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a request that action be taken on the recommendations of the Economic Council in this regard.

The Committee authorized His Worship the Mayor to request the officials of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council to prepare a suitable resolution for presentation to City Council and that if Council adopts such resolution, copies be forwarded to the other Maritime areas involved.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the following resolution for consideration by Council:

W H E R E A S the Government of Canada has adopted a policy of providing assistance to those areas of Canada whose economic development has been marked by slow growth and chronic high unemployment;

AND WHEREAS in an effort to implement this policy the Area Development Incentives Act was passed, in which financial assistance in the form of capital grants is made available to industries locating or expanding in areas to be known as "designated areas";

AND WHEREAS under the regulations passed pursuant to the Area Development Incentives Act the cities of Halifax, Dartmouth, St. John and Fredericton do not qualify as "designated areas";

AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of the Halifax City Council that the objectives of Federal Government policy; to assist those areas of slow economic growth, low incomes and chronic high unemployment, can best be achieved for the Atlantic Provinces as a whole, if comparable assistance can be provided to industries desirous of locating or expanding in the metropolitan areas of the Atlantic Provinces, as are available to industries in "designated areas" under the Area Development Incentives Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- (a) The Area Development Incentives Regulations be amended to qualify Halifax, Dartmouth, Fredericton and St. John as "designated areas" in which assistance in the form of capital grants may be given to industries locating or expanding in these areas; or that
- (b) The Atlantic Development Board be authorized and empowered to provide comparable incentives to industries locating or expanding in Halifax, Dartmouth, St. John and Fredericton as are available under the Area Development Incentives Act to industries locating in "designated areas".

At the suggestion of Alderman O'Brien, it was agreed to amend the resolution by inserting the words "or other Government agency" after the word "Board" in the first line of Clause "b" of the resolution.

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MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the resolution, as amended, be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Letter of Resignation from Finance and Executive Committee -  
Deputy Mayor A. M. Butler

The following report was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee:

It was decided to refer to City Council for appropriate action a letter submitted from Deputy Mayor A. M. Butler in which he tendered his resignation from the Finance and Executive Committee.

**Deputy Mayor A. M. Butler** submitted the following letter:

Mayor Charles A. Vaughan,  
Chairman, Finance and Executive Committee.

Your Worship:

In my written statement addressed to you as Chairman of the Finance and Executive Committee, which came before the Committee on January 6, 1966, I gave my opinion that the Committee was being bypassed on important matters (and therefore down-graded). I said I would retire from the Committee.

I have concluded that the protest I made could have been as effective without taking this step for the reason that I feel I was in error in placing my personal prejudice ahead of my public duty.

You may, therefore, if it is agreeable to you, consider my letter of January 6, 1966 as a protest to the Committee, and not producing the effect of my severing my membership from the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Allan M. Butler,  
DEPUTY MAYOR

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MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the letter from Deputy Mayor A. M. Butler, dated January 11, 1966, be accepted. Motion passed.

1966 Legislation

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following legislation, as drafted by the City Solicitor, be approved:

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1. Section 3 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1965 is amended by striking out the words "fifty thousand" in the fourth and fifth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words "sixty thousand".

Also that Section 3 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1965 be further amended to provide that payment of the sum of \$60,000.00 annually commence in the year 1968 rather than in the year 1967 and that the City Solicitor be instructed to include the necessary amendment in the Bill to be presented before the Legislature.

2. The City may pay to the assessed owner or owners of any real property located in the vicinity of the Bicentennial Drive Entrance, such sum or sums as the Council may determine, as compensation for any reduction in value of such real property due to the location of such Bicentennial Drive Entrance in close proximity to such real property, and any sums so paid for such purpose shall be shown as an expenditure by the City in the civic year in which the same are expended.

3. The City may write off and cancel any poll tax levied against Laura Mason, formerly of 3201 Connolly Street, Halifax, for the years 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965, together with any penalties and interest accruing thereon, and may refund any such poll tax and any penalties and interest paid pursuant to any such levy for such years.

4. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 229 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, the City may, by resolution of the Council, provide that any person or persons occupying property of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and managed by the National Harbours Board shall, for the year 1965, be liable for and shall pay only fifty per cent of the real property tax levied against such person or persons, and the City may cancel and write off the balance of such tax and any interest accruing thereon, and may refund to any such person or persons any amount paid in excess of fifty per cent of the real property tax levied against such person or persons.

(2) This Section shall be read and construed and shall be given effect as if it had been enacted on the 1st day of January, 1965.

5. Subsection (3) of Section 17 of Chapter 52 of the Acts of 1963 is repealed.

6. Subsection (1) of Section 249 of said Chapter 52 is amended by adding thereto immediately following clause (h) the following clause:

(j) provide for rebate of poll tax or taxes and any interest and penalties thereon, where such poll tax has been erroneously levied.

Motion passed.

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LEGISLATION RE: USE OF 1965 FEDERAL ELECTION LIST

The following report was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee:

It is recommended that the City Solicitor be directed to prepare draft legislation to amend the City Charter to provide that the 1965 Federal Election list be used in preparing a list of voters for the civic elections to be held in October of 1966 to obviate the need of an enumeration, conducted under the direction of the Returning Officer.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report to the next meeting of City Council. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 4, 1966 respecting the following matters:

Final Certificates

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the following final payments be approved:

1. Certificate #5 (Final) -  
Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. -  
New Paving - \$12,838.33
2. Certificate #7 (Final) -  
Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. -  
Patching Sewer Cuts - 1,739.37
3. Certificate #8 (Final) -  
Cameron Contracting Limited -  
Barrington Street Sanitary Sewer - 24,496.10
4. Certificate #8 (Final) -  
Cameron Contracting Limited -  
Barrington Street Storm Sewer - 13,520.15
5. Certificate #3 (Final) -  
L. W. Allen Limited -  
Thornvale Avenue Combined Sewer - 2,036.93

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6. Certificate #1 (Final) - Clothing - Fire Department  
Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. -  
Chebucto Road Storm Sewer - 3,712.47
7. Certificate #3 (Final) - Fire Chief be authorized  
Standard Paving Maritime Ltd. -  
Brunswick Street Storm Sewer - 5,698.09

Motion passed.

Tenders for Demolition: (i) #1471 Brenton Street  
(ii) #2368 Maitland Street

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman H. W.

Butler that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of George A. Redmond, the only tender received, be accepted for the demolition of the following buildings:

#1471 Brenton Street - in the amount of \$1,940.00, provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$4,000.00 is submitted by him to the City.

#2368 Maitland Street - in the amount of \$1,220.00, provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$2,500.00 is submitted by him to the City.

Funds for the demolition of 1471 Brenton Street having been provided in Capital Account 59-11 - Spring Garden South Redevelopment and funds for the demolition of 2368 Maitland Street having been provided in Capital Account 59-24 - Uniacke Square. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the reports of the meetings of the Safety Committee held on January 4 and 8, 1966, respecting the following matters:

Creation - Rank of Corporal, Police Department

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the establishment of the rank of Corporal in the Halifax Police Department be approved, under the authority of Sub-section 450 of the City Charter; and that the City Manager be authorized to recommend a pay scale for the rank of Corporal. Motion passed.

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Authority to Call for Tenders - Uniform Clothing - Fire Department

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the Fire Chief be authorized to call for tenders immediately for the supply of uniform clothing for the Fire Department. Motion passed.

Recruitment and Retention of Police Personnel

The following report was submitted from the Safety Committee:

It is recommended:

(1) That the resolution of the Halifax City Council which was passed on February 11, 1960 and which provided for bargaining rights for the Halifax Police Association to bargain for salaries for Police Constables be broadened to include the right of the Halifax Police Association to bargain for leave for Constables, effective upon the termination of the existing contract and with the concurrence of the Halifax Police Association.

(2) That the present authority for the members of the Police Department to be given one week in lieu of statutory holidays be, in addition to their annual vacation, extended to provide for an equivalent number of days off as that provided for those who receive statutory or declared holidays consistent with the needs of the Police Department, effective as of January 1, 1966.

(3) That the policy applying to one civic group which provides for 4 weeks' annual leave for those with 20 or more years service be applied to the members of the Halifax Police Force, effective as of January 1, 1966.

(4) That provision be made, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, to enable him to recruit any applicant at not more than 2 steps above minimum salary scale for any applicant who is married and/or has exceptional educational qualifications.

(5) That the Finance and Executive Committee give serious consideration to a flat salary increase to be added to each step in the salary scale for "Constables" and that this increase apply on the existing ratio basis to ranks up to and including that of Superintendent.

Based on the principal problems of recruitment and personnel retention, the figure suggested by the Chief of Police is \$500.00.

(6) That after the completion of the next recruiting effort, the Chief of Police be directed to again analyze the results of that recruiting effort and submit a further report.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Moir, that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee

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for consideration and report to Council. Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tenders for X-ray Unit for Dental Clinic - Halifax Health Department

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until later in the meeting.

10:55 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

10:57 p.m. Council reconvened, the following members being present: Aldermen Black, Moir, A. M. Butler, Matheson, Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Connolly, Richard, Doyle, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on January 13, 1966 respecting the following matters:

Repeal Ordinance #9 Re: "City Home"

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that, ~~as~~ recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the following Ordinance be read and passed a second time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, as follows:

1. Ordinance Number 9, respecting The City Home, is repealed.

Motion passed.

Ordinance #114 Re: "Halifax Civic Hospital"

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Ordinance #114 entitled the "Halifax Civic Hospital" Ordinance, be read and passed a second time. Motion passed.

Ordinance #115 Re: "Basinview Home"

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Ordinance #115 entitled the "Basinview Home" Ordinance, be read and passed a second

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time. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Town Planning Board held on January 4, 1966 with respect to the following matters:

Alteration to a Subdivision - Lots 10-13B, #3482-92 Kempt Road  
(Case #1224)

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MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the alteration to a subdivision at #3482-92 Kempt Road, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1985 - 00-10-16476, to permit the exchange of land between the owner of Lots #10 and #11 and the owner of Lots #12 and #13A to resubdivide Lot #11 by creating Lots #11A and #11B for the purpose of erecting a commercial development on the land in question, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Lot Frontage, Lot Area, Front and Side Yard Requirements - #6264 Duncan Street (Case #1227)

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MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for a modification of Lot Area, Frontage, Front and Side Yard requirements to permit the conversion of an existing dwelling into a duplex by internal alterations at 6264 Duncan Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/1977-79, be approved and the applicant requested to submit letters of non-objection from the adjoining property owners. Motion passed.

Harbour Drive - Stage I Alternative

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the Harbour Drive, Alternative Plan, Stage I, for the section of Harbour Drive adjacent to the Central Redevelopment Area between Cornwallis Street and Buckingham Street, as shown on Drawing No. P300/46, be approved.



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Motion passed.

Staff and Overtime Work - Development Department

The following recommendation was submitted from the Town Planning Board:

It is recommended that the City Manager be authorized to acquire the necessary staff to proceed with work in the Development Department even if it means that some of the present staff work overtime and that such overtime work be controlled.

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration and report. Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on January 6, 1966 respecting the following matter:

Tenders for X-Ray Unit for Dental Clinic - Halifax Health Department

The following recommendation was submitted:

It is recommended that the tender of Maritime Dental Supply Company Limited for the supply of an X-ray unit, at a cost of \$780.00, for the Dental Clinic of the Halifax Health Department, be accepted.

The City Clerk reported that the Public Health and Welfare Committee had met just prior to this meeting of Council and after considering a report from the City Manager dated January 13, 1966 respecting Assessment of Oralix Equipment, had confirmed the previous recommendation of the Committee.

At this time, it was agreed to permit Mr. A. Aisthorpe, representing Unident Limited, which Company had tendered a price of \$745.00 on the "Minident" X-Ray unit, to address Council.

Mr. Aisthorpe asked that Council seriously consider purchasing the "Minident" X-Ray unit, assuring Council that replacement parts for this equipment are available on short notice.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the matter be referred to the Public Health

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and Welfare Committee for further consideration. Motion passed with Aldermen Black and H. W. Butler voting against.

It was agreed to consider the following three items which are inter-related with the matter of the Halifax Centennial Aquarium:

Staff Report Re: Letter from the Premier of Nova Scotia -  
Location of Halifax Centennial Aquarium

The following report was submitted from the City Manager:

TO: His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of City Council

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

DATE: January 10, 1966

SUBJECT: Staff Report - Letter from the Premier of Nova Scotia -  
Location of Halifax Centennial Aquarium

Attached is a copy of a letter received from the Premier and dated January 6, 1966. In his letter, the Premier has indicated that the Province would be willing to make available the proposed site for the Aquarium subject to an agreement by the City of Halifax to make available certain lands to the Province.

Members of Council will recall that the original location for the Aquarium was within the Waterfront Redevelopment Area on the Central Victualling Depot. This location was preferred both on planning grounds and for operational reasons. However, in subsequent negotiations with the Department of National Defence, circumstances developed which meant that an early decision on the availability of part of the Central Victualling Depot site would not be possible. As a result, it became necessary to consider alternative locations for the Centennial Project which could be made available immediately because of the urgency of construction.

Staff examined possible alternatives and concluded that the most appropriate location for the Aquarium in the circumstances would be a site between Bell Road and Ahern Avenue related to the proposed Museum of Science. This site was recommended in a Staff Report, dated December 15, 1965, and has now been agreed to by City Council and all of the parties concerned.

The Premier has indicated that the Province is willing to make the site available if an area of land on Trollope Street can be committed to the Vocational School in the future. This area is shown on Plan No. P550/91. Part of the area is within the Central Common and measures approximately 26,500 square feet. The other part of the area constitutes a portion of Trollope Street and measures approximately 24,000 square feet. Since the Commons are Trust lands, disposal of any part of them will require Legislation at the appropriate time.

It would seem that the Premier's request could fit in with the proposed rehabilitation programme which is now being implemented on the Commons. Rehabilitation of the Central Common would logically

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follow completion of the work on the North Common and, as part of this rehabilitation, Trollope Street could be closed to vehicular traffic. This closure was suggested by the Consultants who prepared the Master Plan for the Commons and would be necessary to properly integrate the Aquarium and Museum complex with the remainder of the Commons.

In order to expedite the request of the Premier, two decisions would be required by City Council. They are:

1. To agree in principle to commit the land shown on Plan No. P550/91 to the Vocational School Board for future expansion of the Vocational School; and
2. To take the necessary steps at an appropriate time in the future to close Trollope Street.

It is hoped that agreement to these requests would enable the Province to make available the proposed site for the Aquarium and allow the site work to proceed with its construction before the completion deadline in 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. C. Byars,  
City Manager

January 6, 1966

Your Worship:

RE: LOCATION OF HALIFAX CENTENNIAL AQUARIUM

In reply to your letter of January 4th officials in the Department have now had an opportunity to discuss your request with the Principal and Chairman of the Halifax Vocational School Board. This is hardly full consultation with the Board of the school but it does seem possible to make the requested land available to the City for the aquarium.

This would, of course, cut down the land available for future development of the school. We would therefore request the City of Halifax to make available to the school in future the additional triangle of land which I have indicated on the enclosed plan in black ink. This of course would only be possible if Trollop Street is closed in accordance with the indications on this plan.

If it were not possible to make this triangle available to the school in the future the optimum development of the school might be impeded.

It is our wish to co-operate with the City and make available to the City the site requested for the aquarium.

Yours sincerely,

R. L. Stanfield

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Alderman Moir submitted and read a prepared statement in which he suggested that in view of the fact that the provision of land by the Province for the siting of the Aquarium at the corner of Bell Road and Ahern Avenue is contingent upon the City exchanging a portion of the Central Common, that the Aquarium be not located on that site, but rather that it be placed in another location in the City such as Point Pleasant Park.

He further suggested that a decision not be reached on this matter until sufficient consideration has been given by Council, the Centennial Committee, and the planners and contractors involved, and that the Aquarium could be built with the assistance of other grants available from the Federal Government.

He suggested that the City Centennial Project be changed to an indoor swimming pool built to Olympic standards on City-owned land in the area of Gottingen Street and Raimie Drive, at a cost of \$400,000.00.

Alderman Moir then made a motion to this effect but there was no seconder to the motion.

His Worship the Mayor reviewed the history of Council and Staff action with respect to finding a suitable site for the Aquarium and said that Council had decided on the Bell Road - Ahern Avenue site after it was learned that the Department of National Defence land on the waterfront, originally selected as the site, would not be available. He pointed out that if necessary, the Province could expropriate portions of the common land for use in connection with the expansion programme of the Vocational High School if the City would not make same available for this purpose.

After a full discussion, it was **MOVED** by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that the proposal contained in the Premier's letter, be accepted with the understanding that the

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City negotiate with the Province of Nova Scotia in order to avoid intrusion on the common land if at all possible.

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

For the Motion: Aldermen Matheson, A. M. Butler, Trainor,  
Richard, O'Brien, H. W. Butler  
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Against it: Aldermen Meagher, LeBlanc, Connolly, Doyle,  
H. W. Butler and Moir. - 6 -

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favour of the motion and declared same passed.

Request for Additional Borrowing - Halifax Centennial Aquarium -  
\$200,000.00

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The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee:

It is recommended that, as requested by the Board of Directors of the Halifax Centennial Aquarium, that additional capital funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 be approved for the construction of the Halifax Centennial Aquarium.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Richard, that the recommendation be approved and that the Board of Directors of the Halifax Centennial Aquarium be advised that no further requests for additional funds will be considered by Council. Motion passed.

A Borrowing Resolution to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Richard, that the Borrowing Resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance Bell Road Site for Aquarium

The following report was submitted:

To His Worship the Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

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At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Centennial Aquarium held January 5, 1966, it was agreed that City Council be informed that the Board approves of a site at the corner of Bell

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Road and Abern Avenue as the location for the Halifax Centennial Aquarium as shown on City Plan No. P550-90.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK

INFORMATION

ACCOUNTS OVER \$1,000.00

The following accounts over \$1,000.00 were submitted and recommended for payment by the City Manager:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Finance	W.R. MacInnes & Company	Boiler Insurance coverage	\$4,654.82
Works	R. Link & Assoc. Ltd.	Plant material, labour and supervision - North Commons	<u>3,586.70</u>
			<u>\$8,241.52</u>

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the accounts be approved for payment. Motion passed.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SURVEY:  
BUILDINGS IN THE WATERFRONT AREA

A report was submitted from the Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings requesting that funds to an amount not exceeding \$10,000.00 be provided for the purpose of having a professional survey made of a number of buildings on the waterfront considered by the Committee to be worthy of investigation in order to assess their historical or architectural value and to obtain an indication of the economic feasibility of their retention.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that the request be granted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that the request be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration. The motion to refer was put and passed.

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LETTER - MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX RE: RESOLUTION  
NARROWS AND NORTH WEST ARM BRIDGES

The following letter was submitted from the Municipality  
of the County of Halifax:

December 30, 1965.

Mr. R. H. Stoddard,  
City Clerk,  
City of Halifax,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

In reply to your letter of December 21, 1965, with which you enclosed two copies of a resolution which had been unanimously approved by the Halifax City Council on December 20, 1965, respecting the construction of a Bridge across the North West Arm, I wish to advise that your letter was read, together with the attached resolution, at a regularly called meeting of the Municipal Council on December 21, 1965.

At the time of receipt of your letter and the resolution, our Council had already dealt with the matter of a Harbour crossing and the North West Arm Crossing, as the Council had already passed the following resolution:-

"**THAT** this Council indicate to the Province of Nova Scotia and the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax hereby reaffirms its previous stand in support of the financing aspects for a Second Four-Lane Harbour Crossing at the Narrows and that the Council also reaffirm its previous stand that an immediate start be made on a Bridge over the North West Arm."

Yours very truly,

R. G. Battie,  
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer

I N F O R M A T I O N

LETTER - HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH BRIDGE COMMISSION RE: BRIDGE APPROACHES

A letter, dated January 10, 1966, was submitted from the Chairman of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission requesting that a reply be made to his letter addressed to His Worship the Mayor on March 10, 1965 with respect to the matter of bridge approaches to the proposed new north-end bridge.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler,  
that the matter be deferred for consideration at a special meeting

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at the Call of the Chair. Motion passed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman O'Brien Re: Legislation to Repeal  
Section 17(1)(e) of the City Charter

Alderman O'Brien gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 27, 1966, he will move that legislation be sought to delete Clause (e) of Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the City Charter, 1963.

Notice of Motion - Alderman O'Brien Re: Amendment to Zoning By-law

Alderman O'Brien gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 27, 1966, he will move that the Zoning By-law be amended to restrict to commercial use that portion of a structure used for commercial purposes in local business zones.

Notice of Motion - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Meetings of the Committee  
of the Whole on Alternate Thursdays

Alderman LeBlanc gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council to be held on January 27, 1966, he will move that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS this Council has many urgent and important matters to consider at this time and in the months ahead;

AND WHEREAS many items of extreme importance must be deferred for further study and because two regular meetings of Council do not provide adequate time for this Council to properly consider or implement the business of the City;

AND WHEREAS regular weekly meetings would afford valuable additional time for this Council to move at an accelerated pace in the governing, planning and development of this City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council meet as a Committee of the Whole Council on alternate Thursday nights beginning at 7:30 p.m.

ADDED ITEMS

Supplementary Appropriation

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a



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supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$20.00 be approved for Account No. 6-252-558, Burial of Pauper Dead for the Year 1965, funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316"C" of the City Charter. Motion passed.

Letter - Halifax Homeowners' Association Re: Extension of Date for Filing Appeals

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A letter was submitted from the Halifax Homeowners Association requesting that the deadline for filing tax appeals be extended to January 22, 1966.

The City Clerk was directed to advise the Halifax Homeowners Association that because of the City Charter provisions, it is not possible to accede to their request.

1966 Budget Estimates

The 1966 Budget estimates were submitted from the City Manager.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that the estimates be tabled and that consideration of same be deferred to meetings to be called by the Chair.

12:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

From: P. F. C. Byars, C.M.A. C. A. VAUGHAN,  
Date: January 17, 1966 MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD, Resignation - Mr. L. Mitchell, S.C., City Solicitor

CITY CLERK

Mr. Leonard Mitchell, S.C., has handed the City Manager

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.  
January 24, 1966,  
2:40 p.m.

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

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

There were present His Worship, Mayor C. A. Vaughan, Chairman; Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Doyle, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

Also present were Messrs. P.F.C.Byars, D. F. Murphy, R. H. Stoddard, J. L. Leitch, G. F. West, R. B. Grant, V.W.Mitchell, A. P. Flynn, J. F. Thomson, H. P. Brennan, Dr. E. M. Fogo and Mrs. F. McSweeney.

The meeting was called specially to consider the 1966 Current Budget.

Council adjourned at 2:41 p.m. to meet in the Mayor's Office on a confidential Staff matter.

Council reconvened at 3:30 p.m. and it was agreed to add the following items to the Agenda:

1. Resignation - City Solicitor
2. Recommendation - City Manager Re: Appointment City Solicitor
3. Letter - Industrial Estates Limited

RESIGNATION - CITY SOLICITOR

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
From: P. F. C. Byars, City Manager  
Date: January 17, 1966  
Subject: Resignation - Mr. L. Mitchell, Q.C., City Solicitor  
Mr. Leonard Mitchell, Q.C., has handed the City Manager

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his resignation from the position of City Solicitor, in order to return to private practice.

The City Manager recommends that Mr. Mitchell's resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. C. BYARS  
CITY MANAGER

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the resignation be accepted, effective as of January 31, 1966.

The motion was put and passed as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Meagher, Moir, Trainor, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler - 8

Against it: Aldermen A. M. Butler, LeBlanc and Doyle - 3

APPOINTMENT - CITY SOLICITOR

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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

Date: January 17, 1966

Subject: Appointment of City Solicitor

To fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Leonard Mitchell, Q.C., it is recommended that Mr. Donald F. Murphy, LL.B., be appointed City Solicitor, effective as of February 1, 1966.

Mr. Murphy is a native of Halifax. He attended City schools, Saint Mary's University and Dalhousie University, graduating in 1955 with the degree of LL.B. He entered the service of the City on February 3rd, 1958, as an Assistant Solicitor. He was promoted to the position of Deputy City Solicitor on June 1st, 1962 and has been a valuable member of the City Staff throughout his service.

Mr. Murphy will receive the minimum step of the salary scale for the position of City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. C. BYARS  
CITY MANAGER

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black,  
that Mr. Donald F. Murphy be appointed as City Solicitor,  
effective February 1, 1966. Motion passed.

LETTER - INDUSTRIAL ESTATES LIMITED RE: VOLVO CANADA LIMITED

1709 Hollis Street,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
January 21, 1966

His Worship  
Mayor Charles Vaughan  
Halifax City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Industrial Estates Limited are involved in negotiations with the National Harbours Board to lease on Pier 9 in the City of Halifax approximately 175,000 square feet of area on which to erect a building measuring 355 feet by 135 feet, to house the Volvo (Canada) Limited assembly plant which must be relocated on a dock site, because of notice of termination of lease from their landlord, Atlantic Sugar Refineries Company Limited, Dartmouth, N. S.

A matter of very serious consideration is the assessment and resultant tax to Volvo (Canada) Limited if they occupy the proposed building, to cost approximately \$500,000, on Pier 9. At the present time, the tax imposed by the City of Dartmouth, N.S., amounts to approximately \$8,000.00.

While our confidential negotiations with the National Harbours Board have not yet fully matured, we are hopeful the Board will grant permission to lease the wharf as it appears to be the only site suitable to Volvo in the metropolitan area. Incidentally, Volvo emphasize they require a dock site to enable the speedy discharge of cargo from vessels stopping en route between Sweden and the U.S.A. and, also, because of the anticipated increased volume of assembled automobiles which they contemplate shipping to the United States market. They have already made a number of trial shipments to the United States.

Volvo have asked us to investigate a possible tax agreement with the City of Halifax, N.S., for a five-year period with option to renew for a further five years and, in this connection, we are wondering if a formula along the following lines could be considered:

- (1) A one per cent tax rate on land and buildings based upon an assessment of \$500,000, providing an annual tax of \$5,000.
- (2) A fixed business tax in the order of \$8 - \$10,000 per year or an alternative tax on

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each automobile produced. A suggestion would be; a \$2 tax on the first 3500 vehicles, \$1.75 on the next 3500, and \$1.50 on each vehicle produced in excess of 7,000 per year.

At the present time, Volvo are working on a single-shift basis, producing approximately 3500 vehicles per year. If their sales in Canada and the U.S.A. increase, this volume could expand ultimately to approximately 10,000 vehicles annually.

In 1965, thirty-four (34) ships used the Port of Halifax to service the Volvo assembly plant. The proportionate increase in harbour and wharf activity due to any increased volume of production is obvious, as well as the resultant benefits in employment and the general stimulation of business in the City.

Our desire is to maintain a competitive industrial environment in order to retain the Volvo assembly plant in Nova Scotia. We, therefore, solicit your cooperation in this urgent matter.

Respectfully submitted,

INDUSTRIAL ESTATES LIMITED,

FRANK H. SOBEY,  
PRESIDENT.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Black, that the proposal be approved in principle and that His Worship the Mayor negotiate the final arrangement with regard to the Business Occupancy Tax. Motion passed.

#### 1966 BUDGET

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Black, that Council adjourn and meet as a Committee of the Whole to consider the 1966 Budget. Motion passed.

Alderman A. M. Butler pointed out that in accordance with Ordinance #105 it is the duty of the Finance and Executive Committee to consider the Budget.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the Committee of the Whole could consider the Budget and then refer it to the Finance and Executive Committee for presentation to Council.

4:00 p.m. Council met as a Committee of the Whole.

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Alderman O'Brien raised a general question with respect to the budget and referred to the fact that the final outcome of the budget was usually determined by some larger amount being deleted from the expenditure section or added to the revenue section. He asked if the Committee could get some picture of the possibility of what these items might be. He asked if there were an indication whether there would be a request from the Board of School Commissioner as a result of negotiations with respect to teachers salaries for increases. He indicated that something maybe forthcoming in relation to the Halifax Mental Hospital pending negotiations with the Province of Nova Scotia which is not as yet settled. He asked if there would be deferred revenue assets available, or other surplus assets, which if known by the Committee, would affect its judgment on individual departments. If the budget were taken on its face value, the Committee faced something in the neighbourhood of a 10% increase in tax dollars for residential property owners which is a drop in the rate but combined with the increased assessment would make for a pretty substantial tax increase. The tax increase would not be as high on business, in part, because the assessment did not go up in the same ratio because the City Charter binds the Committee to a ratio of residential tax rate to business tax rate of 45%.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it is the Committee's task to examine the detailed City Budget submitted by the City Manager

The City Manager states, in his opinion, that this is the amount of money required to carry out the policies determined by the City Council. The budget includes all the information available as at December 31, 1965.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Committee has to determine quality of service for the citizens of Halifax and then

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raise the money necessary to carry out such a program.

Alderman Trainor asked if there were a possibility of obtaining additional money from the Province of Nova Scotia as a grant in lieu of tax-free buildings. He contended that the City of Halifax pays heavy gasoline taxes to the Province. He mentioned the Dennis Building, Johnston Building and the Provincial Building. He pointed out that the Province owns about \$24,000,000.00 worth of tax-free properties and that there are about \$5,000,000.00 worth of buildings from which the City should be receiving grants. The Federal Government pays the City a grant in lieu of taxes on any building it occupies.

His Worship the Mayor replied that the City is not likely to receive anything before the House sits in February but that Council should make such an effort as suggested by the Alderman. He felt that Council should concentrate on one item at a time rather than several items in one package.

Alderman Trainor contended that the taxpayers of the City of Halifax are subsidizing the Province of Nova Scotia in its operation in the Capital City.

In answer to Alderman Trainor, His Worship the Mayor advised that the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission pays full taxation on all its properties as if it were a commercial taxpayer and also pays a higher rate for business occupancy tax.

Alderman A. M. Butler questioned what the new assessment would amount to as the tax rate is most important. He then asked what sources of revenue were available this year.

Alderman Black asked how much was in the surplus account to which His Worship replied, "approximately \$499,507.00".

His Worship the Mayor stated that he was hopeful of



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cutting one-quarter million dollars from the budget.

In answer to a question from Alderman LeBlanc, the City Manager stated that he had gone over each individual item in each department and that in some cases there were adjustments upwards and adjustments downwards.

Alderman Black asked for an explanation of the 3% figure mentioned earlier to which the City Manager referred to page 6, second last paragraph, of the letter of transmittal which he read for the information of the members of the Committee.

In answer to a question from Alderman A. M. Butler, the City Assessor advised that with respect to new construction, it is no higher than last year.

Replying to Alderman Black, His Worship the Mayor said he would like to cut \$250,000.00 from the budget. He estimated approximately \$400,000.00 from new tax revenue and increased assessments; \$400,000.00 from current surplus; increase in the revenue account of \$100,000.00 and that approximately \$320,000.00 would have to be raised by additional taxation.

Alderman Matheson arrived 4:20 p.m.

The budget was then considered as follows:

Mayor's Office

Approved.

City Manager's Office

Approved.

City Clerk's Department

Approved.

Finance and Accounting Department

Account No.1-4-1 - delete the sum of \$2,500.00

Approved as amended.

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City Solicitor's Department

Approved subject to the City Manager's report on salary changes respecting the City Solicitor.

City Assessor's Department

Alderman Trainor asked whether the City Assessor and Deputy Assessor would receive extra pay for the re-assessment work carried out to which the City Manager replied that he expected a report on this matter before the budget is completed.

Approved.

Development Department

Approved subject to the City Manager reporting on the vacant position in this department.

Personnel Department

Approved.

Internal Audit Division

Approved.

City Property - City Hall

Alderman Trainor referred to a report requested last year pertaining to costs of contracting outside janitorial service and cleaning contractors. He was informed that the costs would be higher than the present janitorial service.

The budget was then approved.

General Government - Sundries

Account No. 1-9-505 - Add \$3,000.00

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the sum of \$1,000.00 be added to Account No. 1-9-502. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien recorded against.

Account No. 1-9-506 - Defer for City Manager's report.

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Account No. 1-9-514 - Delete the sum of \$3,000.00

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the sum of \$1, 130.00 be deleted from Account Number 1-9-521. Motion put and lost.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that General Government - Sundries be approved as amended. Motion passed.

5:15 p.m. Council reconvened, the same members being present.

The Committee of the Whole Council reported progress in its consideration of the 1966 Budget.

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CHARLES A. VAUGHAN  
MAYOR & CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

ORDER OF BUSINESSCITY COUNCILJANUARY 27, 1966Lord's Prayer.Roll Call.Minutes: December 20 and 30, 1965.Approval of Order of Business - Additions or Deletions.Deferred Business:

- (a) Condition of Jib Lot - Fleming Park.
- (b) Rezoning of Land Block Bounded by Spring Garden Road, Brenton Street, Brenton Place & South Park Street From R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone.
- (c) Appointments to Housing Authority of Halifax.
- (d) Letter - Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Re: Bridge Approaches. (Deferred for Special Meeting)

Motions of Reconsideration: NONE.Motions of Rescission: NONE.Public Hearings:

- (a) Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Land Southeast Corner of South Park and Fenwick Streets From C-1 Zone to R-3 Zone.
- (b) Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Land Northwest Corner of Tower Road and Point Pleasant Drive From C-1 Zone to R-2 Zone

Petitions and Delegations:

- (a) Petition Re: Proposed Housing Development Plans for Creighton Street.

