting against.

10:30 p.m. Alderman Lane retires.

His Worship the Mayor then left his Chair to make some of his own observations pertaining to the street pattern proposed. He stated that the City has to utilize what little land it has properly in order to secure the best tax return it can from the properties and to keep the area alive. He suggested that the proposal is an excellent way of doing it. He asked if the City should hold up traffic improvements until the Province provides some financial assistance. He then suggested that the City cannot afford to stand by and do nothing even though the suggested action by Alderman Meagher is very worthy of consideration.

Alderman Trainor asked if any consideration has been given to the matter of an opening on Chebucto Road between Westmount Street and Quinn Street so that a right-hand turn would be provided to which the Commissioner of Works replied in the negative but again stated that such a suggestion can certainly be considered.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that the plan be approved in principle with some minor modifications.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that the proposed plan was

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commendable but he felt that a more detailed explanation could have been given to Council. before Council adopted any plan.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the storm sewer was needed in any event and by combining the sewer and effecting street improvements would mean a considerable saving of dollars under the Municipal Development and Loan Fund. by Alderman

Alderman Meagher was of the opinion that before any further action is taken that Council should hold a public hearing in this connection so that all the property owners involved would have an opportunity to receive first-hand information relating to the matter of street closures, etc.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that before streets can be closed to public use, Council must hold a public hearing.

Alderman Matheson expressed surprise that the Commissioner of Works had not received some ~~re-action from the~~ residents in the Westmount Subdivision. He referred to certain suggested developments on the green strip, between Chebucto Road and the Westmount houses, such as a proposal to construct apartment houses. When the property owners bought their homes from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, it was on the understanding that the land in question would be held as a park. He referred to the statement of His Worship the Mayor when he said relief would be given to the residents south of Chebucto Road from truck traffic but, under the proposal, such traffic would be very close to the front lawns of the property owners in Westmount. He suggested that the street be so constructed that the truck traffic be kept at least halfway between the property owners of the Westmount and the property owners south of Chebucto Road. He also

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suggested that an opportunity be given to property owners in the area to express their views before Council adopted any plan.

The Commissioner of Works stated that there are plans of the Westmount Subdivision showing Chebucto Road extended through but this proposal is a refinement of the original.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Meagher that this matter be referred to the Committee on Works for further study and report back to Council.

The motion to refer was then put and passed as it took precedence over the motion moved by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Moir.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 p.m.

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Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
November 26, 1964,
8:05 p.m.

MOVED by Alderman Black,

Macdonald:

(1) THAT a public hearing be waived

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

(2) 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: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, A. M. Butler, Matheson, Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Connolly, Richard, Doyle, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

Also present were Messrs. P.F.C. Byars, R. H. Stoddard, L. Mitchell, Q.C., W. J. Clancey, L. M. Romkey, R. B. Grant, G. F. West, V. W. Mitchell, G. H. Brundige, K. M. Munnich, A. R. Howard and Dr. E. M. Fogo.

AMENDMENT TO MINUTES - PAGE 479, MEETING OCTOBER 1, 1964, RE:
MODIFICATION OF SIDEYARD AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND ALTERATION
TO A SUBDIVISION - #1120-1128 TOWER ROAD

The City Clerk advised that as instructed at the October 29, 1964 meeting the tape recording of the meeting of Council held on October 1, 1964, had been checked and the motion recorded in the minutes, on page 479 as follows:

"MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that an alteration to a subdivision at #1120-1128 Tower Road as shown on Drawing #P200/1509, 00-9-16068 be approved and that the public hearing be waived; (2) that a modification of sideyard and setback requirements at #1120-1128 Tower Road as shown on Drawing #P200/1510-1517 be approved subject to a public hearing before Council. Motion passed."

should be amended to read as follows: