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Policy Re: Health Services for Patients Outside City of Halifax

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Connolly,

as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee:

- "1. THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to advise the Minister of Health of the Province of Nova Scotia that he has been unable to convene a meeting with the other municipal units in the area because of reluctance on their part to meet with the City;
2. THAT the Minister of Health be requested to convene such a meeting;
3. THAT the Minister of Health be advised that the City of Halifax is the only Municipality paying for Public Health Services and that the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to provide these services in the City of Halifax to the same standard as provided by the Province in other Municipalities;
4. THAT no action be taken on the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council at a meeting held February 25, 1965, at this time:
 - (1) That City Council determine policy, as of April 1, 1965, that it will accept patients from outside the City boundaries for any kind of health service, etc., the City renders, provided the outside municipality will consent to absorb the costs for such services to such patients;
 - (2) That the outside municipalities be so advised of such policy;
 - (3) That the Commissioner of Health be directed to report as to what amount of money could be saved by such a policy".

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman Connolly Re: Appointment Advisory Committee

Alderman Connolly referred to the appointment of the advisory Committee for the preservation of historic buildings of which he was named Chairman, and he asked if the appointee of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources had been named, as he wished to call a meeting. The City Manager was directed to make suitable inquiries and advise Alderman Connolly.

Question - Alderman Richard Re: Redevelopment Projects

Alderman Richard asked if it would be possible to have circulated to the members of Council a list of the projects that the Development Department is now working on, such as the Development Plan and other projects and an approximate date when such projects or plans for same will be completed so that Council would have an indication as to when to expect some positive results on the various projects.

The City Manager was directed to prepare the requested report.

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Alderman Doyle Re: Traffic - Duffus and Agricola Streets

Alderman Doyle asked that the Chief of Police be directed to make a study of the traffic conditions at the intersection of Agricola and Duffus Streets between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

The Chief of Police was directed accordingly.

Alderman Connolly Re: Closing of Welfare Office on Weekend

Alderman Connolly referred to statements made earlier in the meeting to the effect that the Welfare Office is closed Friday at 5 p.m. until Monday morning at 9 a.m. and he asked "What happens to a person who needs welfare assistance during the weekend?" The Chief of Police said that his department has a list of people who are on duty during the weekends and who can be reached in cases of emergency.

Alderman Connolly Re: Legal Aid Clinic

Alderman Connolly referred to Alderman Matheson's reference to the Legal Aid Clinic during discussion of the matter of rent control and he asked "Where does one get in touch with the Legal Aid Clinic?" Alderman Matheson said that the Legal Aid Clinic may be contacted through the Secretary of the Barristers' Society at the Court house or at the Law Library on Tuesday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION - ALDERMAN ABBOTT RE: ORDINANCE #112

Alderman Abbott gave notice that at the regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Thursday, March 25th, he proposes to introduce Ordinance No. 112 entitled the Encroachment Ordinance, respecting the granting of permits for encroachments upon, under or over streets of the City.

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MOTION - ALDERMAN MATHESON RE: ORDINANCE #108 ENTITLED
"THE CITY PRISON ORDINANCE"

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir, that Ordinance No. 108, entitled "The City Prison Ordinance", be read and passed a first time. Motion passed.

MOTION - ALDERMAN O'BRIEN RE: REQUEST, PROVINCE TO PROVIDE
ACCOMMODATION SEPARATE FROM CITY PRISON FOR PRISONERS

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Moir, that City Council request the Government of Nova Scotia to provide accommodation separate from City Prison for prisoners whose keep would be a charge on the Provincial Treasury as a result of legislation at the current session of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

Alderman O'Brien stated that it was his understanding that the legislation provides for the Province to assume financial responsibility for a prisoner whose sentence is more than 6 months and he contended that Council should impress upon the Province the need for it to assume full responsibility for such prisoners so that the overcrowded conditions at the City Prison can be relieved and the overall conditions brought closer to a reasonable standard until new jail facilities are provided in this area. The motion was put and passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

The following account was submitted and recommended for payment by the City Manager:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Finance	Province of Nova Scotia	City of Halifax share Capital costs re Halifax County Vocational High School	\$12,991.40

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the account be approved for payment. Motion passed.

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APPLICATION TO REZONE - #259 NORTH STREET

An application was submitted from Twin Cities Co-operative Dairy Limited for rezoning of the land at #259 North Street.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the application be referred to the Town Planning Board for consideration and report. Motion passed.

APPLICATION - NOVA SCOTIA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY LTD. RE: TRANSIT SERVICE

A letter was submitted from the Solicitor for the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited to which was attached a copy of an application filed with the Public Utility Board on March 5th respecting proposed changes in transit schedules and routes, which had been signed by the Company from the Public Utilities Board, on behalf of the Company, with respect to changes in its transit service.

REPORT - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE RE: TAX RATE, 1965

A report was submitted from the Deputy Commissioner of Finance advising that pursuant to Section 409 of the City Charter, 1931, and in accordance with the undernoted calculations, he has fixed the rate of calculations on business assessment and on business realty for the Civic Year 1965 at the rate of \$5.00 per hundred.

Estimated Expenditures approved by Council		
February 24, 1965	\$16,402,709.43	
Income	\$4,855,637.52	
Poll Tax Estimated for 1965	<u>330,000.00</u>	5,185,637.52
		\$11,217,071.91
Less: Appropriation from Prefab Housing	50,000.00	
" " Current Surplus	<u>216,217.35</u>	266,217.35
		\$10,950,854.56
Less: Residential Realty and Section 409		
City Charter		
\$196,417,725.00 @ \$2.25 per hundred		<u>4,419,398.81</u>
		\$ 6,531,455.75
Business Realty and Business Assessment		
\$130,629,115.00 @ \$5.00 per hundred		<u>6,531,455.75</u>
		<u> NIL</u>

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The report also advised that in compliance with the Resolution passed by City Council on February 24, 1965, the current business rate of taxation has been declared to be \$5.00 per hundred.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the report be filed. Motion passed.

LETTER - ANNAPOLIS VALLEY AFFILIATED BOARDS OF TRADE RE: MEETING
MIDDLETON, NOVA SCOTIA - PROPOSED HIGHWAY BETWEEN HALIFAX
AND YARMOUTH

The following letter, addressed to His Worship the Mayor and dated March 5, 1965, was submitted from the Annapolis Valley Affiliated Boards of Trade:

P. O. Box 340,
Middleton, N. S.

March 5, 1965.

Mayor Charles A. Vaughan,
City of Halifax,
HALIFAX, N. S.

Your Worship:

At the annual meeting of the Annapolis Valley Affiliated Boards of Trade held on the 21st of November, 1964, it was unanimously passed that this organization press for an all weather highway between Halifax and Yarmouth.

During the past three months, we have made considerable noise and have no doubt been heard throughout all of Nova Scotia, and have been we trust, successful in arousing the interest of well over 125,000 people in this area.

It is now time that we take concrete action and present what we hope will be a feasible plan to the Premier and his Cabinet.

In this connection, we invite you to attend a meeting dealing with this proposed highway, to be held in the Council Chambers, Middleton Town Hall, commencing at 2 p.m. on the 17th of March, 1965.

We hope that you will give this your personal attention, and if for any reason, you should be unable to personally attend, we trust you will appoint a representative with authority to act on your behalf.

Yours very sincerely,

L. K. Hill,
Executive Manager

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It was agreed to authorize the Mayor to represent the Council at the meeting or to appoint an alternate representative.

LETTER - BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS RE: REQUEST FOR CAPITAL FUNDS

A letter was submitted from the Board of School Commissioners requesting that Capital Funds be provided for the following:

1. Edgewood School - Extension of planned facilities to construct Basement area of new wing - \$50,000.00
2. Queen Elizabeth High School - Conversion of Coal Fired Boilers to Oil Fired Units - \$10,000.00
3. Administration Building (Academy) - Alterations to Rooms in Acadian School and Academy for offices - \$5,000.00

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the request be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report. Motion passed.

REPORT - HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR RE: WRITE DOWNS ON PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

The following letter was submitted from His Worship the Mayor:

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Charles A. Vaughan
DATE: March 10, 1965.
SUBJECT: Write-downs on Property Acquisitions

At Council Meeting of January 14, 1965, I was authorized to approach the proper authorities of the Government of Canada to seek a change in policy with regard to write-downs on property acquired for Urban Renewal purposes and subsequently conveyed to Departments or Agencies of the Federal Government for their own purposes.

Acting on the instructions of City Council, I have communicated with the Prime Minister seeking a change in the Government's Policy. We have been informed by representatives of Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation that the policy of a write-down in property values will apply in every case, including those occasions when the Federal Government or any of its agencies acquired Urban Renewal lands for the construction of new facilities.

This principle will apply for example in any properties acquired by the Department of National Defence in the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area.

CHARLES A. VAUGHAN,
MAYOR

FILED.

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF MICROFILMING EQUIPMENT

Further deferred.

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MODIFIED BY Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that this meeting do now adjourn. The motion was put and passed as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Matheson,
A. M. Butler, Meagher, Connolly,
Doyle, and Richard - 8 -

Against it: Aldermen Moir, O'Brien and H. W. Butler
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11:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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C. A. VAUGHAN,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK

Dr. E. M. Dago

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Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
March 25, 1965,
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 His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Lane, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher, Connolly, Doyle, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, L. Mitchell, Q. C., R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, R. B. Grant, G. F. West, J. F. Thomson, J. L. Leitch, K. Munnich and A. R. Howard.

MINUTES - FEBRUARY 25, 1965 AND MARCH 11, 1965

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on February 25, 1965, were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane.

The minutes of March 11, 1965, were approved on motion of Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, after the following amendments were made:

- (1) In the item entitled "Possible Acquisition - #5417 Gerrish Street", the figure "\$9,000.00" to be changed to "\$9,800.00".
- (2) In the item entitled "Modification of Lot Frontage and Area - Lot #12, #5869 Columbus Street" - #5869 Brunswick Street be changed to #5869 Columbus Street.

AMENDMENT - MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 1965

The City Clerk referred to Page 167 of the minutes of February 11, 1965 and stated that in the item entitled "Engagement of Larry Smith and Company", the figure of \$17,500.00 shown has been revised to \$18,000.00 for a total of \$29,500.00 and he requested

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that the minutes be amended accordingly.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir, that the minutes of February 11, 1965 be amended in accordance with the request of the City Clerk. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: AMENDMENTS TO ZONING BY-LAW
PARTS 1, 2 AND 6

A Public Hearing was held at this time in connection with the proposal to amend the Halifax Zoning By-law, as follows:

1. Part I of the said Zoning By-law is to be amended by adding thereto the following definitions:
 - (a) "Gross Lot Area"
 - (b) "Habitable Room"
 - (c) "Landscaped Open Space"
 - (d) "Open Space"
 - (e) "Permanent Open Space"
 - (f) "Population Density"
 - (g) "Recreational Space"
2. Section 8 of Part II, pertaining to the parking of motor vehicles, of the said Zoning By-law is to be repealed, and a new Section substituted therefor.
3. Part VI of the said Zoning By-law, pertaining to the regulations for R-3 Zones (third density residential) is to be repealed, and new regulations substituted therefor.

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

His Worship the Mayor asked if anybody wished to appear in favour of the proposed amendments. Nobody wished to be heard.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that action on the proposed amendments be deferred to a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Alderman Matheson said that his reason for making this motion was that a matter of this importance should be fully understood by all members, and the members of Council who are not on the

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Town Planning Board should have the benefit of the explanation of the proposals which was given by Staff at the Town Planning Board.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that Mr. Ralph M. Medjuck, who had just arrived, might wish to be heard. It was agreed to hear him.

Mr. Medjuck addressed Council at some length and made the following contentions:

- (1) The proposed regulations will have a detrimental effect on future development because the degree of restriction is too severe in certain instances.
- (2) It is unfair to bring in a special set of regulations applicable to R-3 zones alone without bringing in a comprehensive new by-law.
- (3) The majority of the new apartment buildings have been designed so that the density regulations have not been flagrantly violated; therefore, there is no need for the restrictive new regulations.
- (4) A master plan of the City should be prepared before writing a new Zoning By-law.
- (5) Any new By-law should be clearly written so that it is not open to interpretation by individuals.
- (6) While the proposed density regulations are well drafted, they could possibly be too restrictive and if Council adopts the new regulations, it should do so in the spirit that applications will be received for modification of the same.
- (7) The proposed controls will tend to encourage more "shoebox" types of buildings and less "high-rise" buildings.

In answer to a question by Alderman Matheson, Mr. Medjuck stated that he was at a loss to make a recommendation as to an alternative solution and he stated that in his opinion, it is a question of where the dividing line should lie --- should it be at Robie Street? Also, there is the question of whether the allowance for streets is adequate and the density limits of 125 and 250 persons per acre which have been determined on the basis of a projected maximum population for the City. He stated that he did not have the answer

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but questioned whether the standards set forth in the proposed amendment represent a true balance. He concluded his remarks by saying that he felt that there would be restrictions on development if the proposed controls are adopted and he contended that it is unfair to the overall development of the City to restrict one type of development (multiple housing) without proposing appropriate controls on other forms of development and if the time and effort that have gone into the preparation of the proposed controls could be directed towards the preparation of a master plan, development in this City would be well served.

8:25 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

The Director of Planning briefly reviewed the main provisions of the proposed amended Part VI of the Halifax Zoning By-law with respect to:

- (1) Permitted uses in R-3 zones;
- (2) Minimum lot area requirements;
- (3) Distance from lot line;
- (4) Size of building permitted
- (5) Distances between external walls
- (6) Population densities permitted;
- (7) Provision of open space

Alderman Richard questioned whether Council should be taking action to amend this section of the By-law in isolation until a master development plan has been submitted and these proposed changes can be seen in the complete context.

The Director of Planning stated that the R-3 regulations, if approved, would have to be re-examined when the master plan has been drawn up.

Alderman Matheson asked if, as suggested by Mr. Medjuck and Alderman Abbott earlier, the proposed R-3 controls would encourage the building of "shoe box" type apartments.

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The Director of Planning expressed complete disagreement and contended that the open-space requirements tend to force development of higher buildings rather than long, low buildings.

8:45 p.m. His Worship the Mayor retires and Alderman Lane assumes the Chair.

The Director of Planning continued with his review of the proposed R-3 controls.

Alderman Moir asked if it is possible under the new By-law for Council to grant modifications.

The Director of Planning stated that certain provisions, such as lot size and frontage, can be changed, but that Council cannot modify certain sections for one applicant without amending the By-law.

8:50 p.m. Deputy Mayor LeBlanc arrives and assumes the Chair.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the matter be deferred to a special meeting of City Council at the call of the Chair.

Alderman O'Brien expressed opposition to the motion for deferral, contending that a Public Hearing had been called for and that Council should hear everybody who wishes to be heard at this time.

It was agreed to continue with the Public Hearing.

8:55 p.m. The meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourned.

Council reconvened, the Deputy Mayor being in the Chair.

The Chairman then asked if any person wished to speak against the proposed R-3 controls.

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Mr. Fletcher Smith addressed Council at some length and expressed disagreement with certain parts of the proposed controls, specifically the western boundary of the "inner" area as spelled out in Schedule "A", contending that the line should be the rear lot line of the boundaries of the properties on the western side of Robie Street rather than the prolonged line of Parker Street.

He also contended that there is an over-emphasis on planning without consideration of the economics and that the parking requirements as spelled out in the requirements are too high, being based on the idea that everyone owns a cadillac, and they should be amended to provide a requirement for smaller parking space.

He also questioned the need for a requirement of a car parking space for each tenant as his experience has shown that all tenants do not own cars and he felt that the requirements should be for a percentage of the occupancy potential.

9:05 p.m. His Worship the Mayor returns and assumes the Chair.

Mr. Smith's contention was that a restriction of 100 persons per acre to the "outer" area will have the effect of increasing the cost of land per unit to an excessive degree.

No other person wished to speak against the proposal.

Mr. C. A. Fowler appeared and stated that as a member of the Advisory Committee which had been appointed to consider the proposed R-3 amendments, he had heard opinions expressed on both sides and that the recommendation of the Committee had been a reasonable compromise of the opposing views that were expressed in the Committee, and such recommendation was made recognizing the need for a totally revised new By-law but also recognizing the immediate need for better R-3 controls.

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Alderman Matheson contended that the requirement that parking space must be provided for each tenant in apartment buildings is too restrictive.

Alderman LeBlanc said that he was opposed to any deferral of the matter as the matter has been thoroughly discussed in Committee and by Council, and if the deferment is merely for the sake of allowing people who are opposed to the proposal to come forward with more argument, then it is wrong; and if it is being deferred for the purpose of Council receiving additional information, he felt it was wrong because he doubted that any further information could be produced.

He concluded by saying that there are other things beside the profit motive to be considered. Good living and good planning must be also considered and deferral should only be considered if there is good and sufficient reason.

The motion to defer was put and passed as follows:

For the Motions: Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Matheson,
A. M. Butler, Meagher, Connolly,
Doyle and H. W. Butler - 8 -

MOVED by Alderman Abbott
Against it: Aldermen Lane, LeBlanc, Richard, and
O'Brien - 4 -

LETTER RE: TAX EXEMPTION #2301,
2307-09 AND 2311-2313 GOTTINGEN STREET

A letter was submitted from Mr. Charles J. McGinn of 6250 Willow Street, requesting that Council take action to have \$4,500.00 be paid to Mr. McGinn for the buildings located at Nos. 393-95 (2311-13), 389-91 (2307-9), 379 (2301) Gottingen Street, removed from the Assessment Roll in accordance with Section 438 of the City Charter as amended.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the letter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report.

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REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on March 18, 1965, respecting the following matters:

Possible Acquisition - #1 George Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

- (a) the sum of \$51,000.00 be paid to Scotia Flour and Feed Company Limited as settlement in full in connection with the purchase of their property at #1 George Street, located within the proposed Waterfront "Ferry Plaza" Development Area.

- (b) funds in the amount of \$55,000.00 be made available from the Sale of Land Account to cover the cost of acquisition, appraisal fees and eventual demolition charges.

Motion passed.

A formal resolution to withdraw the sum of \$55,000.00 from the Sale of Land Account, to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Moir, that the resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #2330 Maitland Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$4,500.00 be paid to Mr. Edward Mosher as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of his property at #2330 Maitland Street located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #5452 Uniacke Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that,

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as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$8,100.00 be paid to Mrs. Charlotte Chalker as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of her property at #5452 Uniacke Street located within the Uniacke Square Re-development Area. Motion passed.

Sale of Land - Dalhousie University

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman A. M.

Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. Two pieces of City-owned land, comprising 2,650 sq. ft. on the north side of University Avenue between LeMarchant Street and Edward Street, be conveyed to Dalhousie University for the sum of \$4,000.00;
2. That a grant of \$4,000.00 be made to Dalhousie University to offset the cost of the said land; and
3. That approval of Recommendations 1 and 2 above be subject to permission being granted by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to withdraw the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Land Sale Account. Motion passed.

Appointment of Consultants - Harbour Drive

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following firms be requested to submit their estimated fee for carrying out a design study of Harbour Drive, giving a separate price for Stage I and Stage II work indicated in the Terms of Reference:

1. Foundation of Canada Engineering Ltd.
2. A. D. Margison & Associates
3. De Leuw, Cather & Company
4. Canadian-British Engineering Consultants
5. Any other qualified firm of consultants

Motion passed.

Short Term Borrowing Procedure

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City

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Solicitor be instructed to prepare draft legislation amending Sections 213 and 214 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, to provide that the City Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, may make temporary borrowings, under a general authorization by Council. Motion passed.

Advance Payments - Children's Aid Society

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City Treasurer be authorized to make monthly arrears payments of \$3,400.00 to the Children's Aid Society prior to the quarterly billing by the Society, with an adjusted payment to be made on receipt of the quarterly billing. Motion passed.

Purchase of Accounting Machine - Finance Department

A report was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee recommending that the City Manager be authorized to purchase a thirteen-total 3300 National Cash Register Accounting Machine at a cost of \$8,420.00 for use in the Finance and Accounting Department.

Alderman Richard referred to the report submitted by the City Manager at the time of the projected discussion containing three alternatives pertaining to the purchase of the Accounting Machine and he MOVED that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be rejected and that the matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee for further consideration of the alternatives contained in the City Manager's report.

The motion to refer, which was seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, was put and declared lost by His Worship the Mayor.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that the recommendation of the Finance and Executive

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Committee be approved. Motion passed.

Property Settlement - Glencoe Curling Club

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$8,000.00 be paid to the Glencoe Curling Club in full settlement for all claims arising from the expropriation of 3,384 square feet of land required for the widening of Portland Place; and that the funds be provided from Account #53-6.

The motion was put and passed, with Alderman Matheson abstaining from the voting.

Permission To Expend In Excess of \$500.00

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City Manager be authorized to expend funds in excess of \$500.00 for the following purposes:

North End Library

- (1) Architectural Services - Keith L. Graham & Associates \$6,930.00
- (2) Site Investigation - Eric E. Heaton & Co. Ltd. - \$ 500.00
(Funds provided in 1964 Capital Budget)

City Clerk's Department

- (3) I.B.M. Electric Typewriter \$ 504.00
(Funds provided in 1965 Current Budget)

Motion passed.

Borrowing - \$10,000.00 - Conversion of Coal Fired Boilers to Oil
Fired Units - Queen Elizabeth High School

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Capital Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 be provided for the conversion of coal fired boilers to oil fired units at Queen Elizabeth High School.

The motion was passed with Aldermen Matheson, Meagher and A. M. Butler voting against.