Report - Finance and Executive Committee:

- (a) Central Fire Station Headquarters.
- (b) Proposed Park - McNab and Lawlor Islands.
- (c) Proposed Tax Rate on Rental Housing and Merging of Tax Rates.
- (d) Payment of Supper Allowance - Assessor's Staff.
- (e) Funds for Architectural and Historical Survey - Buildings - Waterfront Area.
- (f) Re-appointment - Tax Concession and Grants Committee.
- (g) Attendance at Urban Transportation Conference - Traffic Engineer.
- (h) Sale of Sewer System.
- (i) Legislation Re: Use of 1965 Federal Election List.
- (j) Alteration of Ward Boundaries.
- (k) Bond Resolution - Traffic Improvement Projects.
- (l) Bond Resolution - Barrington Street Sanitary Sewer.
- (m) Bond Resolution - Street Widening Projects.
- (n) Tax Concession - Labour Temple Association.
- (o) Letters - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Re: Public Hearing - Annexation Applications.
- (p) Legislation Re: Truck Routes.
- (q) "SELECTROL" Traffic Signal Central Control System
- (r) Short Term Borrowing
- (s) Authority to Expend in Excess of \$1000.
- (t) Tag Days, etc.

- (u) Annual Vacations - Non-Union Employees.

Report - Committee on Works:

- (a) Final Certificates: #2 - Standard Paving Maritime Limited  
Paving Walkways - North Commons - \$6,415.28  
#6 - Standard Paving Maritime Limited  
Contract Patching - \$2,098.73  
#8 - Standard Paving Maritime Limited  
Patching Sewer Cuts - \$4,066.02  
#9 - Walker & Hall Limited -  
Sidewalks - \$17,098.68

Report - Safety Committee:

- (a) Installation Parking Meters and Rates.

Report - Public Health and Welfare Committee:

- (a) Tenders - X-ray Unit for Dental Clinic.  
(b) Tenders - Groceries and Cleaning Materials - Civic Institutions.  
(c) Tenders - Bread - Civic Institutions.  
(d) Tenders - Milk and Cream - Civic Institutions.

Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards and Commissions: NONE.

- (a) Request - School Board - Funds for Teachers' Salaries.

Report - Town Planning Board:

- (a) Extension to a Non-conforming Use - 5561-5 Morris St. and Queen St.  
(b) Modification of Lot Area, Lot Frontage, Front and Side Yards  
5943 Spring Garden Road.  
(c) Alteration to a Subdivision - 19-25 George Street, 188-90 Hollis St.  
1805-09 Granville Street - The Royal Bank of Canada.  
(d) Relocation - Recreation Department.

Motions:

- (a) Motion - Alderman O'Brien Re: Deletion Section 17-1, City Charter  
"Qualifications of Mayor and Aldermen".  
(b) Motion - Alderman O'Brien Re: Amendment to Zoning By-law.  
(c) Motion - Alderman LeBlanc Re: Meetings of Committee of the  
Whole Council.

Miscellaneous Business:

- (a) Accounts over \$1,000.  
(b) Appointment of Architects for Civic Projects. (Distributed).  
(c) Letter Re: Site for Aquarium. (Distributed).  
(d) Report - Special Superannuation Committee Re: Superannuation Plan.

QUESTIONS.Notices of Motion.Added Items.

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DEFERRED BUSINESS

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
January 27, 1966,  
8:00 p.m.

Condition of Jib Lot - Fleeting Park

The following report was submitted by the City Manager:

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

Members of City Council

After the meeting was called to order, the members of

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

Council attending, led by the City Clerk, joined in reciting the

DATE: January 27, 1966

Lord's Prayer.

SUBJECT: Staff Report - Jib Lot - Fleeting Park

There were present: Deputy Mayor A. M. Butler, Chairman,  
and Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Matheson, Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor,  
Connolly, Doyle, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

Also present were: Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, D. F. Murphy,  
R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, R. B. Grant, G. F. West, J. L. Leitch,  
V. W. Mitchell and G. H. Brundige.

MINUTES

Minutes of meetings of Council held on December 20 and  
December 30, 1965, were approved on motion of Alderman Moir, seconded  
by Alderman Trainor.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman stated that there were four items to be added  
to the Order of Business as follows:

20A - Letter - Halifax Home Owners Association

20B - Remuneration - Members of the Court of Tax Appeals

20C - Letters - Halifax-Dartmouth Trades and Labour Council

It was agreed to add the above items to the Order of  
Business.

At the request of Alderman Richard, it was agreed to add  
the following item to the Order of Business:

20D - Tax Relief to Certain Classes of Home Owners

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that  
the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.