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A borrowing resolution in the amount of \$10,000.00 was submitted to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the borrowing resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed unanimously.
Borrowing - \$5,000.00 - Alterations to Rooms in Acadian School and Academy for Offices - School Board

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Capital Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 be provided to cover the cost of alterations to rooms in the Acadian School and the School Board Administration Building. Motion passed.

A borrowing resolution in the amount of \$5,000.00 was submitted to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the Borrowing Resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Lease - #65 Upper Water Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the vacant land at #65 Upper Water Street with a street frontage of 30.5 feet and a depth of approximately 47 feet, be leased to Purdy Brothers Limited on a month-to-month basis at the rate of \$40.00 per month, including taxes, the lessee to be responsible for preparing and maintaining the lot for their own purposes. Motion passed.

Borrowing - \$56,000.00 - Storm and Sanitary Sewers - Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, additional Capital Funds in the amount of \$56,000.00 be provided for the installation of storm and sanitary sewers on Barrington Street between Inglis Street and Spring Garden Road. Motion passed.

A borrowing resolution in the amount of \$56,000.00 was submitted to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council.

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MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Richard, that the borrowing resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Borrowing - \$97,333.33 - Application to Municipal Development and Loan Board - Sanitary Sewer - Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, application be made to the Municipal Development and Loan Board for a loan of \$97,333.33 to assist towards the cost of the installation of the Barrington Street sanitary sewer. Motion passed.

Offer of Land - Uniacke Square Area

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City Staff be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the land at the Northwest corner of Cornwallis and Upper Water Street; and that the sum of \$300.00 be provided for independent appraisals of said land. Motion passed.

LEASE OF LAND - SIR JOHN S. D. THOMPSON SCHOOL

A report was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee recommending that the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission be invited to make proposals for future use of the land at the rear of the Sir John S. D. Thompson School which has been declared surplus.

On motion of Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Meagher, Council permitted Mr. Ronald Pugsley to address the meeting.

Mr. Pugsley stated that he was appearing on behalf of Sobey's Stores Limited who now lease land adjacent to the surplus land in question and he asked that Council defer consideration of the matter of disposal of this surplus land in order to give his client the opportunity to submit the proposal to Council in accordance with the request of the Finance and Executive Council at its meeting held on February 18, 1965.

Alderman O'Brien contended that the action of the Finance Committee in inviting such a proposal was out of order and that

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Council should have determined the future use of the land before inviting anyone to go to the expense of making a proposal.

He further contended that Council would be on safe ground by adopting the recommendation made by the Finance and Executive Committee at its meeting on March 18 to have the Recreation Committee submit proposals for future use of the land.

Alderman LeBlanc said that if the School Board and Recreation Commission determine that they have no future use for the land, then the land should be disposed of by public tender and that it would be presumptuous on the part of any individual to make proposals for the land.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the Council declare its intention to retain the land which has been associated with Sir John S. D. Thompson School as open space for recreation or school purposes until the School Board comes forward with some other plan for replacement or extension of the Sir John S. D. Thompson School.

Alderman Moir contended that the motion of Alderman O'Brien is premature in view of the action of the Finance and Executive Committee in inviting proposals from Mr. Pugsley's clients and he moved that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of City Council.

The motion to defer was seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler and passed as follows:

For the Motion: Alderman Abbott, Moir, Lane, Matheson,
A. M. Butler, Connolly, Doyle
and Richard. - 8 -

Against it: Alderman Meagher, LeBlanc, O'Brien and
H. W. Butler. - 4 -

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Short Term Borrowing

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on March 25, 1965, a special borrowing in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 be authorized for a period of 55 days at a cost to the City of 4.25%. Motion passed.

A formal resolution, as prepared by the City Solicitor to give effect to the foregoing resolution of City Council, was submitted and it was moved by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Richard, that the borrowing resolution, as submitted in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Loan - Halifax Forum Commission - \$50,000.00

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on March 25, 1965, the sum of \$50,000.00 be advanced to the Halifax Forum Commission, such advance to be subject to the Lieutenant-Governor giving assent to Bill No. 42 which contains the appropriate legislative authority. Motion passed.

Application for Daffodil Sale, Ordinance No. 55

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the request of the Canadian Cancer Society (Nova Scotia Division) for permission to conduct a daffodil sale on April 15, 1965, be approved. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

MOVED by Alderman ... seconded by Alderman ... Council considered the report of the meeting of the Committee on Works held on March 18, 1965, with respect to the following matter:

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Sewer Easement - R.C.M.P. - Webster Terrace

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the sewer easement over R.C.M.P. property north of Webster Terrace, as shown on Plan No. TT-1-16009, be accepted at a fee of \$50.00, subject to the City Solicitor's approval of the pertinent agreement. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Town Planning Board held on March 16, 1965, with respect to the following matters:

Modification of Front and Sideyard Requirements - #1135 South Park Street

A report was submitted from the Town Planning Board recommending that an application be rejected to permit the conversion of the existing structure into a boarding house.

On motion of Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Meagher, it was agreed to permit Mr. F. B. Wickwire to address Council on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Wickwire stated that his client had purchased the property with the intention of converting same into a boarding house and the Planning Department had subsequently recommended against his application for the necessary By-law modifications on the grounds of inadequate parking facilities; however, he stated that his client planned to cater to older or senior citizens and therefore the parking requirements would not be the same as for other uses.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the application for modification of front and sideyard requirements, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1701, to allow the conversion of the existing family dwelling into a boarding house be approved. Motion passed.

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Modification of Sideyard Requirements - #3700 Leaman Street

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the request for modification of sideyard requirements to allow the construction of a basement apartment at 3700 Leaman Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1712, be approved. Motion passed.

Service Station & Dry Cleaning Plant - #5769-83 Cunard Street

A report was submitted from the Town Planning Board recommending that the application to establish a service station and dry cleaning plant at 5769-83 Cunard Street be rejected.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Mr. David Chipman be permitted to address Council on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Chipman submitted the following: The applicant has been operating a dry cleaning plant at the present location at the corner of Cunard and Agricola Street since 1949 but finds that there is a trend leading to the establishment of smaller dry cleaning plants located at various points in the City and his present operation, which involves a large plant, has suffered economically as a result of this trend and he has come to the conclusion that the only way to survive is to combine his operation with that of the service station. He therefore proposes to sell his property to the British American Oil Company who will demolish the present buildings on the site, erect a new building and lease same back to him.

Mr. Chipman displayed a sketch of the proposed new building and contended that the proposed treatment of the land will improve the appearance of the property and will open up what is now a blind corner by setting the building back as far as possible from the corner. He referred to a statement made in the staff report that

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there are too many service stations in the area and he pointed out that the British American Oil Company has the smallest number of service stations in the City and he felt that they should have a fair opportunity to compete with the other operators.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the application for permission to establish a service station and dry cleaning plant at 5769-83 Cunard Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1713-15, be approved.

The motion was put and passed as follows:

For the Motion: Alderman Abbott, Moir, Lane, Matheson,
A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc,
Connolly, Doyle and H. W. Butler.
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Against it: Alderman O'Brien - 1 -

Alderman Richard abstained from the voting.

Petition for Trial Street Closure - Peter Lowe Avenue

A report was submitted from the Town Planning Board advising that staff had submitted two possible solutions to a petition requesting a 90-day trial traffic diversion on Peter Lowe Avenue as follows:

SCHEME A: This is the arrangement suggested in the petition and takes the form of a "diagonal separator" across the intersection of Peter Lowe Avenue and Doug Smith Drive. Such a device would completely exclude "through traffic" on Peter Lowe Avenue, but would also confine vehicular access to the neighbourhood to the respective sides of the separator as can be seen in the sketch. There would be no dead end street created by this arrangement.

SCHEME B: This measure involves the almost complete closure of the block of Peter Lowe Avenue between Doug Smith Drive and Robert Murphy Drive. The only houses fronting on this block are at the east end and an adequate section of street would be kept open to serve one double driveway. This scheme would not completely cut off through circulation on Peter Lowe Avenue, but would retire all through vehicles to negotiate the Robert Murphy-Doug Smith Drive "loop". This additional travel would prc -

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bably discourage many through drivers from using the street but would retain a continuity in the neighbourhood. The closed block of Peter Lowe Avenue would remain available for pedestrians and would remove a street crossing from the pedestrian path leading to the school grounds.

The board recommended that Scheme B be adopted and that Council reconsider the matter in the month of July, 1965.

Alderman O'Brien said the proposal of the Traffic Engineer (Scheme B) would undoubtedly increase traffic in two other portions of Westmount Subdivision but that it might be wise to carry on the scheme for a trial period as it would present an opportunity to try something which may prove feasible in other parts of the City.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the recommendation of the Town Planning Board be approved.

After a discussion, the following suggestions for controlling traffic on Peter Lowe Avenue were made:

- (1) Alderman LeBlanc suggested that as an alternative, signs be erected indicating that traffic on Peter Lowe Avenue is permitted one-way west only between the hours of 7 to 9 a.m. and one-way east only between the hours of 4 to 6 p.m.; or that a concrete street divider (similar to that on Bayers Road) be constructed on William Hunt Avenue from Mumford Road into Edward Arab Avenue.
- (2) Alderman Connolly suggested that a traffic limit of 10 miles per hour be imposed on Peter Lowe Avenue.

The Traffic Engineer stated that there are a number of devices that can be used but that the intention or hope in discouraging traffic from Peter Lowe Avenue was to obviate traffic movement, other than local, within the subdivision.

The motion was put and resulted in a tie vote as follows:

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For the Motion: Alderman Abbott, Moir, Lane, Matheson,
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Against it: Alderman A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc,
Connolly, Doyle, and Richard
-6-

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote against and declared
the motion lost.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Richard
that the matter be referred to the Traffic Authority for further
consideration. Motion passed.

Acquisition of Properties on Queen Street and Call for Development
Proposals - Spring Garden South Redevelopment Area

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Moir,
that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

- (1) the Spring Garden South Redevelopment Area be en-
larged by the acquisition of nine properties on
Queen Street as shown on Drawing No. P852/34-B at
an approximate cost of \$160,000.00 to implement the
recommendations contained in the Staff Report, dated
January 26, 1965.
- (2) Staff be authorized to advertise the Call for Dev-
elopment Proposals in the major Canadian newspapers
and periodicals and that proposed developers be
granted a four month period in which to prepare their
submissions.
- (3) the Call for Proposals be amended to provide for a
minimum of 300 parking spaces.

Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Public Health and
Welfare Committee held on March 2 with respect to the following
matter:

Preparation of Brief for Submission to Province of Nova Scotia Re:
Financial Assistance Pertaining to Costs of Streets, Education and
Health Services

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman O'Brien,
that His Worship the Mayor and City Manager be authorized to

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organize a Staff Program to prepare a Brief for presentation to Members of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia respecting Highways, Education, Health Services and the overall problems of the City of Halifax, such Brief to point out the Provincial responsibilities to the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE RE:
SADDLES AND BRIDLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee at a meeting held on March 18, which recommended that authority be granted to expend the necessary funds for the following equipment, funds for same having been provided in the Current Budget:

Seven saddles complete with 1½" stirrup leathers, 4½" solid nickel stirrup irons, stout leather girdles with two buckles at \$134.50	\$941.50
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Seven bridles complete with solid nickel elbow bits, curb chain on hooks at \$60.00	\$420.00
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The City Manager advised that the prices of this equipment have changed since the Budget was approved and recommended the following:

- (1) that 2 saddles be purchased at \$134.50 each;
- (2) that 3 additional saddles only be purchased at \$233.25 each and 7 bridles at \$64.75 each.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Lane, that purchase of 5 saddles and 7 bridles be authorized for the amounts indicated. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council of March 16, 1965 Re: the following:
Appointment - Management Consultants

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. The City Manager's recommendations be adopted as contained in his report dated February 22, 1965, down to the word "study" in the 4th last line thereof;

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2. The matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee, which members in consultation with the City Manager, will prepare terms of reference and recommend to Council a firm or firms of Management Consultants who might carry out the study.

Motion passed.

Ordinance #105 - "Establishment of Standing Committees of Council"

Deferred for consideration at a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole at the call of the Chair.

Ordinance #108 - "City Prison Ordinance"

Deferred for consideration at a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole at the call of the Chair.

QUESTIONS

Question - Alderman A. M. Butler re: Salary Increase, Non-Union Employees

Alderman A. M. Butler asked when the salary increases for the non-union civic employees will be processed by the City Manager.

The City Manager stated that he would present his recommendation with respect to salary increases for non-union employees after he has completed negotiations with the representatives of the various employee unions.

Question - Alderman O'Brien re: Legislative Action on City Bills

Alderman O'Brien asked if the City Solicitor will be presenting a report to Council as to the action taken by the Legislature on the Bills submitted by the City.

The City Solicitor stated that it is expected that the Legislature will prorogue early in the following week and that he will subsequently report to the members of Council the action taken on the various City Bills.

Alderman O'Brien referred to the section of the City Bill dealing with the matter of compensation to property owners in the area